

The Oak Leaves

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Seniors Celebrate '101 Days to Commencement'

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Graduation: the day that seniors either cannot wait for or dread is almost here. To mark its approach, the Student Alumni Council hosted its annual "101 Days to Commencement Celebration."

This celebration became a tradition in the late 1990s and is for graduate candidates only. It is not an official guest list of graduating seniors. It is simply "an honor and way to celebrate their accomplishments," says Lisa Gregory, advisor for the Student Alumni Council. Black and gold filled the dining room at the Union. Fancy table coverings, floral centerpieces and programs that read, "101 Days to Commencement Celebration," sat atop each round table. As important guests and graduate candidates took their seats, something different caught the eye, the servers.

Dressed in all-white, button-down shirts were many faculty and staff of Manchester College. This is something that happens every year during this celebration to make the formal dinner more relaxed and fun. "I just love the students here and it's a good opportunity to show them we (faculty and staff) care about them," said John Deal, assistant professor of economics.

The students also appreciated the servers. "I kind of enjoy it because it shows me they (faculty and staff) care about us and enjoy serving us because they have a smile on their face," said Kelsey Heisler. Guests were served a meal with the choice of eggplant parmesan, lemon garlic roast chicken or ribeye steak. Graduate candidate Bethany Clark led the prayer. She also said, with a smile, "Congrats to the Class of 2011, we're almost done!"

After dinner, President Jo Young Switzer gave her "good wishes" speech to the class. Then, Liz Bushnell, director of



CELEBRATING THE LAST DAYS Seniors Kelsea Jackson, Danielle Stoy and Kailey Dopkowski pose for a picture at the annual "101 Days to Commencement Celebration" dinner on Feb. 10. The dinner consisted of a plated meal catered to the seniors by professors and staff members from all over campus. Seniors in attendance also received a diploma frame as a gift in anticipation of their impending graduation.

Photo by Julia Largent

Career Services, told the graduate candidates the "Top 10 Ways on How to Not Get a Job." She listed fun facts that included Facebook, your resume, and interviews.

In between the different speakers, the Student Alumni Council played a trivia game. Three contestants (graduate candidates) were drawn and each had to choose their own sound to act as their buzzer. Sounds such as "moo," "oink," and "beep" were used.

In the first round, Kaitlin Hughes won by answering when the graduation date is. In the second round, Kris Shoemaker answered a question correctly pertaining to the new School of Pharmacy. In the third round, Epi Sanchez correctly answered a question about Professor Jeff Osborne, associate professor of chemistry. In the last round, Addey Ishola, answered that the SAC is the club that sponsors this event.

Prizes included Manchester College apparel, umbrellas, a light-up replica of the college, and more.

Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs, Glenn Sharfman, spoke about how "It Was the Best of Times, It Was the Worst of Times." In his speech he talked about how the staff and faculty are at Manchester College because of the students. He told the students what they were likely to hear at a graduation speech, but gave them three important tips.

The first, he said, is to keep mentally and physically healthy. The second is to not expect others to solve all problems. And lastly, he asked students not only keep in touch with each other, but also with those at Manchester College.

Kyler Kearby and Kaitlin Hughes, both seniors, led the class in a song dedicated to Lila Hammer, registrar. Kearby wrote the words that went along with the tune of "Hey There Deli-

lah." A small section reads, "And we'll be makin' history like we do, You'll know it's all because of you; We could do whatever we want to; Hey there Ms. Lila here's to you; This one's for you." Eventually everyone had chimed in to help sing.

Hammer thanked everyone for the generous song and informed the graduate candidates to look for her many e-mails to come. She gave them other information about graduation in general.

Guest speaker Chris Jones, 2011 Alumni Board president and co-owner of Bones Theatre in Columbia City also delivered a speech to the guests. He gave them advice on the many things to know before going into the "real world." "You should get to know the generation of those who will be interviewing you, they hold your future," he said.

At the end of the celebration, the class voted for five people to represent the class of 2011 on

either the Alumni Board or on the reunion-planning committee. Then, the SAC members and Alumni staff presented this year's gift to the students. They each received a diploma frame that was black and silver and stated Manchester College.

What are the graduate candidates were looking forward to? Mary Milkowski, president of Habitat for Humanity, said that she is "excited to show the new president of Habitat for Humanity the steps and ways of how our club goes." Secretary Kyla Hedge said she can't wait to elect a new officer to fill her place.

Cambria Teter said: "I'm going to make it the best 101 Days to Commencement because it's my time to shine."

In closing, the room was filled with the harmony of "By the Kenapococco," the College song.

February Blizzard Affects More than Students

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What's in a name? Snow-pocalypse, Snowmageddon, Snowzilla; all were popular and all represented the frenzy produced across the United States in early February as people scrambled to prepare for the supposed snow-storm of 'epic' proportions.

Wal-Mart shelves emptied, warnings to stay off the roads flooded the airways and school districts closed as families watched the storm inch toward their hometowns on weather radars. Everyone knew it was coming, but no one was sure just how "apocalyptic" the blizzard of 2011 would be.

During the first week of February 2011, the "Snow-pocalypse", as the recent blizzard was dubbed, swept through much of the United States, covering everywhere from Texas to New York in record snowfall and ice accumulation. North Manchester, Ind., was no exception and during the first week of spring semester classes at Manchester College, snow blanketed the frigid campus, caus-

ing campus office closures, class cancellations and stagnation throughout Wabash County. Confusion and angst

livered news and instructions, but little peace of mind. Students were told, via an email from Jack A. Gochenaur "We have

sion about their classes". The campus-wide email began a Facebook frenzy as some students ranted that not to close

than Larkin described his frustration with the college's decision to not cancel class despite the Level 1 snow emergency.



STUCK IN THE SNOW A bike outside of Garver Hall shows the amount of snow campus accumulated throughout the storm. Bikes weren't the only vehicles to get stuck and be rendered useless--many personal cars had to be dug and pushed out of spots all over campus.

Photo by Erin Cole

filled the dorms as students waited to hear if professors would be able to host the first day of classes. Emails from college officials de-

announced to the media that College offices will be closed today. The college is not closed. Each faculty member will make the deci-

campus was implying their attendance was expected despite the Level 1 snow emergency. Senior commuter student Jona-

"I felt that it was unfair for the school to send us an email telling us we were in a Level 1 winter emergency which means you are not suppose to be on the roads and that all the college offices were closed but classes were not canceled," Larkin said. "I felt like the safety of professors and commuter students were completely disregarded."

Chemistry professor Susan Klein managed to still host her classes, despite the fact that her car was snowed in and she lives over a mile away. "It's a part of my work ethic," Klein explained. "If I could get here, I would get here." Regarding facing the snow drifts and record low temperatures in order to make it to her classes, Klein said "It would have made more sense, because of the Level 1 snow emergency, to just close classes. It would have been simpler and led to less confusion, I think."

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VIA Sends Mixed 'Signals'

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Due to a miscommunication about audience capacity, a number of students over the 400-seat limit were asked to leave the "Sex Signals" VIA program Monday, Feb. 7, after waiting 30 minutes for the performance to begin. The following day, after deliberation by Glenn Sharfman, vice president and dean for Academic Affairs, all students who were registered for the spring semester received credit for this VIA event.

Traditionally, the company that created the "Sex Signals" play, Catharsis Productions, performs for audiences of no more than 400 people as part of its policy. This limit is due to the interactive nature of the show and the sensitivity of the subject matter. The two-person play first uses humor to display the stereotypes of dating, then explores the issues of date rape and sexual assault by engaging in conversation with the audience.

John Mallory, the male actor in "Sex Signals," said that larger audiences can form a mob-like mentality and survivors of date rape and sexual assault can feel uncomfortable. Judith Lesser, the female actor who performed in the play, stated that the excess noise of bigger crowds causes the message to become less clear.

Because the audience in Cordier Auditorium on Monday night well exceeded 400 people, the actors refused to begin the show.

Lesser said that the owner of the company was present that evening and "cracked down on an established rule" after seeing how the show's message became lost with larger crowds in the past. "We made it clear that 400 was our limit," Mallory said, "and that didn't get picked up."

However, according to Director of Student Activities Shanon Fawbush, the owner was not in attendance that evening and a member of the company was prohibiting the actors from performing. "He is the one who said we had to ask people to leave or they would not perform at all," Fawbush said.

Further, she notes that an agreement was established with the owner of the company prior to Monday night that allowed a crowd of over 400 people to be present at the event. The owner was willing to work with the College because the Student Activities Council had hosted this company multiple times in the past for MC audiences of more than 400 students.

Surprised by this dilemma, members of Student Activities scrambled to reach a fair decision. "I certainly didn't want to cancel the event altogether," Fawbush said. She said it was decided that asking a portion of the audience to leave would affect the least amount of people. Dean Sharfman estimated that "somewhere around 100 people" were asked to leave.

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Despite her own commitment to make it to campus, Klein was very understanding to commuter students and granted excused absences to all who could not make it. She said that the decision to stay home may have been in the best interest of those not living on or near campus.

"For those who live out of town [students and faculty] it was better that they didn't drive, but I am not a campus official and I do not know what all factors went into deciding whether or not to cancel classes," Klein said. "I don't know what I would have done in that position, but it just seems that canceling classes would have been easier. But because it was left up to me, I felt if I could have class, I should."

The storm affected over 100 million people from New Mexico to Maine and was dubbed a "life-threatening storm" by the National Weather Service; however, the damages and strife caused by the wind, ice and snow was collectively agreed to have been less traumatic for residents in Indiana than what was anticipated.

Senior Brian Kunze has more fond, than traumatic, memories of the event. Kunze smiled as he re-

membered ultimate frisbee games in the snow, in place of class obligations. "It helped me not have to go to [student teaching] class for three days because the snow was so bad," he said. "Wabash Country was in Level 1 snow emergency and it was awesome to play ultimate frisbee in the snowpocalypse! The first day was harder to play in than the second because I couldn't see, but it was still awesome."

But the question of true danger from such a storm was debated. The hype preceding the storm made a literal "snow apocalypse" seem imminent. The Facebook event "Snowpocalypse 2011" became an overnight phenomenon with over 300,000 "attending." The Facebook group's creator, Taylor Sloan, wrote a colorful description for the group, illustrating the "panic" created by the imminent storm approaching; "SNOWPOCALYPSE 2011 IS UPON US!!! LOAD YOUR GUNS AND STOCK UP ON BAKED BEANS... WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!!!"

The craze has since even gone as far as to begin selling "I Survived Snowpocalypse 2011" T-shirts at snowday2011.com. Such antics made students wonder how bad a little snow



DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW Schwalm residents play football in the snow-filled Rhiney Bowl after the heaviest snow fell. Campus saw approximately 6 to 8 inches of snow by the morning of Feb. 1. The National Weather Service reported an additional 2 inches of snow over the next week. Some students enjoyed the wintry mall and played Ultimate Frisbee during the blizzard.

Photo by Epi Sanchez

really could be. Junior Kristina Faudree seemed less than impressed with the final outcome of the storm, as well as the "over reaction" of those around her. "I thought it was going to be way worse than what it actually was," Faudree said. "People were freaking out for no reason. In other areas where there was ice it was worse, but we all can handle some snow."

The week of February 7-11 brought about record-

breaking lows across the United States, as well. According to ABC News, parts of Texas were colder than Alaska; Seattle, colder than Siberia. The Weather Channel reported that Oklahoma hit an all-time state temperature low at 31 degrees below zero. Residents across Indiana, and the United States for that matter, battled "snowpocalyptic" power outages, frozen pipes and icy winds as the deep freeze

set in over the snowdrifts.

But despite the cold, the panic-driven Wal-Mart crowds and the overzealous news coverage of the "approaching storm," many Manchester students found ways to make light of their snowed-in first weeks of spring semester. Snowmen, snowball fights and mass amounts of hot chocolate appeared on campus as the snowflakes accumulated.

Most every car on campus wound up being buried

in the picturesque white blanket, but the MAC "winter wonderland" events made transport easy and enjoyable with horse-drawn carriages on campus.

So despite the negative connotation with names like Snowpocalypse and Snowmageddon, in the end everyone survived the storm. Classes picked up where they left off and every MC student has their own anecdotes of what happened on their snow day.

School of Pharmacy Awarded \$35 Million Lilly Endowment Grant

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Manchester College's School of Pharmacy is one giant financial step closer to opening. The program is scheduled to admit students for the fall semester 2012 and the administration has been busy preparing for this event.

The school will offer Manchester's first doctoral program. "This is definitely new territory," said President Jo Young Switzer. "We will continue having the undergraduate program with a liberal arts focus, but with a mission statement of ability and conviction, there's no saying we can't have doctors, too."

These future doctors would be among a list of impressive science professionals that have graduated from Manchester College. As a news release that was posted on the pharmacy school's website states, MC "has a Nobel Laureate in chemistry, the inventor of Teflon, the discoverer of acid rain in North America and the first female commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration among its graduates."

One student that may be on that list one day is sophomore transfer student Abby Applegate, who transferred to Manchester in the hopes of attending the pharmacy school. "The reason I want to get into the pharmacy school is to improve our health-care system," she said.

Like any other student, she has the typical worries, dealing with stress, managing time and handling a heavy course load, but Applegate also has to

worry about how graduating from a new program will reflect on her in the future. She had planned to attend Purdue before deciding on Manchester's pharmacy school. "Purdue has notoriety and MC is new," she said. However, this did not stop her from transferring and entering the pre-pharmacy program here.

She says that even though the program will be new, it is in a good location and job prospects are readily available. "There are hospitals and nursing homes nearby," she said. "There are so many jobs to look forward to in that location so I'm definitely not worried about finding a job."

Applegate is ready and anxious to start the program and says she feels like the courses she is taking now are to understand the courses she will be taking there. "Graduate pharmacy school is where I'll start actually learning my career," she said.

Applegate is not the only one who has been thinking about the pharmacy school. The Lilly Endowment has become interested in the program and has recently given the school a \$35 million grant, the largest grant Manchester College has ever received. This money will allow the pharmacy school to "hire early when before we didn't have enough money to hire until January 2012 and we can buy equipment for the research labs," says Switzer. "It also shows that Lilly has confidence in us."

The grant will provide the money needed for the start-up costs and operations, the purchase of a building, and recruit-

ing facility. Many students who are interested in the program, like Applegate, worry that the newness of it will have a negative impact on them; however, with Lilly showing that they are invested in the school, many fears have been quelled.

Because they have received the Lilly Endowment grant, the administration has a bigger budget and may decide to make some changes to the program that could not be afforded before. Although they had chosen to use a building on Parkview's campus for the location of the school, they will be revisiting it and determining if it would be better to build or lease a new building now that they have a bigger budget. "Nothing has been decided yet, but we need to have a building ready by July 1 of 2012," Switzer says. "That's the deadline."

There are many things left to do before the doors can be opened and the first class can enter Manchester College School of Pharmacy, but the program is looking more promising every day. The administration, including Dean Philip J. Medon, has submitted for pre-accreditation which should be granted after a visitor comes for two days at the end of February to survey the program. Full accreditation, however, does not happen until the first class graduates.

Applegate, who is hoping to be in that graduating class, says that she is excited. "I'll be the first fingerprint on the pharmacy school," she said. "I'll be the first."

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Around Campus

'Biggest Loser' Tips for Success: Team Support

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For some people, losing weight is nothing to sweat over (pun intended). If you're like me, though, and have a full schedule and little motivation to walk from Schwalm all the way to the PERC (contradictory, isn't it?) in the little free time you have, it's definitely harder. But thanks to the Health Services sponsored "Biggest Loser" it has become a little easier to find that motivation.

I'm participating to improve myself – make my body healthier while also making myself happier with the way I look. Realize that I'm not obsessing, I'm not doing anything drastic – I'm just trying to get healthy. I'm going to do research on fitness and nutrition to help me and my team do this the right, healthy way (Tara would be proud). I'm planning to write a weekly column full of ideas and tips to share with the other 19 teams as well as anyone who is interested in bettering their bodies.

My first word of advice centers around the key concept of the "Biggest Loser" competition – teams. This is the single reason my interest was piqued when I read about it on "Toilet Talk." I knew that if I found the right people to accompany me in this endeavor I would have a better chance at being successful.

When choosing people to team up with, remember that you're going to want people that are accessible and not afraid to share the truth. The team aspect, especially

in a competition like this, is an all-for-one affair, like the legs on a chair. Although there can be stools with three legs, those with four are much more stable in supporting their load.

The people you chose are important, not only because you are going to be around them quite a bit, but also because they're going to serve as your motivation, and you as theirs. Just remember that as hard on them as you are, they're free to return the harassing favor.

The team dynamic is something that makes losing weight actually fun. What's better than suffering together on Valentine's Day, staring at the bag of chocolate and willing yourself and each other not to reach in and indulge. Also, it's always nice to have someone on the elliptical next to you encouraging you to push through ten more minutes with just as much sweat dripping off of them as you have – it takes the make-believe spotlight off of just you, since a lot of people have an almost performance anxiety attitude about going to work out by themselves.

The real point here is that if you're someone who doesn't frequent the PERC, and you want to make sure you keep to a regimen as well as eat healthily, pick a friend or a group that have similar interests and that you know will keep you in check if ever you should begin to stray. The important part is that you support each other and coordinate in order to succeed.

Sleigh Bells Ring at 'Winter Wonderland'



SKATING THE LINES Sophomore Kay Guyer leads seniors Erin Cartwright and Bethany Clark and junior Joe Stuart around the temporary ice skating rink set up by MAC in one of the parking lots on campus. Along with the skating rink, there were horse-drawn carriage rides and pictures inside snow globes for students to enjoy.

Photo submitted by Erin Cole

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Horse-drawn carriage ride, ice-skating and snow globes were all part of Manchester College's Winter Wonderland, Feb. 4 and 5. Students created an atmosphere of excitement as they waited in anticipation for their own carriage. Among them, Satomi Imai was looking forward to her first time on a carriage.

While on the carriage ride, Casey Faricelli exclaimed, "I love the sound of horse hooves against the ground." The clip-clopping

of hooves hitting the pavement added a perfect romantic touch to the atmosphere. "It was exciting!" Faricelli said. "You don't see a horse-drawn carriage on campus every day."

Ashley Noll's her ride. "I thought it was interesting; it has never been done before," she said. "It also brightened up my day when I got to feed the horse!" Kourtney Reed was also looking forward to carriage. "I am so excited!" she said. "WOOO!" She seemed to be one of the most excited people waiting their turn for

a ride around the mall.

On Saturday, the MAC festivities continued with ice skating and snow globe pictures. The weather set the scene by snowing, which seemed to make it perfect for ice skating, pictures and hot chocolate. Not many people were at the beginning, but soon more people came to have a little fun in the snow. "Dude I love ice skating!" said Sarah Tobola. "I'm Canadian!" After she took her skates for a spin she seemed a bit disappointed, though. "There was too

much snow, which did not allow you to go very fast," she said. That did not seem to stop other people from trying to skate, however.

In Wampler, where the giant snow globe and hot chocolate was located, there were not many people. "I'm a bit disappointed," said Kahler Willits. "The picture was inside the snow globe, but it was alright." The girls seemed to have a bit more fun while getting inside the snow globe for pictures. "It was not what I expected, but it was fun," said Allison Cruse. "It was a nice way to spend the weekend."

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Due to the actors' refusal to perform and the resulting confusion, these potential audience members lost 30 minutes of their time waiting to see a show that would not be performed for them. This wait added to their frustration when asked to leave. Several students became outraged and verbally expressed their feelings. Some hesitated to leave. Others demanded that their cards be swiped for VIA credit in compensation for their wasted efforts. However, there wasn't anyone at the event who could make an official decision regarding VIA credit.

"It was kind of ridiculous," first-year Britany Ross said. "They should let you swipe your card if you get cut off."

Following the event, Fawbush informed "higher ups of campus" about the incident via email so they could begin forming a solution. In addition, five students sent emails to Fawbush explaining why they believe VIA credit should be granted to those who were kicked out. These messages were then forwarded to Sharfman.

"I let the students' opinions be known so that the people making decisions had all the information needed to make the right

decision," Fawbush said.

On Tuesday afternoon, Sharfman announced via email that all students registered this spring would receive VIA

who weren't in attendance.

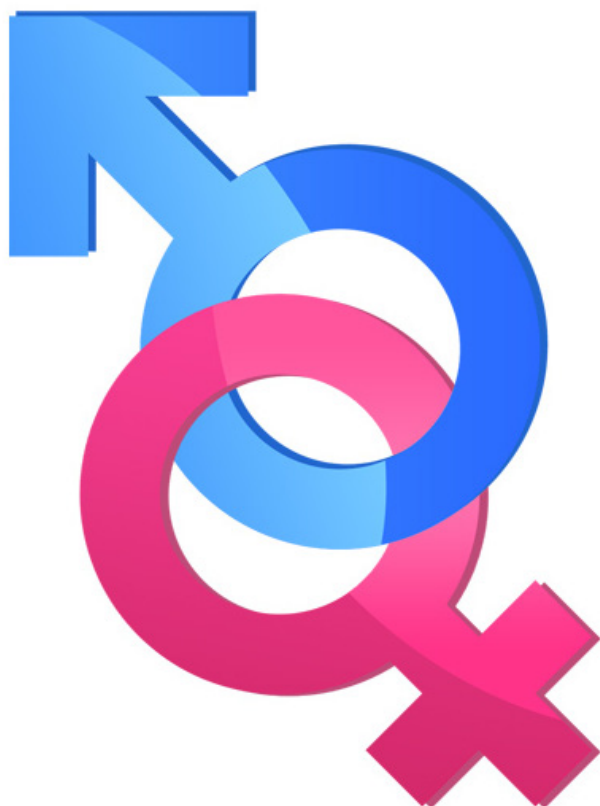
"It was just the fairest thing to do," Sharfman said, "and I felt like the College had to make it right." Several students

tunate situation that needs to be avoided in the future."

Chairman of the VIA Committee Judd Case agrees with the decision to grant all students credit for the event. "It shows that we're invested in the VIA program," he said, "and that although we don't know exactly which students were asked to leave, we're willing to trust all students in order to make things right."

Case also hopes that the message of the program was not lost in the midst of the miscommunication. "I hope students understand that the issue this group puts forward is important," he said. "Sexual assaults are frequently committed on college campuses."

Although the message of "Sex Signals" is important, Case remains uncertain as to whether or not this incident will prohibit the company from returning to Manchester's campus. "Any number of organizations could bring 'Sex Signals' back, but VIA credit requires a formal application and a majority vote by committee members," he said. "I find sexual assault-prevention timely and relevant, and am open to our students learning about it, for VIA credit, on a regular basis."



Graphic courtesy of psdgraphics.com

credit for the "Sex Signals" program. Rather than waste anyone's time deliberating on who was present at the event and who wasn't, Sharfman stated that the College accepts responsibility for those

were satisfied with this decision, allowing it to alleviate the frustration from Monday night. "By giving the students VIA credit, they have done some damage control," junior Nathan Gage said. "It was an unfor-

November Athletic Training Student of the Month



Justin Podell

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Activities: Double major in Exercise Science, Intramurals, MCATC

Around Campus

Students to Attempt World Record in Four Square

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The "Guinness Book of World Records" is an internationally renowned collection of some of the globe's most impressive, amazing, and at times, outlandish records. After Feb. 25, Manchester College may be seen on the book's famous pages along with the world's highest-scoring female Guitar Hero player, the fastest typist on a smartphone and the world's longest nougat - prestigious company for a small liberal arts college. Beginning on Feb. 25 at 12 noon in the Haist Commons, a group of 25 students will attempt to play Four Square, a common playground game, for 30 straight hours. If all goes according to plan, play will stop the following day, Feb. 26, at around 8 p.m., eclipsing the previous record by one hour.

Four Square is a simple game, seen in schoolyards across the nation. A large square is divided up into four smaller squares and one player stands in each square, bouncing a ball into other squares in an attempt to get people out. Once a player is eliminated, someone replaces them, and a line forms to get back into the game. With 25 players, the line for re-entry will

definitely be a long one.

First-year students Todd Eastis and Lucas Kauffman were two of the integral members of the planning group. "Originally, it was Todd's idea," Kauffman said. "But Kay Guyer has also been very involved." Eastis and Kauffman also listed sophomore Laban Wenger as a prominent member of the planning group.

In addition to student participants and planners, the group has also received significant aid from Jeri Kornegay, Public Relations director, and Walt Wiltchek, campus pastor. "Michael Case from ITS has also been very helpful," Eastis said. "Really, it seems like every department from the college has someone involved."

Kauffman added: "Including security!"

As of now, the group's world record attempt will be documented only by people on campus. Bringing a Guinness representative to Manchester would cost somewhere around \$7,000. However, witnesses independent of the group and of the college will be on hand for all 30 hours, as well as a photographer, so there is still a small chance of actually appearing in the "Guinness Book of World Records." Regardless of the publica-



BACK TO SQUARE ONE First-years Todd Eastis and Lucas Kauffman and sophomore Kay Guyer practice Four Square in Garver. They, along with sophomore Laban Wenger, are the masterminds behind the Four Square world record attempt scheduled for Feb. 25. Their goal is to play with 25 players for 30 straight hours, beating the previous record and earning them and Manchester College a spot in the "Guinness Book of World Records."

Photo by Joseph Stuart

tion of the record, should the participants succeed in their attempt, they will receive a certificate documenting the world record.

But playing for 30 straight hours is no easy task. Even with 25 members, everyone will stay play much more Four Square than they've ever played before. "A lot of us have played at camps or conferences and we just thought we could play it for the world record," Eastis said. "It's a game that we all enjoy. But after the 30 hours

we might never play again!"

By Guinness regulations, five minutes of rest are permitted for every hour of play. However, Guinness regulations also allow breaks to accumulate. Taking this into consideration, the participants plan to play for five or six straight hours at a time and then take a break closer to half an hour.

Even with 30 minute breaks, it would be difficult for the average person to simply play six hours of four square without preparation. The group plans to

hold several "short" practice sessions, lasting anywhere from four to five hours. "It's key not to overdo it," Eastis said. "We need to play, but play passively."

Even without a Guinness representative on hand, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make this attempt have a chance to be a world record. Participants had to seek out independent witnesses from around the community, set up video recording and compile data of all the people involved and

other technical aspects.

The fact that this is a world record attempt is what stands out, but this marathon match is actually helping a good cause. Anybody is invited to donate by putting any money in receptacles at the match or by sponsoring a participant. One hundred percent of proceeds go to Camp Mack to help with rebuilding after a fire. Anyone interested in more information on donation or the event itself should email the group at 4square@manchester.edu.

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Snowy Conditions: Walking vs. Driving

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As a driver, I have noticed a few obvious similarities between driving and walking that I have found highly humorous.

The first being that when it comes to walking in a very crowded area, people bull their way through and impatiently swing wide to go around. The same is true in driving, obviously.

Anyone who has been in a horrific traffic jam knows this. People will switch lanes desperately in hopes that it will move faster, and some idiots will even go on the median just to get that extra few feet.

Another one that makes me laugh is the utter confusion at all way stops. You're taught when you start driving that you go in the order in which you got to the stop—first going first and so on. But no one remembers that if you get there at the same time there are rules too.

It's just the same in walking. Because of the many cross sections of

sidewalk we have all over campus, there are many such stopping or almost-collisions. People will come to the same intersection of sidewalk paths and stop, not knowing what to do next. But there's a simple solution—when you're walking, you are NOT required to stay on your side of the sidewalk, nor do you have a two ton vehicle under you - so you CAN maneuver AROUND someone coming head on!

The funniest connection I have made is that pertaining to snow. As it's February in Northern Indiana, it's snowed A LOT! I made this realization as I was walking to class via and ended up following a girl, being not more than five feet behind her. Since it was the sidewalk that runs along College Avenue, there are points where you cross a small stretch of blacktop driveway.

On this morning, the snow wasn't too bad thanks to the grounds crew and traction was pretty good, especially on the concrete of the sidewalks. But as the

concrete portion ended, the girl in front of me slowed to a stop and started shuffling her feet in a painfully slow manner along the blacktop.

As I watched, I couldn't help but catch up with her, slowing my stride so I wouldn't collide into her or swing wide to the left to go around. As soon as the treads of her tennis shoes hit the concrete of the next portion of sidewalk, she began walking at a normal pace again, so I followed suit. Another twenty feet, the other part of the "U" of Oakwood, she slowed down considerably and began her shuffle step again.

I'm not in people's heads, but I don't really think such actions are necessary, considering that most of the time they cause more problems than they avoid. Had our little cautious walker been operating a vehicle, it's safe to say that our bumpers would have been intertwined.

All things considered, walking is much more simple than driving, yet they seem to have a lot in common when it comes to per-



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Wrestlers Train Hard for Season; See Results

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Training for any sport takes hard work, dedication and perseverance. Wrestlers may argue that it takes more than that.

Cam Brady, a first-year from Lowell, Ind., wakes up around 8 a.m. He starts his day the same way anyone would with a shower, brushing the teeth and getting dressed for the day. What differs from the rest of us is Brady's first thought. "Every day you wake up during the season, you think about the sport," he said. Wrestling at 149 lbs, Brady faces some of the smallest, most agile opponents. Not keeping up his body physically is a potential loss. Gaining a few pounds moves him up a weight class, which means bigger opponents.

He must resist the tempting aroma of Taco Bell. He has to put the thought of the mouth-watering ice cream out of his head. "It's one of those can't sleep, can't eat type of things," Brady said. "Counting down the hours until weigh-ins is something I do every day before meets." Not making his weight before a meet would result in not being able to wrestle that day. Brady says no one else can understand what cutting weight actually is until they have to take part in it.

It's not unfea-



WORTH THE WEIGHT A Manchester wrestler defeats his Trine opponent. Wrestlers are sorted into weight classes and must watch not to gain too much and move up a weight class to bigger opponents. Cutting weight is equally important to ensure that wrestlers make their weight at weigh-ins. Currently, Manchester holds a 3-10-0 record with a conference record of 0-3-0.

Photo by Epi Sanchez

sible, though. Kurt Monix, a sophomore, noted that cutting weight is achievable if you keep it under control. "It's about eating right," Monix said. "If you do that all the time, it's not an impossible task."

No matter how exhausted, famished or sore they might be, cutting weight is necessary to be able to compete. "It breaks

you mentally and it's something you just have to push your body through" Brady said. "So putting on the extra sweats and running after practice with no energy really does get to me." Wrestling is as much mental as it is physical. Brady described it as "four months of hell."

"The sport is like a rollercoaster," Brady said. "Some days it's a great

ride when other days you walk into the wrestling room and want to turn around and walk right back out. It takes a lot out of you." To Brady, it's not about a tally in the win column. Stats just don't matter to him. It's more than that. "It's a love/hate sport," Brady said, "but every time your hand is raised after a victory, you look at everything you did

to win and you see what it takes to reach your goals."

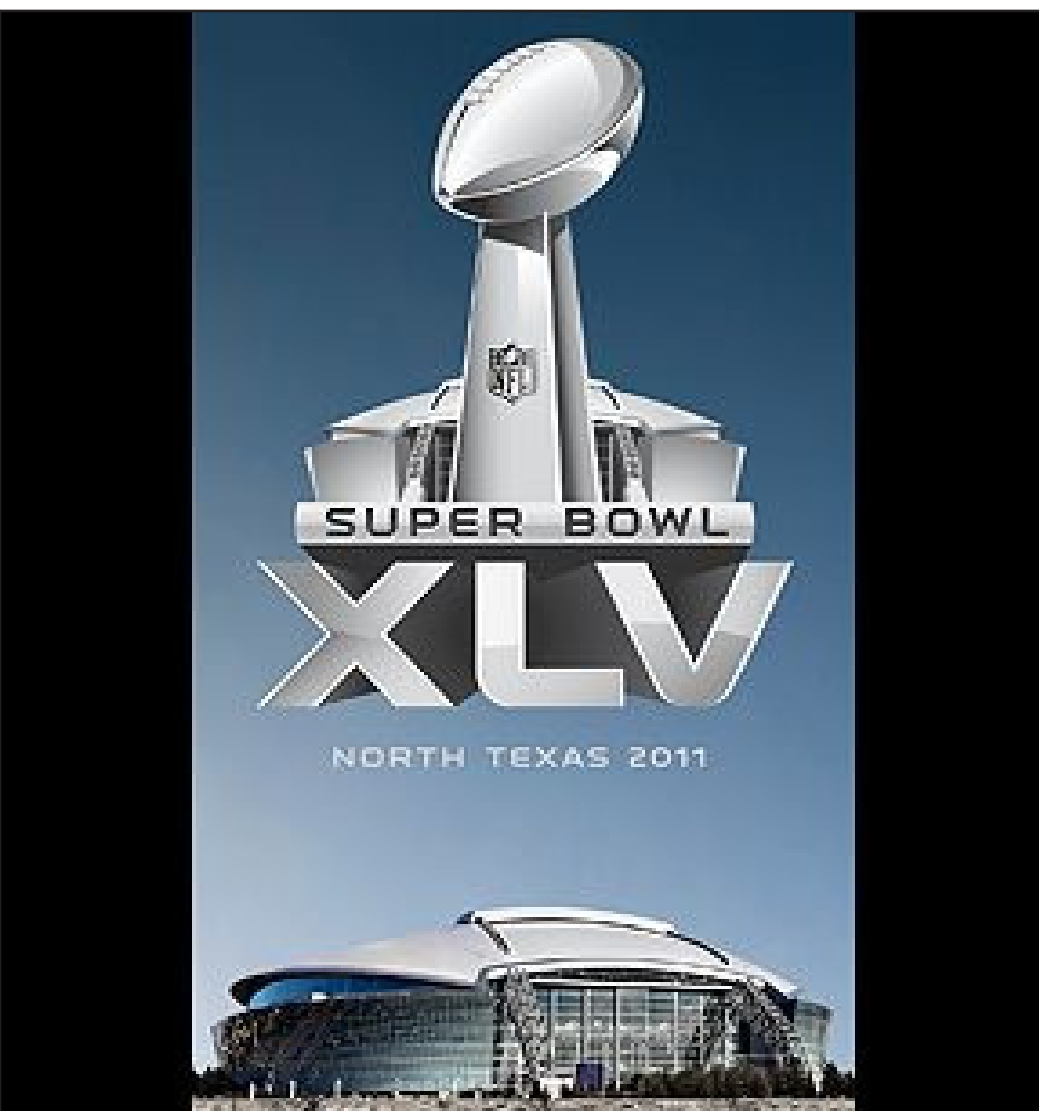
Reaching goals is something Brady is accustomed to. He received the Mid-States Wrestling Conference Freshman of the Year award and has a current record of 29 wins and eight losses. He also is second in Single Season Major Decisions and only two away from break-

ing the school record currently held by Sam Bailey.

According to Brady, wrestling is somewhat like life. It has some ups and downs and those that come out successful are those that put in the time and effort. Brady hopes to take the lessons he is learning in wrestling and apply them to life after college. The perseverance is something that will help him later whenever he is faced with tough roads. He will know that if he keeps pushing through and working as hard as he can that he will come out on the other side with a victory in life.

In other wrestling news, this past weekend the Spartans finished fifth at the Mid-States Conference Championship which was held at Manchester College. Jared Snyder, Chuck Holmquest, Chandler Pogue, Chad Ulmer and Jimmie King all placed fourth in their respective weight classes. Jeremy Pogorzelski and Casey Bushong finished sixth with Jason Pedigo placing eighth. Manchester wrestling has 3 wins and 7 losses in one-on-one dual meets. The Midwest Regional will take place on Feb. 26, with time and place to be announced.

MAC Hosts Super Bowl Party, Packers Win



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Manchester students did not have to travel to Dallas, TX for a Super Bowl party; they just had to walk to the Union. Manchester Activities Council set up a multitude of events on Super Bowl Sunday to entertain during this year's "big game."

With any game or event preparation is a key to success. As the NFL's top teams practiced, Director of Student Activities Shanon Fawbush, came up with a creative plan to publicize the college's Su-

per Bowl events. Students were handed sporting-style tickets; however, instead of a seat to the game, these tickets help spread the information (time, place, food) about the event MAC would be putting on.

At 3p.m. Fox began its pregame show and had its analysts deep into football conversation. In the Upper Union the MAC was not far behind, where two large projector screens were set up and turned on at 5:00. On one screen students were able to view the pregame show and the other allowed for a "Madden '11" videogame show

down as students tested their skill as the play caller in pregame festivities.

Prize packages were set up prior to the game as well. "We had a score square grid where if the home and away teams last digit matched the square you had, then you won for that quarter," said MAC member Kyle Konarski, who was hailed by fellow MAC members for the job he did coordinating the event.

When the game began, the first quarter was dominated by the Green Bay Packers, highlighted by safety Nick Collins intercepting a Ben Roethlis-

berger pass and returning it for a touchdown. Packers held a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

With the first quarter wrapping up the lucky score grid winner was Tonya Colwell who scored football movies "We are Marshall" and "The Blind Side." With plenty of food for students the game rolled on.

The Steelers found their way onto the scoreboard with a short field goal and touchdown to wide receiver Hines Ward. The Packers answered the touchdown with one of their own as Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers connected with Greg Jennings to give the team a 21-10 halftime lead. This score was lucky for one Manchester student, Jamie Osborne, who landed a football and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card.

The halftime show featured The Black Eyed Peas with crowd favorite Slash and it seemed like the noise had shaken the rust of the Steelers. Steeler running back Rashard Mendenhall scored on an eight-yard scamper to bring the men from Steel City within striking distance. Following the touchdown the third quarter remained a defensive battle and the score held at 21-17. The end of a quarter indicated another winner at The Chet. Pregame video game "Madden '11" was given to Jordan Kinn before the last quarter of Super Bowl XLV played out.

The first play of the final quarter seemed to reflect much of the game as Green Bay linebacker Clay Matthews forced a fumble and returned the ball to the Green Bay offense who would finish their super

season by scoring a touchdown and tacking on a field goal to hold off the Steelers in a 31-25 affair. The end of another season brought one last prize from MAC. The winner of the night's final giveaway was Brittany Shuler, who found her way into the shopping end zone with a \$100 Visa gift card.

A night that saw prizes and the ups and downs of football can be expected to be replayed thanks to the work of MAC and student participation. "Overall, the consensus was that it was a success and that we will more than likely put together another one for next year," Konarski said.

December Athletic Training Student of the Month



Annie Hernandez

Hometown: Griffith, IN

Future Plans: Become an Athletic Trainer in a high school or hospital setting

Activities: MCATC, playing sports, hanging out with friends



Spartan Sports



Men's Basketball Wins Eighth Straight Game



PLAYING ROUGH Junior Jordan Moss looks to pass the ball while an Anderson player attempts to defend at Wednesday night's game. Manchester defeated Anderson 81-71. Moss led the Spartans with 20 points. The team will play Transylvania at home tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Photo by Jessie Hickerson

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Staff Writer

Eight hundred fans, many dressed for the "White Out," packed the stands to see the Spartans beat Anderson at home Wednesday 81-71.

With a 10-point lead, Manchester focused on running out the clock in the last 31 seconds after Anderson received a technical. Anderson claimed possession of the ball for the last 2.2 seconds but could not defeat the Spartans. Jordan Moss led the Spartans with 20 points followed by Tyler Henn with 16 points and Nathan Ferch with 14 points.

Manchester was up 43-27 at the end of the first period and started the second period with an 18 point lead. Anderson attempted to catch up but could only come within nine points of the Spartans.

The men's basketball team has won eight straight conference games and is poised to contend for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference title which begins Feb. 22. The Spartans are dominant at home this season, winning their last seven games at Stauffer-Wolfe Arena as well as an impressive 6-3 away from MC.

There are several catalysts for the Spartans recent success, but the most noticeable is their common look: at 3-3 the players and coaches were unimpressed with their performance at the beginning of the season and took it upon themselves to solidify their unity and team chemistry. Showing that there is more than one type of 'Clipper' in basketball, the team and coaching staff shaved their heads after their mediocre start and have become

a juggernaut on the court with an impressive 13-3 record since losing their locks.

Coach Brad Nadborne is in his seventh year at Manchester College and speaks with pride regarding his team. But he will not make comparisons between this impressive team and successful teams from the past. "Every journey is different," he said.

This journey is beginning to look familiar for those faculty members, local alumni and local students who remember watching the Spartans in the mid-to-late 90's. The Spartans have found success on the court, but it will always be difficult to replicate and improve upon the run Steve Alford and the 1994-1995 Spartans had; 31-1 and national runners-up in NCAA's Division III.

The Spartans have been especially impressive in 2011 with a record of 11-2 in the new year. During their current winning-streak the Spartans have won by an average of over 11 points, including a 15 point romping of Hanover on Jan. 22 that began this extraordinary streak.

Moss, a 3rd year student from Columbia City, was named the HCAC player of the week. Moss averaged 22 points per game and an amazing 76.9 percent from the field. "After losing to Anderson (Jan. 19) we knew we had to win out in order to win the regular season and compete for the conference championship," he said, focusing more on the team than on himself. "We just played the game we loved and had fun with it, played it with passion. Everyone has played well and we've done it as a team."

If the Spartans win

at home vs. Transylvania tomorrow they will win the HCAC regular season title and host the upcoming conference tournament. Moss is optimistic and confident that the Spartans will close out the season in powerful fashion. "It would be amazing for MC to host the conference tournament, from day one that has been one of our goals and we are very close. Having the opportunity to cut the nets down in front of our home crowd would be amazing," said Moss.

Nadborne keeps a copy of "Behind the Scenes with a National Contender," the storied run of the 31-1 Spartans who were led by Steve Alford to the national championship game in the 1994-1995 season, on his office shelves. "We've shown the guys the tape when there were lines out the door and the place was really rocking and that would be a lot of fun for our guys," Nadborne said. Moss was also impressed with the video and is confident that the Spartans are capable of greatness. "I have seen the video when Alford was here and the place was packed, there was standing room only," he said. "If we host, I believe it will be like that again."

Women's Basketball Plays on Despite Injuries

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The women's basketball team has been no stranger to pressure, injury, wins and losses so far this season. Leading with a 12-12 record, the girls have learned to deal with all the ups and downs of the sport, whether it's a close score while the clock is still ticking or a teammate's injury, all of which the team has experienced during the 2010-2011 season. However, it seems that nothing can dampen their optimism for their upcoming challenges.

"We've been fighting injuries left and right all season," said junior player Ashley Poe. "I myself have been struggling with injuries from my ankle to my elbow to my hand. But one thing about our team is that someone is always stepping up on the court when someone gets injured."

While the team awaits the return of other injured players, they are continuing to prepare for the tournament, where they have already secured a spot.

"We've worked so hard for everything we have accomplished," Poe said. "I feel like we are going to end very strongly in the conference and do great things in the tournament. We're focusing on getting that tournament championship and making it to the national one."

Whether the team is playing in a tournament or a regular season game, the girls have dealt with their fair share of pressure and the nerves that a close game brings. Two of these games occurred at Bluffton (58-57) and MSJ (60-58), both of which ended in a victory for the Spartans.

"When the games get close we know that we all need to pull together even more to get a win accomplished," said sophomore Melissa Eltzroth. "It's a total team effort, no matter if you're on the floor or the bench play a huge part in all the games; they're the ones constantly cheering, no matter the score, and they get the crowd in the game."

Poe agreed with her teammate when it comes to on-the-court nerves. "We know we're out there to perform our best, and we want to win," she said. "We deal with the pressure just like everyone else would when they're cramming for a test or trying to finish a project at the last minute. You have to try your best and hope that the cards will fall in your favor."

But it's not only composure and luck that the girls need to accomplish their goals and score victories, as they strive to stay positive for themselves and the team as a whole, a point that Poe touches on.

"As the point guard

on the team, it's my job to make sure everyone is calm and collected," she explained. "We all know what our roles on the team are and we are focused to always get a win."

Despite all the hard work and determination the girls put in for their sport, it's not an all work and no play situation, as the team took an opportunity to go on a four-day cruise to the Bahamas. "We went down to Florida to play in a tournament, a cruising classic," Eltzroth said. "We went 1-1, and after the games we went on the cruise."

"We did this because we take a trip every two years to somewhere big, and this was a little getaway so we could relax," Poe said. We split games down in Florida and the cruise was so much fun. It brought our team closer and since then, we've been doing very well. We're 10-6 in conference right now, sitting in 4th right behind Franklin and Transy by one game, and we still have to play both those teams."

With positive attitudes, determination and returning players, it seems as though MC basketball fans can look forward to a successful women's team as they continue to prepare for the long-awaited tournament.



HIGH FIVE Two women's basketball players practice in the PERC for an upcoming game. The team fell to Anderson 62-51 on Wednesday. Laine Mello led the Spartans with 13 points.

Photo by Derek Wells