In eight short months I lost all my home and office possessions in New Orleans due to Katrina, migrated from Louisiana to Pennsylvania to Texas, helped to re-establish a dislocated medical school in another state, met my future wife, and am planning to relocate to Ohio to raise a second family, re-unite with current family, start a new career as associate chair for research and education in Wright State's Department of Internal Medicine. Quite a number of major life changes telescoped into eight months.”

That is how Ron Markert described the events of his life in an email to the alumni office in May. Understated? Yes, but not a surprise to anyone who knows the 1966 Mansfield grad.

Markert was actually writing to say how pleased he was to see the cover story about retired President Rod Kelchner in the April edition of The Mansfieldian and, in giving a brief update about what transpired in his life since last August, he became the cover story for this issue.

Markert forgot to mention in his email that he had also been diagnosed, treated and has recovered from prostate cancer during that time.

Everything Gone

Ron Markert’s odyssey began on August 27, 2005, two days before Hurricane Katrina would make landfall and devastate New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. The order to evacuate came from state, local and Tulane University campus officials.

‘It was strange, surreal, to say the least as I lost at least 40 years of my professional life,” he said. “My office was below the first floor so I lost everything. My apartment was also in one of the hardest hit areas so almost everything there was gone too.”

“But I was safe and OK,” he quickly added. “There were so many stories that were much, much sadder. Families that lost loved ones and their homes, everything gone.”

We Did It

Markert, director of the Tulane Medical School and professor of medicine, packed a change of clothes, a loaf of bread, a jar of peanut butter, his laptop computer and headed north “to wait out two or three days of inconvenience.”

After watching the Weather Channel’s coverage of the hurricane in a church shelter somewhere in northeast Louisiana on that first night, the thought that it might be more than a few days became a real possibility. Then a few days later, while watching coverage of the levees breaking from a motel room in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Markert knew those hopes of returning to New Orleans anytime soon were gone.

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Maravene S. Loeschke named 26th Mansfield President

Maravene S. Loeschke, provost of Wilkes University, was selected to serve as the next president of Mansfield University by the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s (PASSHE) Board of Governors on May 11. Loeschke’s selection came at the conclusion of a national search. She began her tenure at Mansfield on July 1, replacing David Werner, who served as the university’s interim president since last August.

Loeschke was named provost of Wilkes University in 2002. Previously, she served as Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication at Towson University, culminating a more than 30-year career at the institution in northern Maryland. She began her academic career as an instructor in the Theatre Department at Towson in 1970.

“Dr. Loeschke will bring to Mansfield University an outstanding record of success throughout her career,” said Board of Governors Chairman Kenneth M. Jarin. “She has a broad range of experience in academic leadership and is a proven administrator. She is an excellent choice to lead Mansfield University of Pennsylvania into the future.”

PASSHE Chancellor Judy G. Hample called Loeschke “a talented leader who will serve Mansfield and the Commonwealth well.”

“Dr. Maravene Loeschke brings a strong background and wealth of experience to Mansfield University” said Lew Lee, Chair of the University’s Council of Trustees. “Her commitment to diversity, passion for learning and student centered focus are attributes that will serve Mansfield University well as we prepare for our 150th anniversary.”

“It is a privilege for me to be chosen to lead Mansfield into its bright future,” Loeschke said. “I look forward with delight to working with the faculty, staff, students and the community.”

As provost at Wilkes University, Loeschke served as the University’s chief academic officer, where she has been responsible for strengthening the curriculum, developing new programs and starting a Language Institute. She also created a diversity action plan for the University and participated in the University’s strategic plan revision and implementation.

Loeschke earned a bachelor of science degree in theatre and English and a master’s degree in education from Towson. She received her Ph.D. from The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Loeschke began working as a production assistant and actress for Maryland Public Television in 1970. She was hired that same year as an instructor of theatre arts at Towson University and, four years later, was promoted to assistant professor. She became an associate professor in 1983 and was promoted to professor in 1990. She served as Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts from 1983 to 1996.

In 1996, Loeschke was named acting dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. She was named dean the following year, a position she held for five years. In that position, she developed mentoring programs for new faculty, adjunct faculty, staff, non-tenured faculty and women faculty. The College also developed a leadership program for women and engaged in extensive marketing and public relations efforts under Loeschke’s leadership. She was actively engaged in fundraising, significantly increasing both the general college endowment as well as endowments raised specifically for student scholarships.

Loeschke has received numerous awards throughout her career, including the Towson University Alumni Service Award and the U.S. Postal Service Martin Luther King Service Award for her commitment to diversity at Wilkes University. She is a member of the American Association of University Professors, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Theatre in Higher Education and the Emily Dickinson International Society.

She has published numerous books, articles and papers, as well as three plays. She has acted professionally and directed a number of plays.

Sesquicentennial Logo Unveiled

Mansfield Borough and University officials unveiled the official logo for the 150th anniversary of the two entities on July 6.

“This is as good as it gets to have this shared heritage between the university and the community,” MUI President Maravene Loeschke said. “We’re looking forward to the university and the community just being like this, complete partners in this wonderful year celebration, and way beyond that. I know we already do that, but we want to do it even more and even better.”

“The logo celebrates the long term relationship and commitment of the town and university to each other,” Marianne Bozzo of the Mansfield Borough Council said. “2007 is going to be a splendid year to spruce up, decorate, celebrate, and renew our town gown ties. To planting trees and flowers, to hanging banners, to taking part in parades, house tours, bike races, and dancing at our sesquicentennial ball, I encourage the town to wholeheartedly show their support in our year-long party and display our joint logo with pride.”

The sesquicentennial activities will kick off at the Fabulous 1890s Weekend September 29-30 and continue through 2007.

Mansfield Classical Seminary opened its doors in January 1857. The borough was formally incorporated in November 1857.

A website is being developed that will include a schedule of events, written history, oral history, photos from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, and other information. Two historical books are also in the works.
I am thrilled to join the Mansfield community as the president of Mansfield University. Several times during my career my path intersected with Mansfield and each time a bright spark was ignited. Little did I know that my life’s mission would take me to Mansfield as its 26th president.

There are many things that excite me about the university, most especially the quality of teaching, mentorship and individual student attention that the faculty and staff provide. Alumni have told me that this is the reason for their love of and commitment to Mansfield.

As I walk around campus I am often reminded of the rich 150-year history and the decades of students who looked over the beautiful hills from North Hall. As I look at students texting while listening to Aerosmith on iPods and carrying copies of Maya Angelou’s newest work to class, I hearken back to those first students who had just learned of the invention of Hughes’ printing telegraph, were attending concerts of the new works of Wagner and Liszt and were carrying copies of Whitman’s new book, *Leaves of Grass.* Mansfield, with its deep rooted history, is fertile soil in which to continue to grow a rich liberal arts education that helps students of all ages reach their full potential and take their places in history. But it is also important to engage in change that will position the University for the future.

A primary connector that links the students of today with the past and the future are alumni – those who have walked the path before and can support those in whose hands the future rests.

I was born, raised, and spent the first part of my career in Baltimore with all of the richness and challenges that a big city provides. My move to Wilkes-Barre as provost of Wilkes University introduced me to the delights of a smaller city environment where I fell in love with sense of community. I was delighted to discover the myriad riches that a small community connected to a university generate. I found myself immersed in community activity and community pride, and in turn, my sense of community spirit was renewed. I am looking forward to becoming a part of the Mansfield family in all its forms including the vast alumni network. I hope to meet many of you in my travels across the state and beyond. When you are in town, please stop by the President’s Office to say hello.

There are challenges to be addressed at Mansfield. Higher Education is continuously undergoing change, outside pressures are increasing, and the nature of student learning is ever in flux. In order to remain competitive and vital, the University will need to engage in change, and change can be uncomfortable and sometimes daunting. I am confident that together, as a community, we will meet the future while valuing the past. I am equally confident that we will position Mansfield to hold a primary position in the Pennsylvania State System and that we can expand our reputation for academic excellence nationally and internationally.

Eleanor Roosevelt, who once visited the Mansfield campus, said, “The future belongs to those who follow their dreams.” I ask that we dream often, dream big, share our dreams and work together to turn them into reality. I welcome the opportunity to hold the beacon as we shape and move into the future.

Maravene Loeschke
President

**PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE**

**FROM MY VIEW**

**Spring Commencement Celebrated**

Three hundred seventy-six students received degrees at Mansfield University’s 141st Commencement on Saturday, May 13 in Decker Gymnasium.

Before presenting the graduates with their diplomas, MLU Interim President David Werner told the Class of 2006, “I have had the privilege and honor of serving as Interim President of this fine University for this year, a year I will treasure as I am sure you will treasure your time here.”

Werner also told that graduates that with the privileges their degrees may afford them also come responsibilities. “As an educated person, you are called upon to share the talents and abilities that this institution has helped you to develop, to assume the responsibility of being a part of the solution to today’s problems, to make contributions that will last,” he said.

Tony Brown, best known for his work in television as host of the PBS series *Tony Brown’s Journal,* delivered an inspirational message as guest speaker.

Brown told the graduates and the audience to seek the truth “which has never been destroyed and never will be, despite the efforts of some people.”

“Don’t congratulate yourself for being an educated and intelligent person,” he added. “Congratulate yourself for being a good person. The true you is eternal. Develop it.”

Carissa Ganong of Millerton, PA was named this year’s Outstanding Senior. She graduated with a QPA of 3.959 in her triple majors of Biology, Chemistry and Spanish. She received the award for highest GPA in the MLU Honors Program and the Mansfield University Foundation Award.

Ganong is also on the national Dean’s List and has received academic achievement awards for Spanish and chemistry. She was a member of and held officer positions in several campus organizations including Club de Espanol, Chemistry Club, Sigma Zeta and the MLU ecology research group. Ganong served as a tutor in chemistry, biology and Spanish and volunteers as a 4-H leader.

PBS Host Tony Brown was the guest speaker at Spring Commencement.
Unrestricted Gifts Help Students

The Mansfield University Foundation is an excellent steward of your unrestricted gifts – this has been our focus for many years while we seek endowment gifts to meet our campaign goals. Higher education is not inexpensive, and Mansfield University needs private support to enhance the good education that is possible through Commonwealth support (which is currently 38% of Mansfield’s operating budget) and the costs borne by students and their families.

With the excellent support of Mansfield friends and alumni, the Foundation has increased its unrestricted support to the University since 1999 from $99,000 to more than $200,000 in 2005–2006. These funds have supported scholarships and programs that bring the Renewal of the Mansfield Plan to life to better serve the needs of our students, the University, and our community. We are also proud that the Foundation is able to help the University through both restricted and unrestricted gifts, not all of our sister schools are able and willing to do so.

Tuition and fees for a full-time Pennsylvania resident totaled more than $13,000 in 2005-2006. Commonwealth policies prohibit the University from using operating dollars to support scholarships. Mansfield students need help to avoid taking on excessive debt to reach their educational goals. It is private gifts that create our scholarship program.

For fall 2006 the Foundation has designated 93% of its unrestricted support for scholarships to deserving students providing $95,500 to support full-time sophomores, juniors and seniors who have proven academic success and maintain leadership positions on campus and in the community. We will continue our current practice to support incoming-student scholarships for outstanding student leaders and student athletes with more than $100,000. We feel it is very important to meet student needs and to reward student success, and we need your help to do so. Our goal is to raise $250,000 in unrestricted gifts in 2006–2007.

When our student callers phone you during the fall phonathon, please consider increasing your unrestricted gift so that we may continue to help Mansfield students afford a quality education. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping Mansfield University provide quality education that is accessible and affordable.

Maureen C. McKenna
Executive Director
Mansfield University Foundation

Advocacy Website Announced

An advocacy website where friends, family, alumni and students of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) can learn more about the important role public higher education plays in the Commonwealth has been launched. Visitors can sign up to receive messages and communicate with their legislators through a user-friendly online process. The website is made possible by private funds from the State System Alumni Advocacy Council (SSAAC).

The website encourages visitors to take action by writing an e-mail to their legislators and letting them know how important it is to fund the 14 PASSHE universities. Sign-up for the Action E-list to be notified of issues and other important information at www.passheadvocates.org
New Acts, Mainstays, Highlight 15th Annual Fabulous 1890s Weekend

A parade, music, soccer, crafts, hot air balloons and a wide variety of entertainment. That’s what’s in store with the 15th annual Fabulous 1890s Weekend September 29-30 in Smythe Park.

The Weekend revolves around the fact that the world’s first night football game was played in Mansfield on September 28, 1892. The match set Mansfield University against Wyoming Seminary and was one of the highlights of the Great Mansfield Fair.

To celebrate this historic event, the university, the Chamber of Commerce and the entire community annually join forces to create this colorful walk into the past.

This year’s Weekend begins at 3 p.m. Friday, September 29 with crafts, food music, soccer games, and a square dance. The evening highlight is an old time tent tabernacle service with special guests and lots of hymn singing.

The Weekend moves into full swing Saturday with The Motorless Parade, hot air balloons and a full day of activities.

“We have some entertainment back by popular demand,” said Dennis Miller, cochair of the Weekend. ‘Professor Marvel is our mainstay with his old medicine show and mesmerism demonstration. Clyde Peeling’s Reptiland always packs the tent with their fascinating and educational show.’

This year will also see the return of the Seneca Moon String Band. The five-man group plays more than 40 instruments. Tom ‘The Iris Amvil’ Kelly will make his debut appearance with three shows on Saturday. ‘Tom visited the Weekend last year and fell in love with it,’ Miller said. ‘He carries on the tradition of the old time strong men. He bends horseshoes, tears decks of cards in half and other feats of strength.’

Other attractions include hot air balloon rides, the 1890s museum tent, an 1890s boxing demonstration, a strolling musician, craft booths and lots of food. The Bucktails Civil War unit will have a living history site with period re-enactment of the world’s first night football game and fireworks set to music.

Student at Albany State College in Albany, GA, from which she was expelled and justice. She became active in the Civil Rights Movement while a college student at Albany State College in Albany, GA.

She was a member of the original Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Freedom Singers formed in 1962 by SNCC field secretary Cordell H. Reagon, and in 1966, a founding member of the Atlanta-based Harambee Singers.

Reagon’s pioneering work as a scholar, teacher, and artist has been recognized with the Heinz Award for the Arts and Humanities in 2003, the Leeway National Award for Women in the Arts in 2000, the Presidential Medal for contribution to public understanding of the Humanities in 1995 and the MacArthur Fellowship in 1989.

For more information on Reagon, check online at www.bernicejohnsonreagon.com

The Institute promotes programs that will enhance the learning experience and help students develop an understanding and appreciation of human dignity and diversity.

For further information about the FDI, contact Lynn Pifer at (570)662-4384 or lpifer@mansfield.edu

Bernice Johnson Reagon

The Frederick Douglass Institute (FDI) at Mansfield University will present a spoken word “songtalk” performance by Bernice Johnson Reagon on Monday, September 18, at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The performance is free and open to the public.

A noted educator, scholar and performer, Reagon is professor emerita of History at American University in Washington, DC, and curator emerita at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, she served as the 2002-2004 Cosby Chair of Fine Arts at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA.

Reagon was principal scholar, conceptual producer, and host for the Peabody Award winning Wade in the Water, a 26-show series produced by National Public Radio and Smithsonian Institution.

Reagon founded the internationally acclaimed African American woman a cappella ensemble ‘Sweet Honey In The Rock’ in 1973. For more than 30 years she was artistic director, performer, songwriter, and producer of many of the group’s recordings, before retiring in 2004.

For over 40 years Reagon has been a major cultural voice for freedom and justice. She became active in the Civil Rights Movement while a college student at Albany State College in Albany, GA, from which she was expelled after participating in a demonstration for which she and others were jailed.

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Mansfield University in the National News

MU faculty and administrators are frequently in the national news, often contributing to the public dialogue on important issues. MU’s programs and practices make news also. Here are examples:

“Michael Renner, provost at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, says that sophomore programs have to have the proper context. ‘Getting a student successfully through the sophomore year is different in specifics but similar in spirit to getting a student successfully through any other year of college,’ he says...” from an article titled “Programs Help Sophomores Ask The Big Questions,” in the July 1, 2006 issue of Student Affairs Leader

“At a tourism committee meeting yesterday, (Rep. Robert) Godshall pointed to a Mansfield University survey that he said showed support for his plan. ‘You need a fairly large dose to be too concerned about radiation, though at very low doses, said Barry Ganong, a chemistry professor at Mansfield University, has been named a Fulbright Scholar to Bulgaria.

Linda Rashidi named Fulbright Scholar

Associate Professor to Teach in Bulgaria

Linda Rashidi, associate professor of English & Modern Languages at Mansfield University, has been named a Fulbright Scholar to Bulgaria. She will teach Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL) at the University of Sofia, Bulgaria’s premier university, this fall.

“I am incredibly excited about living and teaching in Bulgaria, a country with a long history of Muslim influences,” Rashidi said. “Though I have lived and worked in numerous countries, I have never even traveled to the Balkan states. I hope to soak up lots of culture, learn enough Bulgarian to function, and absorb myself in this new teaching experience. As anyone who has taught outside the US can attest to, teaching in a foreign culture is energizing, bringing new insights and a breath of fresh air to one’s own teaching on home territory. I am ready to leave right now.”

The fall semester at the University of Sofia begins in October and ends in February. Rashidi left for Bulgaria at the beginning of August for intensive language training before she begins teaching.

“I have been in contact with the head of the Linguistics Section of the English Department since last spring, when I began the application process,” Rashidi said. “So I have a fairly clear idea of what I will be doing during my semester there – teaching two courses, one graduate and one undergraduate in SFL, my field of expertise. This will be particularly rewarding for me, as SFL is seldom taught in the U.S. but is the theory of linguistics of most of Europe. Thus both my students and my colleagues will have background in this theory. In addition, I will be supervising master’s theses and, hopefully, doing some collaborative research with one or more of my colleagues.”

The Fulbright Program, conceived by and named for Senator J. William Fulbright, was established in 1946 as an academic exchange effort to promote peaceful understanding between the U.S. and countries around the world through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.
Outstanding Seniors Honor Mentors

Eight Mansfield University professors and coaches were honored as 2005-06 outstanding senior mentors at a reception on Wednesday, April 26.

They were recognized by MUs 2005-06 outstanding senior nominees for being a positive influence on them with insights, advice and inspiration and have mentored them as a student and future professional.

The honorees and the students who nominated them are: Jeff Bosworth, History & Political Science, recognized by Anna Tkachenko; David Darby, Geography & Geology, recognized by Adam Hills, Teri Doerksen, Teri Doerksen, History & Political Science, recognized by Anna Tkachenko; David Darby, Geography & Geology, recognized by Adam Hills, Teri Doerksen, History & Political Science, recognized by Anna Tkachenko.

English, recognized by Melissa Clark, Jannis Floyd, Special Education, recognized by Cheryl Wilbur, Jan Fuller, Education, recognized by Angela Conners; Michael Galloway, Music, recognized by Brett Long, Dan Mason, Communication, recognized by Brittany Ballenstedt, Mike Rohr, Track & Cross Country, recognized by Jeremy Confer.

Among the comments made in the nominations were, “Their service to the university and community cannot be questioned. The Music Department gives more than 200 musical performances each year. The music therapy students have a profound and meaningful impact in the community as they serve clients with special needs. The tenets of character, scholarship and culture are reflected in the leadership provided by the Music Department. Being a music student at Mansfield University means being constantly engaged in practicing and performing and promoting the university. Students are given opportunities to perform on the world stage and all this brings positive awareness to Mansfield University and its programs.”

Employees who have served MUs for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years were also honored at the event. Faculty were recognized by academic year.

People who have retired or will be retiring through summer 2006 were also recognized. They are Dennis Atkinson, Barry Brucklacher, David Darby, Kline McMullen, Olivia Mitchellree, Dao Tran.

Among the comments made on the nominations Maris received were, “He is a team player with a positive attitude no matter how much work is demanded from him. He not only solves problems but also explains the process to you so that you can understand it. He helps us through constant updates and it never hurts to have a little dark chocolate on hand for him. His professionalism and expertise is outstanding. Marv has a wonderful personality and manages the many competing priorities of technical support, software problems and multiple department enhancements with a great sense of respect and calmness. He is tolerant of our lack of knowledge of technology and never makes us feel incompetent. He enables us to better serve our students and working with him is a great pleasure.”

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The Music 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.

Among the comments made on the nominations Roberts received were, “He is a team player with a positive attitude no matter how much work is demanded from him. He not only solves problems but also explains the process to you so that you can understand it. He helps us through constant updates and it never hurts to have a little dark chocolate on hand for him. His professionalism and expertise is outstanding. Marv has a wonderful personality and manages the many competing priorities of technical support, software problems and multiple department enhancements with a great sense of respect and calmness. He is tolerant of our lack of knowledge of technology and never makes us feel incompetent. He enables us to better serve our students and working with him is a great pleasure.”

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Faculty Scholarship Collection Contributors Honored

Seventeen Mansfield University faculty and staff members who have published or produced a book, compact disc, or video in the last four years were honored at a special ceremony in North Hall Library on Tuesday, April 4.

A signed copy of each author’s work was added to North Hall Faculty Scholarship Collection at the ceremony.


Also at the ceremony, Mark-Daniel Schmid, associate professor of Music, was presented with the North Hall Library Torch Award.

The North Hall Torch Award was established to recognize a faculty member who supports the library by being a scholar who is involved in collection development, who uses library resources in his or her courses of study, and who is a proponent of library ideals in both word and deed.

Schmid’s book, The Richard Strauss Companion, was among those added to the Faculty Scholarship Collection at the ceremony.

Brennan to Direct International Show

Adam Brennan, chair of the Mansfield University Music Department and director of “The Spirit & Pride of Pennsylvania” MU Marching Band, will serve as music director and arranger of the Rochester International Marine Tattoo at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester, NY on September 16-17.

The event will bring together bands, including the MU Marching Band, drill units and dancers from across the U.S., Canada and Great Britain for a “traditional military style extravaganza.”

For more information check online at www.rochestermarinetattoo.com

Ready Campus Program Prepares for Emergencies

Mansfield University conducted Campus Emergency Readiness Training (CERT) for campus and community members in April and May, with grant funds awarded through the Pennsylvania Ready Campus program. The training program is part of a statewide initiative in which university and community members are able to receive emergency and safety preparedness training and certification.

Ready Campus is a partnership among Pennsylvania’s colleges and universities and communities designed to strengthen preparation for and response to regional or national emergencies through the use and collaboration of campus facilities and personnel, communities, relief agencies, and experts who are certified in emergency response training. The program provides participants with service learning opportunities to prepare them to be crisis-ready civic leaders of the future.

A total of 47 participants completed a 16-hour hands-on training on campus led by Dennis Colegrove, EMT coordinator for Tioga County, and Lisa Rice, EMT trainer.

Tammy Felondis, assistant director of Human Resources, organized the event for Mansfield University. She stated the importance of having a trained employee in each campus building, and to have key personnel and community members trained to handle emergencies and disasters.

Christine Shegan, director of Police Services & Safety, said that the training was helpful, even for professionals, “The CERT training was a great review for me and the officers at Mansfield University Police Department. Some areas, like the light search and rescue, and animal rescue, were new.” The CERT course identified the two hazards most common to Tioga County as high winds and flooding, but other types of natural and manmade disasters can occur here.

Shegan noted an additional benefit, “The CERT course also dovetails with the Disaster Resistant University/Hazard Mitigation Plan project grant that was recently released by FEMA to PASSHE through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). We are in the early phase of this grant, and the CERT program served as a good introduction to what most of us will be involved in over the coming years, making Mansfield an institution that will be positioned to reduce loss and maintain operations in the event of a disaster.”

Mary Lou Stroud, executive assistant to the Provost stated “I truly feel I could step up to the plate and assist with or be in charge of many medical evaluations from triage to documentation and treatment.”

Laurie Back of the Human Resources Department noted the benefits for her as an employee and community member, “My husband and I took it because we are involved in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Boy Scouts have a new badge that can be earned by the troop, and the adult leaders are required to have the 16-hour CERT training for the troop to earn this badge.”

The Ready Campus program was sponsored by a grant from PEMA, Pennsylvania Campus Compact, and College Misericordia, via the federal government’s Urban Area Security Initiative-Discretionary Grant Program.

For more information about the program, please visit: http://www.readycampus.org/about.html
CDC Puts Out Call to Alumni

The Mansfield University Career Development Center (CDC) is planning events in the fall when alumni can get involved and "give back" to MU. The CDC's mission is to "deliver to students and alumni the best possible career education and assistance to prepare them for effective, successful, and satisfying life-work." Among the many services offered by the CDC are:

- Career exploration
- Resume writing and critique
- Practice interviews
- Job search resources and job postings at CollegeCentral.com
- Resource library and computer workstations
- On-campus recruitment days
- On-campus career fairs
- Access to career fairs at PASSHE member institutions
- Pre-professional testing (Praxis Series)
- CLEP testing
- Graduate school information and entrance exam testing/assistance

The CDC website (web.mansfield.edu/career) provides information for alumni about resumes, interviewing, job searching, and career shifts.

"Most people change careers about four times, so being skilled in career navigation is important. Just because you graduated doesn't mean you can't use our services," Julia Overton-Healy, director of the CDC, said. "Alumni are very welcome at the CDC, and we're always happy to help."

In the fall of 2006, the CDC will expand on-campus recruiting by having more company representatives visit the campus to meet with students about career and internship opportunities. "Campus recruiting is a way for an organization to recruit talented, energetic and well-educated workers or interns for little cost," Overton-Healy said. "Our office works with companies to arrange a campus visit day, setting up whatever the recruiter wants to do, from visiting classes, to hosting an information session, to holding formal interviews."

Any alumni interested in returning to campus to conduct recruiting or simply to talk with students about your organization, may call the CDC at (570)662-4133.

On October 20, the CDC, partnering with the Alumni Relations Office, will host an Alumni Career Day. Alumni Board members and other Mansfield University graduates will return to campus to visit classrooms, host informational meetings and participate in a mentor luncheon.

"Mansfield University has been the pivotal change-maker in the lives of our alumni, and it's important that current students connect with alumni and reap their wisdom," Overton-Healy said. "We have so many alumni with interesting and distinguished careers. I hope Alumni Career Day can create a bridge between current students and alumni regarding career options, strategies and advice."

To get involved with this event, contact Overton-Healy at (570)662-4820 or joverton@mansfield.edu

Alumni Association Leadership

The Alumni Association Board of Director's summer meeting was held on June 10 in conjunction with Alumni Weekend.

During the meeting the board recognized Tim J. Kelleher '78 '82 and Ellen Fischer Marx '76 for six years of service and Robert J. Carofalo '60 for three years of service. All three are retiring from the board.

Carol Himmelreich Brann '60, Andrew A. Carola '53, Melissa J. Signor '93 and Jerome P. Wood '77 '78 will continue to serve on the board and were recognized for three years of service.

The board welcomed newly selected members Amy Dupree Brooks '80, vice president of sales for Susquehanna Trailways (Avon, PA), Beverly Wilber Evans '69, retired educator (Millerton, PA), Richard A. Kimble '89 '94, middle school principal (Corning, NY), Bonelyn Lugg Kyolokiti '62, retired professor (Nelson, PA), and Carol J. Watson '78, Cooperative Education Coordinator (Tarboton, PA).

Also at the meeting, the following board members were elected to leadership positions. Barbara A. King '78, president (Exton, PA), Jerome P. Wood '77 '78, first vice president (Mechanicsburg, PA) and Melissa J. Signor '93, second vice president (New York, NY).

The 18-member volunteer board promotes and supports the mutual interests and successes of the university and its alumni. Two of the primary objectives of the board are to assist the admissions department in the recruitment of quality students and to foster fellowship, loyalty and commitment of MU alumni through a variety of programs, benefits and events.

If you are interested in being considered as a board member and sharing your time, talent, and treasures, contact Denise Berg, director of Alumni Relations, at 570-662-4820 or dberg@mansfield.edu

Dear Mansfield Alumnus,

We hope you are doing well and enjoying life after "school." We are very interested in hearing from you and would like to invite you to participate in an alumni survey. Your comments will contribute to the ongoing improvement of academic and student life at Mansfield.

Respondents will be eligible for two lottery drawings of ten $50 gasoline gift cards upon completion of the survey. You should have received a postcard from us in the mail. Please check this for more information if you graduated during 2001-02 and 2004-05.

If you did not receive a postcard, please email Denise Seigart, interim associate provost at dseigart@mansfield.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

Michael Renner
Office of the Provost
More than 350 alumni, family and friends returned to campus for Alumni Weekend 2006, held June 8-11.

The weekend included several social events including an Italian theme buffet with musical accompaniment provided by Numa Snyder ’42, the Alumni Golf Tournament at Corey Creek Golf Club, which raised $13,000 for athletic scholarships, a bus excursion to Yorkshire Meadows, tours of North Hall and campus guided by the MU Student Alumni Ambassadors, the always popular "LobsterFest," class meetings, an ice cream social — this year with musical entertainment provided by the Supies of ’61, the Saturday evening dinner and dessert buffet. All offered opportunities to renew acquaintances and make new ones.

“We traveled from California and it was wonderful to see retired and current faculty and staff,” Emebet Berhanu ’86 ’88 said. “My daughter (Arsema, age 5) loved the tour of Yorkshire Meadows.”

The Class of 1956, celebrating its 50th anniversary, was this year’s honored guests for alumni weekend. Thirty members of the class returned to MU and were recognized at a luncheon on Saturday. The Class of ’56 endowed a scholarship fund as a special gift to the University.

“Thank you for the very special weekend honoring the Class of 1956,” Marcella Hyde-Smith ’56 said. “It was a time to remember.”

Also honored at the luncheon were this year’s Society of Honors award winners. Leonard Givens ’65 received the Alumni Citation Award. Robert Shorb ’76 was presented with the Elsie Burke Service Award. Robert Bogart ’83 was named this year’s Outstanding Young Alumni. The Distinguished Educator Award was presented to Richard Hutchinson ’50. For more on the Society of honors inductees see page 13.

“Mansfield is really blessed to have so many loyal alumni,” Interim President David Werner told the luncheon gathering. “You truly are one of the great assets of this institution. Kay and I have really enjoyed our time here. Its all about people and this place has great faculty, staff, students and alumni.”

A popular addition to this year’s weekend was the alumni “takeover” of WNTE-FM. Former staffers of the student radio station returned to fill shifts as DJ’s, spin some tunes, read the news and reminisce. In addition to being on the air for all the campus and surrounding community to hear, the weekend’s shows were broadcast over the worldwide web through the station website.

“It was great being back with the whole WNTE gang and having the chance to go back on the air,” Bogart ’83 said.

“Thank you for making all of us feel so special and so welcome,” Stu Weiss ’80 added. “We had a blast!”

Mark your calendars for next June 7-10, and make your plans now to be a part of Alumni Weekend 2007.
There were numerous get-togethers this spring, both on campus and regionally (see page 14). On March 1, alumnae returned to campus and joined together with current students to celebrate Delta Zeta’s 40th reunion, to reminisce and to plan for the future of the sorority. In April, the Eta Epsilon chapter of Delta Zeta celebrated its 35th anniversary with an alumnae picnic. Sophomore Darcie Kline shared with us, “We were very pleased with the turnout of alumnae and the interest they continue to have in our sorority. It was fun for the current sisters to get to know the alumnae that helped develop the chapter into what it is today.”

Of course the most popular get-together, which lends itself to all types of reunions, is Alumni Weekend. And this year was no exception. Former DJs of WNTE (most from the 70s and 80s) returned to campus and “took over” the radio station! They provided live coverage of the weekend events, accepted call-in requests and “had a blast.”

For many – including the Kappas, the Epsilons, the TKEs and Sig Taus – the golf tournament and the Lobsterfest were the places to rediscover their camaraderie.

The Supies of ’61 reunited and volunteered to share their musical talents at the Ice Cream Social. In true Sinfonian spirit, they recruited current students of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia to sing with them, and the fantastic harmony was appreciated by all who had the good fortune to be in attendance.

Retired faculty renewed friendships at Saturday’s luncheon and reunion classes with years ending in 1 and 6 received special recognition as well. The Class of 1956 celebrated its 50th reunion and members proudly presented President Interim David Werner with a check for $1,565 to fund an endowed scholarship. Thirty of the 74 known living class members (41%) attended the special celebration, and 47 class members (64%) made a contribution to the class gift. For more on Alumni Weekend see page 10 and Society of Honors page 13.

Hope to see you on campus this fall for Homecoming, September 22 & 23. See page 15 for complete information and to register.

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Eye of the Storm: MU Alumnus Recounts His Year after Katrina, (continued from page 1)

When a phone call came from the dean of the medical school, "Markert was able to say, "I called you to Houston, Texas during Labor Day week to do something never done before — restart a medical school in a different city within three weeks," Markert said. "I retraced my path south with Houston being my destination just six days after re-locating to Pennsylvania."

Restart a medical school in a different city within three weeks.

A monumental task to say the least. 'Unimaginable' is how Markert described his initial reaction after getting the call. "Imagine taking Mansfield and all its programs and relocating them to Philadelphia," he said. 'Students, faculty, staff, facilities, resources, everything. We had 600 students, 500 residents, 600 faculty and instructors and 1,000 staff. And we did it.'

Remember that laptop that Markert packed with his one change of clothes when leaving New Orleans? "It was one of four computers that contained curriculum information and other records that allowed us to restart our school," he said. "Amazingly, we were able to identify the resources to operate one of the nation's outstanding medical schools from the Texas Medical Center for the 2005-06 year. We met the challenges of relocating hundreds of students and dozens of faculty to Houston, reconstructing our curriculum and resources, and placing hundreds of medical students and residents in clinical settings."

In addition to the resilience of Tulane's faculty, staff and students, Markert credits the staff at the Texas Medical Center ("they took us in and were amazingly supportive") and the entire medical school community for helping pull off this Herculean effort.

Markert was among a group that ventured back to New Orleans three weeks after Katrina hit, to try and retrieve anything from their facilities they could. There wasn't much.

"The devastation was beyond belief," he said. "We had a police escort because it was a dangerous place. I got to my apartment and salvaged a few personal things. Anything else that was usable I donated to anyone who could use it."

As fate would have it, the already delayed start of the school year had to be delayed again because Hurricane Rita threatened Houston in mid-September, but it proved to be a minor annoyance compared to everything they had already gone through.

'During September 2005 I called 13 different residences, hotels and other places home,' Markert said. He settled in a small one bedroom apartment, furnished with a mattress, a card table and a few kitchen necessities, but Markert didn't spend much time there. He and his fellow faculty and staff were putting in 16 and 20 hour days to get Tulane back in the medical school business and keep it there. "We had no idea what obstacles we'd have to overcome on any given day," he said.

And keeping their students in these trying circumstances is something that Markert marvels at. "We had zero percent attrition," he said. "Of the students we got to Houston, and a few couldn't make the move due to family situations, we kept them. These students are something special."

Finding Love in the Library

The surprises in Markert's life weren't over yet. One day, while he was doing research one day in Baylor School of Medicine Library in Houston, he met Marsha Liu, a member of the Baylor staff.

"I always wanted to meet my wife in a library rather than a bar," he said laughing. "And I did."

The two met, fell in love and decided to marry. But before the wedding, Markert's life took another potentially cruel twist. In March he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. After undergoing surgery in April, and taking a whole week off to recover, he was back at work.

"We had to keep going," Markert said in his very matter of fact manner. "There was still so much to do. I had a meeting in the same hospital where my surgery was performed seven days earlier."

After the surgery and subsequent treatment, Markert is happy to report he is cancer free. And now, on top of the 16 to 20 hour days of work, there was a wedding to plan. He and Marsha were married on June 17 in Houston.

Liu has two daughters, ages six and 10, and knowing that New Orleans was not very 'family friendly right now,' as he put it, Markert and Liu decided to find someplace else to start their new life together. That someplace was a very familiar place to Markert. He accepted a new position at Wright State University Medical School in Dayton, OH, where he was on the staff from 1980 to 2000.

"It's a great fit," he said. "It's a place I know, an area I like, one of my daughters (Markert has two adult daughters from a previous marriage) lives nearby with her three children. We're excited and, after everything we've been through, moving is no big deal."

Moving On

One of the last Tulane staffers left in Houston in mid-June, Markert reflected on his year as the students and staff returned to New Orleans and he prepared for his new life in Ohio.

"I don't know where, Mansfield was definitely a part of it, but I now know I developed the ability to go to work, no matter what the circumstances," he said. "There isn't anything we can't handle if we put our minds to it. It was very difficult, very challenging but also very rewarding. This experience also gave me a real appreciation for the high quality people I work with. I believe our students will be better doctors having gone through this. I believe our faculty and staff will be better teachers and I believe we will all be better people. I know I will."

Markert and Marsha Liu, who met in Houston and married in June.
2006 Society of Honors

Each year the Alumni Association honors alumni for their outstanding achievements in four categories.

A luncheon and ceremony recognizing their accomplishments is held during alumni weekend. If you know of a deserving alumnus or alumna who might qualify for one of the four categories, please use the nomination form on page 17, or contact Denise Berg at dberg@mansfield.edu.

This year’s honorees are as follows:

The Alumni Citation Award
LEONARD D. GIVENS ’65

The Alumni Citation Award, established in 1969, recognizes contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work. After graduating from Mansfield with a B.S. in history, Leonard Givens earned his Juris doctorate from Howard University in 1971. He joined the Detroit law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. in 1971, and became a principal in the firm in 1978. Givens served as CEO from 1991-94 and as the Labor and Employment Law Practice Group leader from 1982-92 and 1993-2004. Givens holds membership in numerous organizations including the American Bar Association, the Michigan Bar Association, the National Bar Association, and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association.

Givens was honored by Corp! Magazine in June 1999 as one of “Southeastern Michigan’s 10 Best Lawyers for 1999,” and by Crain’s Detroit Business as one of Metro Detroit’s “Most Influential Black Business Leaders” in March 1998. He is listed in the Labor and Employment Law Section of the 2003-2004 and 2005-2006 editions of The Best Lawyers in America, and in the Labor and Employment Law Section of Chambers USA. America’s Leading Lawyers for Business, 2003-04, 2004 and 2005 editions. In 2003, Givens was inducted as a Fellow into the prestigious College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

Givens serves as a board member for Homes for Black Children, The Nature Conservancy of Michigan, the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, and is a former member of the Detroit Regional Chamber. He resides in Troy, MI.

The Elsie Burke Service Award
ROBERT S. BOGART ’83

The Elsie Burke Service Award, established in 1983, recognizes outstanding loyalty and service to Mansfield University. Bob Bogart has been an active advocate and liaison for the university for many years. He was a class agent for the Annual Fund campaigns from 1991-95. Bogart was a member of the Alumni Board from 1997-2003, serving as president in 1998-2000, and as the Alumni Board representative to the University Foundation Board. From 2000 to 2001, he served as the non-voting alumni representative to the Council of Trustees. During his board tenure he was instrumental in getting alumni more involved in the admissions process, representing alumni during the initial discussion of Mansfield’s first comprehensive Capital Campaign planning session and shaping alumni commentary in the strategic goals of The Mansfield Plan. Bogart was featured as the MU Senior Brunch speaker in 1999. He received the MU Young Alumni Award in 1992 and was the commencement speaker in 1993. After earning his B.S. in Secondary Education-Social Studies in 1976, Shorb completed his M.S. in Education in College Student Development Services at Alfred University. He is the director of student aid and family finance at Skidmore College and is an active volunteer serving on numerous national, regional and local association boards. Shorb and his wife Janice live in Gansevoort, NY and are the parents of three children: Meredith, a sophomore at Vassar College, Kimberly and Stephanie.

The Distinguished Educator Award
RICHARD C. HUTCHINSON ’50

The Distinguished Educator Award, established in 1986, recognizes outstanding service and dedication to education. After graduating from Mansfield with a B.S. in Secondary Education in 1950, Richard Hutchinson went on to earn an M.A. from George Peabody College and a Doctorate in Education from Pennsylvania State University. His career in education was evenly divided between public schools and colleges. As the Coordinator of Social Studies and English in Springfield, NY schools, he developed an honors program for outstanding students. Hutchinson also directed plays and eventually founded the Annual Community Musical and an adult dramatic group called the “Springville Players” which is now in its 45th year. He received scholarships and a fellowship from the University at Buffalo, San Jose State, Santa Clara and Penn State. He was also the recipient of the Study Grant in India by the U.S. Department of Education. Hutchinson’s career at the college level began as the Director of West Virginia’s Region VI Teacher Education Center. From there he went to the State University College at Potsdam, NY, eventually becoming the director of Student Teaching and Teacher Certification. In addition he was the director of the North Country School Study Council, presenting in service programs to teachers in four New York counties, as well as three counties in neighboring Ontario, Canada. He was the recipient of the Potsdam “President’s Award for Outstanding Service,” and upon his retirement was named Professor Emeritus. He and his late wife Joyce have three children: Debra, Lee and Bonnie, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Hutchinson and his current wife Sharon, live in Sun City, SC., where they are very active in the Sun City Community Theater.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award
ROBERT D. SHORB ’76

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award, established in 1986, is given for outstanding professional performance and achievements to those who have graduated in the last 25 years. Robert Bogart earned his B.A. in Mathematics from Mansfield in 1983 and his M.S. in Mathematics from Bucknell in 1985. That same year he began employment at the National Security Agency (NSA) where he went through a rigorous three-year program designed to expose newly hired mathematicians to various areas of the Agency. Upon graduating from the program, Bogart accepted a position as a Manual Cryptanalyst. In 1990 he moved to an opening at the National Cryptologic School, NSA’s training facility, where he teaches Cryptanalysis courses to Agency employees. He has written two textbooks for use in the NCS Cryptanalysis curriculum, both of which are classified and unavailable to the general public. Bogart has worked on several high-profile cryptanalytic projects, including decipherment of the Unabomber’s encrypted journals. Bogart has appeared in TV reports about NSA on the Discovery Channel and on the History Channel. He has been a finalist for the National Cryptologic School’s coveted annual “Teacher of the Year Award” three times, won the Agency’s “Technical Talk of the Year Award” in 2002, and was presented with both the “National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation” and “Joint Meritorious Unit Award” in 1997. His outside interests are focused on the Philadelphia Phillies. Bogart was recognized by the Phillies organization at the start of the 2000 season as a “Fan of the Century,” an honor only bestowed on 10 fans, one born in each of the ten decades of the 1900’s. He has also been a member of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) since 1990, and is responsible for keeping and updating the Phillies team records for The Sporting News’ annual Baseball Record Book. Bogart lives in Glen Rock, PA, with his wife Larri, son Byne and daughter Christy.
MU in Florida

In March travelers from Mansfield received a warm “Spring Break” greeting from MU alumni and friends in Florida.

Interim President David Werner, his wife Kay, Vice President for Advancement Maureen McKenna and Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg were joined by Director of Athletics Roger Maisner and Ralph Meyer, campaign chair and member of the MU Council of Trustees, at gatherings throughout the state of Florida.

Former President Rod Kelchner and his wife Joan were able to attend a number of the events.

The variety of activities provided a unique time for Mansfield supporters of all ages to get to know one another – from current students and their family members, to members of the Council of Trustees and Alumni Board, current and retired faculty and staff, and MU friends and alumni from all decades - from the mid 1920’s through 2003.

On Saturday, March 11, alumni and friends gathered for a wine appreciation and lunch at Fred’s in Sarasota. A delicious brunch was enjoyed at the Celebration Hotel on Sunday, March 12. Thanks to hosts Tony ’73 and Tish ’72 Fiamingo, golfers enjoyed an afternoon of golf at the Solana Golf Course at Pelican Preserve on Monday, March 13. A crowd of more than 50 cheered on the Mountaineer baseball team in Ft. Myers on Tuesday, March 14. Most of the group gathered for a bar-b-que picnic following the game.

On Wednesday, March 15, a relaxing lunch was enjoyed at the Bayside Grille in Naples.

There were door prizes at all events with a special door prize – a tinted lithograph of North Hall – awarded to Robert ’52 and Mary ’50 Rodine of Indian Rocks Beach.

Thanks to the Mansfield alumni and friends who help to coordinate and host our Florida events.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 22
6 a.m. – 9 p.m.  Kelchner Fitness Center open.

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  North Hall open.
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  Campus Bookstore open, Alumni Hall

8 a.m.  Homecoming Golf Tournament, Corey Creek Golf Club

Shutgun start at 8:45 a.m. Proceeds benefit MU Athletic Scholarships. $100 nonmember/$85 member of Corey Creek Golf Club – includes all fees, lunch and beverages. Lots of contests and great prizes! Contact your friends and form a foursome or contact us and we’ll arrange a foursome. If you or your company is interested in becoming a sponsor or donating a prize, contact Roger Maisner, Director of Athletics at 570-662-4676 rmaisner@mansfield.edu or Alex Ogeka, Director of Development for Athletics at 570-662-4580 aogeka@mansfield.edu

5:15 p.m.  Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction Dinner, Alumni Hall, Student Center.

5:30 p.m.  Pep Rally, South Hall Mall (Inclement weather – The Hut). Join the ‘Spirit & Pride of Pennsylvania’ Mountie Marching Band, the Mountaineer Football team, cheerleaders, and the Homecoming candidates.

Saturday, September 23
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  Campus Bookstore open, Alumni Hall, Student Center

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.  Kelchner Fitness Center open

10 a.m.  Homecoming Parade, Main Street.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  Alumni Tent Party, adjacent to Van Norman Field. Our tent party grows more popular every year! Free MU logo items to first 300 MU Alumni! Bring the kids – we’ll have activities to entertain them while you enjoy the refreshments and visit with friends. You’ll be treated to a personal performance by the ‘Spirit & Pride of Pennsylvania’ Mountie Marching Band! Reservations appreciated.

11 a.m.  Women’s Alumni Softball Game, Lutes Field. For more information contact Head Coach, Edith Gallagher 570-662-4675 or egallagh@mansfield.edu

12 p.m. – 5 p.m.  North Hall open.

1 p.m.  Mounties Football vs. Lock Haven

12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.  Pre-game introduction of 2006 MU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

4 – 6 p.m.  Alumni Creek Mixer, upstairs at Marks’ Brothers Restaurant

To register or for more information email mugreekalum@hotmail.com

Sunday, September 24
1 – 11 p.m.  North Hall open
1:30 – 10 p.m.  MU Women’s Soccer vs. West Chester
2 – 10 p.m.  Kelchner Fitness Center open
Gazebo Donated by Professor

**MLI Couple Discover it on Alumni Weekend**

There is now a gazebo on the lawn in front of Grant Science Center that, while new, looks as if it has always been there.

Donated by Larry Schankman, associate professor of School Library and Information Technologies, the new addition to campus was put in place in June. “MLI has always been very good to me and I wanted to give something back,” Schankman said. “I hope the students, staff and faculty like it and hang out there.”

“Larry said he always felt the campus needed a gazebo,” Maureen McKenna, vice president for University Advancement, said. “A place for people to be able to go and relax, read, maybe eat lunch. He very graciously offered to donate it and wanted to do so in memory of his brother Forrest. I think it’s a great addition to campus and, if you’re like me, once you see it, you’ll feel like it’s been there forever.”

McKenna credits Annette Mase of the University Advancement staff, who researched the type of gazebo Schankman wanted and identifying a local vendor, and the MLI grounds crew and Director Ben Jones for researching the best possible site and arranging for the preparation of the site.

Brian ’05 and Stephanie Adams Ulmer ’04, pictured in the new gazebo on Alumni Weekend, are a story unto themselves.

The Ulmers, both former Student Alumni Ambassadors, returned to campus and celebrated their first wedding anniversary by volunteering to work on Alumni Weekend.

“We had always taken time off from our summer vacations when we were in school to come back and work Alumni Weekend,” Stephanie Ulmer said. “So we figured why not. Brian and I always enjoy Alumni Weekend. We met at Mansfield and we love coming back, hearing all the stories and helping out Denise.”

**Jewels of China — River cruise/land tour**

**April 7 – 18, 2007**

Travel along the legendary Yangtze River (four nights, balcony cabin) and explore China’s renowned imperial treasures (six nights on land at 5-star hotels) as you travel from Shanghai to Beijing. This trip is fully escorted from airport arrival to departure, includes 12 private tours with English-speaking guides, and many meals and special activities. Prices range from approximately $3000 - $4000 per person double occupancy and includes round-trip airfare from Philadelphia or Baltimore, Newark. Call for pricing from other cities.

**Day 1** Shanghai, China

**Day 2** Shanghai, China

**Day 3** Shanghai/Chongquing – PM flight to Chongquing

**Day 4** Chongquing – 3-Night stay at Black Dragon Gate (Balcony cabin)

**Day 5** Three Gorges Dam, Yangtze River

**Day 6** Three Gorges, Lesser Three Gorges, Three Gorges Dam (Balcony cabin)

**Day 7** Three Gorges Dam, Yuandu – Snow Jade Cave

**Day 8** Three Gorges Dam, Fuling – Boat to Yichang

**Day 9** Yichang – PM flight to Xian

**Day 10** Xian – 3-Night stay at Xian

**Day 11** Xian – Beijing, China

**Day 12** Beijing, China

**Day 13** Beijing – Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace, Palace Museum

**Day 14** Beijing – Flight to Shanghai

**Day 15** Shanghai, China

**Day 16** Shanghai, China

**Day 17** Shanghai

**Day 18** Depart USA

**BRITISH ISLES, July 3 – 16, 2007**

This 10-day cruise, sailing roundtrip from London (Southampton), England. Ports of call include Guernsey, England, Holyhead, Wales, Dublin and Belfast, Ireland, Glasgow, Kirkwall, Inverness/Loch Ness and Edinburgh, Scotland and Paris, France. Pricing starts at approximately $3500 per person double occupancy and includes roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia or Newark. Call for pricing from other cities.

**Alumni & Friends — Come Cruising With Us**

This unique 8-day itinerary is a great way to experience the exotic Gold Coast of Mexico. Sail roundtrip from Los Angeles to four spectacular seaside cities. Fares start at $1100 per person and include round-trip air (from Pennsylvania). A valid US passport is required.

**Day 1** Los Angeles, CA

**Day 2** Los Angeles, CA

**Day 3** Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

**Day 4** Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

**Day 5** Acapulco, Mexico

**Day 6** Acapulco, Mexico

**Day 7** At sea

**Day 8** At sea

**Day 9** Los Angeles, CA

**Day 10** At sea

**Day 11** At sea

**Day 12** Los Angeles, CA

**Outstanding Student Named**

Amanda Rothrock of Berwick, PA was nominated by Delta Zeta. She was also honored with a Greek Life Award for excellence in academics and was one of 28 MU students inducted into Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.
Attention Alpha Sigma Alpha Alumnae

The Delta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha is in the process of updating its records.

“We would love to hear from alumnae who are interested in getting back in touch with us,” Alyssa (Klementisz) Gaer ’00 said. “We just celebrated our 50th Anniversary and are working on plans for our 40th. We are very excited about celebrating this milestone with sisters past and present. We also have a group website that we are pleased to announce that has 155 active and alumnae sisters registered.”

Anyone wanting more information can e-mail footballsunshine@yahoo.com or call (818) 980-4234. Make sure to send us your latest address, phone number and email address to receive information on plans and upcoming events.

Wondering What Your Classmates are Doing Now?

With the 2007 edition of the Mansfield University Alumni Directory as a reference, you’ll soon be able to catch up with old friends and former classmates. This special Sesquicentennial edition is scheduled for release in the spring of 2007.

Information for the directory is being researched and compiled by Harris Connect. Harris will be contacting alumni by email and mailing questionnaires in August and September. If you think we might not have your current address, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni2@mansfield.edu as soon as possible so we can make sure you receive a directory questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to update your information when you are contacted – and be sure you’re included so old friends can find you.

Our Alumni Directory will be the most up-to-date and complete reference of more than 21,000 Mansfield University graduates ever compiled. This comprehensive volume will include current name and name when a student (if different) as well as class year(s) and degree(s) earned from Mansfield University. Each biographical listing will also include home address and phone number, names of spouse and children, in addition to detailed professional information.

The new 2007 edition will list alumni alphabetically with the information outlined above, by class year, by geographic location and by occupation in our special career networking section. It will also include a historical look at Mansfield and special audio and video highlights on the CD-ROM edition.

With your participation, the 2007 sesquicentennial edition of the Mansfield University Alumni Directory is sure to be a great success. Thank you in advance for your support.

Hall of Fame to Welcome Five New Members

Five Mountaineer greats have been elected to the Mansfield University Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. Molly Dry (coach, head athletic trainer 1962-72), Craig Jobes (football), Rod Kelchner (coach), Charlie Phillips ’80 (baseball) and Tom Wallon ’65 (basketball) will be inducted during Homecoming Weekend.

The inductees will be honored at a dinner and awards ceremony on Friday, September 22 and introduced before the football game against Lock Haven on Saturday, September 23.

For dinner reservations see page 15. For more information call (570) 662-4179 or email awbhuttak@mansfield.edu

Society of Honors Call for Nominations

To nominate Mansfield University Alumni for the following award(s), please check the applicable category. Complete the form below and attach a narrative citing the basis for the nomination.

- ALUMNI CITATION Recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work.
- DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR Recognizes outstanding teacher, principal or administrator for service and dedication to education.
- OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI Given for outstanding professional performance and achievements to alumni who have graduated in the last 20 years.

NAME OF NOMINEE: __________________________________________
ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________
YOUR NAME: ________________________________________
ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________
PH: ______________________ EMAIL: ______________________
FAX: (570) 662-4291
E-MAIL: alumni2@mansfield.edu
MAIL TO: Alumni Relations Office, 525A North Hall, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933

Questions? 570-662-4179
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Cummings and Confer Earns All-American Honors

Chris Cummings made school history as he finished sixth in the indoor mile at the NCAA Division II National Championships held in Boston in March. He becomes the first person in Mansfield University history to be named NCAA Division II All-American in any track and field event.

Cummings backed that performance up by finishing second in the 1500 meter finals at the NCAA Division II National Championships in Emporia, KS in May, earning All-American honors with the highest national finish by any Mansfield athlete in the athletic program’s 148-year history.

Cummings, a junior and a native of Mansfield, complete the indoor course in 4:09.34. At the outdoor national meet, he ran 4:01.67.

Jeremy Confer also earned All-American honors at the outdoor nationals by throwing a personal best by 13 feet to land a throw of 215 feet 10 inches, placing him fifth.

Confer ends his career at Mansfield with a new school record performance, and a performance that earns him Mansfield’s first All-American honors during the spring season.

MU finished the 2006 National Outdoor Championships with 12 points, the highest point total of any Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference school.

The Test of Time: Terry Stanley ’74 Sets World Record

When Terry Stanley ’74 won the Presque Isle Marathon in Erie, PA last September, he was gratified with the victory, especially having bested a field of mostly younger runners, but didn’t think much more of it.

But after reflecting on the win for a few days, and the fact that he won the same event 28 years before, Stanley began to wonder if that was some sort of record for time between wins in the same race.

A call to Runner’s World magazine led to an inquiry to Ken Young of the Association of Road Racing Statisticians and a few days later came the news Stanley set a new world record, by more than two years, for time between wins in the same marathon.

“It means a lot to me,” Stanley said. “When you see the top 50 list, names like Ron Hill and Frank Shorter, it’s flattering to see my name with them.”

Stanley, who has been a teacher and now an elementary school principal in Eldred, PA for 32 years, came to Mansfield without even visiting the campus. The late Bob Maxon saw him run in a state high school meet and offered him a partial scholarship and a work-study job and he took it.

“He (Maxon) put us through the grinder,” Stanley said. “He brought in a bunch of freshmen, guys like Chris Bernard and Mike Woodring, to try and turn the program around. We stuck together, worked hard and did well Coach Maxon taught us the importance of discipline and hard work.”

Stanley thought his running career would end after college but it was far from over. He has competed all over the world, was invited to the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1980 and now, along with his many wins, has the title of world record holder.

From “The Worldwide Leader in Sports”

Freddie Coleman came back to campus the weekend of April 28. Coleman, the host of ESPN Radio’s GameNight, got his start here in Mansfield before landing a job with the ultimate sporting news network.

He was a standout football player for the Mountaineers during the 1985-86 campaigns, becoming only the second Mansfield wideout to earn All-PSAC East honors. Coleman averaged over 25 yards per catch during the 1985 season and was named to the All-PSAC East squad in 1986 after pulling in 41 receptions for 644 yards and four touchdowns. Coleman graduated from MU with a BA in Mass Communications in 1987. After bouncing around from job-to-job, he got his break on June 26, 2004 at ESPN.

While here on his visit, Coleman delivered a motivational speech to Mansfield athletes and coaches, emphasizing how much you can accomplish with the education and life experiences you gain at this small school. He answered questions and chatted with current athletes, joking, “Is Professor Lapps still around?” He remembered all his professors and thanked them gratefully for what they helped him accomplish.

Coleman also served as the master of ceremonies at the annual Frank A. Butsko Award breakfast held by the football team, and stayed to enjoy the annual spring Red and Black game at Karl Van Norman Field.

GameNight is carried by more than 300 affiliates nationwide and airs nightly from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. ET. Coleman can be heard Friday through Monday.

From "The Worldwide Leader in Sports"


The Kappas return to campus for golf, lobster, and to help raise money for athletic scholarships.


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In Memoriam

Helen Fox Daly ’23
Elizabath Schnell Holley ’29
Inez Taylor Harman ’33
Margaret Frederick ’37 ’50
John Jr. Hyder ’37
Marian Krueger ’37
Janet Jones Westcott ’37
James Every ’39
Joseph T. Mainwaring ’39
James L. Hendricks ’41
Josephine Cashinski Larson ’41
Dorothy Borden Huyler ’42
John P. Campausa ’43
Sandy Peard Hauer ’43
Jack D. Prutman ’49

Charles R. Wilson ’49
Marian E. Smith ’63
Winifred Lesley ’64
Gordon L. Preston ’64
Myron A. Schreyc ’67
Peggy Edsall Perry ’68
Margarette Perry Briggs ’71
Barbara Baldis O’Donnell ’72
Roxana Bates Savino ’72
Charles A. Marascavage ’73
David L. Reigele ’76
Dennis J. Reigele ’76
Robert J. Kolodie ’78
Margearet Reekers ’86

Current Students

Mitchel R. LeVan

Friends

Robert F. Lloyd
Pauline A. McDonough
William Pearson
William Sylvester
Ann Owlet Wilcon

Retired Faculty

Tranquilo Bailey Rose ’64
Richard Mason
## Mansfield Calendar of Events

### August
- 24: Sculpture, Paintings & Printsky
- 28: Darryl Abraham, University Gallery
- 24-25: University Meeting Days
- 28: Convocation, 2 p.m.
- 27: Council of Trustees Meeting, North Hall 5:30 p.m.
- 7: Darryl Abraham, Reception & Gallery Talk
- 10-17: Fall Holiday-No Classes
- 16: Fall Holiday-No Classes
- 18: Frederick Douglass Institute
- 3-11/7: MU Art Department Student Show, University Gallery

### September
- 4: Labor Day-No Classes
- 7: Darryl Abraham, Reception & Gallery Talk, University Gallery, 4 p.m.
- 13: Prism Concert
- 22-24: Homecoming 2006
- 22: Opera Workshop Concert, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 24-25: University Meeting Days
- 30: Parents & Family Day
- 3: Holiday Choral Concert, Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 30: Parents & Family Day
- 7: Darryl Abraham, Reception & Gallery Talk

### October
- 1: Fall Holiday-No Classes
- 16-17: Fall Holiday-No Classes
- 19: Thanksgiving Holiday-No Classes
- 22-24: Thanksgiving Holiday-No Classes

### November
- 13: Prism Concert
- 13: Prism Concert
- 19: Concert Wind Ensemble
- 20: Parents & Family Day
- 22: Opera Workshop Concert, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.

### December
- 1: Fall Holiday-No Classes
- 2: Holiday Choral Concert
- 16: Fall Holiday-No Classes

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