Mansfield University Space House (MUSH) construction to begin

BY KARL LLAMARICH
Terryl Secret

“The T2 parking lot will be seeing some upgrade in these next few years,” Frank Crofchick, Dean of Students, said in the press conference that took place this past Monday.

The MU administration has announced that replacing the freshman parking lot will be a state-of-the-art shuttle launch pad and associated space research facility. MU’s administration has secretly been planning and allocating for this massive project to augment the Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics departments that already exist on campus.

“We realize that in order to attract students to the sciences at MU, we need to show that we have powerful utilities at our disposal,” Mansfield University stated in an online release. “We are in a good area of the country for aeronautics activity, with lots of space to conduct large-scale experiments. The MUSH will take advantage of the minimal light pollution of central PA, and we will be able to add a successful space program to our science department by the end of the spring 2022 academic semester.”

The T2 lot will not be replaced by additional parking options. Freshmen and others who use the lot will have to use commuter parking on the other side of campus. “[Parking] might be an inconvenience for some students, but a little walking will do everyone some good.”

“It’s great seeing the science departments get such a great facility,” Crofchick said. “But that shouldn’t be the focus here. More importantly, I have managed to allocate hundreds of thousands of dollars for a 60-foot-tall marble statue of myself! If I calculated my angles right, the statue should be visible from all residence halls, and from a good chunk of campus as well.”

Dr. Todd Ranney, MU voice professor, said, “I have been wanting to announce this project for years now. It’s a great addition to this university, and I’m glad to finally get the campus in the know about it.” Dr. Ranney is advocating that tennis courts be added to the facilities. “All I’m saying is that our student (and faculty) astronauts deserve.”

The construction of the MUSH…and statue…will be taking place through the 2020-22 academic years. Students and surrounding community should be made aware of the increased noise levels around the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., when classes are not in session and people are trying to sleep. A complaint desk will be made available to students during those hours in Alumni 402, and a spaceship ride signup list will be listed on the MU website.

Has The Flashlight gone too far?

BY “CHEWBEKAH” ROCHA
Vice President of the International Pancake House

The Flashlight staff got arrested on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

While the staff was holding their weekly meeting on Tuesday, campus police rushed in to arrest staff members including Editor-in-Chief Luciana Minoia, Copy Editor Rebekah Rocha, Secretary Carl Helrich, Treasurer Aaron Coleman, and Staff Writers Natalie Kelley, Danielle Smith, Megan Wolfe, Mary Dyer, Jessica Brown, and Morgan Woody.


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The Flashlight

**Students riot MUSH**

**BY REBKAH ROKA**

*Vice President of the Animal Safety Sanctuary*

Students have started to protest construction for the Mansfield University Space House (MUSH) on T-2.

With the announcement of the MUSH being constructed, students have started to riot over the event. “It’s not fair, parking is already hard enough as it is, now we have to park across campus? I’m not doing it. This is getting ridiculous,” stated sophomore nursing major, Julia Ngure. Parking is set up so that many upper classmen have to park in the A, A-2, A-3, B, C, E, T, and T-2 lots. The E lot is located on the other side of campus far away from the dorms, which is an inconvenience for students. The lots that are designated fill up fast due to limited parking, causing many upper classmen to park up on cardiac hill.

Freshmen are much more upset by the removal of the lot than anyone. “They’re taking away our parking. We can’t park in the T lot and the E lot is across campus. It’s not fair. They really should open another lot up,” said Carl Helrich, a freshman who’s currently an undecided major. Many freshmen have written angry, almost threatening letters, while others have taken to going straight to administration.

With the riots, there have been students who have overheard the news. “It doesn’t really bother me, I mean I’m not a freshman, so I can park wherever. It’s honestly not so bad,” said Morgan Woody, a sophomore biology major.

“This would be wonderful for the science department,” said Britney Atkins, a sophomore biology major with concentration in cell molecular. “This could get us more students in our major and even more recognition. I know a bunch of us are excited about it. The parking problem isn’t much of a concern if it benefits the university.”

When questioned how students feel about the statue of Frank Crofchick, there were mixed responses. “I mean, it could be interesting. He’s a great guy but I’m not sure a statue will be the best,” said Ngure.

“The whole idea of it is awesome. I mean think about it, it’s going to be a 60-foot tall marble statue. I mean who wouldn’t want that,” said Helrich.

Administration is hoping that students will soon start to accept that program as a whole and will not stop rioting. “We need the support of our university and the Mansfield community. Without their support, this program won’t be successful, so we are hoping all will go well and that student’s will soon realize this program will better our school,” said Frank Crofchick.

Want to ruin your resume? Join the Trashlight! Meetings are on Cloudays 46:34 p.m. on Pluto. Please don’t go!

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Mansfield welcomes Dr. Charles E. Patterson

BY AARON COLEMAN
Treasurer

Mansfield University welcomed new President Dr. Charles E. Patterson on Monday, March 18, 2019 that is to be effective starting July 1.

Along with several students and faculty, Dr. Patterson was greeted by former trustee; along with Frank Crofchick, the Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students Life and Leadership; the Interim President; Peter Fackler, the Cross Country Head Coach and Men’s Track & Field Head Coach; Mike Rohl; and the East Stroudsburg (ESU) President Marcia Welsh.

Dr. Patterson has prior experience in education. He was the senior advisor for executive outreach in the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Federal Student Aid since 2017. He previously was interim president of Georgia Southwestern State University and also held the position of Vice President of research and economic development at Georgia Southern University. He began his academic career at Baylor University. Dr. Patterson has knowledge of the financial struggle of college, he was responsible for the development of the FSA outreach and engagement program, which is the largest provider of financial student loans, giving out more $120 billion in student loans.

“I am leaving the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C., to join a community of dedicated faculty and staff that inspire campus-wide excellence in teaching and student achievement,” said Dr Patterson. “I look forward to serving alongside our campus and community leaders, as well as the extended Mountie Nation, as we shape the future of Mansfield University.”

Dr. Sornberger discusses new book

BY MEGAN WOLFE
Staff Writer

Former Mansfield University professor Dr. Judith Sornberger visited the campus on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 to read from her newly published book of poetry, Practicing the World. Dr. Sornberger spoke in Allen Hall about her experiences following her late husband’s cancer diagnosis and passing six months later, and how these events inspired her poetry. The reading was open to both Mansfield University faculty and students, as well as the public. After her reading, she visited the Advanced Poetry Writing class. Her visit was sponsored by the Department of English and World Languages and the Great Conversations Honors Program. Dr. Sornberger taught at Mansfield University for 25 years. During this time, she started the Women’s Studies department, and taught writing courses. Her late husband, Dr. Bruce Barton, also taught at the campus for 22 years.

Dr. Sornberger has published several other books, including Walmart Orchid, Open Heart, and The Accidental Pilgrim. Dr. Barton’s cancer diagnosis and passing were the inspiration behind many of Dr. Sornberger’s poems in Practicing the World and her other works.

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Want to build your resume and have a love for writing? Join the Flashlight! Meetings are on Tuesdays 4:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall Room 120. Hope to see you there!

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

- 03/19/2019 - Cyclone Idai causes devastation in Mozambique
- President Filipe Nyusi announced that possibly over 1,000 have been killed
- The storm made landfall near the port city of Beira on March 14 with winds of up to 106 mph, but aid teams only reached the city on March 17
- Gerald Bourke, from the UN’s World Food Programme, said: “No building is untouched. There is no power. There is no telecommunications. The streets are littered with fallen electricity lines.”
- Most of those known to have died so far were killed around Beira, the country’s fourth largest city with a population of about 500,000, authorities there said
- The U.K. government said it would provide humanitarian aid worth $8 million to Mozambique and Malawi and that it would send tents and thousands of shelter kits to Mozambique
- 03/18/2019 - US detects huge meteor explosion
- A huge fireball exploded in the Earth’s atmosphere in December, according to NASA
- The blast was the second largest of its kind in 30 years, and the biggest since the fireball over Chelyabinsk in Russia six years ago
- Lindley Johnson, planetary defense officer at NASA, told BBC News a fireball this big is only expected about two or three times every 100 years
- Measuring several meters in size, the space rock exploded 25.6km above the Earth’s surface, with an impact energy of 173 kilotons
- “That was 40% the energy release of Chelyabinsk, but it was over the Bering Sea so it didn’t have the same type of effect or show up in the news,” said Kelly Fast, near-Earth objects observations program manager at NASA
- 03/21/2019 - Melting glaciers expose dead bodies on Mount Everest
- Expedition operators are concerned at the number of climbers’ bodies that are becoming exposed on Mount Everest as its glaciers melt
- Nearly 300 mountaineers have died on the peak since the first ascent attempt and two-thirds of bodies are thought still to be buried in the snow and ice
- “Because of global warming, the ice sheet and glaciers are fast melting and the dead bodies that remained buried all these years are now becoming exposed,” said Ang Tshering Sherpa, former president of Nepal Mountaineering Association
- Several studies show that glaciers in the Everest region, as in most parts of the Himalayas, are fast melting and thinning
- “This issue needs to be prioritized by both the government and the mountaineering industry,” said Dambar Parajuli, president of EOAN.
- 03/29/19 - Things that have lasted for less time than the Brexit process (around 1,000 days)
- The Titanic was built in 1909 and the ship launched just 26 months later - that's about 790 days. The Titanic hit an iceberg and sank in 1912
- When Mars and Earth are closest together, it should take around 300 days to fly between them
- Estimates vary, but all the events of the Game of Thrones saga seem to take place over a period of around three or four years (around 1,100 - 1,400 days)
- The average lifespan of a hamster is around three years (around 1,100 days)
- Constructing the Eiffel Tower took around two years (a little more than 700 days), between 1887 and 1889
- 03/28/19 - Cheollima Civil Defense: North Korean “embassy group”
- A group calling itself the Cheollima Civil Defense (CCD) says it was behind a raid on the North Korean embassy in the Spanish capital Madrid last month in which staff were reportedly shackled and beaten
- The organization, a self-styled human rights group, disputes reports that this was a violent attack, saying that “no weapons were used” and embassy staff were “treated with dignity and necessary caution”
- The CCD, which is also known as Free Josen, describes itself as an “organization that helps defectors” and is committed to overthrowing North Korea’s ruling Kim dynasty
- The organization first hit the headlines in 2017, when it claimed to have provided protection for Kim Jong-un’s nephew Kim Han-sol, whose father Kim Jong-nam was assassinated with a nerve agent at an airport in Malaysia
- In a statement released at the beginning of March, the group declared itself the “interim government” of North Korea, vowing to “overthrow” what it described as a “system of oppression” in the country under Kim’s regime

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

- 03/20/19 - Mansfield University Police Department personnel responded to a smoke detector activation in the Sycamore Dorm, where it was determined that the activation was due to the use of a vape device in the room in violation of residence hall regulations, and for which the resident, Zakiahy Jnoubapiste (22), faces a referral to campus judicial authorities. Reported on Mar. 20 at 1:45 a.m. (Campus Rules and Regulation Violation)
- 03/20/19 - Police were dispatched to the rear walkway entrance to Hickory for a male smoking marijuana in front of the dorm entrance. Police located Christopher Harris (19) in Oak dormitory and recovered a small amount of marijuana for personal use as well as a glass pipe. Harris was referred to Campus Judicial, criminal charges will be filed with district court. Reported on Mar. 20 at 5:20 p.m. (Possession of Marijuana/Paraphernalia)
- 03/24/19 - Police received a complaint of an employee making threats to another employee. Police arrived on scene and arrested Will Hicks-Lee in connection to the original call received. Reported on Mar. 24 at 7:01 p.m. (Terroristic Threats/Disorderly Conduct)
Max Buckholtz began playing the violin at the age of three.

“Journey West” perform

BY CARL HELRICH

Secretary

The cultural music group “Journey West” performed a collection of diverse, worldwide music in Steadman Theater on Sunday, March 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

“Journey West” is a band made up of members from Iraq, Iran, Europe, and the U.S. The group performs archetypal music from those regions in a multimedia production, providing information on the history of the music and some of the theory behind it. “Many of the pieces we play don’t use a Western scale system,” Max Buckholtz, the director behind ‘Journey West’ said. “We utilize eighth-step ‘microtones’—which are notes that are found in between the black and white keys on a piano.”

The performance set included “Dulab Hicaz and Solaf” by Iraqi composer Ghanem Hadad, “Jake’s Sirba” by Trivium Klezmer out of Moldavia, and worked westward with a jazz piece called “Stompin’ at Decca” by Django Reinhardt, and with a bluegrass song written by Buckholtz called “Ridin’ on that Train.”

The audience had multiple opportunities to participate in the performance. The exotic rhythms of the music led onlookers in clapping out complex time signatures and invited the crowd to the stage after the performance to hear about stories and technique from the band members.

Buckholtz has brought music all over the world, and will be returning to work with refugees in the Middle East, teaching families about percussion and song. “Getting to see these energetic children celebrate with a concert after working with them...is why I love what I do with music.”

“Journey West” connected with Mansfield University through Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, who performed a Festival Chorus show with Buckholtz in the Fall 2018 semester.

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New book

“What this book is really about is love,” Dr. Sornberger stated as the motivation behind her latest work. Dr. Sornberger also offered advice for people looking for ways to inspire themselves to write. She stated that gaining the inspiration to write is often as simple as making time for it. She stated, “Sometimes that is when the inspiration will show up, when you actually commit to that time at the desk.”

Students go mental

BY MARY DYER

Staff Writer

The Student Activities Office, with the support of the Mansfield University Counseling Center, held a Student Mental Health Fair, ALIVE!, on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

There were four stations set up at the fair. The first station was graffiti art, the next was a fact or fiction station, then the brain station, and lastly, a secret station. The graffiti art was a station where positive quotes could be written on a canvas by students and others who attended the fair. Fact or fiction was a serious of statements in which the attendees were to guess whether the statements were true or false. The brain station was where attendees were able to test their knowledge on mental health disorders. Lastly, the secret station was where attendees could write down a secret to let go of, those secrets were places anonymously in a collection box and then put up for others to see.

A few members of the ALIVE! team ran three of the tables. “We started this event ten years ago, there’s more knowledge on mental health now than there was ten years ago,” said Elena Buttler who is a member of ALIVE! “Thank goodness for college education,” Buttler said.

Raffle tickets were available for a chance to win free prizes; a selection of Bluetooth headphones, Bluetooth party speakers and ALIVE! mental health playing cards.

Free pizza was offered for those who attended the fair with topping choices of cheese steak, meat lovers, veggie, and chicken bacon ranch. The pizzas were from the Pump & Pantry.

“I felt like it was very fun and informational” said Mansfield University student Heather Williams. The mental health fair provided information on mental health and the stations set up were to help get students involved.

The fair was held in the hallway outside of room 307 in Alumni Hall building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., admittance was free. The fair was developed by the founders of 1-800-SUICIDE, the nation’s first suicide prevention network and IMALIVE.org, the world’s first virtual crisis center. Student Activity fees and PA Swat Fund Equity funded the Mental Health Fair.

Mounties escape “The Sewer”

BY AARON BENFER

Flashlight Contributor

Hickory’s Head Resident Assistant Ryan Clifford and Resident Assistant Aaron Benfer opened an Escape Room Monday, March 24, 2019.

The theme is Sewer. The Escape room is made to test escapes’ knowledge and to get them to work as a team to get out before the hour is up.

Oak, Sycamore, and Spruce Residence Life staff have tested their abilities to escape from the tunnels of the sewer with the ‘Forgotten Treasure’, the object of the escape room.

“The room is insane. Obviously a lot of time and dedication went into it,” Resident Assistant Abi Welch, part of the Spruce staff, said. “It forced everyone [to] work as a group to think and communicate. It was a great bonding experience. Each room had specific details and was clearly thought out and planned well. It’s not easy to make. Ryan and Aaron made it look easy and professional while having fun.”

The Spruce staff currently holds the record for the fastest time escaping the room.

Students, faculty and staff can sign up online with groups between 2-8 people. They can sign up at the link at signup.com/go/qeWiaMZ

The room is Hickory Hall 55. Dates for the Escape Room are listed on the website and on flyers posted around campus.

The Escape Room is free. It will be open until the end of April, 2019. “It is my last year at Mansfield University. After years of creating escape rooms on campus, we had to make my last one the best yet,” Clifford said.
President’s Commission looks for members

BY MARY DYER
Staff Writer

The President’s Commission on the Status of Women have member openings for those of management, faculty, athletics, staff, and students. Members can be anyone, whether they identify as a female or as male. To be a member, a person must be able to attend a monthly meeting that occurs on Wednesday’s at 11:30 a.m.

Currently, PCSW’s Chair is Amy DeLozier and the Vice Chair is Dusty Zeyn. The PCSW is also looking to fill the officer positions for vice chair, secretary, and treasurer. PCSW member can fill an officer position if they have been a member of the organization for a year.

“I am very passionate about women’s issues and making sure our voices are heard too. I like to make sure women’s needs are being adequately handled on campus” Zeyn said.

The President’s Commission on the Status of Women’s mission is to advocate on behalf of women and to keep the President advised of women’s issues related to Mansfield University; PCSW has been a part of Mansfield University since 1990. If the PCSW finds an inequity on campus they work to equalize it. For example, PCSW had a hand in sports equality on Mansfield’s campus. PCSW has helped with the placement of feminine products in the public women’s restrooms, too.

There is a conference through PASSHE that PCSW participates in yearly. PCSW typically funds two female undergraduate students who have interest in attending. This year it is the 31st Annual PASSHE Undergraduate Women’s Leadership Institute. The Institute will be held at Mount Asbury Retreat Center from Sunday, June 2, 2019 to Thursday June 6, 2019.

The Undergraduate Women’s Leadership Institute seeks to help women in many ways such as developing and strengthening women’s leadership skills, creativity, respect for dialogue and collaborative skills, and diversity. If any female undergraduate students are interested in this experience, please contact Amy DeLozier (adelozier@mansfield.edu) or Dusty Zeyn (dzeyn@mansfield.edu), they can help provide further information on the conference.

Mansfield University has a webpage on PCSW, on their page they have a few resources for women. For example, any woman that has an academic focus in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, accounting, finance, marketing, business, business operations, computer information systems, computer science, or software development, there is a resource listed as “Women’s Scholarship Guide”. This guide has scholarships that could help pay for your college education.

Phi Alpha holds a barbeque

BY DANIEL MASON
Advisor

The National Social Work Honor Society Phi Alpha fed lunch to about 60 students, staff and faculty Thursday for Mansfield University’s first spring barbecue.

For a dollar, diners got a hotdog or a burger—turkey or beef—with a side of macaroni salad made by Brionna Fassett and a side of Buffalo chicken & cheese dip and chips made by Ashley Dunning. “We are grateful for two veterans in our BSW program, Shadoe Sellars and Larry Anderson, who donated most of the hamburgers and hot dogs,” Dr. Mary Daly, adviser to Phi Alpha, said. Daly also supplied some of the food along with Phi Alpha members Mariah Conrad and Ashlyn Anglin.

The barbeque was part of the society’s celebration of National Professional Social Work Month, 2019.

Dr. Daly, expert on Community Social Work among other things, did most of the onsite cooking. “We raised $110 for the Honor Society to pay for graduation honor cords for members,” Daly said.

Pictured left to right - Larry Anderson, Mariah Conrad. Dr. Mary Daly, Ashlyn Anglin and Tia Archer were among the Phi Alpha members who helped with the barbecue. They talked to diners about majoring in social work and about the role social workers play in society.
Drag queens perform at The Hut

BY REBEKAH ROCHA
Copy Editor

The Queens of Fire and Ice Drag Queens performed at The Hut on Friday, March 22, 2019.

The group included Tequila Daniels, the head of the queens; Chynna Buffet, Tequila’s partner in crime; Ashley Lynn; Aurora Sterling; Trixy V Daniels; Ivanna; Arianna Autumn; and a special guest performance from Natalie.

The show started off with Tequila making jokes with the audience. Zach Chase, an audience member, was invited to the stage to show off his twerking skills. Tequila introduced more of the drag queens to the audience while she joked around with them. After a few minutes, she told the audience that the group was going to finish getting ready and then they would be ready to perform.

The show was split up into two parts. During the first half of the show, the queens were taking turns performing different melodies. The queens each had their own style of music and dance. They would start on stage and then enter the audience where they proceeded to mess with some of the members. They would touch their hair, sit on their laps, climb on them, and more.

Audience members were provided with pizza and soda while the queens got ready for the next half of the show. The second half consisted of the queens then resuming taking turns performing.

Songs included titles such as a “Let It Go from Frozen”, parody performed by Chynna; “A Respect” by Aretha Franklin mix performed by Ashley Lynn; The Pokémon theme song performed by Trixy; “7 Diamonds” by Arianna Grande performed by Natalie; “Just Like a Prayer” by Madonna performed by Tequila; and an Arianna Grande mix performed by Aurora.

During the intermission, a twerking contest took place. Audience members were invited up to the stage to show off their skills for a chance to win a prize. Audience members that participated were Zach Chase, Mia Ward, Shayanah Williams, and Shakayerah Billups. Each participant was given a number and were told to twerk to the music. After a song change, Chase and Ward competed against each other for the twerking champion title. With the audience’s reaction, Tequila could not name a winner. Chase and Ward were both named champions. They won boxes of Ramen as their prize.

Ryan Dalton, the advisor of The Hut was also invited up to the stage. The Hut staff had told the queens that it was his birthday. The queens invited for him to sit on a chair while Tequila, Chynna, and Ashley all danced on and around him. He received a special lap dance and was wished a happy birthday by the queens and the audience. “That was a surprise for me considering my birthday was a couple months ago,” said Dalton after the show.

The Queens of Fire and Ice are a group ladies that travel around entertaining audiences around Pennsylvania. The queens have performed at multiple universities, including Mansfield University. They have been performing at Mansfield for almost nine years. “I’ve been performing for almost 20 years, so probably longer than most of you have been alive,” said Tequila.

All of the queens’ moves are choreographed ahead of time with some improvised moves here and there. It takes the queens almost a half an hour and a half to do their make up to get ready for a show. “It would probably only take us an hour if we didn’t mess around as much as we did,” Tequila said. The queens need to glue their earrings on with superglue so that they don’t fall off during a performance. “They hurt like crazy by the end of the night, there is no changing earrings for us,” said Tequila.

When asked how the group is chosen Tequila said, “I choose who is performing. It’s basically my friends and people I trust. Sometimes people are unreliable, like one of the girl that was supposed to perform tonight, so it’s hard.”

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**Students Perform The Music Man**

**BY DANIELE SMITH**

The Music Man was performed at Mansfield University from February 21, 2019 to February 24, 2019. Eighty-five people attended The Flashlight Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

Eighty-five people attended the show on Saturday, and eighty-three people attended on Sunday.

Lilia Lopez, who portrayed Marian the librarian, said, “Anyone who comes to see the show will love it.” I think this show has a bit of something for everyone, both comedy and romance.

Before the show begins, Lopez said, “I like to drink tea and do some yoga, anything to get me in the zone before the show. We really encourage, and talented people that are a part of this production and it truly shows on stage. It’s something special. Our younger cast members, they even blow us college students away,” Lopez said. “Getting to perform in a production of the first musical I ever saw, but more importantly being surrounded by such kind, encouraging, and talented people every single day- we really challenged each other to bring our A game and do our absolute best,” Lopez said about being in the Music Man production. What was the most difficult part of being in this production? “Bringing [the] production all together, there are so many parts to a show. Lighting, costumes, props, acting, dancing, singing, the pit. It takes time for it to ‘click,’” Lopez said, “but once it does, it’s like magic.” Lopez said her favorite line of the dialogue from the music man was: “It’s a well-known principle that if you keep the flint in one drawer and the steel in the other, you’ll never strike much of a fire.”

Tatiana Valentin portrayed the character Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn, the mayor’s wife. For auditions, Valentin said “They give us a specific bar requirement, and sixteen to thirty-four measures of any song we choose. We rehearse that and sing it at the audition. We also do a ‘cold read’ from the script.” Valentin prepared for the show, she said, “I rehearsed my lines and songs a lot, at least three hours per day and one hour in addition by myself.” Valentin said she doesn’t get nervous before the show begins, “I don’t really get nervous, it’s really weird. Any advice for anyone who would want to audition in upcoming shows? Valentin said, “[When auditioning in upcoming shows] be confident in yourself, remember everyone in unique including yourself.”

“Lilia [Lopez] because she has such a unique personality and a gorgeous voice and her performance skills are amazing,” Valentin said. “[Being in the production] you grow a bigger music family, meeting new people, and forming new connections.” “This role I played was more acting than singing and that was newer, I’m used to more singing roles,” she said.

Skylar Marcen, who was part of the ensemble said, “I felt ecstatic, happy, I was already in The Music Man four years ago. It felt like a flashback. I also felt more prepared.” Seth [Shields will blow the audience away] because he is a freshman, for that big of a role [of Harold Hill] you have to be talented.” What makes a good scene partner? Marcen said what a good scene partner has, “being able to connect, feed off each other’s energy, confidence, and chemistry.” “[The best part of production was] making new friends, even though you may be in the same building you may never meet them otherwise,” Marcen says.

The Hut's advisor Ryan Dalton. The Hut showed the movie Blade Runner at their weekly movie night on Friday March 15, 2018 at 9 p.m. Every week, The Hut hosts movie night on Fridays starting at 9 p.m. Snacks are sometimes provided such as popcorn or candy, as well as drinks like coffee and occasionally soda. “Sometimes [the] staff may even order pizza,” said student worker, Marissa Gaglione, a second-year graphic design major.

Movies are shown on the big screen and are typically “off-beat” titles. “Staff brings DVDs before the movie night starts and we vote. We don’t want to advertise certain titles for copy right reasons, so we don’t even know what movie we’re watching until the night of.” said The Hut’s advisor Ryan Dalton.

On occasion, there may be a theme for the month. For October, horror movies were shown while for December, holiday movies were shown. Staff also are open to suggestions when it comes to titles. “Students run The Hut with me, but it’s for students,” said Dalton. The Hut has shown titles such as: Rocky Horror Picture Show, The Matrix, The Blair Witch Project, and more.

The movies are open and free to the students. “There’s comfy seats, fun environment, it’s like going to the movies with your friends but you have the entire theater to yourself,” said Gaglione. Attendees can play on their phones, talk to their friends, and enjoy the movie without fear of being hushed.

The Hut also has other weekly activities. Most events start at 9 p.m., unless stated otherwise on posters or on their social media sites. On Mondays, they host a game night where students are welcome to play board games, RPG games, table top games, and more. The Hut even sets video game consoles up to play on the big screen. During the fall semester though, there are Monday night football.

Tuesdays The Hut has their trivia night. Students split up into teams and compete to win a PaPa V’s gift card. The advisor searches the internet for random fun facts that students will have to guess the answer to. The questions may be multiple choice, or they may not be.

Wednesdays are open mic night where students are encouraged to sign up and perform on stage in front of their friends. They are welcome to sing, dance, rap, play an instrument, perform poetry, and more.

On Thursday and Saturday, the schedule tends to change. They sometimes have performances or parties, otherwise, they are open for students to hang out and have a good time.

Over the years, The Hut has also seen some famous performers such as Nelly’s Echo, who performed on season three of The Voice; Will Wood and the Tapeworms; The Liana Gabel Band; Eric Mina, who hypnotized the audience with his skills; and The Queens of Fire and Ice Drag Queens.

“They will be hosting Mountie Stock and have also hosted student’s recitals in the past. "We're open six days a week and we are open to booking things with groups around campus. We have run many events,” said Dalton.

**Did You Know?**

The Hut was originally where Manser is today. It was torn to make room for Manser and was rebuilt on the hill. The Hut was originally named Zanzibar but was later changed to The Hut in the fall of 1997.
Decode the Message

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Mounties Softball drops two games against Millersville

BY ALEXANDRA HEIN
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In a doubleheader against the Millersville Marauders (13-12, 0-0 PSAC) on Saturday March 23, the Mounties (6-6, 0-0 PSAC) lost two games.

The Marauders got off to an early start in game one to defeat the Mounties 11-3 in five innings. By the second inning, they scored three runs off two RBI singles and a groundout, but the Mounties responded by tying the game with back-to-back bases loaded walks by Alli McGovern and Joelle Snyder. Cassidy Smith also had an RBI double to contribute, but it was not enough to overtake the Marauders who scored eight additional runs in the win. Senior Ariana Young took the loss allowing nine runs, however only three of which were earned as defense proved to be less than stellar.

“It was a tough loss, but we win and lose as a team. It’s important that we assess our strengths and weaknesses early in the season so we can play well in PSACs” sophomore left fielder Joelle Snyder said. Snyder went three for four in game two with a run scored.

Millersville scored early again in game two with an RBI single from catcher Faith Willenbrock. However, Mansfield was quick to answer with a double in the third inning by senior Leah McGovern that scored freshman Shaelyn Marx. Freshman Alexis Easling hit a two-run homerun over the centerfield fence to give the Mounties an early 3-1 lead.

Things went downhill after that as the Marauders scored six runs in the fifth inning to take an 8-3 lead that would be enough to edge the Mounties.

A sacrifice fly by Anastasia Hester and an RBI single by Deshae Jones allowed them to score a total of six runs in an 8-6 loss. Freshman pitcher Alexis Easling (4-2) took the loss for the Mounties.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

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Editorial: An obsession to inform

BY LASAGNA MINOIA
Editor-in-Pasta

Anytime I get a chance to write about typefaces and journalism, I jump on it.

A typeface is a set of letters, numbers, and punctuation. A serif font has the little “tails,” known as strokes, at the end of each letter, number, and punctuation. A sans-serif font doesn’t have the tails at the end. Serif fonts are typically used on paper, a physical medium, while sans-serif fonts are used in digital media. Using sans-serif fonts are less strain on the viewer’s eye when using digital media. For titles and headlines, san-serif fonts are used in digital media. For titles and headlines, san-serif fonts are typically used. For the body text, serif fonts are utilized.

A strong and consistent look to communicate a message to an audience is important to its “brand.” Mansfield University has a visual identity that can be recognized by the campus body. It uses Helvetica Neue and Adobe Garamond Pro. The university uses the colors North Hall Red, Keystone Gray, and Process Black. With having strong visual identity, Mansfield communicates its message in a professional and appealing way.

The Flashlight does the same with its brand. We use Adobe Garamond Pro, Helvetica Roman, and Proxima Nova (previously Bell Gothic Std). We have the colors Venetian Red, Dark Green (It looks black), and the white of the paper. Black is never pure black; it is a darker shade of a color. Having pure black is harsh to the viewer’s eye. It’s similar to having pure white, like on a computer screen. Your eyes become strained when staring at a screen all day, even if at the moment it didn’t seem to bother you until later.

To balance this out, a dark shade, like green, is used since it’s not as harsh to the eye. Green can be a very dark color, and using that to your advantage helps by creating less eye strain. A gray shade is easier to look at than a dark black.

As a helpful hint, think about what message you are trying to communicate to your audience. Using the right language for your intended audience is crucial for them to understand. For children, you will not necessarily use a word that they won’t understand. Yet, you should find a way to communicate what you want to tell children that is an age appropriate message. As for an adult, you don’t want to insult their intelligence by communicating your message too simply. Also, you don’t want use words that “sound” more intelligent as a way to make yourself feel smarter. This can undermine what message you want communicate since it can make you come off as arrogant. A message isn’t a tool to make a person come off as more intelligent, it’s a way to understand one another.

The Flashlight follows the Associated Press (AP) standard guidelines. It’s how journalists communicate with each other and their readers. The inverted pyramid style is used in AP for journalism. The inverted pyramid is where you inform the reader at the beginning about the most newsworthy information (who?, what?, when?, where?, why?, and how?), then the other important information, and finally the other details that related to the article, but may easily be skipped over. The inverted pyramid keeps the reader engaged enough to learn the most newsworthy information.

Communicating your intended message to the reader is essential for their understanding. Whether it’s a child or an adult, think about your audience and what you want to inform them about. Something as little as serif and sans-serif typefaces can be detrimental for the reader to understand. You want the audience to be able to comprehend what you’re informing them of with using an easy to read font and color choices.

*Please note, all content on this page is fictional and/or satirical.
**Tetherball takes over Mansfield**

**BY “MASON JAR”**

Ruth Hermansen, Associate Director of Student Retention, has been assigned additional responsibilities as the new Mountie Co-ed Tetherball coach.

“Intercollegiate tetherball is the newest sport on college campuses,” Hermansen said. “We will be competing at the 16’ level. Sixteen feet in the European Olympic standard. Most U.S. colleges only compete at the NCAA - 12’ level.

Hermansen started recruiting for her team last fall. “Coach Hermansen saw me playing basketball with some of my friends,” Kashef Spratley said. “She offered me a scholarship to play pivot on the team. I accepted on the spot.”

Spratley never played tetherball in high school, but he picked it up quickly. “He’s got the hand-eye coordination necessary for a great tetherball,” Hermansen said. “I’ve never seen anyone with his finesse on the court.”

Hermansen used Spratley to help recruit the rest of the team. “He was great with the recruits,” Hermansen said. “He talked them through the tryouts and helped them feel at ease.”

Natalie Kelley was the next confirmed member of the team. She was an experienced left-elbow in high school. “The left-elbow never scores any points,” Kelley said, “but we get lots of assists.” Kelley explained that the left-elbow sets up the scoring shots for the pivot while the right-elbow plays defense.

“We got a terrific right-elbow,” Hermansen said. “No one is going to be able to get past Lydia.” Lydia Makos is the third starter for the team. She is also a tetherball novice.

“I was a little nervous at first,” Makos said, “but I have confidence in Coach Hermansen. I’m going to be there for Kashef. No one will score on us if I have anything to say about it. ‘Hands in the air. Feet on the ground.’ That’s what the coach taught me. That’s what I’m going to do.”

“With this new team, I’m expecting we’ll have some new banners on the wall of Decker Gymnasium,” Diane Monkiewicz, Interim Assistant Athletic Director, said. “I watched Coach Hermansen drill her starters. They were on fire.”

Hermansen has nine slots on her team to fill before the season begins in May. “I see lots of talent on campus,” Hermansen said. “I’m looking forward to a great season.”

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