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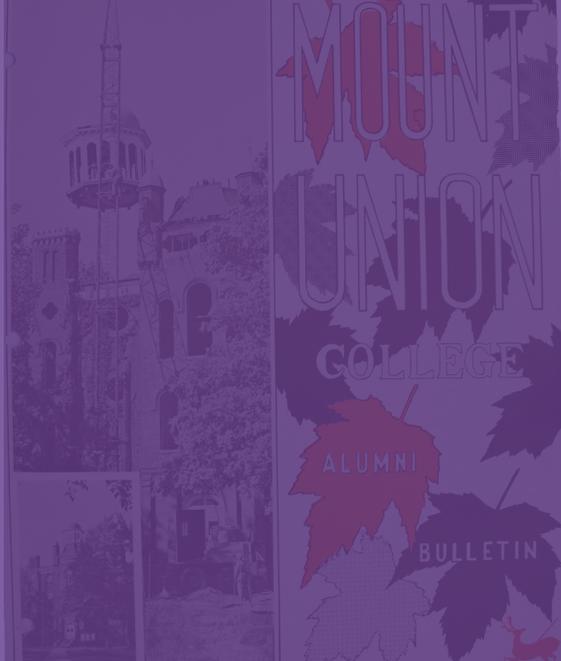
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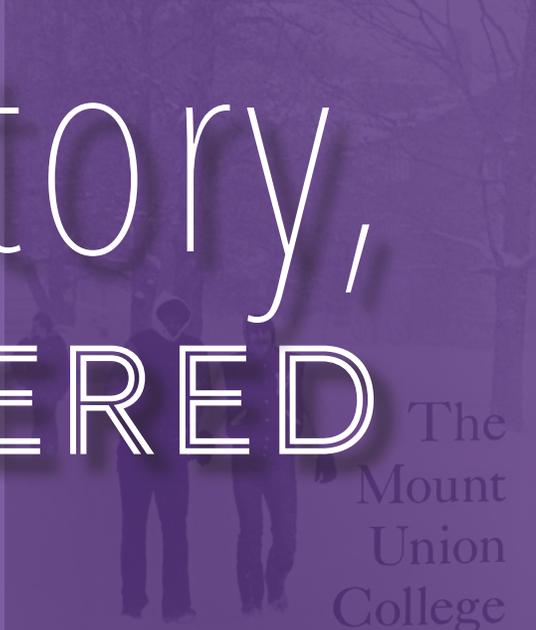


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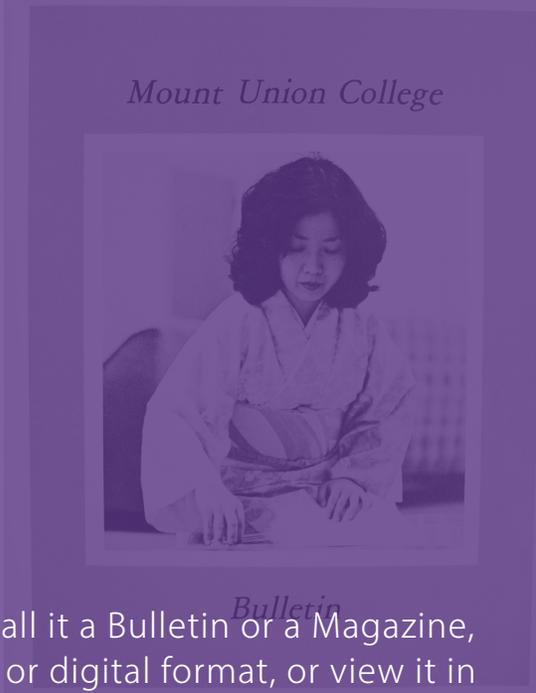


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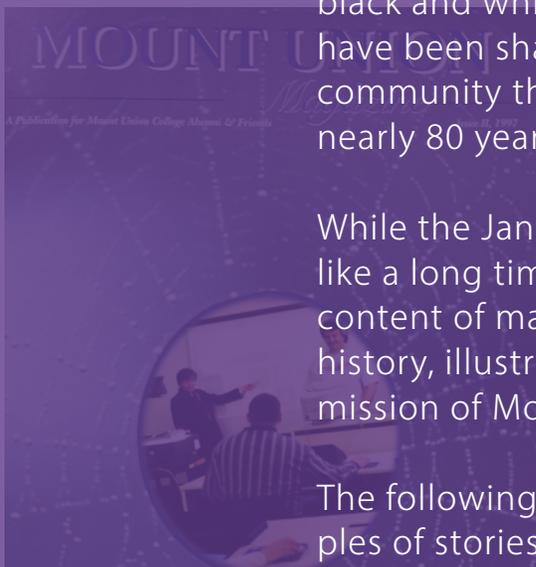
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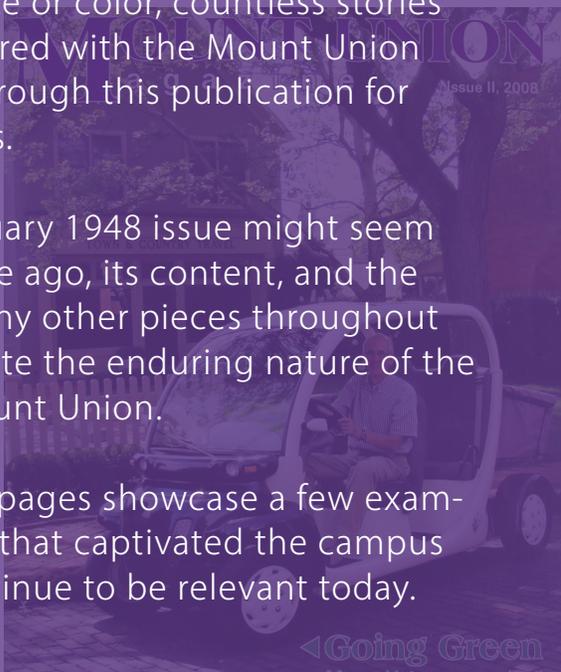
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Whether you call it a Bulletin or a Magazine, read it in print or digital format, or view it in black and white or color, countless stories have been shared with the Mount Union community through this publication for nearly 80 years.



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March 1959

Music has a rich history at Mount Union, and the March 1959 issue introduced readers to the department that began in 1868. Led by Cecil "Pop" Stewart for more than 25 years, the cover-featured Concert Choir has been a staple on campus for much of Mount Union's history.

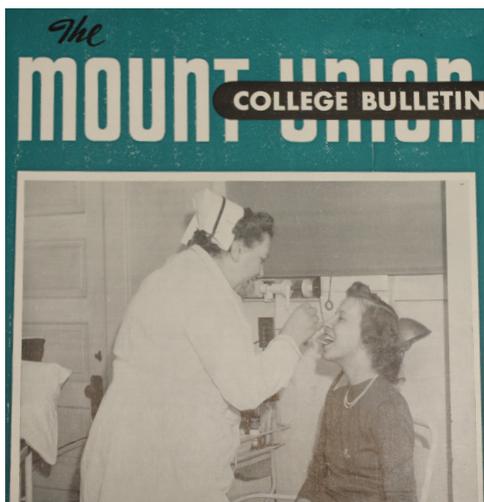
Stewart is also responsible for the idea of the choir tour, which began in 1966 as a 48-day international tour that found Purple Raider vocalists traveling through Asia, Europe, Alaska, and various locations in between. Thanks to the generosity of the Rachel Boyce Lang Foundation, the Rachel Boyce Lang International Choir Tour was founded in 2006, and the next trip will take place in May 2023 to France, Belgium, and the Netherlands, pending travel protocols.

The instrumental ensembles also continue to thrive on campus. While only offering few performing opportunities in 1959, instrumentalists have more than 20 different groups with which they can perform based on their instrument of choice. From small group ensembles to orchestras, students have several ways they can express their musicality.

January 1948

Former President Dr. Charles B. Ketcham discussed the importance of having health services available to students and how these services were new, but few had known much about them. Today, the Health Center is located inside Alliance Community Hospital's professional office building and offers an array of services that provide student medical care. What's more, the University also has robust counseling services that offers sessions, consultations, and workshops to assist in improving the mental health of the campus community.

Though not existing yet in 1948, the allied health programs at Mount Union offer ways for students to get hands-on experience in the community. In the spring, students from the physician assistant studies and nursing programs assisted in COVID-19 surveillance testing on campus, and administered vaccinations to elderly populations in the Alliance area.



"Being a part of the athletic COVID testing was an eye-opening experience. Having the opportunity to learn about what goes into the testing process and being able to be a part of it was truly rewarding."

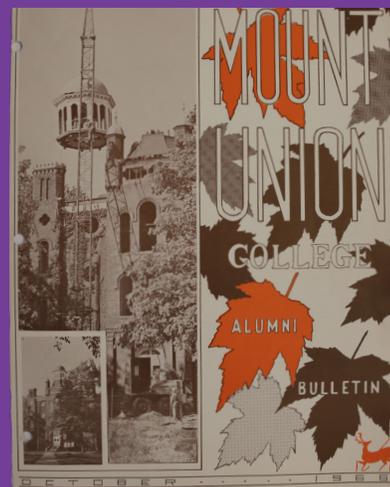
- **Iyat Alkhalaf M'22**
PA Student

October 1966

Mount Union's Physical Plant is often exploring ways to provide students with cutting-edge facilities while maintaining the incredible campus — one of those ways being the Chapman Hall renovations of 1966. In the more than five decades since the "bell was quieted," campus has continued to balance necessary modernization with symbols of Mount Union's historical presence.

One of the most recent additions that is on schedule to be completed in January 2022 is Oak Hall, which will support programs in business and engineering. This more than 6,000 square-foot addition will feature a brand-new business classroom suite, a state-of-the-art engineering design studio-fabrication lab, and a space for collaboration.

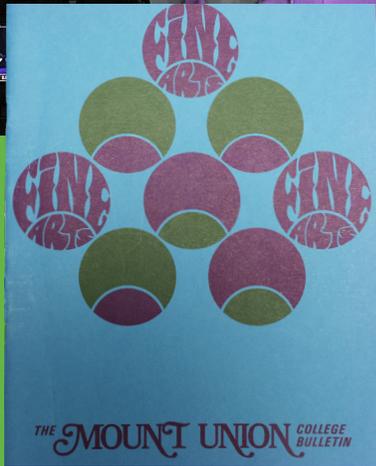
Launching around the same time, The Melvin J. Snode Golf Center will feature virtual driving ranges and other leading technology for members of the golf teams and campus community to improve their games.





January 1973

While the music program had its own time to shine 14 years prior, the entire fine arts offering at Mount Union was painted in broad strokes in January 1973 as an independent art studies program was established on campus.



Today the art program has grown to feature concentrations in studio art, graphic design, and art education. In addition, the Department of Visual Arts and Media's integrated media major, along with its co-curricular offering, Raider Student Media allows students hands-on opportunities to create multimedia pieces for publication in the campus newspaper, radio station, and online video channel.

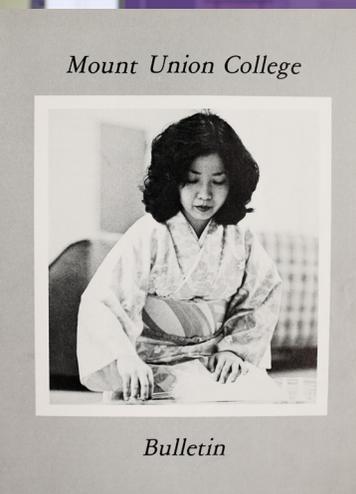
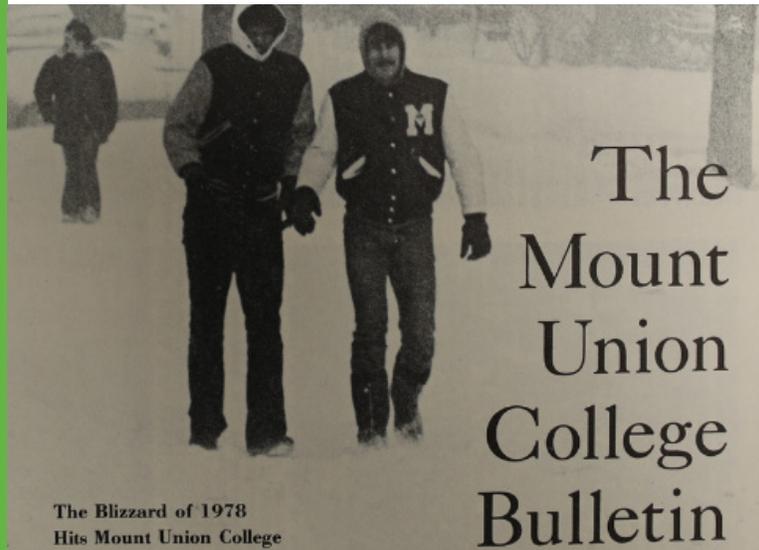
"The new Department of Visual Arts and Media allows us to build on our foundational courses to create interesting partnerships between the art and media majors," said Dr. Adelina Cooper, chair of the Department of Visual Arts and Media. "We're always thinking about ways we can use graphic design, motion graphics, and media production to augment the type of content our students produce."

February 1978

It was noted as "the worst blizzard in the 131-year history of Mount Union" by the Bulletin staff. It caused \$100 million worth of damage across Ohio. The first floor of the Alpha Tau Omega house even caught fire after attempting to use the fireplace after being without heat or electricity for 31 hours. All told, "The Storm of the Century" in 1978 contributed to the snowiest January on record, with 37.5 inches of snow recorded at the Akron-Canton Airport for just that month alone.

"I remember it very well; we continued to trek through! The only ones I remember not having class were the student teachers who had three weeks off – they were loving life! Back then, the goal was to just stay warm and help each other, and I do not remember much complaining."

- Missy (Schumacher '79) Ruggles



March 1982

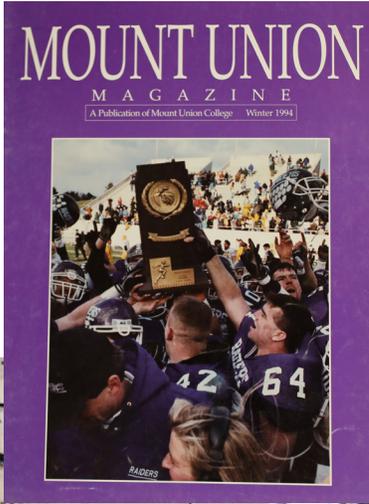
Nearly 40 years ago, Mount Union observed "Japan Today," a week-long event held in conjunction with International Festival Week. The campus community was treated to various activities, art presentations, and lectures, including a visit from Dr. Ezra Vogel, the director of the Harvard East Asian Studies Center.

Today, Mount Union's commitment to international studies continues to grow. The University offers majors in French, German, Japanese, and Spanish, and 60 international students call Mount Union their home this year. Students can also travel abroad as part of their curriculum, and the Center for Global Education provides students the opportunity to study in 30 countries across six different continents.

Winter 1994

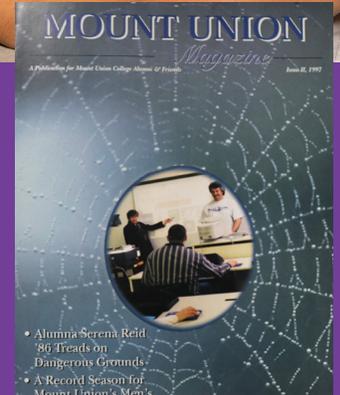
The timing could not have been more perfect for a dynasty to begin. On the 100th anniversary of the institution's first collegiate football game, Mount Union's perfect 1993 season was capped off with its first national championship in football. Winning the national title an incredible 12 more times following that victory, ESPN named Mount Union the 16th best college football program of all time in 2019.

While the football team has gained significant notoriety for its success, Mount Union's entire athletic program has grown and thrived as time has passed – including national champions in men's track and field and men's cross country, as well as individual national champions in wrestling. Featuring 72 regular season Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championships and 175 OAC Tournament championships across 20 different teams, the foundation for future Purple Raiders is strong.

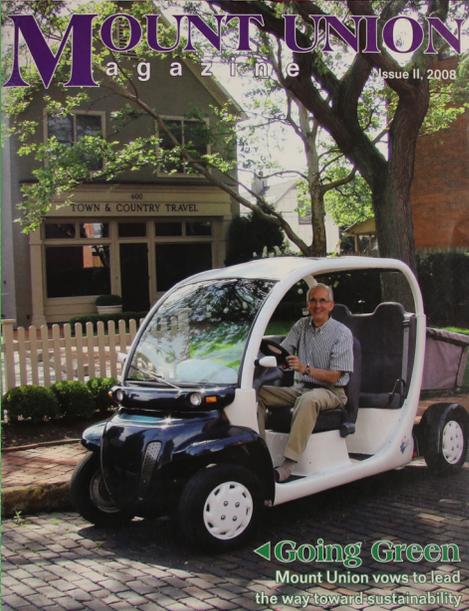


Issue II, 1997

At an inflection point in the growth of technology, Mount Union became early adopters of "the Web" thanks in large part to Dr. Jim Klayder, professor emeritus of computer science. The cover story from Issue II of 1997 states, "Mount Union went officially 'on-line' in October of 1994 under the address www.muc.edu." It is safe to say we have come a long way in 27 short years.



Prior to the pandemic, though most certainly amplified by it, Mount Union had continued its efforts to be at the forefront of using technology in teaching. Through hybrid learning models, fully-online degrees, and an interactive online virtual tour available to anyone in the world, Mount Union has ensured these efforts grow and develop with the advanced utilization of technology.



Issue II, 2008

In this 2008 magazine feature, Mount Union renewed its commitment to sustainability, highlighting the many ways in which the Mount Union community leads by example in sustainability efforts. From paperless system upgrades and recycling efforts, to efficient energy initiatives and the establishment of a sustainability task force, these initiatives laid the groundwork for a renewed pledge toward sustainability, which continues to this day.

More recent activities/projects include tripling involvement in the student Sustainability Assistant (Green Raider) program, establishing a Green Revolving Fund, developing a Campus Sustainability Tour, installing electric car charging stations on campus (in collaboration with the City of Alliance), and launching a minor in sustainability. These initiatives and countless others highlight Mount Union's continuing work to create a financially sound institution that is both socially and environmentally responsible.

◀ Going Green
Mount Union vows to lead
the way towards sustainability