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Mud Volleyball Wins over Weather

Carson McFadden Staff Writer

Manchester College's annual May Day Mud Volleyball Tournament took place this past weekend on Saturday, May 7. One of Manchester's dirtier events, the tournament was run by MAC, the Manchester Activities Council, and featured 77 teams, the most teams in tournament his-

As this year's tournament was the largest ever, MAC members were on hand early to get the festivities underway. Senior Cambria Teter helped to prepare the court —which ended up being no easy task. "We started pumping all the water in like we always do, but the ground was rock hard," Teter said. "It took us a while to get the court into a playable condition, so we were over an hour behind schedule by the time we got playing."

Despite the late start, the games went off largely without a hitch. Junior John Lash felt that the tournament went exceedingly well. "The schedule got kind of messed up, but it really wasn't a big deal," Lash said. "I still had an awesome time, and I thought my team played fairly well. But it is kind of tough getting all the mud out of my beard."

The first three rounds of competition went smoothly, but bad weather



The winning mud volleyball team shows off their mud proudly after the tournament. Inclimate weather forced the tournament to play out a little differently than it normally would, causing many forced disqualifications Photo courtesy of Student Activities because of teams not being present.

forced MAC to postpone the upcoming games. Once people spotted lightning nearby, games were held off for a half hour. Most teams still in the tournament left at this point and

not all of them came back. As a result, the only teams that showed up after the weather delay were automatically in the semi-finals of the tournament.

According to Teter,

the weather ended the tournament prematurely. "I guess nice weather was too much to ask for this weekend," Teter said. "Once the cold rain started and we had to postpone for lightning, it was hard to get people back outside. We still played and finished the tournament, but it wasn't quite the same."

Junior Kyle Fahey's team made it all the

way to the final match. "It was kind of weird playing in front of almost nobody," Fahey said. "But we still had what it took to take the trophy home-even though there was no trophy. At the end of the day, it felt good to go home with a huge rolled-up bracket." As winners, the team received the bracket from the tournament along with t-shirts.

Fahey's played members of the men's basketball team in the final, a great ending to a spectacular and messy vollevball tournament. "The last game made it all worth it," Teter said. "Two very good teams stuck it all out and it was intense until the end. Even with the problems, it was awesome!"

Junior Garrett Singer was disparaged about his team's fourthplace finish, although he remained upbeat about his chances next year. "We ended up finishing fourth, and that really isn't too bad," Singer said. "But I know we can do better. I wasn't pleased with our effort in our final game, but fortunately we have a long offseason to train and prepare!"

"I'm definitely sort of sad since this was my last May Day weekend," Teter said. "But this year's mud volleyball tournament was an awesome way to

Airband Exhibits Spartan Dance Moves, Talent

Kelsey Collins and Jessie Hickerson Satff Writer and Co-editor

May Day is back so is Air Band. On Friday night, the PERC was packed with what seemed like the whole student body of Manchester College. As the time drew near for the start of the air band competition, students began to clap and demanded for the start of the performances. The crowd was enthusiastic about the show.

Within air band, there are two competitions, one for best air band performance and one of the best "One Hit Wonder." The main difference in the categories is the length of the performance.

Seven groups entered the competition this year, including Swagtastic, the Oreos, International Buffett, Pink Unicorns Attack, Ultimately F***ed, Team Reptar and Bootylicious.

As always, Michael Jackson was a favorite among many of the groups for music choice, as well as a crowd a favorite. Two of the groups did a spoof of Justin Bieber, which caused an uproar from the crowd. The International Buffett started out with an African dance which was a great way to get noticed among the other groups.

The group that brought a different, more rattle-shaking flair to the competition was Team Reptar. It seemed like the

crowd did not know what to the Rugrats, it was a cute think of them, but that could idea,"said Pulicia Kelly, a be contributed to the fact senior. that they did not get properly introduced. Seniors Madi Gregory, Katherine Pea and Hannah Reed danced and lipsynced in diapers and pacifiers, reeacting one of their favorite

The two rock bands that were new to air band were Pink Unicorns Attack and Ultimately F***ed. The two groups of first years were unfamiliar with the tradition of air band and took a

first year Phineas Shrock. which brought a lot of clap- a standing ovation, which "We heard 'air band' and thought air guitar and rock

Bootylicious, the last to perform with the most people, chose some old school 90's music like Backstreet Boys, N'SYNC and Brittney Spears. They ping and whooping. Easily was repeated at the end of the most memorable segment of their performance, was first-year Jeremiah Sanders braving the crown as he came out in a black, on-armed leotard and wig to become his own Beyonce while dancing to

their performance.

At the end, however, it was clear by the crowd's reaction who they wanted to win, but the panel of judges still spent some time deliberating. While they talked, the staff members of MAC put on their own performance.

Team Reptar was named as the "One Hit Wonder" winner, while the crowd favorite Bootylicious was announced as the winner of this year's air band.

Sanders was the choreographer, music editor and the team captain of Bootylicious. He said, "I thought about bringing in 90s pop with 2000s hip hop."

The team spent twelve hours practicing their routine. Asked about how he came up with the Beyonce idea Sanders replies, "It was for comic relief."

The team won the title of air band winners and a \$500 prize, which they will split between the tweleve people in the group. "Pumped so exited... WEWEWE SO EXCITED!" Sanders exclaimed after the show! The group as a whole have plans to go out Sunday for a celebration dinner.

Catherine Lange engaged in the show. "It was really cool how they mixed the music and how creative the costumes were," she said. "It was wild!"



BOOTYLICIOUS The winning air band team poses for a picture after their performance. The highlight of the routine was first-year Jeremiah Sanders in tap shoes, followed by his leotard and rendition of Beyonce's "Single Ladies." The winning group received \$500 that they plan to spend on a team dinner. Photo courtesy of Student Activities

their favorite music. "Their act was cute and different

on the competition. "We didn't realize it was more of from all the rest. I loved a dance competition," said

from dancing to gymnastics, including a tumbler

the crowd saw Sanders, they cheered enthusiastiand a tap dancing number cally and gave the group

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McFadden, Brelje Named Fulbright Scholars



WORLD TRAVELERS Senior Katy McFadden poses with alumna and fellow Fulbright Scholar Kate Brelje. McFadden will teach English in Indonesia while Brelje will teach English in South Korea.

Photo by Derek Wells

Amanda Hoff Staff Writer

Kate Brelje and Katy Mc-Fadden have added their names to the growing list of Fulbright Scholars from Manchester College, bringing the total to 28 in the past 15 years. Both students will be teaching English in other countries, Brelje in South Korea and McFadden in Indonesia. The two have also both studied abroad while at Manches-

ter, Brelje in Japan and McFadden in Northern Ireland. Although they will not be teaching in the countries they traveled to while at Manchester, they both admit that being abroad inspired them to apply for

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the Fulbright so they could explore other countries. After studying

abroad in Japan for a year, Brelje only increased her desire to experience other cultures. "That experience also showed me that I enjoy living abroad and that I would more likely be capable of participating in another year long program in another Asian country," she said.

McFadden also chose the country for her year-long assignment because of a previous trip abroad. After going to Indonesia with her entire family as a senior in high school and seeing where her father spent a lot of his childhood, she knew she wanted to go back someday. "I was struck by the hospitality of the people - it was like meeting a big family I never even realized I had," McFadden said. McFadden's desire

to teach in another country was also a result from her travels to Northern Ireland with BCA. Although she enjoyed her time there, McFadden says she wants more of a challenge this time. "I also wanted to live in a culture that is really different from my own - different language, religion, and traditions" she said. "I think I will learn a lot by being outside my comfort zone."

Despite the fact that both students will be focused toward teaching others the English language, they do want to discover new things while in different countries. Brelje tends to take a step back and allows herself the chance to be amazed by her surroundings. "I love walking through cities and gazing at the liveliness around me and learning new things," she said. "I love the sensation of awe. It is much easier to be struck with awe in a place where one cannot speak the language and to whom everything is new. It's a lovely sensation."

McFadden also has other plans outside of teaching while on assignment in Indonesia. "Hopefully I will find a place to volunteer in the time I'm not teaching so I can meet some new people" she said. "I would also really like to see other parts of the country. I want to hike through the jungle and snorkel in the ocean!" Being Fulbright scholars definitely gives Brelje and McFadden a chance to experience things that may have otherwise been unachievable.

For Brelje, the chance to teach English to foreign speakers is not a new one. "I have taught informally to a group of Burmese adults recently in Fort Wayne, but I am excited to be involved in a more organized educational setting" she said. Because she has already taught and will be returning to familiar Asian cultures, this yearlong assignment may be a smooth transition for her.

McFadden may also be able to expect an easy change from being a student in America to a teacher in Indonesia.

Having already visited the country, she has an idea of what to expect from her students. Although neither Brelje nor McFadden majored in education at Manchester, McFadden feels that her area of study may be useful in this new setting. "I know that teaching English in Indonesia isn't exactly a typical choice for a psychology major, but I think psychology has taught me about how to understand and relate to other people, and this skill will serve me well anywhere I go" she said. Both students will be challenged in their new settings and will be relying on what they have learned while abroad and in

classes here to help them. After the two return from teaching in South Korea and Indonesia, they both have ideas of what they want to do. "I've been accepted to a Masters of Philosophy program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins" Brelje said. However, she is leaving her options open and said that she will only return for the graduate program if "the Fulbright experience does not lead [her] in other directions."

McFadden has a similar goal after the year is up. "I plan to attend graduate school in clinical psychology, although I'm not yet sure where," she said. As Brelje and McFadden's past trips abroad seem to indicate, the two will enjoy their year-long assignments no matter what may follow.

Campus Golf: A New **Manchester Tradition**

Kelsey Barta Staff Writer

There's a chance you have heard of campus golf, but there is an even better chance you have seen the course.

The idea to start campus golf came to sophomores Luke Bentley, Derek Jones, Josh Vardaman and firstyear Phil Keim as they sat inside on a nice day about three weeks ago. "We wanted to go out and doing something outside," Vardaman said. "We were wasting a perfectly good day and suddenly someone mentioned campus golf."

The foursome started with nine holes and have added nine more to make the course a complete 18 holes. To decide where the holes would be, they walked around campus, found where they would start and went from there. "We basically start a new hole where one just ended," Vardaman said. "When we first were deciding on the holes, we looked around and thought of different ways for the course. Sometimes you have to hit signs or rocks and in other cases you can get a birdie for landing the ball in the fountain."

Jones noted that the course is garnering recognition. "There was one really nice day where everyone was laying out on the mall," he said. "I think that's when people started talking about it. I've had people I don't know come up to me and ask me about it." Anyone is invited to play and the founding golfers usually encourage anyone they see to join in the game.

They only observe a few rules. Instead of golf balls, they use tennis balls. They also recommend using a seven iron, eight iron or wedges. The

creators also ask that players fix all divots in the event that those happen. They also joke about having to wear a collared shirt, which is a rule most of them follow. Most of the course is either a par three or four with a few exceptions.

An example is the third hole that starts across from the Manchester Clinic. Players shoot for the picnic table behind the power house. If the ball rolls under or

hits the table, the players turn is over. After talk about making the course a campus-wide event, Keim made a Facebook page and organized an event for Sunday, May 8. Called "MC Campus Golf Scramble," the event allowed teams of two with a \$2 entry fee. Roughly 25 students either paired up for a chance to win or came to watch. Coming in third place for the first annual event was Garret Kautz and Josh Vardaman. Derek Jones and Josh Walker were the pair that took first runner-up. The winners of the green jacket, which was bought at the thrift store, were John Lash and Grant Noakes. "It was a solid win," Noakes said. "[It] may be the greatest thing that has ever happened to John and me." Lash was equally excited. "It was a lot of fun," Lash said. "I'm honored to be the first champion in what I hope becomes a long standing tradition." Despite the loss, Collin Bishopp

had a great time and even got a holein-one. "After I hit it, it felt really good," Bishopp said. "The whole crowd started yelling 'get in the hole!' I had a moment when my Tiger [Woods] came out. Once the ball landed, the Tiger fist pump came and Luke [Bentley] and I became ecstatic." Despite their best efforts, the team failed to place in the top three.

Due to the success of the event, those that participated are thinking of making it a four day event next fall and hope they reach enough players to form a club on campus. "With all the interest and participation we have been getting I think it would be great to make it an official club at MC," Bentley said. "It's going to take a lot of work but I think it will be worth it."



Claim Independence Tonight at '1776'

William Rhudy Staff Writer

Tonight Manchester College travels back in time to Independence Hall with an invitation to witness the debate over the Declaration of Independence...through song. Sherman Edwards' "1776" opens this evening at 7 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium. The musical accompaniment will be provided by the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and actors on stage will include faculty, community members and students.

Darcy Robins is a third-year music and vocal performance major and East Hall RA from Huntertown, Ind. who plays George Read of Delaware. Robins balances two jobs, a full course load and a slew of extra-curricular activities at Manchester. But she is holding up during performance week. "Everything has been going rather smoothly...stressful, but that is to be expected," Robins said with a smile. "My lines are memorized and my blocking feels more comfortable after every rehearsal. I cannot wait for opening night."

Edwards' musical first appeared on stage in 1969 and was awarded a Tony Award for best musical. The majority of the play takes place in Independence Hall and centers on the debate for Independence from England. John Adams, played by Daniel Myers-Bowman, opens the play and debate with a call for Independence but receives a lackluster response. One of the first musical numbers is entitled, "Sit Down, John" which is the articulated frustration of Adams' fellow delegates.

Myers-Bowman has participated in nearly every stage production in his three years on campus. Students may remember him playing Winston in the fall production of "1984" or seeing him on stage for his various choir, jazz band or rock band performances. Does he feel the stresses of putting together a show like "1776?" Myers-Bowman seemed as cool as a pickled cucumber. "When you're in school, being in a large-scale production always makes

you feel over-committed, but you learn to deal with it," he said. "There are always some scenes that are ready before others, and sometimes it feels like a scramble at the last minute to get everything polished. Everything always seems to come together at the end, and I have no doubt that we will be ready for opening night." Playing the role of Benjamin Franklin will be Dr. Mark Huntington, chair of the Exercise and Sports Science department and associate dean for Academic Affairs. Huntington is relatively new to the stage as he is normally in the orchestra pit playing clarinet but when he discovered "1776" was to be performed at Manchester he decided to audition. "I actually saw "1776" when it premiered and have always loved it...the final scene is especially poignant," he said. Huntington beams with excitement for tonight's show. "It has been hard work, a wonderful experience, and I have enjoyed working with the students and community members," he said. "I encourage everyone to come and see the production!" Cast members have been rehears-

ing since February and are now ready to open the curtain. Indeed, the cast and crew have probably spent more time in Cordier Auditorium than classrooms this week. Robins, like other students is feeling the crunch, "I would have to say that the biggest stress is time management," she said. This sentiment is echoed by Myers-Bowman, who also feels the pinch of too much to do in too little time. "The biggest stressor, honestly, is making sure I get all of the other stuff done on my to-do list, because shows take a lot of time and energy."

The spring musical will also have performances Saturday, May 14, at 7 p.m. and a Sunday matinee beginning at 3 p.m. All performances are free.



Senior Nick Kenny as Richard Henry Lee and junior Daniel Myers-Bowman as John Adams rehearse for "1776." The musical, featuring the Manchester Symphony Orchestra, opens tonight at 7 p.m. in Cordier. Additional performances this weekend include tomorrow, May 14, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 15, at 3 p.m.

Photo by Derek Wells

Manchester University: Name Change Proposed

Shelby Covington Staff Writer

Do you want to graduate from a college or a university? How do you feel about changing the college's name? The board of trustees will vote in October to decide whether or not the college's name will become Manchester University. If the new name is agreed upon, the change will occur at the beginning of the fiscal year in July 2012. "We're becoming

a more complex institution," said Executive Vice President Dave McFadden, "so it's natural to ask if we should change our name to reflect that." The school of pharmacy under construction in Fort Wayne adds to the campus's complexity along with its doctoral program. Plus, two masters programs were added in the last two years: one in education and the other in athletic training. "The kind of insti-

tution we are is evolving," McFadden said, "but who we are is staying the same through that process. This would simply be a new way of describing ourselves."

At the meeting in October, President Switzer will take a recommendation to the board of trustees, who will ultimately make the decision. Switzer will present feedback from faculty, students, staff and alumni. Members of the college have been surveyed with questions like, "How important do you think a name change is for the college? How do you feel about it personally?" After receiving results from faculty and the board of trust-



Photo by Erin Cole

ees, McFadden said "there has been decent support."

Student Government Association is the scope of the student body that will be surveyed. Mc-Fadden met with SGA to explain the factors of the name change so that voters will be well informed. "SGA's role as student representatives would make them good surrogates for the rest of the student body," McFadden said, "but if other student groups are interested in being part of that conversation, we'd love

whatever input we can get." Those who are in favor of changing the col-

ter University notice the advantages that go along with the change. "I think there's a perception that a university is more prestigious," McFadden said. "It might help us with fundraising and recruiting students and things like that."

lege's name to Manches-

Those who prefer to keep the tradition-Manchester College

name might reflect more on changes like losing the ring of MC or editing the lyrics to the fight song. One survey response that stood out in

McFadden's mind read:

"This would be really dif-

tal reasons, but if it's good for the institution, then I think it's a good idea." Some have raised

ficult to me for sentimen-

questions about how much the change would cost. By reviewing the amounts paid by other schools that have changed their names from college to university, McFadden learned that the prices range from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Students need not worry that funds will come out of tuition. The grant

from the Lilly Endowment

that supports the start-up

of the pharmacy school

also covers any institution-

al change. In regards to the name change, this would include everything from signage on buildings to possibly new athletic uniforms. Also, the change is timed in a way that new Admissions publications with Manchester University would occur at the same time new publications would be printed anyway, so nothing would be wasted. McFadden joked

that he would have to revamp nearly his entire wardrobe. "Easily a third of what I own says Man-

chester College," he said. If the name change

becomes a reality, the

first students to graduate from Manchester University would be the Class of 2013. However, it hasn't been decided whether or not their diplomas will read Manchester College or Manchester University after spending three years under the first name and one year under the second. When Huntington College changed its name to Huntington University, the administration allowed its first year of graduates to choose which name they each wanted on their diplomas. "One-hundred percent of graduates went with Huntington University that first year," McFadden said. As for McFad-

den, he votes in favor of switching to Manchester University. "Manchester has changed a lot over the years, and I think this is the natural next step," he said. "My reasons for that are both personal and professional. I think we would be better positioned in the market if we were Manchester University. Personally, I think it would be a point of pride to be associated with Manchester University also." As a third-generation graduate of Man-

chester College, McFadden noted that the change might "tug at heart strings in the short term." However, he looks toward the future and the good of the school. "For Manchester to be a vibrant, vital, growing place, the change to Manchester University is good."



Psych Students Discourage Texting and Driving

Lynette Griffin Staff Writer

"Attention is key; don't get distracted!" This motto was put on air fresheners and distributed to the North Manchester High School students earlier this month. Professor Ashleigh Maxcey's "Psychology Attention and Distraction" class focused on the distracting use that cell phones have while driving a car.

Students in the "Attention and Distraction" class went to the high school during the lunch hour and after school to raise awareness against texting and driving.

This attention topic derived from psychologist Daniel Simons' Invisible Gorilla experiment. In the experiment, six studentsthree in white shirts, three in black shirts-passed two basketballs back and forth. Audience members count how many passes are made by the white team. In the middle of the video, a person in a black gorilla costume walks through the middle of the participants and beats his chest. After the video is over, audience members are asked how many passes they counted. Almost everyone answered correctly with "15." Then, they were asked if they saw the gorilla walk across the screen. The look on their faces were priceless- they had no clue a gorilla was present. experiment

that everyone is subject to inattentional blindness because we all have limits on attention capacity. "Nobody is im-

mune to the effects of inattentional blindness!" Professor Maxcey said.

While many drivers will claim they are "good" at texting while driving, research says that nobody is "good" at this task.

The main aspect that the "Attention and Distraction" students focused on was the research part. Drivers who text and drive will continue to say they are "good" at this task, but in reality, research has yet to prove this. One jaw-dropping

statistic that junior Harry Sibert shares is that our legislation is not based on research. Even lawmakers and policy makers do not look at the research behind texting and driving, especially in regards to attentional blindness. With the ad-

vancement of technology, many people are using hands-free headsets or Bluetooth. These devices are supposed to be safer, right? Wrong.

Wireless still distracts just as much as if you were using one hand. Your mind is trying to focus on the conversation you are having with someone who is not present. The person on the other end of the phone does not know when something unexpected is about to happen. Therefore, the driver has to react to the situation and try to keep focused on conversation.

"You can't attend to your phone and drive at the same time," senior Andy Hopkins said. "Driving needs your full attention."

The college students put on a simulation experiment that the high school students participate

students were told to text a message containing their name and how much they knew about attention. At the same time, they were walking down the hallway. College students would roll a ball in front of them, change music songs, and even walk past them in a pink tutu! Sibert, guilty of

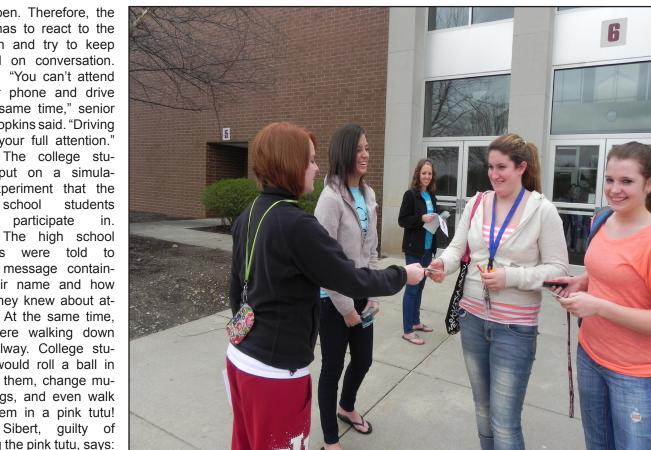
wearing the pink tutu, says: "This is not just part of a class; it's a service project with a pretty important and good message." While some

of the high school students were active in simulation, others were what Hopkins calls "too cool" to participate.

Hopkins handing out flyers and one student smirked and said, "Oh, I'm a good driver." To the college students, those students

who did not take a flyer or who threw it away immediately, was unfortunate. "We try to get to

the students first, then to the parents by hoping that



DON'T TEXT AND DrIVE Students in the "Psychology Attention and Distraction" class spread awareness outside Manchester High School of the dangers of texting and driving. The class also performed simulations with the high school students to show the amount of attention texting requires. Courtesy of Professor Maxcey

their student brought home the flyers," Hopkins said. Many high school students claimed that their parents even text and drive.

Junior English major, Ally O'Neill, said: "You notice what you expect to when driving, but your novel reaction time is slower."

O'Neill gave examples such as stop lights turning from green to yellow, or the car in front of you using their turn signal. But, you don't expect that little boy's ball to roll in front of you, or that car to swerve in front of your car. When things like this happen, your reaction is slower and you are unable to respond quickly. She notes, these situations are specifically looked at when using the phone. The "Attention and

Distraction" students focused on the research by Simons to help provide information to the high school students about the Invisible Gorilla experiment. When your peers, parents or even legislators claim that wireless is a safe method for when driving, these college students know that their facts are empirically based.

'Slash the Trash' Program **Encourages Trades, Sales**

Katie Majka

In further efforts to Go Green, Manchester College's latest Facebook phenomenon has taken the student body by storm. "Slash the Trash" is burgeoning with over 200 confirmed participants who are looking to buy, sell and trade items with fellow stu-

"Slash the Trash" is part of a campaign sponsored by the Office of Volunteer Services (OVS) and the Green Initiative. MC is participating in order to cut down on end-of-thevear waste, which includes the event itself as well as "swap boxes," which are located on each floor of the residence halls. Anything left at the end of finals week will be picked up by a Goodwill truck on campus, which will also be available to anyone who wishes to donate more items.

Students Katy Mc-Fadden and Bethany Clark created the event as part of a project for Professor Katy Gray-Brown's "Literature of Nonviolence" course. "We were both

bothered by how much trash students generate at the end of the year," McFadden said. "During move-out it's not uncommon to see perfectly good furniture in the dumpsters, just because students don't want to take it home or worry about transporting it somewhere else, like Goodwill. We wanted to give people more and better options for getting rid of the things they don't want."

Both Clark and Mc-

for such an event. "Everyone is on Facebook," Mc-Fadden said. "The event basically advertises itself. It's a simple way for students to connect with each "Facebook is what

book was the ideal medium

college students do, so it's natural that the 'Slash the Trash' event is effective, said Kyle Grubbs. "Our generation is about ease and technology, and this combines the two." Along with approv-

ing of Facebook as the means for communication among buyers and sellers, students have also noticed the overall success of the "Within the first 24

hours of posting the event on Facebook, items were being sold to and from students throughout campus," Clark said. "Students are also able to ask for items they're looking for, and I have been amazed at the number of times I've seen students network for their friends. It's been helpful in so many ways," Lucas Kauffman agreed. "For people that

put something up in the first few weeks, that piece of furniture or whatever could be gone in just a few hours," he said. Items included in

the event are, as Kauffman mentioned, furniture, as well as lofts, refrigerators, carpets, and other dorm room or apartment ne-

cessities, all of which are priced by the sellers. "My housemates and I have bought two

chairs so far," Grubbs

Fadden agreed that Face- said. "It would be silly not to continue implementing the event. It's a great medium for college students to make money and get rid of the things they don't want. This way the college doesn't have to worry so much about overflowing dumpsters."

> Kauffman agreed with this statement. "MC should continue the event. It's great for people who don't want to dumpster dive... although that's another great option," he

> Although dumpster diving has been an effective means to obtain new possessions in past years, "Slash the Trash" has been helpful to those who may be more reluctant to sift through garbage in their attempts to find a new "In the past, we'd

> always seen a few flyers around campus from students wanting to sell their lofts or couches, but there is a limited number of people who see them," Clark said. "By using Facebook, students are able to post pictures and contact info and receive direct communication." "Slash the Trash"

> is scheduled to end on May 19, the last day of finals week, and students are welcome to join the Facebook event in order to continue buying, selling and trading items rather than dumpster diving for them in the final weeks of

Neumann to Law School

Chaz Bellman Staff Writer

As the final semester of the 2010-2011 school year folds, many seniors remain nervous for what the future holds. However, others like political science major Aja Neumann has her next several years laid out. Her plans consist of a southern move toward home, several years of schooling and ultimately, the development of skills in the legal field.

With a major in political science and a minor in psychology Neumann has begun to understand the way people think and how those in the legal field work in her time spent at Manchester. Having a cousin that is a practicing lawyer does not hurt either. After this spring's graduation Neumann will return to her home state of Kentucky and enroll in Northern Kentucky University's graduate law program. Luckily for her,

Neumann is a resident of Dearborn County, KY. In a tough economy, Northern Kentucky has offered discounted tuition fees to those who live in this county which is close to the school. "It was definitely a big part of my decision in choosing a law school," said Neumann. She noted that the discount was helpful because the state does not offer as many grants for graduate programs. Northern Kentucky Neumann finds the per-

justices," Neumann said.

She cited those upholding

fect combination of value and quality law schooling. "I am inspired by anyone who will fight for

interest in the legal field. "A Time To Kill" was the first media piece to fly of her tongue in discussion her media inspirations for law. She thanked Professor Ogden for sparking her interest in business law. However, the real world is not always comparable to the movies.

Like many, Neumann watched the O. J. Simpson trial, however, she took a deeper focus than most knowing what her future may hold. Also, she found a joy for studying Constitutional cases which often came in class. She noted Constitutional Law classes as the top on her favorite class lists while finishing her studies at MC. She also picked up valuable skills in her time spent in Manchester's mock trials that she participated in during her senior campaign.

Neumann has begun to narrow down the choices for what she will practice after school. After watching her cousin practice in the criminal law field Neumann decided to turn her focus to contractual law. "I don't want to have to start really low and work my way up," she said. She also felt moral conflicts with defending a criminal that she felt was guilty. However, she is keeping her options open and considering working on not only business contracts, but sports contracts as well, citing her lifelong enjoy-

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ment of ballgames such as softball which she played previously at Manchester.

justice along with several helped her establish the movies that sparked her skills that will carry her through her graduate schooling. She thanked the professors of the political science department for giving her strong insight for solving problems since many of them attended law school themselves. She has closely viewed the practices of lawyers

> in the media and in class. After law school Neumann plans to travel away from her home state as a business move to what she hopes lands her in a large city in Tennessee. Here she hopes to take the excitement that the pressure of evaluating corporate contracts involves and use it to her advantage in the process of covering contracts. Her focus in law continues in what she hopes will be a prosperous law career. Later in life she

would like to turn her focus on a long time dream of hers. After proving herself in the field Neumann hopes to be able to open up her own law firm. "It would be nice to work for yourself and not have someone telling you what to do," she said.

With her goals set for the future Neumann awaits graduation and a return to her home. Although multiple extra years of schooling may present multiple challenges she hopes her hard work will pay off in the long run and the she can join her cousin in a success career in the legal world.



MC Sports Rituals

Mary Kohrman Staff Writer

Manchester College is no stranger to tradition. From May Day events to the Garver "shoe trees" or the Schwalm slip-n-slide, Spartans understand the practice of ritual. MC athletes and coaches have not only team traditions, but also their own personal traditions to ensure victory on game day.

Being college associated with the Church of the Brethren, prayer is a common motif among the athletes and coaches on campus. Though it may not be an obvious, outward game day ritual, it is a personal and important one to the Christian athletes participating.

Soccer player Garrett Fredrick has a very specific game day ritual. "I pray the same prayer at the left goal post before every game and then tap the post three times before I take my spot on the field," Fredrick said. Rooted in a faithbased ritual, Fredrick says the three taps symbolize the three nails in the cross.

His prayer is simple, straightforward and summarizes the hopes most athletes have before beginning competition. "It's really nothing cool or whatever," Fredrick said. "Basically it's just, 'Thank you, Father, for giving me the ability to play this game. Please take this offering I present to you that it may be used for Your glory. Please keep us safe and allow us the ability to play our best. In Jesus name, amen.' and then a simple "tap tap tap" and I'm off."

Fredrick is with his religionbased traditions. Wrestling coach Matt Burlingame initiates group prayer before any matches to bring focus and unity to his wrestlers, though he has no quirky personal traditions himself. "For me, there's

too much other stuff that goes on that's unpredictable and worrying about everyone else; [there is] just no time to do my own goofy stuff before a match," Burlingame said.

In contrast, some

coaches and players feel that established rituals and traditions, though a clever way to build team camaraderie, are not for them. Head basketball coach Brad Nadborne conducts his coaching career of 18 years in a more straightlaced and simple way. Sporting a suit coat and tie on game day, with his players sharp in their white shirt, team tie and sweater, his belief is the "luck" of game days rituals is lacking. "Personally, I don't believe in them," Nadborne said. "If I did them and we won every game, then it would seem to make some sense. But, if the superstition is utilized through both winning and losing, then I think...what's the point?"

Whether or not the individual believes in the superstitious power of game day attire, for some athletes, game day clothing is about comfort, familiarity and maybe a little luck. Junior cross country and track and field athlete Casey Loshe has maintained her game day black sports bra and black socks since high school. "I wear the same socks and same sports bra every meet," Loshe said. "The main reason is because in high school we were always required to have a black sports bra. Its more of a comfort thing that superstitious."

field athlete, Courtney Hall, brings style to the meets with her game day tradition. "My unique tradition is to wear two different colored socks, normally hot pink and neon green [to the meets]," Hall said. Her stylish ritual

Another track and

began her first year at MC but has become more consistent and more meaningful as the years have progressed. "I continue it because even though I'm not normally superstitious, I am with sports and I feel that it makes me lucky," Hall said. "Also, it in some ways reminds me to have fun at my events no matter what."

Regarding a recent Facebook poll question asking if students believed in game day rituals, it seems many Manchester College students, from a variety of athletic backgrounds, have incorporated some type of game day ritual into their routines.

Even some unofficial athletes incorporate tradition into their daily workout routines. Senior TJ Stafford has a particular music playlist that brings him focus and success in each weight lifting session. "I listen to them to get pumped up, get the adrenaline flowing," Stafford said. While lifting, Stafford has a very particular list of songs he listens to. "I listen to Static-X: 'Invincible,' MudVayne: 'Determined' and Stemm: 'Face the Pain," Stafford said.

Athletics, no matter the name or game, have one thing in common: passion. To some athletes, game day rituals are serious and seemingly vital to success. To others, they are simply a way to have some fun motif to lighten the intensity of competition. In the end, no matter the tradition or lack thereof, coaches and players understand it is not the ritual resulting in victory, but the love of the game. According to Nadborne, the path to victory is in understanding that the best part of coaching, which goes beyond the end result, is "the camaraderie of coaching a great group of guys."



PLEDGE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE Every year Manchester seniors sign the Graduation Pledge Alliance promising to consider the social and environmental consequences of a potential job. Each May more than half of Manchester's graduates sign the pledge and wear green ribbons on their gowns to signify that they have joined Graduation Pledge Alliance has always been an integral part of Manchester as it tries to extend its mission beyond Manchester and into the professional world.

Photo by Julia Largent

Champ Repeats at Rib Cook-off

Joseph Stuart Contributing Writer

Manchester's annual Barbecue rib cook-off got under way last Friday night as hundreds of students flooded to the union for their fill of ribs, roasted corn, and savory desserts. It did not, however, go off without a hitch as rain drenched the area just as preparations were beginning. Chris Fogerty, organizer of this year's event, was not deterred. It wouldn't be a Manchester rib cook-off if it was not accompanied by rain or thunderstorms. "The rain has become part of the experience," said Fogerty.

This year had the largest ever group participation as 10 teams took their shot at being dubbed best ribs. "We had more teams," said Fogerty, "and more diversity in flavors." Among those 10 teams was also the first vegetarian team led by Kenapoc Coalition's Sam Carwile, Erin Cartwright, and Katy Herder. "They deserve props for the gumption to follow through it," said Fogerty.

"A lot of people were very averse to the

vegetables and tofu," said Carwile, "they just wanted a slab of meat." Not everyone, however, was reluctant to the notion of vegetarian barbecue. Many people took the opportunity to try something new. "We got a lot of good reactions," said Herder, "but some weird faces too." For Herder it was a day of firsts; taking part in her first May Day as well as Manchester's first vegetarian BBQ team. "I didn't know what to expect," said Herder, "but it was really fun. Team Panda Ex-

press, last year's champions, also got their team together in an effort to repeat as Manchester's best barbecue rib cooks. Despite running out of ribs Team Panda Express, consisting of Pooja Strestha and Ha Vu, proved to formidable as they were was once again crowned champions for the best tasting ribs. Strestha remembers this year being just as exciting as last year. "Even though we ran out of ribs really soon," said Shrestha, "it was a fun experience." For

Ha Vu, trying to battle the

rain as well as cook was

a particularly memorable experience. "The was really fun," said Vu.

The rib cook-off, however, is about more than just the participants. Hundreds of Manchester students look forward to the event each year. Whether it is for the ribs, the social environment, or even this year's tofu, the annual event is always well attended. "When we're serving dinner," said Fogerty, "It's a big, happy festival."

"Definitely the ribs," said Junior Matt Trentman when asked why he attended the cook-off, "They're always really good and there's a lot of variety." For many it is about so much more than the ribs. "I come for the social atmosphere,"

said Sophomore Sam Ott, "It was really good, even better than last year." The barbecue rib cook-off also provides an opportunity for the Manchester community to come together as the May Day festivities begin. "It's a good way to relax with the stress

of the upcoming finals," said

Junior Annika Sanchez.

"This is my favorite part of

the May Day weekend,'

May Day events require an enormous amount of preparation and the

added Junior Ian Hoover.

cook-off is no exception. "I put in a special request to buy ribs and charcoal," said Fogerty, "because our company doesn't have a fresh meat program." As one of Fogerty's favorite events, the extra work was well worth it. The greater number of teams in this year's contest did not allow for Fogerty to compete like in past years, but that did not ruin his experience. "I like for it to be student run anyway," said Fogerty. He loves to watch students take advantage of their op-

portunity to shine. Once again the rain could not stop the annual barbecue rib cook-off. Students and professors alike joined together for great tasting ribs and the sauce that inevitably covers each face. Like the rain, however, it's all part of the experience.

April Athletic **Training** Student of the Month



Peter Kowalczyk

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Current Sport: Baseball

Future Plans: Physical Therapy

School



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