

MOUNT UNION

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in brief



More, More and More

More housing provides more independence for more students

As the University of Mount Union welcomed the Class of 2015 to campus in August, it also witnessed the return of an eager group of juniors and seniors who were ready and excited to move into the newly-constructed apartment housing village on Union Avenue.

Over the years, there has been a high demand from today's students for more independent living options on campus, and Mount Union answered the call by building its third apartment-style housing village. Construction began this past fall on a trio of three-story complexes located in the 1400 block of South Union Avenue at the southwest corner of Overlook Drive.

These new residences are certainly making an impact on our students' experiences, and they are part of a comprehensive five-year plan to address undergraduate and graduate housing needs. The ultimate objective of this plan is to have 80% of our undergraduates living in university-owned housing by 2015. In fact, Mount Union accomplished this goal three years early as the number of students living in on-campus housing increased from 75% last year to 80% this year.

"We are no longer an institution where our seniors move off campus in mass, but rather stay and provide leadership to our

on-campus community," said Dr. Richard F. Giese, president of Mount Union.

The apartment complex speaks to Mount Union's commitment to sustainability as it has been designed in accordance with silver LEED standards. The complex includes high efficiency HVAC systems; fluorescent lighting fixtures; low-flow showers and toilets; carpeting made from recycled materials; low volatile organic compound (VOC) adhesives; paint with low VOC content; locally manufactured building products including brick, wood and stone materials; triple pane windows; and bike racks.

Highlights of the apartment-style complex include:

- Three 30,000-square-foot buildings containing 16 townhouses each
- Capacity to house a total of 188 students and one resident director
- Three-story units, with the exception of a handful of two-story units that are handicap accessible
- Parking for 214 vehicles
- A large, open green space for student recreation including patio seating and grills
- Extensive landscaping

Each three-story townhouse contains:

- A living room
- A full kitchen
- Two and a half baths
- Four bedrooms
- A laundry facility

Handicap-accessible units include a living room, full kitchen, one full bedroom, a full bath and a laundry facility on the first floor and three bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor.

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Events You Won't Want to Miss

September 22, Mount Union

Club of Cleveland Alumni Gathering

5:30 p.m., Winking Lizard Tavern, Lakewood

Reservation Deadline: September 16

September 24, M Club Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony

Noon, Fred J. Haupt President's House

Reservation Deadline: September 16

October 8, Alumni Weekend and

Homecoming 2011 – "Forever Mount"

October 11, Myrtie Allen Kershaw

Lectureship on Poetry and the Fine Arts

Jim Clark

10:30 a.m., Presser Recital Hall

October 21, Mount Union

Club of Columbus Alumni Gathering

5:30 p.m., Brio Tuscan Grille, Easton

Reservation Deadline: October 14

October 27, Schooler Lecture

Khaled Hosseini

8 p.m., Gymnasium of the McPherson Academic and Athletic Complex (The MAAC)

November 3, John and Eleanor Mincks Wolf

Lecture in Music Education and English

Dr. Cindy Taggart

7:30 p.m., Presser Recital Hall

November 17

Thelma Tournay Slater Classics Lecture

Dr. Niall Slater

10:30 a.m., Presser Recital Hall

From the President

The fall semester is upon us, and with it came the arrival of nearly 700 new students eager to begin what can only be considered an exceptional journey. Sandy and I had the pleasure to meet many of these new freshmen recently at a welcome picnic at our home. They are a bright and energetic bunch full of potential and promise, and they are already beginning to make Mount Union their "home away from home." Our campus environment is certainly intellectually challenging as well as welcoming and comfortable. It is our priority to help our students learn, grow and develop into responsible adults who will not just make an impact in their future career fields, but in the world as a whole. I am confident that the Class of 2015 is up to the challenge.



They are a unique group of students who are coming of age during a unique time in our history – an era that has been dominated by unprecedented technological innovation and the globalization of our society. According to *The Mindset List* published annually by Beloit College, which looks at the cultural milestones that shape the lives of students entering college, today's freshmen have never known a world without the Internet, Amazon.com, free music downloads or electric cars. These students cannot recall a time when there were not at least two women on the Supreme Court or a state failed to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The list also indicates that, during their lifetimes, "there has never been an official communist party in Russia," "Japan has always imported rice" and "American tax forms have always been available in Spanish."

It's difficult to imagine how differently they view the world than generations past, yet they understand and whole-heartedly embrace our society as it is today because, quite simply, it's the only thing they have ever known. Authors William Strauss and Neill Howe, who penned *Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation*, have researched and wrote extensively on generational attributes. Based on their analysis, Millennials, the name by which this generation is known, are destined to make a great impact on our world.

And, I couldn't agree more. Although students today are often criticized for their dedication to video games, Facebook and texting, their penchant for teamwork, community service and tolerance is often overlooked. I have high expectations of the Millennial generation and, specifically, the University of Mount Union's Class of 2015. They represent 13 countries, 20 states and 53 Ohio counties, and they join our returning students for a total enrollment of 2,250. Each and every day, these students make an impact on our campus and community. I can't wait to see the difference that they will someday make in our world.

Richard J. Giese

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PA Program is on the Move

Program takes off in its first two years



The University of Mount Union's Physician Assistant Studies Program is truly on the move. Students in the inaugural class have officially graduated and recently took the national tests required of professionals in the field. The students of the second cohort have received their white coats, and the third cohort just began its classroom studies.

The inaugural class was also honored at a celebration at the InterContinental Cleveland in August. The 19 students and their families as well as physician assistant studies faculty members from Mount Union were in attendance to reflect on and commemorate their successful completion of 27 months of coursework and clinicals. These students have already experienced much success as virtually all of them have secured jobs.

"I'm very proud to stand here today and call each and every one of you my colleagues," said Sharon Luke, program director of Mount Union's Physician Assistant Studies Program, associate professor and chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies, during the graduation celebration.

According to Luke, students recently took the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam, a computer-based, multiple-choice

test comprising questions that assess basic medical and surgical knowledge. Students must pass the test in order to become certified physician assistants. This class also recently ranked 19th out of 106 schools on the National Physician Assistant Clinical Knowledge Rating and Assessment Tool exam, which measures students' knowledge and competency in the field.

The second cohort of students celebrated its own achievement in July when more than 200 people joined at the second annual White Coat Ceremony. This event commemorates the students' transition from classroom learning to the clinical phase of their graduate education.

In other PA-related news, the program's Student Society was recognized with the Outstanding Novice Student Society Award in June from the American Academy of Physician Assistants' Student Academy. Students also placed first in the Challenge Bowl during the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants' second annual conference in February.

For more information on Mount Union's Physician Assistant Studies Program, visit www.mountunion.edu/pa.

Mount Union's Second Graduate Program

Master of Arts in Educational Leadership

The University of Mount Union's second graduate program – a master of arts in educational leadership (MAEL) – is off to a great start. More than 50 interested individuals attended an open house and preview in August featuring a seminar led by world-renowned educational expert, Dr. Lyn Sharratt. The program, which will begin in the fall of 2012, also has been officially approved by the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.

The MAEL program is a two-year, cohort-based initiative that will be offered primarily online. Students in the program will take two online courses during the fall and spring semesters for two consecutive years. This format will allow for educators to complete their graduate degrees in a more timely fashion because of a class schedule that works well around their teaching professions. This unique program of combined online and on-campus learning will offer the convenience necessary for today's young teaching professionals and the personal attention that has long been a hallmark of the Mount Union experience.

Course study will focus on the concept of turn-around leadership and utilize texts authored by leading experts in the field. A weeklong on-campus summer residency semester will also be held following each year of online coursework, resulting in two summer semesters per cohort. These semesters will be geared for students to discuss current issues and initiatives in education while engaging on a more personal level with renowned experts in the field. With guidance from the faculty, each student also will engage in a year-long internship experience designed to align with his or her current work setting.

For more information, contact Dr. Thomas Gannon at gannontw@mountunion.edu or visit www.mountunion.edu/mael.

"Forever Mount"

Alumni Weekend and Homecoming 2011 Slated for October 8



Alumni Weekend and Homecoming 2011 is right around the corner as it is slated for Saturday, October 8. From reminiscing in the Hoover-Price Campus Center with old friends and catching up with classmates on the Quad to taking a campus tour and spending the afternoon with family around the Campus Lakes, Alumni Weekend and Homecoming's environment and schedule offers alumni an array of events and entertainment options, allowing them to make their own Mount Union fun.

Alumni Weekend and Homecoming will provide alumni with the opportunity to:

- Hang out with classmates at favorite spots on campus or in the Alliance community
- Eat, drink and socialize with friends (both old and new)
- Cheer on the Purple Raiders during the first-ever Raider Pep Rally
- Give their resume a face lift and finally apply for that dream job
- Lay back, relax and laugh in Rodman Playhouse during the comedy *Bus Stop*
- Smile with classmates for class reunion photos (Need a new Facebook profile picture? This could be it!)
- Spend time at some favorite local establishments – The "Hood," Chives (formerly the Bier Haus) and Don Panchos

Alumni can register online by visiting alumni.mountunion.edu.

For a complete story on this year's service award winners, see the back cover of this issue.

Schedule

For more information, visit alumni.mountunion.edu.

Friday, October 7

6 p.m.

ΔΔΔ Reunion Dinner

ΔΣΤ House (former ΔΔΔ House)

The dinner is \$25 per person. For more information or to register, contact Leigh Mainwaring at Mainleigh@gmail.com

Saturday, October 8

8 – 9:30 a.m.

Meditation and Memorial

Dewald Chapel

The Dewald Chapel will be open for alumni to remember those lost over the past year.

8 a.m.

28th Annual Run-A-MUC

Please note that this year there is a new start time. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. in the Timken Physical Education Building. The Kids' Race will immediately follow.

9 a.m. – Noon

Alumni Career Transitions Workshop

Hoover-Price Campus Center

This workshop provides alumni with an opportunity to re-tool their resumes, job search strategies and approach for the rigors of making a career or job change. To register, contact the Office of Career Development at (330) 823-2889.

9:30 a.m.

Alumni Brunch

Tent in King Hall parking lot

This year's Alumni Brunch will feature service award winners, milestone reunions (1s and 6s), legacy families, the 1951 and 1970 baseball teams and Mount Union Women. All alumni and guests are invited. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 2-9). Pre-registration is requested. Walk-ups will be accepted if space is available. Game day attire is appropriate. RSVP online at alumni.mountunion.edu or call (330) 823-2030.

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9:30 a.m.

ΑΔΠ Silent Auction

West Room, Hoover-Price Campus Center
Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Ronald McDonald House. For more information, contact Hillary Markel at markelhs@mountunion.edu.

of Events

11:30 a.m.

Reunion Class Group Photos

Outside of the King Hall tent after the Alumni Brunch

Noon

Alumni Swim Meet

Timken Physical Education Building
To register, contact Coach Eric Mojock at (330) 823-4666 or mojoykea@mountunion.edu.

12:15 p.m.

Parade

King Hall parking lot

NEW THIS YEAR! Raider Pep Rally

Join the Raider Pep Rally prior to the football game. There will be Raider giveaways, music and more!

1:30 p.m.

University of Mount Union vs. Marietta College Football Game

Mount Union Stadium
To purchase game tickets, contact the Office of Athletics at (330) 823-4880.

1:30 p.m.

Self-led Tours of Campus

Alumni should stop by the King Hall tent for detailed campus information to assist them on their tour.

2 p.m.

Nature Walk at Brumbaugh Nature Center

Enjoy a guided tour and beautiful fall foliage.

3 p.m.

Post-Game Reunion Gatherings

Graduates of the 1940s and 1950s
Campus Grounds, Hoover-Price Campus Center

Graduates of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s
Chives Grill, 2355 S. Union Ave.
(formerly the Bier Haus)

Graduates of the 1990s and 2000s
The "Hood," 848 W. State St.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Alumni can stop by the tent to sign the "I'm at this location" board so their friends can find them.

3 – 5 p.m.

Sport Business Management Program 25th Reunion

Lobby, McPherson Academic and Athletic

Complex (The MAAC)

Alumni of the Sport Business Management Program are invited to reunite and take a tour of the new state-of-the-art academic and wellness facility.

3 – 5 p.m.

Greek Open Houses

There will also be a Sigma Nu reception honoring Jim Williams '01.

8 p.m.

Bus Stop

Rodman Playhouse
The Department of Theatre will present the comedy *Bus Stop* by William Inge. For tickets, call, (330) 821-2565.

Sunday, October 9

10 a.m.

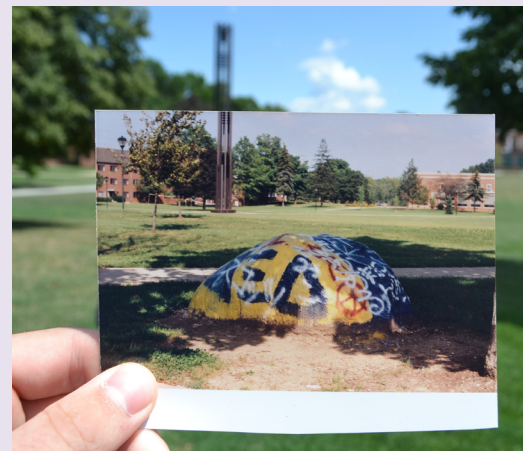
Class of 1976 Breakfast

Hoover-Price Campus Center
This event is being organized by class members.

1 p.m.

Alumni Baseball Game and Cookout

23rd Street Field
To register for the game, contact Coach Paul Hesse at (330) 823-4878 or hessepr@mountunion.edu.



To view more "Forever Mount" photographs, visit Mount Union's alumni Facebook page.

Alumni Weekend and Homecoming 2011

Registration Form

Please return this form with remittance (if applicable) to the Office of Alumni Relations and University Activities, University of Mount Union, 1972 Clark Ave., Alliance, OH 44601. Please make checks payable to University of Mount Union.

Name _____ Grad Year _____

Spouse/Guest _____ Grad Year (if from Mount) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Alumni Brunch

Adults/children over 10 (\$10) _____

Children 10 and younger (\$5) _____

Total enclosed _____

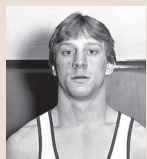
Class Reunion

Number in party (free of charge) _____

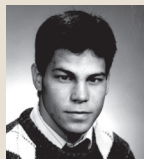
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M Club Hall of Fame

Induction ceremony scheduled for September 24



Mike Sessor



John Topoly



Heather Wayt

Mount Union's M Club Hall of Fame will induct its 2011 class on Saturday, September 24. The inductees will be recognized in a ceremony at noon at the Fred J. Haupt President's House and during halftime of the Mount Union vs. Wilmington College game, which will kick off at 7 p.m.

Members of this year's induction class include Mike Sessor '86 (wrestling), John Topoly '93 (wrestling) and Heather (O'Shea '95) Wayt (track).

Sessor claimed three straight OAC wrestling titles from 1984-86 and was an All-American with an eighth place finish at the 1985 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships.

Topoly is a two-time OAC wrestling champion. He was also a two-time All-American with fifth place finishes in the 1990 and 1991 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships.

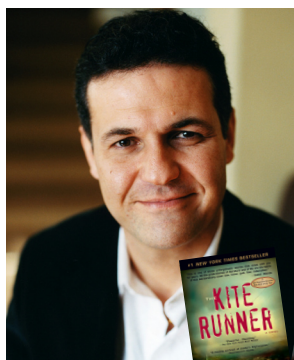
Wayt won 17 OAC track and field titles and was a two-time OAC Most Outstanding Indoor Athlete and an OAC Outstanding Outdoor Athlete. A six-time All-American, she was a two-time NCAA Champion in the 800 meters and part of the 1995 national champion 4x400 meter relay team. An Academic All-American, she was awarded the OAC's Clyde Lamb Award.

Tickets for the ceremony are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children and are available by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations and University Activities at alumni@mountunion.edu or (330) 823-2030. For game tickets, contact the Office of Athletics at (330) 823-4880.

Mark Your Calendars

Schooler Lecture

Author Khaled Hosseini will present the Schooler Lecture on Thursday, October 27 at 8 p.m. in the McPherson Academic and Athletic Complex. Hosseini, a native of Afghanistan, is the author of two *New York Times* best sellers – *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.



Complimentary tickets are available and can be obtained by completing a ticket form at www.mountunion.edu/the-schooler-lecture or by leaving a message on the Schooler Lecture ticket line at (330) 829-6120.

The Kite Runner has spent more than five years on *The New York Times* bestseller list, with more than six million copies printed in the United States. It has been published in 42 different languages, and was the 2007 LS 100 summer reading assignment for incoming freshman at Mount Union. *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, which has been published in 40 countries, was this year's LS 100 summer reading assignment for incoming freshmen.

For more information about the Schooler Lecture, visit www.mountunion.edu/the-schooler-lecture.

Upcoming Alumni Events

AVI Cooking Classes

AVI Food Systems Inc., Mount Union's food service provider, is offering a new cooking series on the second Friday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. on campus. The cost is \$25 per class.

The classes and their respective culinary dishes are as follows:

- October 14 – Getting Started with Sushi
- November 11 – Holiday Desserts Made Easy
- February 10 – Fresh and Fabulous Pasta
- March 9 – Bread for Beginners
- April 13 – Pizza Pies



Fresh

To register, contact Danielle Bair at dbair@avifoodsystems.com or (330) 823-3148.

Education on the Run

The 15th Annual Education on the Run will be held February 20-22, 2012 at The Inn at Honey Run in the heart of Amish Country in Holmes County, OH. This three-day event provides Mount Union alumni and friends an opportunity to enjoy an array of educational presentations. Presenters and costs will be announced soon, so those interested should check Purple Raiders Central (alumni.mountunion.edu) for updates. The seminar fee includes two nights of lodging, two dinners, two breakfasts, a concluding luncheon, breaks, program expenses and all gratuities.

For further information on these and other alumni events, visit Purple Raiders Central at alumni.mountunion.edu.



The Mount Union Stadium received a face lift this summer as a new state-of-the-art artificial turf was recently installed.

Purple Raider Fall Sports Preview

Football

An experienced roster returns for the Mount Union football team as 49 letter-winners and 18 starters look to continue a run of 19 consecutive Ohio Athletic Conference Championships (1992-2010) while contending for a record 11th NCAA Division III National Championship. In addition, head coach Larry Kehres returns for his 26th year on the sidelines as one of only 11 coaches in college football history to win over 300 career games as his career record stands at 303-22-3.

Volleyball

Over the past few years, the Mount Union volleyball team has set a record for wins in a season and made the NCAA Volleyball Tournament. The team also has been in the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament semifinals for seven straight years. They hope this year they can add OAC championships to that list. Leigh Ann Swartz enters her sixth season as head coach with another veteran group and hopes to build on past successes.

Women's Soccer

A new field in Mount Union Stadium and a new coach signal a new era for the Purple Raider women's soccer program. After spending the last two years as an assistant coach, Kelley Clark moves up to the head coach spot and will have five starters back to help her begin the process of moving the Raiders up the Ohio Athletic Conference standings.

Men's Soccer

The Mount Union men's soccer team looks to build off the momentum of making the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament for the first time since 2003 as nine starters return in 2011. Head coach John Witkowski returns for his fifth year with the Purple Raiders with a more experienced team trying to better its 10-6-3 record from a year ago.

Men's and Women's Cross Country

For the first time in three decades, someone new will lead the men's cross country program as Kevin Lucas, the women's coach for the past two years, takes over for longtime coach John Homon. Lucas inherits a men's team that is coming off its Ohio Athletic Conference record 25th conference championship in 2010 but must replace its top three runners in 2011.

Upcoming Fall Sports Events

Football

September 24	Wilmington* (M Club Hall of Fame) at Ohio Northern*
October 1	
October 8	Marietta*
October 15	at Heidelberg*

For a complete schedule, visit athletics.mountunion.edu/sports/fball.

Volleyball

September 23	Bridgewater
September 23	at Penn State-Behrend
September 24	at Defiance
September 24	Wilmington*

For a complete schedule, visit athletics.mountunion.edu/sports/vvball.

Women's Soccer

September 24	at Wilmington*
September 29	at Grove City
October 1	Ohio Northern*
October 5	at Kenyon

For a complete schedule, visit athletics.mountunion.edu/sports/wsoc.

Men's Soccer

September 24	at Wilmington*
October 1	Ohio Northern*
October 8	at Marietta*
September 29	at John Carroll*

For a complete schedule, visit athletics.mountunion.edu/sports/msoc.

Cross Country

September 30	All-Ohio Championships (Cedarville, OH)
October 15	Regional Rumble at Oberlin
October 29	OAC Championships at Ohio Northern
November 12	NCAA Great Lakes Regional at Oberlin

For a complete schedule, visit athletics.mountunion.edu/sports/mxc or athletics.mountunion.edu/sports/wxc.

Home games in bold

*Denotes OAC Conference Game



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Service Award Winners Announced

Three individuals to be recognized at Alumni Brunch

During Alumni Weekend and Homecoming, Mount Union will honor the 2011 service award winners.

This year's recipient of the Dodie Davis Alumni Service Award is Sandra Giese, a former elementary school principal in the Alliance City School system. A Mount Union graduate who also earned graduate degrees from both Kent State University and the University of Akron, she serves as vice president of the Alliance YMCA Board of Directors, a member of the boards of Rodman Library and The Alliance for Children and Family, a committee member of the adult career training assistance program and a member of Alliance's One Book One Community group. On campus, she is a member of the

Sustainability Management Advisory Council and Campus Master Planning Task Force.

Dr. Charles McClaugherty, the Dr. John D. Brumbaugh Chair of Ecology and Environmental Science, professor of biology and director of the Brumbaugh Center for Environmental Science, will receive the McKinley Service Award. He earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell University, master's degree from the University of Virginia and doctoral degree from the University of Wisconsin. He has been the recipient of the President's Award from the Environmental Education Council of Ohio, Alliance's Citizen of the Year Award and the University's Great Teacher Award. He also serves as chair of Mount Union's Sustainability Management



Sandra
Giese



Dr. Charles
McClaugherty



Dr. Mandy
Capel

Advisory Committee and a member of the Alliance Mayor's Green Task Force.

The Young Alumni Award will be presented to Dr. Mandy (Geddis '98) Capel, assistant professor of education at Mount Union. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Mount Union, a master of education degree from Marygrove College and a doctorate degree from Kent State University. On campus, she has served as a member of the General Education Task Force and Divisional Task Force. She was also instrumental in the development of Mount Union's master of arts in educational leadership.