

Sibs Weekend Aims to Entertain Teens

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Manchester College junior Rachel Brown and her 16-year-old sister Miranda are no strangers to the college's annual Lil Sibs Weekend, and both were pleased when the weekend veered from its traditional course this year by specifying its activities to the 13- to 18-year-old set, an action which was received positively by students and siblings alike.

"There were less siblings on campus than in past years since this time it was primarily for teens," Rachel Brown said. "It used to be that this particular age group wasn't as active because many of the events were oriented towards younger kids; this year they were targeted to the teens, so there was more participation from them this year." Miranda Brown agreed: "It was better this time because there weren't as many younger people here. The activities were more fun because they were more age-appropriate."

This year's events spanned over Friday and Saturday, and included ice cream sundaes, an "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" scavenger hunt, a show-



PUTT-PUTT THE NIGHT AWAY Students watch as a sibling plays the glow-in-the-dark putt-putt course held in the upper Union as part of the Sibs weekend festivities. In addition to putt-putt, there were lazer tag, air brush tattoos and a variety of other activities to entertain MC's younger siblings.

Photo by Derek Wells

ing of the film "The Other Guys," and on Saturday, spin art Frisbees, airbrush tattoos, Rockband, a Wii tournament, personalized

street signs, bowling, a "How Well Do You Know Your Sib?" game show, laser tag, rollerskating, glow-in-the-dark putt-putt, and

magician Mike Super. Super – who is the newest winner of the television show "Phenomenon" – seemed to be the

highlight of the weekend's events, earning the crowd's approval with his talent as well as his sense of humor as he jokingly stated at the

beginning of the show that the term "magician" is in fact "politically incorrect and those in his field prefer to be called "Ta-Da Americans."

Super's act included levitation, card and other sleight-of-hand tricks, a signature voodoo-related illusion, and ended with the magician creating a snowfall onstage as a traditional end-of-show memorial for his mother.

All in all, from the ice cream sundaes to a rising star of an illusionist on campus, the weekend was received with a positive attitude by those involved. "The activities were a lot of fun and all the sibs seemed to enjoy them," Rachel Brown said. "I definitely think it was a success. I really enjoyed spending time with my little sister. We had a lot of fun participating in the activities that MAC put on; they did a really great job."

Miranda Brown once again agreed: "I liked hanging out with my sister and her friends and their little sibs. We had a game night and played ninja, horse ball and board games all night long."

HP Fanatics Prepare for Premiere of Seventh Film



AS GOOD AS THE GOLDEN SNITCH Sophomore Shelby Covington and Junior Nathan Gage hold up their "HP Meets MC" tee shirts they received after purchasing their tickets to see the seventh Harry Potter film on Friday, November 19, at midnight with RHA. Many students will travel in their own groups to theaters across the area to view the film either at the midnight premiere or the following weekend.

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Harry Potter took the world by storm in 1997 when author J. K. Rowling first wrote the story of the wizarding world. Since the first release of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," society has fallen under Harry's spell, gobbling up seven books and six multi-million dollar movies including the highly anticipated seventh movie, "Harry Potter and

the Deathly Hallows," which will be released on Nov. 19. MC Harry Potter fanatics have shown much excitement toward the event already. In particular, the Residence Hall Association has been very enthusiastic, selling HP meets MC shirts, hosting a HP skit competition and even offering a midnight excursion including transportation for students to see the premiere.

RHA rented 43

seats at the Rave Theatre in Jefferson Point so students would have the opportunity to attend the movie and avoid the hassle of finding available seats. Tickets are only \$15 and the bus will be departing from campus Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6:00 pm. The trip will include a Harry Potter rap contest, costume competition, charades and trivia questions.

"I can't wait for the movie night," says sophomore Tracie Doi. "I have

read all the books three or four times and even have the book cover of the seventh book displayed on my dorm wall as art."

Other students have been prepping for the release as well. Sophomore Katie Helm has the books on tape, and listens to them at night before bed. However, she adds that students shouldn't study up on every aspect of the books before they view the movie. "I'm not rereading the books be-

fore because I would compare every minute detail [of the books to the movies]," Helm said. "It's not fair to count them off for every tiny change in plot."

Helm's roommate, sophomore Amber Resor, hasn't seen the movies but is beginning to fall under the Harry Potter spell as well. "I am going to this one but I regret not ever seeing the other movies," she says. "I feel like I need to catch up with modern society, well pop culture at least."

Many students are attracted to the series because they offer an escape from daily college life. "I wish we had rotating stairs in the dorms at Manchester," says sophomore Taylor Daggett.

First year Kyle Davis agrees that students need a better form of trans-

portation at school. "I think we should be able to approximate to class when it starts snowing," he says.

Other students cite the actors as their motive for going to the premiere. "My favorite character from the movies is Cedric Digory, due to his devilish good looks," says Jasmine Espino-Muniz. However, in actual character points, she enjoys the twins Fred and George.

No matter what the reason for hype and excitement, the Harry Potter series is going to be a touchstone for children born in the 1980s and 1990s. "We grew up with Harry Potter and we are the same age as most of the characters," Helm said. "This last film is the end of an era."

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George Amaya

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Around Campus



DeNeve, Klimpert Display Artwork on Campus



ART AND MEDIA Link Art Gallery has a new look courtesy of senior Alison DeNeve. Alumna Karen J. Klimpert also has her artwork on display in Gallery G in the Upper Unon.

Photo by Erin Cole

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Upon entering the glass doors to Winger Hall, one notices not a bland corridor surrounding an auditorium but instead a hall filled with several artistic relics ranging from woven textiles and nude sketches to ceramic sculptures and outdoor photography. This variety of aesthetics is the work of Alison DeNeve, a senior at Manchester pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art.

The beginning of the show features one of DeNeve's favorite pieces: a green and cream colored weaving entitled "Organic Rhythm." Like much of her work, this piece was inspired by nature. "I prefer the slight irregularities and colors found in the environment," she said.

DeNeve incorporates these aspects into her artwork along with a tactile, textual quality. Sometimes she adds this texture into her pieces subconsciously, but it tends to be something she is satisfied with because she is "magnetically drawn" to touch the texture of existing objects.

"When I look at the piece," said DeNeve. "I get the urge to reach out and touch it, which for me is a mark of success because it means I have achieved that tactile qual-

ity I am so drawn to." These aspects of nature and texture can be seen throughout the exhibit among an assortment of media.

For DeNeve, art has always been present, but it was not until her college career that she realized how important the role art plays in her life. She recounts the finger paintings and coloring books done as a child, mentioning that these activities were mostly just fun ways to pass the time although they were also the most enjoyable.

Now she sees art as something she cannot live without. "I would simply get bored without it," said DeNeve.

Worries flee her mind whenever she focuses her attention to the creation of a piece. Although she is not entirely sure where her future lies, DeNeve recognizes the significance of art in her life, hoping to eventually survive solely as a studio artist.

Another art gallery on campus has recently been revamped as well. The fanciful yet representational work of alumni Karen J. Klimpert decorates the Link Gallery in the Upper Union with splashes of color.

Klimpert has a knack for viewing the typical color of a certain object but actually seeing a color quite different and incorporating those rare shades into her

pieces. For example, the typical color used to paint a tree trunk might be grey, but she notices shades of pink and blue and emphasizes their exuberance among her artwork. "Art is a way of seeing which most of us don't develop unless we, like children, are taken by the hand and shown by a teacher, friend, or luckily, by a father," Klimpert said.

Much of Klimpert's experience and inspiration resulted from witnessing "the most amazing studio" of her father. She observed his ability to create any form of art that he wanted, and she longed to do the same.

"Looking at one of his paintings was like looking into a secret place that changed with every glance," Klimpert said. "I hope to take viewers to a special place, just as my father took me. I want to take them deep into my world and have them explore places they wouldn't see anywhere else."

Both galleries offer free admission. The nature-inspired artwork of DeNeve can be viewed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily when classes or campus events are in session. Klimpert's vibrant exhibit is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 3 p.m. when classes are in session.

First Generation Student 'Realizing the Dream'

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Kaylee Hawley is strikingly confident in her own skin. Having participated in theater and music most of her life, she is used to performing and is quite comfortable being in front of people. However, ask her about her recently awarded grant and she will speak only humbly and modestly of her success.

A sophomore at Manchester, Hawley is the first in her family to attend college. Because of this, her determination and her academic success, she has been awarded the state's prestigious "Realizing the Dream" Grant. The Winchester, Ind. native has big dreams that she made up her mind to fight for when she was 13 years old.

She was working at an A&W restaurant at age 13 when she started looking to her future. "I decided that's not what I wanted to do for the rest of my life," Hawley says. She

determined that she ultimately wants to be a civil or family lawyer, eventually gaining enough experience to become a judge in family court. "I always had a knack for arguing, so I decided to go into law," she explains. These dreams would not be possible without her resolve to attend college.

To reward this decision and her efforts, Hawley has been awarded the "Realizing the Dream" grant, a monetary grant given to a first-generation college sophomore of a private Indiana college or university. The student must also have graduated from an Indiana high school and exhibit community and academic leadership, as well as an impressive GPA.

Hawley attended Winchester Community High School in Winchester, Indiana, where she participated diligently in choir. Music has, in fact, always been an important part of her life, she says. Now a Spanish and history major at MC, Hawley also contin-

ues to study music. "I just couldn't give up participating in all of it," she says. She is the choral librarian for the music department, a co-section leader for the A Capella choir sopranos and sings with the chamber singers. She hopes to keep music as a hobby through law school.

In addition to her musical involvement at MC, Hawley participates in Mock Trial and will be studying abroad in Quito, Ecuador next school year. Through her decision to attend college, she has been given numerous opportunities that she would not have experienced otherwise.

Her unwavering hope of becoming a lawyer keeps her focused on her future goal. In fact, she missed the grant award banquet on Nov. 6 to attend a Mock Trial tournament in Illinois. When speaking of this, though, Hawley is less concerned about missing out on being recognized than she is about the dinner. "I would almost



DREAMING BIG Sophomore Kaylee Hawley was recently awarded Indiana's "Realizing the Dream" grant for first-generation college students. A double-major in Spanish and history, Hawley hopes to become a lawyer.

Photo by Erin Cole

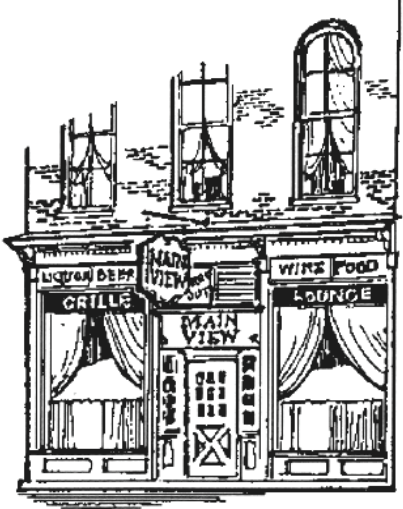
rather go [to the banquet] and eat a lot of food," she says jokingly, laughing.

Thirty-six college students receive this grant every year in Indiana colleges. In addition to the monetary grant awarded to the students, each student is

given \$1,000 to donate to a high school teacher of his or her choosing. Hawley donated her portion to her high school's choir department.

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pastor, Walt Wiltschek, said the weekend will be full of "worship, recreation, and some fun."

Among those leading the worship will be Angie Lahman Yoder. She is a licensed minister as Minister of Worship at Circle of Peace Church of the Brethren in Peoria, AZ, and is also a Manchester alumna. Her worship will take place on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. David Sollenberger, who is also an alumnus, will be in charge of the worship on Saturday night.

Following Sollenberger's worship, the band Mutual Kumquat, which was formed at Manchester College, will perform. They have recently recorded two new albums and their concert is open to the entire campus to attend in Wampler Auditorium.

The weekend kicks off Saturday morning with registration followed by a welcome session. After that Angie Lahman Yoder will lead the worship. The group will then attend lunch in the Union. At 1:30 pm, they will break out into groups with campus tour, service projects and recreation options. Once those activities are completed, dinner will take place and then David Sollenberger will lead the worship. That night at 8:00 pm, the band Mutual Kumquat will perform. The youth then will have free time with snacks and games. The following morning after breakfast, there will be Bible study and reflections. Angie Lahman Yoder will then lead the final worship before the departure.

*A Memorial Service will be held for
Dr. Ken Brown,
professor emeritus of philosophy and
peace studies.
2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14
Cordier Auditorium*

'Screamworks: Love in Theory and Practice' Not Typical HIM Album

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Hailing from a country mostly encompassed by the Arctic Circle, the band HIM is reaching across the seas. HIM resonates from Helsinki, Finland, and have been around since 1991. These Finnish rockers developed a new sound called "love metal" which is all their own.

Ville Valo, the dashing lead vocalist, conjured up their well-known symbol known as the heartagram. Their symbol is so popular that most people know the symbol, but do not know that it belongs to HIM.

HIM has released six albums and on Feb. 5, 2010. Their seventh album is known as "Screamworks: Love in Theory and Practice."

Normally HIM has a more dark melodic sound, but with "Scream-

works: Love in Theory and Practice" the sound is more lightly dark and romantic. Upon hearing the music one thinks of eighties rockers like The Cure. On the band's official website, Valo expressed his thoughts on their album. "It's not a happy album, I wouldn't say that," Valo said. "But for the first time HIM does acknowledge that there is such a thing called 'happiness,' even if it is far, far away. This album is more a speculation on how to get there, — and that it is possible."

Screamworks opens with "In Venere Veritas," which has a pop/rock sound. The first song on the album announces that HIM is back once again, but with what seems like more energy than their previous albums. Their single "Heartkiller" shows that HIM is a versatile band, which has been true for every album that they have produced. "Heartkiller" on this album represents their versatile style with its harder rock vibe but has that subtle mellow vibration.

"Ode to Solitude" has a bit more of a heavy rock with heavy undertones that HIM fans love so passionately. It's a song that would be expected from HIM, with the romantic sound and lyrics. Valo's voice, along with the melody, brings to life the romance he is describing.

If you love what you hear, then you have six other albums to hold you over until they come out with a new album. On Dec. 12, 2010, HIM is releasing a remix CD of their "Screamworks: Love in Theory and Practice." For any other info that you might want to know about the band, their official website is heartagram.com.



Around Campus



Manchester Celebrates ‘Dias de los Muertos’

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When you hear the phrase “Day of the Dead,” you don’t necessarily think of bright colors, smiling faces, loud music, dancing and feasting or other general festivities, but that is what the day is all about. At Manchester College it was celebrated in the Upper Union on Oct. 31 with all of these things and more. The committee responsible for planning the event, made up of Professor Arturo Yañez, Cristina Rodriguez, Robyn Woeste and Melissa Vrable, welcomed Fernando Zápari, the editor of “El Mexicano,”

a monthly Spanish newspaper, as the keynote speaker for the day. Zápari said that the celebration on campus was one of the best he had been a part of since coming to the United States 32 years ago. In his speech he encouraged everyone to go learn about other cultures and commended the committee for bringing what is the most important holiday in the Latino community to Manchester. “We need to work as a team to fix the problems in the world,” Zápari said. “The finger pointing and blaming each other for the problems needs to end. Color, race, it doesn’t matter.”

After Zápari finished speaking, there were performances by several different group, including Amaneceres de México, Grupo de Danza de Musica Folklorica Sentimiento Andino de Ecuador, and Grupo Ángel. The dancers came out in skirts of blue, green, red and turquoise. They demonstrated several dances for the audience before the “feast” began. The Mexican restaurant El Mesquite from in town brought food and there was also pan de los Muertos, or bread of the dead. Zápari said that many who live in the United States, but do not have family here do things similarly to how

they would be done in their home countries. Many will set up the altars in their own homes and they will send money to their family to help buy flowers and decorations for the graves. At MC, there were ofrendas, or altars, to honor Professor Arturo Yañez’s father and Professor Abby Fuller’s daughter, covered in bright colors. The ofrenda had three tiers, the bottom representing the underworld, the middle representing life on the Earth and the top representing Heaven. In the West and Southwest part of the US the day is spent identically to how it is celebrated in the country of the person’s

birth, since all countries in Central and South America celebrate the holiday in their own particular ways. For Professor Yañez, the best part of the holiday are the days leading up to the actual celebration. Yañez also commented that the planning and setting up takes days, but the actual celebration will end very quickly, just as the college’s celebration did. That planning is the most fun for him. “It is very unique,” he said. “The emotions leading up to that final celebration and the family members getting together to clean the graves is a lot of fun.” He also expressed how

grateful he was to Manchester College for allowing multicultural activities to take place on campus. Zápari’s favorite part of the holiday is how the family spends time together, but he said that he loves all of it. “It is like a carnival,” Zápari said. “The music, the food, it is all great.” He is grateful to both Yañez, for putting together such a “wonderful event” and Dean Glenn Sharfman, for allowing the event to happen and having the celebration shared with the students of Manchester College.

Student Voter Turnout Varied for 2010 Elections

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On Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, citizens all over the country went to polling stations to stand in line and cast their ballots. Whether you are happy with the results of the most current election or not, I think we can all agree on one thing. We can now enjoy watching TV without all those annoying political, mud-slinging ads. But the real hot topic on Manchester College campus isn’t if you voted for Dan Coates or not. The real buzz is around if students actually voted in the election at all. Living on campus for most students means that they can’t make it back

home to vote. But, students had the option of the absentee ballot. As long as you could have proved you were unavailable to vote in your county during the 12 hours of voting time, you could have sent in for an absentee ballot. That is how senior Julia Largent and junior Becca Creath both voted. Sophomore political science major Kourtney Reed also voted absentee. “I think it’s awesome to see a lot of people using their American right,” Reed says. Even with the recent Rock the Vote event held on campus, some students just didn’t feel like voting. “I don’t like politics,” sophomore Laura Lichauer said. “I think they are stupid.”

Others felt like it’s not a big deal. Sophomore Jenna Barclay said that since her parents never voted, she didn’t see the point. Voting was never talked about in her house, and so she didn’t grow up with the idea. “I just never worried about it,” Barclay said. Those students who didn’t register usually had the same exact answer. “I didn’t register,” first year Ryan Roebuck said. He doesn’t know why he didn’t register, which seems to be another commonality among MC students. First year John Zickmund just shrugged his shoulders. “It was a long walk,” said Roebuck’s friend, first year David

Lloyd, with a laugh. Sophomore Heather Talley said she also forgot to apply for an absentee ballot, but is “upset the Republicans took the House.” Sophomore Sarah Beck also didn’t register. “I need more reminders,” Beck said, “Maybe more than one session to register here at Manchester.” And even though Beck lives close enough to go home to register she said she is too busy to vote. “I don’t have time on Tuesday with classes and homework to go stand in line a push a button,” she said.



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‘Generation Y’ Needs to Rekindle Passion in Career Paths, Majors

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Although the reasons may not be quite as apparent, it seems evident that the passion of my generation dwindles as time marches on. This decline of affection best conveys itself via the current trends of society. There exists a well-known path to success in American culture: go to school, obtain a career, get married and have children. Although several may follow the path in a different order or simply leave out a few steps, those who fail to veer from this plan still tend to acquire a similar dissatisfaction as the others who fell off track. The root of this discontentment stems from the lack of passion. Because the road to success is already paved, most of us agree to follow it without knowing where our passion lies. After high school graduation, students who are able to move on to college often do so without a clue as to what to study. With that being said, college is a time for discovery, and hopefully attendees discover the field of study that suits their individual passions. However, more

often than not, I witness students settling for a major that is merely attainable and will yield a reasonable future income. This results in such a tragic solution to the problem; students obtain a career that becomes a burden to fulfill on a daily basis rather than a joy. A student’s passion must be discovered in order to avoid the too-common future dread of attending work every day. Perhaps this is the reason for the decline; many of us are uncertain as to what forms our true passions. Luckily, students at Manchester can turn to the Success Center as a starting point in identifying their true passions within. The school’s counselors offer a career assessment package with three different tests to help students discern the different factors that make up their individual interests, personalities, and values and how these aspects relate to career choices. After completing the assessment, students meet one-on-one with a career counselor to discuss their results and the next steps in exploring career options. I strongly suggest that any student who is hesitant about his or her

chosen field of study or who is still undecided grab hold of this wonderful opportunity. I took advantage of the career assessment package towards the end of my first year of college. Knowledge of my true interests and values were made incredibly clear, allowing me to realize the copious amount of options for my future. The tests indicated that for me, helping others leads to satisfaction and fulfillment which leads to happiness. The next step was to find a career that incorporates this aspect along with others that I enjoy to form the perfect career fitting to my passions, and I believe that I have found it. Discovering one’s passion is not only a vital part of the college experience but also an essential discovery in one’s life. Without the knowledge of knowing what truly excites and drives one’s inner self, the meaning and satisfaction in life fades. Distinguishing what ignites this internal fire leads to the ability to pursue and utilize a meaningful life, resulting in the achievement of the ultimate goal of satisfaction and bliss.

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Spartan Sports



Women’s Basketball Team Ready for Season

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After an exciting and encouraging pre-season, the Manchester Spartans women’s basketball team is looking forward to the upcoming season with high hopes. Led by fifth-year coach Josh Dzurick, the team is rich in enthusiasm and talent, aiming to surprise some pre-season doubters.

According to the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference pre-season poll, Manchester is slated to finish sixth in the conference, a far cry from where the majority of the team feels they are capable of ending up. Junior forward Laine Mello is adamant that the team is set to prove people wrong. “I really believe we can be great this season and shock a lot of people,” Mello said. “It’s just a matter of our execution and our intensity.”

Other teammates echo Mello’s optimistic outlook. “Each player on our team has something to contribute,” said Britani Bush, a junior guard. “By putting all of our talents together we have the ability to accomplish great things this season.”

Ashley Poe agrees. “Our team looks focused and ready to start a new season,” added the junior guard. “With all the work we have put in, we’ll be very pleased with the outcome this season will bring.”

The Spartans finished play last season with a loss to Defiance College in the opening round of the HCAC tournament. This year, Dzurick is confident in the team’s ability to improve. “If we can stay healthy and establish some consistency I believe this squad can compete for the HCAC title,” Dzurick said.

While challenging for the title is a long way from finishing sixth, seniors Kailey Honn and Kelsey DeMott, a center and a forward respectively, are expected to be team leaders and to help make that possibility a reality. “I expect the most out of our senior captains Kailey Honn and Kelsey DeMott,” Dzurick said. “They are the only players left that have won championships and they are well aware of what it takes to be successful.”

Last year was an admittedly tough year for the Spartans, finishing with a record of 6-20. However, Dzurick believes that this

year’s increase in experience will lead the Spartans to victory. “This year’s team is more experienced,” Dzurick said. “We have eight upper classmen compared to just three last season. I believe this team is hungry to prove that they can produce the high level of Spartan basketball the Manchester community expects.”

After leading previous teams to NCAA tournament berths, Dzurick certainly knows what it takes to make it to the top, and his players recognize that. “He brings a great coaching philosophy and pushes us to be the players we can be,” Poe said. “He knows each and every one of us individually and he combines that into his coaching.” Mello and Sarah Lowther, a junior forward, cited Dzurick’s energy, knowledge and intensity as positive and helpful attributes.

Team members list Janelle Moss and Erynn Meiklejohn as talented incoming first-year players, and the HCAC recognizes Kailey Honn and sophomore guard Melissa Eltzroth as players to watch.

The Spartans begin the season on Nov. 16 away at Calvin College.

Home Games Schedule 2010-2011

Wed. Dec. 1	vs. Earlham	7:30pm
Sat. Dec. 11	vs. Mt. St. Joseph	3pm
Thurs. Dec. 30	vs. Olivet	TBA
Sat. Jan. 8	vs. Franklin	4pm
Wed. Jan. 12.	vs. Bluffton	7:30pm
Wed. Jan. 19	vs. Anderson	7:30pm
Sat. Jan. 22	vs. Hanover	1pm
Wed. Feb. 2	vs. Defiance	7:30pm
Sat. Feb. 5	vs. Rose-Hulman	4pm
Sat. Feb. 19	vs. Transylvania	1pm

Mascot Spartacus Available for Campus Events



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Phineas Schrock suited up early for the homecoming game. Donning his helmet and uniform he made his way to the field to be greeted by adoring fans. Not allowed to say a word, Schrock weaved his way through the crowd and just let his personality and actions speak for themselves.

His vision was reduced to just a small square and it was hard to breathe on that rainy day. Schrock couldn’t put on a jacket or use an umbrella as friends and alumni talked to him. Small children ran up to him, dragging their parents so they could get a picture with him. Schrock struck some poses and smiled big for the camera.

However, Schrock’s

smile was unable to be seen in the pictures because he was in the Manchester mascot’s costume. He, along with fewer than ten other students, have taken time out of their busy schedules to dress up as Spartacus, who has been Manchester’s mascot for two years now.

Spartacus, the young, buff looking Spartan, replaced Sami Spartan in 2008. Sami was the mascot for 12 long and happy years, until Spartacus came to life, named by the students through a campus-wide contest.

Students submitted over 200 name entries. The best were picked by a board of professors and students, and then the best were voted on again. Originally an enslaved prisoner who became a leader in an

uprising against the Roman Republic, Spartacus is best known for his leadership and is an inspiration to others.

Spartacus premiered at the annual Bankers’ Classic basketball game. The students in the costume report to Professor Tim Brauch, assistant professor of mathematics, who then makes a list of what dates the said student can be the beloved mascot. Spartacus makes appearances at athletic events, events held by the offices of Student Services, Alumni Admin-

istrative and Admissions. If you want Spartacus to appear at an event, email Spartacus@manchester.edu with the date, times and location of your event.

Phineas Schrock is just one of the few that decided to be the loyal mascot. “I just signed up,” the first-year said with a smile. “I thought it would be fun. My friends all thought it was pretty cool of me to do it. I really wish I had more time to do it; it’s a rewarding experience.”

Women’s Soccer Celebrates Lone Senior Hutchinson

Chaz Bellman
Staff Writer

You could call her the Lone Ranger of the women’s soccer team. In her last year of competitive soccer, Kaitlin Hutchinson is the only senior on the team and she was honored with flyers around the school reading “Hutch Night” and a senior night to herself on Oct. 30 against Mount Saint Joe.

As the oldest member of the team, Hutchinson might be expected to be under an added amount of pressure to lead her team and perform at a high level; however, that is not where her pressure stems from. “I don’t feel pressure as a senior; I feel pressure as a team captain in general, which I was my junior year as well,” Hutchinson said. Her senior night

was a time of mixed emotions for the team leader. Realizing her time of competitive soccer was coming to an end was difficult, and Hutchinson noted her mixed emotions of sadness on senior night which came alongside her usually strong desire and passion for the game ahead of her. “It’s hard to know I won’t be able to play in that type of competitive setting again” she said.

However, the four years at Manchester playing a competitive sport has brought some great memories for the senior. Among her best memories, playing defense with Paige Winey and others during her sophomore year came to mind. In this season the Manchester women saw one of its best records since Hutchinson has been here. Hutchinson

described her sophomore-year team as a tough team who was solid defensively, even the best in the area.

The senior night game was a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde kind of night. Hutchinson remembered the night as one of the best-played games for her group. The team came out and played well with strong passion, heart and desire. However, the team lost a close-fought battle to a tough Mount Saint Joe group by the only goal scored that ended the game 1-0.

Looking back on her memories, Hutchinson hopes the soccer program would remember her for her time spent here. “I want to be remembered for being a strong leader and playing with desire and passion for the game every time I stepped onto

the soccer field, in a game or practice,” she said.

As an exercise science major Hutchinson looks to become a physical trainer after graduation. She will take her skills she learned in soccer with her in finding a job, skills that include; leadership and the abilities to manage her time between multiple aspects of life as she did her entire college career. She has also balanced time completing internships in Elkhart and Granger. After graduation, Hutchinson does not plan on staying in the area while looking for a career. She wants to travel to a new place and said she is willing to go as far as Australia to work.

October Athletic Training Student of the Month



Stacia Gerardot

Hometown: Fort Wayne

*Future Plans: Physician Extender/
Certified Athletic Trainer/
Physical Therapy*

*Activities: President of MCACT,
Spending time with family, Church
involvement*



Spartan Sports



Men’s Soccer Honors Seniors Fredrick, Schwartz

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The Spartan goal was wide open with 71 minutes of game time spent. Fans gasped and stood in their seats as a Mount Saint Joseph player lined up and kicked the ball towards the goal. Grant Noakes, MC’s sophomore goalkeeper, reclaimed his position and snatched up the ball before it was allowed to hit the back of the net.

In the middle of an intense struggle for control of the ball, the men’s soccer team celebrated their senior players Saturday, Oct. 30, ending the game with a 2-1 win over the Mount St. Joseph Lions. The men’s soccer team recognized Garrett Fredrick and J.B. Schwartz at half time, the two men standing between their proud parents.

Garrett Fredrick is a religion major from Terre Haute, Ind., who plays defense and midfield. He stays busy off the field as a part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has many favorite MC soccer memories. “Between all of the \$7.00 meals after games, the trips, beating Rose this year, and everything else, I’d have to say all of it,” he wrote in an email.

Fredrick’s humor and optimism were reflected in Head Coach Dave Good’s words. “Garrett is one of our morale boosters and definitely grows the best facial hair on the team,” he said. “I’ll miss his positive and upbeat attitude, his ready smile, and



SOCCER SENIORS Sernior Garrett Fredrick stands with his parents during the recognition of the senior men’s soccer players, Saturday, Oct. 30. Frederick is one of two seniors on the team, along with J. B. Schwartz who was also recognized.

Photo provided by Lois Good

the twinkle in his eyes.” Fredrick reinforced this by blowing kisses to his fellow teammates and to the crowd.

J.B. Schwartz is a business management major and has been a part of the Business and Accounting club for two years as well as a resident assistant in Helman Hall. He’s from Anderson, Ind., and plays

midfield and forward. “Ten years from now I hope to be involved with soccer in some way, shape, or form,” Schwartz wrote in an email, “whether that be through my business degree or coaching.” As a part of the team, Schwartz scored two key goals in a game against Hanover College and sparked a 5 game winning streak.

Good commends Schwartz’s playing. “J.B. has contributed to the team with his good passing, distribution, and some quality finishing (including toe pokes),” he said. Schwartz remained calm and collected when put on the spot by the announcer, Rodney Tigaa. Instead of kisses, Schwartz gave his teammates some advice: “Play

hard and stick together. As for school, go to at least some of your classes. For life, don’t stress too much. This is your life, live it with no regrets.”

Both seniors started the final home game of the season and helped to make sure it was full of gasps from the crowd as well as cheers. At times, the crowd’s reaction was

muffled by a blast of cold wind that made the gold and black balloons dance and the flags flutter. While the players got into a tangle of legs, pulling off ball tricks reminiscent of Pelé, leaves blew across the field showing how much harder the players had to work to move the ball to the desired area. The first half was a power struggle of possession of the ball, but it ended in the Spartan’s favor as John Lash, a junior goalie/defender, scored in the 29th minute.

As a team, the men kept their energy up and wore the Lions out. Even after the Lions scored in the 75th minute, Carson McFadden, a sophomore midfielder/forward, was quick to return the favor just 21 seconds later. In the final few minutes, an unnatural silence filled the air as the wind calmed down and the crowd waited with baited breath for the Spartan victory they hoped would come.

In one last victory lap, the team radiated happiness as this victory enabled them to advance to the HCAC semi-finals. The two seniors, although a small part of the team, contributed greatly to the success of the match. Just as Noakes prevented a goal during the “Spartan Scare” of the game, the seniors found that when the chips were down, they could pull out something fantastic, something memorable, just as their hard work on the men’s soccer team had been in the past years.

Cross Country Dominates HCAC Conference

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That time is here: the time when athletes buckle down and work their hardest towards championships. Seasons are coming to ends or new beginnings. As many sports teams are rounding up their seasons with games, tournaments and conference play; the Spartan cross country runners are preparing for their regional meet on Nov. 13 at Hope College.

The Spartan runners, both men’s and women’s teams, had exceptional results from this season’s conference championships. For the women, senior captain Jessi Bremer broke the

women’s 6K Manchester College record with a time of 22:45 as she finished the race second overall. Along with Bremer, was senior captain Megan Miller, Katherine Pea, Meredith Cors, and Ashley Kopla earning All-Conference honors as they each placed in the Top 12. Karla Madrigal, Molly Wright, Megan Hammel, and senior captain Jen Beakas all earned honorable mention All-Conference for being in the 13-20 place finishes.

The women’s team had the most All-Conference/ All-Conference honorable mentions awards in the history of the HCAC conference. They also had the second biggest mar-

gin of victory in the HCAC by any team. Molly Wright was the first Manchester Spartan female to receive a freshman of the year award in the history of the HCAC.

For the men’s team, five Spartan runners were awarded All-Conference honors. Braden Nelson took third place overall, and Curtis Kent, Chris LaFree and both captains, Cole Jackson and Alec Womboldt received honors as well. Curtis Kent was the first Spartan male to receive a freshman of the year award in the history of the HCAC.

Head coach Brian Cashdollar was named Conference Coach of the year. “It was a team ef-

fort!” Cashdollar wrote in an email. “The Spartans raced with confidence and they raced to win. It was very exciting to see the hard work of these two teams payoff at the championship.”

The Spartan runners have been preparing for this win ever since summer when they run anywhere from 40-80 miles per week. Every day they work on strength training. This is done through warm ups, core work and post run drills. During the season, the teams will change their workouts depending on what areas they need to strengthen for the next race. Cross country is also a mental race. The teams work on weekly goals and

talk heavily about the progression of their competition.

“As a team we spend a lot of time with each other and do almost everything together,” Womboldt wrote in an email. “It’s great to have that kind of bond with a large group of people in college while at the same time training to compete together.”

The men’s team will lose three seniors, Josh Kunkel, Kerry Nielson and Dan Nave. On the other hand, the women’s team will lose six seniors, Jen Beakas, Jessi Bremer, Madi Gregory, Megan Miller, Katherine Pea and Hannah Reed.

“The seniors are

amazing!” Cashdollar exclaimed. “They have seen this program transform from average in the HCAC to being one of the best programs in the nation. Their hard work and commitment to their teammates over the past four years have allowed us to see amazing success over the last couple of years.”

Alec Womboldt wants to let Spartan fans know that “if you’re not a cross country fan yet, you should, because there will be many more championships to come.”

Volleyball Players Keep High Spirits about Season

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Finishing their 2010 schedule at 8-21, the volleyball team mixed success with disappointments.

Stacie Hoffman, a sophomore from Claypool, Ind., reflected on the team’s performance. “This season wasn’t the best but I can say that no matter what our record was at the end of the day we could always put on a happy face and have a great time,” she said. During a season of ups and downs, it is hard to keep moral and focus in order, this team has a unity that never falters. “From the first practice to the very last

we grew to become actual ‘best friends,” she said. It is this camaraderie that the Spartans drew upon in order to keep spirits high when the season’s results were not positive.

Students-athletes are just that; students like any other, but with a consistent commitment to a team that does not take breaks. Every day the volleyball team practiced from 3-5; time that could typically be spent relaxing, throwing a Frisbee, or catching up on homework. Student athletes are required to utilize their time in the wisest way of all. “The disadvantage is that sometime you don’t get the sleep that you want

because of staying up and studying because that practice you had from 3-5 took away two hours of studying,” Hoffman said. “So I learned fast how to work on time management.”

However, no season could be too disappointing when started in sunny California. The volleyball team began their season at the Pomona College Tournament in Pomona, Ca. Although they were unable to capture a win in their early-season tournament, bonds and friendships were allowed to blossom as the team took a short hiatus from typical collegiate life. “California was a great experience,”

Hoffman said. “We went to Downtown Disney on one of our nights off and also got to see the Jay Leno show as well.” The Spartans returned home with a vigor and tan to trounce Earlham College on Sept. 9, (3-2), giving the Spartans their first win of the season.

Although the season did not yield the results the team was striving for, the lessons learned on the court can often prove to be more valuable than wins and losses. For Stacie Hoffman, this season was her ninth season playing volleyball and she believes this team grew and developed more than any team she has played with before.

The joy and excitement, as well as hard work and perseverance can’t necessarily be measured with W’s; but in what Manchester College’s students-athletes gain from participating in our school’s athletics. “No matter what you are doing on the court or off the court you are ALWAYS still part of a bigger picture,” Hoffman said. Collegiate sports entertain, provide opportunities, and teach life lessons; too often success is deemed to be the ultimate good, but lessons regarding life and our personal interactions with each other can often be much more gratifying.



Stacie Hoffman