Ken Ilgunas trespassed across the heartland of America and wrote a book about it. The Institute of Science and the Environment (ISE), the Honors Program, and the Department of English and World Languages joined forces and invited Ilgunas to speak to students and the community about his trek and his writing. Students in Dr. Guignard’s Professional Writing class and Mr. Mason’s Introduction to Journalism class got a chance to hear Ilgunas before his public presentation and chat with him about writing and life on the road.

Ken Ilgunas speaks on “Trespassing Across America”

BY MEGAN WOLFE
Staff Writer

Writer and park ranger Ken Ilgunas visited Mansfield University on Thursday, February 14, 2019. He spoke in Allen Hall about his experiences of paying off student debt, hiking across the country, and how he turned those experiences into books. His presentation, complete with slides of pictures from his travels, lasted forty minutes. He then took questions from the audience. He also spoke with the Professional Writing, Journalism, and Outdoor Recreation classes about his experiences and their applications to the classes. His visit was sponsored by the Honors Program, the Institute for Science and the Environment, and the Department of English and World Languages.

Ilgunas graduated from SUNY Buffalo with degrees in History and English, as well as a substantial amount of student debt. He had experience working at his college’s newspaper but struggled to find a job in journalism. Eventually, he found a job working in the kitchen of an oil processing operation in Alaska, and worked towards paying back his loans.

Once he had paid off his debt, he went back to college at Duke University for a master’s degree in Liberal Arts. To avoid going into debt again, he lived in a van in the campus parking lot in secret. His combined experiences of dealing with student debt and living in a van were the premise for his first book, Walden on Wheels. Ilgunas noted that, at the time when he wrote this book, not many people were talking about student debt, stating that there were thirty-six million student debtors and not one book about that.

Following graduation, Ilgunas decided to walk the path of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which stretched from Canada to Texas, with nothing but what he could fit in a backpack. This hike took him across numerous states, the Great Plains, and many pieces of privately-owned land. His experiences resulted in a second book, Trespassing Across America.

His journey gave him a voice on the topic of the right of private property and the rights of property owners to keep people from walking across their land, or to prevent people from using their land for recreational purposes. His hike also gave him the opportunity to discuss the effects that the pipeline might have on the environment with the people whose land it would pass through, which gave him another voice on the topic of preserving nature in the face of a nation that favors economic growth.

When asked if he would make different choices if he could go back to a time before college and debt, Ilgunas stated, “I’m happy I went through it,” describing his triumph over the debt as a “point of pride”. “But if I could,” Ilgunas continued, “I would recommend going to a state school,” noting that it can be significantly less expensive compared to larger well-known schools, which he warns against attending “just for the prestige”.

To those who are approaching the end of their education, he had some advice as well-- “if you have student debt, hit the ground running. Get a job and pay it off as soon as possible.” For those graduating without student debt, Ilgunas suggests travelling, saying that they should “take a journey, kind of like a gap year, and write about it”.

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POLICE BEAT
Anyone with information on any of these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900.

- 02/01/19 - Officer was dispatched to Spruce room 444. Upon entering room 444, officer could smell burnt marijuana and found a small amount of marijuana and a bottle of 1800 Silver Tequila. Upon talking to the resident, Destiny Hill (19), she admitted having it in her possession. Reported on Feb. 1 at 9:23 a.m. (Possession of Alcohol and Small Amount of Marijuana).
- 02/04/19 - The Mansfield University Police Department received a smoke alarm activation for Spruce, room 342. Upon arrival, it was determined that the resident and sole occupant, Christopher Kratofilow (19), had used an electronic vaping device within the room, setting off the alarm. Reported on Feb. 4 at 3:05 a.m. (Campus Rules and Regulations Violation).
- 02/05/19 - While parked in the Steadman parking lot an unknown person damaged the door of a 1990 Nissan, owned by Robert Sutton, by dragging a metallic object across the width of the driver’s door, damaging the door by removing paint. Should anyone possess information regarding this incident please contact campus police. Reported on Feb. 5 at 10:45 a.m. (Criminal Mischief).
- 02/13/19 - MUPD responded to the 4th floor of Spruce Hall for an odor of marijuana. It was found that the odor was emanating from room 441, with resident Vaughn Hines (18). It was also found that a smoke detector had been covered with a plastic bag. Reported on Feb. 10 at 10:16 p.m. (Criminal Mischief).
- 02/13/19 - While on a traffic stop with the driver Griffin Stone, the odor of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle, through investigation it was found Natalie Malone was to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana. Both individuals have been referred to the campus judicial. Reported on Feb. 13 at 7:13 p.m. (Act 64).

World News
Headlines from across the planet
Blurb courtesy of bbc.com

- 02/13/2019 - Spain faces snap election after budget failure
- Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez’s budget proposal was shut down after it was introduced to parliament.
- Sánchez leads a minority government, with just 84 seats in parliament, and he is supported by a handful of smaller parties with competing interests.
- A new general election will be the third in five years in Spain, which will most likely be the 14 or 28 of April.
- 02/15/2019 - China closes its Everest base camp to tourists
- Authorities have resorted to the unusual move to deal with the mounting waste problem at the site.
- The ban means tourists can only go as far as a monastery slightly below the 5,200m (17,060ft) base camp level without a climbing permit.
- More people visit the mountain from the southern side in Nepal, but over the past years, numbers have been rising steadily on the Chinese side as well.
- It stated that three clean-up operations last spring had collected eight tonnes of waste, including human feces and mountain climbing equipment climbers had left behind.
- The world’s highest peak has been struggling with escalating levels of rubbish for years, as the number of visitors rises.
- 02/12/2019 - Mexican drug lord found guilty
- Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán has been found guilty on all 10 counts at his drug-trafficking trial at a federal court in New York.
- Guzmán, 61, was convicted on numerous counts including the distribution of cocaine and heroin, illegal firearms possession and money laundering.
- Guzmán was arrested in January 2016 after escaping from a Mexican prison through a tunnel five months earlier.
- Tuesday’s unanimous verdict by a jury in Brooklyn, which was read out in a packed courtroom, followed an 11-week trial.
- Guzmán’s lawyers said they planned to launch an appeal.
- 02/12/2019 - Trump supporter attacks BBC cameraman at El Paso rally
- Sporting a Make America Great Again cap, the man shoved and swore at the BBC’s Ron Skeans and other news crews before being pulled away.
- President Trump checked they were well with a thumbs up, and continued his speech after Skeans returned the gesture.
- The BBC has written to White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders asking for a review of security arrangements for the media attending the president’s rallies following the attack.
- BBC Washington producer Eleanor Montague said the protester had attacked other news crews but Skeans “got the brunt of it.”
- 02/15/2019 - Colin Kaepernick: Former NFL quarterback settles ‘collusion’ case
- The former San Francisco 49ers quarterback believed owners were conspiring not to hire him because of his protests against racial injustice in the USA.
- Kaepernick started protests by kneeling during the US national anthem.
- Carolina Panthers safety Eric Reid, who was the first player to join then 49ers team-mate Kaepernick in kneeling, has also settled his own collusion case.
- On Friday, their lawyers and the league released a joint statement, saying the pair had been “engaged in an ongoing dialogue with representatives of the NFL” over recent months.
- A statement from the NFL Players Association said: “We continuously supported Colin and Eric from the start of their protests, participated with their lawyers throughout their legal proceedings and were prepared to participate in the upcoming trial in pursuit of both truth and justice for what we believe the NFL and its clubs did to them.”
- 02/15/2019 - Ban called on the development of weapons controlled by artificial intelligence
- A group of scientists have said that autonomous weapons may malfunction in unpredictable ways and kill innocent people.
- The comments were made at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Washington D.C.
- “We are not talking about walking, talking terminator robots that are about to take over the world; what we are concerned about is much more imminent: conventional weapons systems with autonomy,” said Human Rights Watch’s (HRW) Mary Wareham.
- Ryan Gariepy, chief technological officer at Clearpath Robotics, backs the ban proposal.
- “As advanced as we are, the state of AI is really limited by image recognition. It is good but does not have the detail or context to be judge, jury and executioner on a battlefield,” he said.
**WNT2 WEEKLY BROADCAST SCHEDULE 89.5 FM**

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**ACED IT**: Cameron Horton features a mix of modern and 80’s music and a variety of the station’s greatest puns for your listening pleasure.

**BRING A BIGGER BRICK**: Paul Leszczyszyn plays music, and if you don’t like it, you’d better have a bigger brick.

**BRUNCH CLUB**: Carl Helrich incessantly encourages everyone on campus to go to brunch and plays alternative rock music.

**HELLO, FRIENDS**: CJ Moran hosts a variety show which includes rock, country, and pop music.

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**CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR**

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Phi Sigma Pi holds rush week

BY REBEKAH ROCHA
Copy Editor

Phi Sigma Pi held their once a semester rush week from Friday, February 1, 2019 to Thursday February 7, 2019.

Phi Sigma Pi, PSP, is a nationwide honor fraternity with 135 collegiate chapters and 17 alumni chapters. Members are held to higher standards than social fraternities/sororities. Students are required to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher throughout their time in the fraternity. They are also expected to participate in community service.

Brittney Atkins spoke on why she chose to join PSP. “I wanted to join PSP because they seem like a decent group of people. I also thought they could help me become a better person since it’s an honors fraternity.”

Atkins attended two of the rush week events. “The first one I attended was Meet the Brothers. They stated their names, what they do in the fraternity, and an interesting fact about them. We also played a fun game called “move your feet,” to get to know each other a little more. The second event was a ’90s trivia night. We played a Jeopardy-like game about ’90s cartoons,” Atkins said.

The final part of the rush process was an interview. The PSP brothers interviewed all five of rushees. The interview took place in Retan, where the rushees were to dress in business attire. They were then asked various questions pertaining to their academics and personality. All brothers were required to attend the interview unless they had obligations elsewhere.

“There’s one person in charge of communicating with all of the students who rushed. None of the other brothers can discuss if we got in or not. It’s all very secretive,” Atkins said. “I have friends in PSP, so even if they know that I got in, they can’t tell me.”

Atkins was recently told that she is an inductee. There is much training that she will need to go through before she can officially become a brother, but she expects the process to be completed sometime after spring break.

“Have fun with the process. Don’t take it too seriously. If you get in, then great. If you don’t, oh well. It’s out of your control. Don’t be afraid to show your personality and express yourself,” Atkins said.

Phi Alpha social work honor society inducts new members

BY MARY DRYER
Flashlight Contributor

Phi Alpha, social work honor society, inducted twelve new members on Thursday, February 7.

Phi Alpha president Mariah Conrad led the induction ceremony. Larry Anderson handed the inductees a peace candle and Debra Bowen lit the peace candles. Throughout the rest of the ceremony, each inductee had a peace candle that was burning with the flame of peace. At the end of the ceremony Mary Daly, Phi Alpha adviser, gave the inductees their Phi Alpha pins, Bowen handed the inductees their certificates, and Brianna Quist handed out red roses.

“This was my first time leading the Phi Alpha Honor Society induction ceremony since this is my first semester as president” said Conrad. Phi Alpha adviser, Mary Daly, said that, “The inductee size ranges from five to fifteen a semester, depending upon the year.”

Students must be Social Work majors to be a member of Phi Alpha. They must be of sophomore status, have completed nine hours of social work classes, and have earned a GPA of 3.25 in their major courses, and a GPA of 3.0 overall.

Phi Alpha has been an active organization at Mansfield University since 1998. Many social work majors have become members of the Phi Alpha honor society over the past 21 years. The honors society will typically have two fundraisers a semester and gears them towards the Mansfield community.

“Every year the members choose a cause for donations of money or collected items,” says Daly. They often find places to donate in the community such as Mansfield Food Bank, Concern Foster Care, Thanksgiving food give away to local churches, and many more.

Phi Alpha’s new members are Ashlyn Anglin, Tia Archer, Lindsay Daly, Ashley Dunning, Mary Dyer, Brionna Fasset, Ayannah Harvin, Elizabeth Miller, Shadoe Sellers, Gabriella Seymore, Shaye Stine, and Morgan White. “I am very excited to see how we as a group can come together to uphold the vision of Phi Alpha, social work values, and serve as students of Mansfield University” said Conrad.

“Being a member of Phi Alpha will allow me to further my passion for helping others and allow me to network with like-minded future social workers” said Shadoe Sellers after the induction ceremony.

Morgan White says, “it is truly an honor to be inducted into Mansfield University’s chapter of Phi Alpha. I’m very excited to see where my membership in Phi Alpha takes me in my journey as a social worker.”
Cast prepares for The Music Man

BY CARL HELRICH
Secretary/Music Reporter

Mansfield music students have been rehearsing non-stop since the beginning of the semester in anticipation for the production of ‘The Music Man’ in late February.

There will be four performances, at 7 p.m. on February 21, 22, and 23 and at 2:30 p.m. on February 24. The shows run approximately 2½ hours, are free for MU students and public tickets are available for purchase at tinyurl.com/https-mansfield-etu.

‘The Music Man,’ written by Meredith Wilson, follows the ploy of posing band organizer Harold Hill, played by freshman Seth Shields, whose antics are seen through by piano teacher/librarian Marian Paroo, played by sophomore Lilia Lopez, and they go down a romantic rabbit hole together.

“The Music Man has something for audience members of all ages,” said director Dr. Sheryl Monkelien, who has been directing musicals on campus for fifteen years. “The student cast is extremely talented, and they get so involved with the production. The show has comedy, romance, and songs that will leave you whistling.” The show has a 24-piece soundtrack, including cast favorites ‘Shipoopi’ and ‘The Sadder but Wiser Girl.’

To prepare for the annual musical, the student cast has been participating in evening and afternoon rehearsals that can last up to eight hours. The cast includes over forty MU students, who span over seventeen different majors, and fifteen child actors who represent the area of Mansfield and Welliboro.

“The cast is great to work with, and it’s refreshing to get to work with such talented actors,” said lead Shields, a music education major with numerous high school and community theater experiences. “They’re really nice and supportive, and make the show a lot less intimidating.”

Flashlight Scavenger Hunt

Fill in the blanks with answers from the articles. Please cut out and submit to The Flashlight office located Alumni room 120 down the hall from the mailroom. Winner will receive a $5 gift certificate to Jazzmans and will be announced in the next issue. Have fun and let the hunt begin.

1. _______________ was the Interim Director of Athletics at Mansfield University.
2. _______________ has a master’s in _______________.
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4. Ken Ilgunas’ first book is titled _______________.
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19. _______________ followed _______________ for his walk across the US.
20. _______________ has _______________ years of experience as an administrator.

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Dollar Valentine

To Alyssa, the most beautiful person I know. I love you with all my heart.
To Alyssa Lamb
From Rachel Rice

Happy Valentine’s Day to all the students, faculty, and staff!
Debbie Mays

Happy Valentine’s Day!
Jerry Witherow

Erin, Alyssa, Kyra, Evan, and Noah... you’re some pretty cool cats! Love you guys!

Lilia,
Vegans use photosynthesis, remember that.
-Paulie AG Moore

To Jess:
You are beautiful and amazing and perfect.
You’re doing amazing sweetie.
From Jess

Jane Hurd is the same comfort as Eric Forman’s basement. ILY, binch
-Your bean

Your best self doesn’t come easy.
-Aaron

Tosh is my Daddy.
-Jane

Alec,
You’re weird and cool, that’s why I like you!
Happy Valentine’s Day ♥

Maxim, you are the best of guys and best of boyfriends.
Sincerely, Natalie

Natalie Holsey and everyone else,
Thank you for being the best during this whole college thing.

S*** b**** you is fine.
-Christina

Hello Sarah,
I love you. They trapped me inside this newspaper after I donated.
Send help, Ryan

To the people that need to hear this, you are worth it.

Arrow Kreuger is a shining star that always catches me with a new light.

AJ happy Valentine’s Day

Shout out to the nerds in the EWL Department and my love in China! ♥

Steph is so hawt. She is the best.
-Jane

-Happy Valentine’s: Andrew, Kaitlin, Darin, Krista, Lee, Lucianna, Jane, Misty, Will, Alex
-Luv Tom

To my dear, sweet, lovely, adorable Bekah: thank you for letting me into your life and putting up with my antics. Happy Valentine’s Day sweetheart ♥

To: Kaitlin, Tommy two-chain, Train guy, Misty Moo, Janie Joe, Darin, Willy Woo, Mom
You My! B****
From: Stress Pizza

Grandpa,
I love, love, love you and I miss, miss, miss you.

To: MoMo
I really love you & miss you. You’re my ohana.
From: Dani

Love you Ray
Bear
From Krista

Corazón Mio
-Bill Trujillo
Love is in the Air

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Carl had been on campus for about a week. Her first impressions of the campus were, "one of the things I picked up on quickly is the quality of the people that are here. The generosity of spirit, the patience people have, and the willingness to help and be a part of something is the thing that stands out to me," said Carl.

Carl has an extensive and decorated career. Before Mansfield, she worked in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) as the Coordinator of Research and Special Projects, while also being the Interim Director of Athletics at Earlham College in Indiana.

Before Earlham, Carl served as the Director of Athletics at Salem State University from 2015 to 2018, where she directed a fifteen-sport Division III program. During her time there, the Vikings showed a steady improvement in the Smith Cup standings, earned the program's first NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, and hosted the MASCAC championships for men's ice hockey, men's basketball, and baseball. She also has experience as an administrator for 25 years.