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The ninth annual Showcase of Student Scholarship is an event held on campus on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 in Alumni Hall for students to display the works they have completed throughout the year.

For the works to qualify, they must be original. The Showcase of Student Scholarship is a display of essays, investigative reports, poems, music, and artwork.

This year, there are 91 acts participating in the program with 109 students in total. The program has been gradually getting more and more successful as time goes on. Last year though, there was a similar turn out with 90 submissions and 108 students participating, "We hope to get participation from all departments in the future," said Dr. Kagle, a biology professor and the woman in charge of the Student Showcase.

The Showcase of Student Scholarship was started in 2011 by Roger Johnson. When the showcase started, it was originally called Student Research and Scholarship Day. "I believe he was a dean at the time," said Dr. Kagle. "One of the universities he worked at had a similar thing. Their school would take the day off for the event because so many students would participate, so he started it here. I think he hoped that one day it would become that big of an event at Mansfield as well."

Dr. Kagle was involved with the event in 2011 when it started but only recently got re-involved in the past two years. The planning for the event starts at the beginning of the spring semester. They have to put all of the applications together, begin advertising, and sort through applications. This is all leading up to the due date. "Once we reach the due date, that's when it gets pretty crazy. We have to review the applications, put the program together, and get the showcase ready," Dr. Kagle said. "It's a very hectic month."

The showcase is funded by the provost's office. It doesn't cost much money to host. The money
goes into posters, programs, and refreshments at the event. The showcase is open for students and public to go and see all the participants. “We hope that one day it could be like the one at Dr. Johnson’s old school,” said Dr. Kagle. “Getting that many participants would be great.”

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A dozen MU students performed various vocal and instrumental music recitals over the past two weeks, as the semester comes to a close.

Music recitals are free and open to the public, and take place in Steadman Theater. They exhibit the talents of MU music students from different backgrounds and voice studios.

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, there were three recitals. Juniors John Tobey and Rachel Gardner performed a vocal recital, senior Robbie Flora followed that afternoon, and senior Kyle Cannon finished the long day for Dr. Todd Ranney, who accompanied all four performers, along with pianist Peter Davis.

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, juniors Benjamin Kearns and Sean Andres performed bassoon and percussion recitals, respectively. That evening, senior Cassie Zinkan's performance preceded the joint recital of senior Jacob Foil-Charles and sophomore Jessica Nistad, all accompanied.

The next day, Sunday, the sophomore vocal recital of Michael Deshiel and Tom McCutcheon was followed by senior Quessa Brown.

The recitalists were accompanied by other MU figures, both vocally and instrumentally. Linda Seipler, pianist, accompanied nearly every recital. Other MU students included: saxophonist Benjamin McFarren, percussionist Joseph Turner, bassist Nick Best, violinist Chloe Higgins, guitarist Django Klumpp, trumpet player Daniel Rodriguez, and pianist Derek Young.
Four more student recitals will happen this semester. On April 13, 2019, senior Madeline Hoover's piano recital is at 1 p.m., and senior Kelly Allaire's voice recital is at 4 p.m. On April 15, 2019, Davey McEuen and Joel Poritsky have a guitar recital at 6:30 p.m. On April 22, 2019, Josh Braun and Charles Pykus have a guitar recital at 5 p.m.

music, 2019. april, march

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Four Mansfield University English alumni, Rachel Roupp, Kelly Raleigh, Taylor Donahue, and Alyssa Trostle, visited the campus on April 12, 2019 to give a reading of their work from graduate school.

Roupp, Donahue, and Raleigh all read their original poetry and Trostle read a short creative nonfiction story. The reading took place in the North Hall Reading Room at 2:30 p.m. It was organized by Professional Writing major Logan Henry and Dr. Lynn Pifer.

Roupp, Donahue, and Trostle graduated from Mansfield University in 2017, and Raleigh graduated in 2016. Roupp and Trostle are finishing their MFAs at Chatham University, Raleigh is pursuing her MFA at the University of Baltimore, and Donahue is pursuing her MS in Counseling and College Student Personnel at Shippensburg University.

They discussed how Mansfield University had prepared them for graduate school, and how graduate school has prepared them for their future careers. Roupp said how graduate school had helped her, stating, “I feel more ready to specifically do what I wanted to do.”

In addition to their poetry and nonfiction readings, the alumni offered some advice to current students at Mansfield. Raleigh stated, “Get involved. All of us were involved in something outside of the English major.” “Stay open to critique,” added Trostle.
Megan Wolfe

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The Mansfield Mounties men's baseball team lost in the doubleheader versus Lock Haven on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at Lock Haven University at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Brady Mengel, a junior secondary education major, and Eric Senior, a junior, hit their first home runs of the season. In the first game, the Mounties struggled to overpower Lock Haven with the score ending in 5-0. Josh Kulina, a junior criminal justice major, and Dom Lopez, a junior business administration major, were the only two members of the team to hit throughout the first game. Camren Ney, a senior criminal justice major, had the only other action during the game with two walks.

Things started heating up for Mansfield in the second game. Lock Haven came out with the first runs and hits of the game. Lopez responded with a single down the center at the top of the second inning. Mengel responded at the seventh inning as he slammed his first homerun of the season and recording the first homerun of the season for the team. Mansfield kept going with another homerun from Senior, which was his first homerun of the season as well.

The team came together and had better effort from everyone, although, it was not enough to get them past Lock Haven with an ending score of 4-3. With an overall record of 5-19 and a PSAC record of 2-10.

baseball, April, 2019, sports
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The Mansfield University Department of Biology and the Department of Chemistry and Physics held IDEAS Day on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Grant Science Center.

IDEAS Day is a celebration of science where young students are encouraged to Inquire, Develop, Explore, and Apply Science. Organized by Dr. Gregory Carson, the associate professor of chemistry and physics, the event allowed children grades 1-6 to participate in workshops with Mansfield’s science professors. Student volunteers from the Mansfield University Chemistry Club and the Mansfield University Biology Club worked alongside their professors.

Children in grades 1-3 participated in six workshops, accompanied by their parents. Dr. Elaine Farkas’, the assistant professor of physics, brought physics to the kitchen in her workshop on the physics of food. The children explored the magnetic fields of earth in Dr. Linda Kennedy’s session “Where is North?” Dr. Kristen Long, an assistant professor of biology, held a workshop on bubbles, what they’re made of and how to make them stronger. A series of experiments were conducted on Peeps marshmallow snacks in Dr. Allison Saunders’, an assistant professor of chemistry, workshop. In Dr. Steven Stein’s, an associate professor of biology, “Amazing Plants,” students learned all about plants and received a plant of their own to care for. Dr. Anthony Kiessling, the associate professor of chemistry, stood in for Dr. Robert Maris, the department chairperson of biology, who is currently away due to health complications, for a workshop on fossils.

The students in grades 4-6 were able to enjoy 5 sessions on slightly more complex concepts in science, where parent participation was optional. Dr. Steven Hensley, an associate
professor of biology, held a workshop about the science of blood types. Students were able to extract their own DNA in Dr. Jeanne Kagle’s, a biology professor, “DNA in 3 Easy Steps.” Dr. Lee Stocks’, a geoscience associate professor, workshop explored the science of rivers. Siamese fighting fish, or Betta fish, were put to the test in Dr. Leslie Clifford’s, the honors program director of biology, exploration of the aggressive patterns of Bettas. The students were turned into junior detectives in Mr. Mark Thompson’s, an instructor of chemistry and physics, workshop about fingerprints and how they are used to solve crime.

A special workshop for 6 graders on LEGO Robotics was held by Dr. Gregory Carson. Students were able to let their imagination roam to create and program their own LEGO robots.

The event had several sponsors including The Mansfield Foundation, FirstEnergy Foundation, the PA Space Grant Consortium, and Corning Incorporated.

biology, chemistry, physics, April, 2019

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Six members of Mansfield’s Fishes and Aquaculture Club competed at the 2019 Pennsylvania Collegiate Fly Fishing Championship held at Spring Creek in Bellefonte, PA on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

There were 28 college anglers from across the whole state present to represent their schools and compete for the championship. The temperature for Saturday was around sixty degrees with plenty of insects hatching for the fish to eat.

The event was sponsored by several prestigious fly-fishing companies, including Syndicate, Cortland, Cheeky, local TCO Fly Shop, and many others. All of this was put together by Mansfield’s own Dan Collins. When asked after the event about how he thought the event went he said, “the competition went very well, everyone had fun, learned something, and the fish cooperated.”

Each angler had two set stretches of the stream to fish and they had two hours at each spot to catch as many fish as possible. When they were not fishing, they were “controlling” their opponents which is counting, identifying, and measuring the fish that were caught. The competition is won by the total amount of fish caught, but the lengths of the fish were recorded in case of a tie.

Mansfield took the gold once again in the team category. The team consisted of Dan Collins, Tyler Olrogg, Andrew Wilson, and Ryan Shaw. “I had both my best and worst day of fishing, setting personal records in the morning, and then breaking my rod in the afternoon. Our team fished really well though and got the win. Dan put on a great event and everyone had a great time,” said Shaw.

For the individual scoring of the competition, Ethan Daviau of York College of Pennsylvania took home the gold, Collins took silver, and Olrogg took bronze. As for the rest of the Mansfield
anglers, Ryan Shaw took fourth place, Andrew Wilson took sixth, and Natalie Reeser took eighteenth. There was also a challenge to see who could collect the most litter along the stream to get everyone to help clean up Spring Creek.

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- 03/30/19 - Mansfield University Police Department received a report for a fight in progress in Lower Manser. Isha Willis (19) and Sharima Rowland-Williams (20) struck the victim several times in the head/neck area. Willis and Rowland-Williams were arrested and transported to the Tioga County Jail. Both were charged with appropriate offenses and judicially referred.

*Reported on Mar. 25 at 10:30 a.m. (Simple Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Harassment)*

- 04/02/19 - Police were dispatched to Oak room 236 for the odor of burnt marijuana. Upon making contact, the individuals in the room were identified as Shamir Carroll and William Pope. Neither are students of the University, but were visiting William's brother Imir Pope. Both Shamir and William admitted to smoking marijuana earlier that morning but not in the room. There were multiple empty water bottles on the desk to the left of the room and in the bathroom containing ashes of a burnt substance. The smoke detector was covered with a grocery bag and coat hanger. Both Saville Pope and Imir Pope were not present in the room at the time of incident, but this is their residence and guests they had on campus grounds, so they were both charged with offenses.

*Reported on Mar. 13 at 5:56 p.m. (ACT 64)*

- 04/02/19 - Police responded to Sycamore 336 for an odor of marijuana. Gabrielle Cuppett (20) and Thomas McCutcheon (19) were found in the room and admitted to smoking marijuana in the room. Both parties are being judicially referred.

*Reported on Apr. 1 at 10:19 p.m. (Drug Law)*
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Apr 17  Mounties play the Dolphins

The Mansfield Mounties baseball team lost to the Le Moyne Dolphins on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

The Le Moyne Dolphins started off the game and took the lead when senior Camillo Spinoso hit a homerun to right field. Andrew Taft furthered Le Moyne's lead when he too hit a home run toward left center field.

The first inning ended with freshmen Jake Haas, an earth, space, and science education major, being the only Mountie to make it to the bases. The team was unable to get him home, causing Mansfield to have made no runs in which made the team down by two.

In the second inning, David DiNorcia, a senior at Le Moyne, hit a homerun to right center field and Justin Tuey made it home bringing the Dolphins' score up to four by the end of the second inning.

Sophomore Brian O'Mara, hit a homerun to left center in the fourth inning. Michael Smith hit a double allowing Taft and Nick Nevins to score bringing the score to 7-0.

Josh Kulina, a junior criminal justice major, hit a single, starting off the fourth inning for the Mounties. Mansfield finally scored when junior Dom Lopez, a junior business administration major, hit to second, which caused him to get out, but caused a chain of events. Eric Senior advanced to second. Brady Mengel, a junior secondary education major, advanced to third and Kulina was able to score for the Mounties. A similar chain happened when Hass hit a single allowing Mengel to score for the team. Both events brought the score to 7-2.
The Dolphins lost their streak in the fourth inning. The Mounties picked up when junior Tyler Guidos hit a single allowing freshman Koty Fitzgerald the chance to make it home, giving Mansfield another point.

Le Moyne took over the lead again in the sixth inning when Taft hit a homerun and Spinoso scored. They continued their lead through the seventh inning with Tuey and O'Mara scoring, bringing their lead up to 11-3.

With the game almost over, the Mounties kept up the fight. Kulina was able to make it home when Guidos hit a double. In the final moments of the game, Mengel hit to center allowing Colin Treaster, a junior business administration major, to score. The Mounties ended up losing the game 11-5.
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In a doubleheader at Clarion University, the Mountaineers scored a total of 33 runs in two games to defeat the Golden Eagles in five innings. The Mounties are now 11-9 on the season and 5-3 in the PSAC, putting them in a three-way tie for first place in the central division with Bloomsburg and Pitt-Johnstown.

Junior graphic designer shortstop, Deshae Jones, started the action for Mansfield in game one after driving in a run with a hit to left field, and sister Devin Jones continued the rally with a run batted in (RBI) single that put them ahead early. Senior second baseman Leah McGovern, a junior accounting major, made it 3-0 with another RBI single, and sophomore right fielder Lacey O’Donnell, a freshman social work major, broke it open with a bases-loaded triple to plate three more runs. Sophomore left fielder Joelle Snyder, studying biology, added the last of the runs in the first inning with an RBI double to centerfield that put the Mounties ahead 7-0.

Four more runs were scored in the second inning with L. McGovern’s RBI and Dev. Jones scoring on a wild pitch, but O’Donnell scored two more runs after clearing the bases again on an RBI double, putting the Mounties up 11-0. Criminal justice junior first baseman, Cassidy Smith, added to the domination by hitting a sacrifice fly that scored a run and an RBI by Snyder that allowed the Mounties to win 15-4 in five innings. Ariana Young, a senior biology major, earned the win with three strikeouts, improving her record to four wins.

Freshman right fielder O’Donnell went an incredible 7-8 at the plate on the day with nine RBI’s. “It feels amazing to see how damage this team can do when we are playing to our full potential. We dominated today and I hope we can continue this for the rest of the season” said O’Donnell.

The Golden Eagles and the Mounties both got runners on in the first inning in game two. Junior catcher Hannah Breitigan started the momentum for Mansfield after hitting a single and later scoring on an error. Des. Jones also drove in a run to put the Mounties ahead 2-0. Sophomore mass communication major, second baseman Alex Hein added another run after a sacrifice fly in the top of
the third. It was not until the top of the fourth inning that the Mounties broke it open, with Dev. Jones and freshman biology major, pitcher Shaelyn Marx driving in runs with bases-loaded walks and a two-RBI single up the middle by Hein. Snyder continued the momentum with an RBI single, and O’Donnell plated the last of the runs of the 10-run inning with a two-RBI single.

The fifth inning proved to be just as dominating for Mansfield with Dev. Jones and Breitigan scoring on a wild pitch, another RBI single from Hein and Des. Jones, freshman biology major, catcher Abbey Woodard, hit her first collegiate home run to score two more runs and put the Mounties at an 18-2 lead. The Golden Eagles rallied to score three runs in the bottom of the inning, but it wasn’t enough as they were run-ruled in five innings. Alexis Easling, freshman biology major, improved to 6-4 on the season with three strikeouts, and Junior pitcher Connor Decker closed out the inning to finish the game.

O’Donnell went 4-4 at the plate with three RBI’s and two runs scored in game two, Hein was 3-3 with four RBI’s and three runs scored, and Woodard hit 2-4 at the dish with two RBI’s and two runs scored.
- 04/09/2019 - Hong Kong 'Umbrella' protesters found guilty of public nuisance

- Nine pro-democracy activists in Hong Kong have been found guilty of public nuisance charges for their role in a civil disobedience movement that called for free elections in the city

- Among them are three prominent activists, the so-called "Occupy trio" - sociology professor Chan Kin-man, 60, law professor Benny Tai, 54, and Baptist minister Chu Yiu-ming, 75

- "No matter what happens today...we will persist on and do not give up," Tai told reporters ahead of the verdict

- At the trial Judge Johnny Chan rejected the idea that this would have a substantial impact on society—"It cannot be reasonably argued that a charge of conspiracy to cause public nuisance would generate a chilling effect in society," he wrote in his ruling

- The protests started in reaction to a decision made by China that it would allow direct elections in 2017, but only from a list of candidates pre-approved by Beijing

- The protests became known as the "Umbrella Movement" after people used umbrellas to shield themselves from pepper spray fired by police to disperse the crowd
- 04/11/2019 - India election 2019: Voting kicks off in world's largest election

- Tens of millions of Indians have voted on the first day of a general election that is being seen as a referendum on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- Indians in 20 states and union territories cast their ballots in 91 constituencies - with 900 million eligible voters across the country, this is the largest election ever seen.

- Hundreds of voters began to queue up outside polling centers early Thursday morning for the first of seven days of voting over six weeks. Their concerns ranged from jobs and unemployment to India's role in the world and national security.

- Violence also flared in several places. Two people died in separate clashes at polling stations in southern Andhra Pradesh state.

- 04/11/2019 - Katie Bouman: The woman behind the first black hole image

- A 29-year-old computer scientist has earned plaudits worldwide for helping develop the algorithm that created the first-ever image of a black hole.

- The remarkable photo, showing a halo of dust and gas 500 million trillion km from Earth, was released on April 10.

- Dr. Bouman was assisted by a team from her graduate school, Michigan Institute of Technology (MIT)'s Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and the MIT Haystack Observatory.

- In the hours after the photo's momentous release, Dr. Bouman became an international sensation, with her name trending on Twitter.

- "No one of us could've done it alone," she told CNN. "It came together because of lots of different people from many different backgrounds."
- **04/12/2019 - Nipsey Hussle memorial: One person killed at procession**

- Shots were fired as the crowd walked through Los Angeles in commemoration of the 33-year-old artist, who was killed in LA last month, killing one and injuring three.

- Thousands of fans came out to celebrate the life of the Grammy-nominated musician, with Barack Obama among the people who wrote letters in tribute.

- The suspects fired from a gray Hyundai as the four victims paid tribute to the musician, according to police.

- Jay Z, who Nipsey worked with through his Roc Nation label, attended the memorial service at the Staples Center along with Beyoncé, Snoop Dogg, Meek Mill and Diddy to pay respects.

- Police said, however, there was no indication the April 11 shooting was connected to the procession.

- **04/09/2019 - Sudan protest: police order officers not to intervene**

- Sudan's police have ordered officers not to intervene against thousands of protesters who have demonstrated outside the army HQ in the capital, Khartoum, since April 5.

- The protesters demand the resignation of President Omar al-Bashir.

- Heavy gunfire was heard outside the HQ and there were reports soldiers protecting protesters had shot at government security agents.

- Previous attempts to break up the crowds have led to reports of soldiers intervening to protect protesters from National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) agents.

- The country’s interior minister said on Monday that seven protesters had been killed and 15 injured, while 42 members of the security forces had been injured. He added that almost 2,500 people had been arrested.

- A protester told the BBC not everyone in the army supported the protest movement; the highest ranks tended to support the government, while lower ranks backed the protesters.
- 04/12/2019 - Ebola outbreak 'not global emergency yet'

- The World Health Organization says the spread of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is not yet a global health emergency.

- The Ebola outbreak is the second biggest in history - infecting 1,206 people and killing 764 victims.

- It shows no sign of being contained soon, and efforts by healthcare workers have been hampered by conflict and rebel attacks.

- Prof. Robert Steffen, chairman of the World Health Organization (WHO)'s emergency committee on Ebola, said declaring an emergency would not change anything on the ground.

- The World Health Organization said it had received only half the money it needed to tackle the disease, though it said that the risk of the virus spreading globally is very low.

- The outbreak started in August 2018 and is still contained within two provinces in DRC - North Kivu and Ituri.

- The WHO has warned a "rising number of security incidents" has been making it hard to monitor the spread of the virus, vaccinate people and contact anyone who has been in contact with an Ebola patient.

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Mansfield Athletics introduced John Shaffer as the new Mansfield University Women’s Soccer head coach at a press conference.

Shaffer was the interim Women’s Soccer coach during the 2018 season. During the Press Conference held at Decker Gymnasium on March 27, 2019 he was introduced as the permanent head coach for Mansfield’s Women’s Soccer team.

Starting in 2010, Shaffer coached the boys’ soccer team at Wellsboro High. While Shaffer was coaching the Hornets, he had the opportunity to enhance the team which led them to a District IV Championship. They had an appearance in the Elite 8 of the PIAA State Tournament of 2017. While holding the interim coach position for the Mansfield Women’s Soccer Team in 2018, he led the ladies to their first program win since 2016.

Shaffer attended Kutztown University where he earned a Bachelor’s of Education in 2007. He also earned a Master’s of Education in 2011 from Edinboro University. Shaffer holds certificates from the NSCAA/United Soccer Coaches and has earned a U.S. Soccer E License.
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