Move-in Day is just around the corner
Allen Machielson, Associate Dean of Student Development

The summer is filled with BBQs, ballgames, fireworks and, of course, multiple trips to several favorite stores to get all the essential back-to-school items. With the 2009-2010 academic year approaching quickly, many parents are wondering how to get so much accomplished in a short amount of time. Being anxious about Move-in Day is a common reaction for parents and students alike, however, there is no need to fear. Here are some quick and easy tips to make the process a little easier for all involved.

- Watch your mailbox. Letters will be going out over the next two weeks with hall and roommate(s) assignments.
- Mark your calendar. Residence halls will be open for all new students to move in Sunday, Aug. 30, 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

**On Move-in Day:**

- **Follow the directions of those helping to move traffic.** Many students will be moving at the same time. Keeping with the flow of traffic helps everyone to get unloaded in a timely manner.
- **Move your car from the loading area.** After your vehicle is unloaded, please move it to a parking lot. By this time, students should have checked in at the desk of the residence hall and know where his/her room is.
- **Move in your belongings.** Students should have talked with roommates prior to Move-In Day and made final decisions about who should bring which items, but be prepared to bring home duplicate or unneeded items.
- **Take a break!** Get a bite to eat at the College Union before the welcoming session. After that, it will be time to say your goodbyes and allow your student to begin another year of learning and growing.

Hall directors will be available to answer any questions. They keep in close communication with student orientation leaders, as well as maintenance and safety personnel, so that they can make Move-in Day as smooth as possible.

Find more new student information on the residential life web pages. Contact the Office of Residential Life at 260-982-5089 or e-mail ajmachielson@manchester.edu.
Good luck! We look forward to seeing you in a few short weeks!

Join the club! Activities Fair signs up members
Shannon Green, Director of Student Activities

Being a member of a student organization is not just a lot of fun, but it can be an important factor in a student's success – as part of the college experience and beyond. Extracurricular activities help students learn and grow beyond the walls of the classroom and provide hands-on training in leadership, teamwork, and time management skills. Joining a campus organization also provides outlets for creativity and stress relief and an opportunity to make friends for life.

This year's annual Student Activities Fair is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Upper College Union. Manchester College club and organization members will be available to answer questions about groups, activities, level of involvement and signing up as a new member.

Manchester College offers more than 60 clubs and organizations – from academic clubs, such as Mock Trial team and Psychological Society to service organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity and Indiana Reading Corps – along with extensive intramural sports offerings. For a complete listing please visit www.manchester.edu/osd/activity.

Contact the Office of Student Activities at 260-982-5029 or e-mail slgreen@manchester.edu.

Success Center offers academic support workshops
Bonnie O'Connell, Director of Academic Support

Manchester College offers a variety of free academic support services. Academic success workshops will be
offered at the beginning of the fall semester. Students are encouraged to stop in the Success Center (2nd floor of the Union) to sign up for these workshops.

Academic success workshops provide valuable college study strategies to help students improve their note taking skills, reading comprehension, and exam preparation. All students are encouraged to participate.

**Week of September 14: Time Management**
- Using a planner
- Managing time
- Avoiding procrastination

**Week of September 21: Listening and Note Taking**
- Being an active listener
- Listening for key information and cues
- Organizing notes
- Utilizing mind maps and study guides
- Creating effective flash cards

**Week of September 28: Study Skills**
- Reading and studying college textbooks
- Understanding and remembering information

**Week of October 5: Test Taking**
- Reducing anxiety
- Test preparation
- Memory techniques
- Succeeding on college exams

The critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in college are emphasized during each of the workshops. Contact Academic Support Services for more information. Call 260-982-5076 or e-mail bsoconnell@manchester.edu.

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Questions? Feedback? E-mail familyconnections@manchester.edu.

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