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Students Have Free Rein over the Mall Again

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You have probably used it as a short cut to class; maybe you played ultimate Frisbee on it, or perhaps you have spread out a blanket and studied there. Whether or not you have done any of this, it is hard not to notice the open mall without any ropes or the understood warning, "Keep of the grass."

After students' successful resistance to keep off the delicately growing grass last year, the mall welcomes student activity once again as the central point on campus. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Jack Gochenaur commends the student body for being respectful. "I so appreciate the accommodation from the students for giving it a good start," he said enthusiastically. This praise is one of many from the faculty, including President Jo Young Switzer at her opening convocation.

Senior Taylor Judt recalls the students' reaction to not being able to use the mall. "They complained a lot," she said. However, despite the complaints, students left the grass untouched, allowing it to grow.

Junior Mark Sexton remembers the one time someone slipped under the ropes. "Last year

seeing the gigantic snowman in the middle when we weren't supposed to be on it," he said, "made me chuckle."

The grass had to be replaced for a number of reasons. Gochenaur explained that the construc-

Finding grass suitable for student activity was important. "We had to get the right kind of grass," Gochenaur said. "Then irrigate it and keep it growing. It seems well-rooted and is very thick so it survives foot traffic." He expressed that

been referring to the grass as 'Jack's Grass.' "It's not really my grass," he said with a chuckle. "I'm just interested in it." And he really is. "My hobby is landscaping," he said. "I really do love to mow; you have seen me out there mowing

said. "It is really beautiful. There is a gorgeous view from Chapel to Cordier."

Students credit the crew, as well. "I think it looks good," Judt said. "I do grounds crew so I think it looks fantastic."

Senior Chelsea

would be a good place to study before it gets too cold."

The mall is literally the central part of the campus, but it is also a central part of the campus life for many students. "It is really interesting to see how students use it," Gochenaur said. "When I sit in my office I see the Ultimate Frisbee and I really enjoy that they can do that. I've even seen students walking barefoot carrying their shoes."

Junior Daniel Voss describes experiences he has had. "Laser tag, the foam dance was there freshman year," he said. "I played Frisbee on it once, too, and tag."

Judt recalls the beginning of the year, "We played ultimate Frisbee while a photo shoot was going on," she said. "We stopped and posed for it."

Sexton defines the significance of the mall for students. "It's a place where everybody can go and hang out and get away from the classroom," he said.



YOUNG, WILD AND FREE After being forced to 'keep off the grass,' Manchester students are now able to walk across, play on and enjoy the campus' Mall. The grassy centerpiece of campus was roped off from mid-summer 2012 until May 2013 to allow for construction of the Academic Center, repairs to be made to MU's underground tunnels and the growth of new grass. Now the Mall has returned to being the center of activity.

Photo by Savannah Riley

tion of the Academic Center ruined the north part of the mall. Also, the tunnels under the mall had to be repaired, so the mall needed to be dug up. "It had to be redone," Gochenaur said. "I don't know the last time it has been, but it's been over ten years."

the only challenge they are anticipating is come early spring, when the snow melts, the mall could turn to mud really quickly. "I hope the students will know to respect it and let the grass grow back before walking on it," he said.

Some people have

the lawn. It's like my baby, if you will. So many things I do, one can't see the results from. Landscaping gives one visible results."

However, Gochenaur wants to give credit where credit is due. "The grounds crew does a wonderful job, all the time," he

Teddy agrees. "Grounds crew does a good job keeping it up."

First-year Heather Delorenzo described her first impression of the mall. "I thought it was really green," she said. "It looked like a welcoming place to just hang out. I feel like it

Eel River Initiative Renewed, Changes to Come

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"The Earth says much to those who listen." And the Eel River is crying out for help.

The message, written on a piece of art in biology professor Jerry Sweeten's office, pretty obviously rings true to him. He hears what the earth has to say, working with so many others to help clean it up and make it a better place to live.

The Eel River Watershed Initiative began in 2009, lasted for four years, and was then renewed for an additional three years. It is an ongoing effort to discover what condition the river is in, and to determine if it is improving as time passes. The goal is to elevate the condition of the river by removing harmful/unwanted substances from it, and preventing any more from entering. Promoting conservation of natural resources is also a priority. "The hopeful result is to make the river fishable, swimmable and available for people to use," Sweeten said. "We monitor from North Manchester to Mexico," he continued, and no, he is not referring to the country. Mexico, Indiana, is about 30 miles from our town.

The Initiative is made up of three parts. Part one is the actual monitoring/experimenting of the river. Students observe the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen, specifically, exist-

ing in the river water. They also observe the amount of E. coli, fish, and freshwater muscles present, incorporating strategies such as electrofishing to look at fish communities. Electrofishing uses small levels of electric current to

classroom and in the real world," Sweeten said. Students gain skills to carry with them to grad school or to employment opportunities; the skills help them to "become something," as Sweeten put it.

Part two of the Ini-

can use the river and appreciate its value. "People can't care if they aren't aware of it," she said.

Finally, part three is the "cost-share" portion, which involves working with farmers to direct them towards the best strategies

costs. "\$260,000 is dedicated to cost share of conservation practices with local agricultural producers, and the remainder covers water quality analysis/equipment, public outreach activities, student technicians, etc.," Sweeten said.

built into what it is today. It allows the students to work in a "more earthy" environment, according to Sweeten, undoubtedly a change from the white walls and industrial feel of the regular classroom. The cabin is also used for student interns to live in.

It is not only biology and environmental science majors that help out the Eel Watershed Initiative; students across the board, from all majors, become involved in service projects. "We could not do this without the college students," Sweeten said. Throughout the year, there are several opportunities to get involved. Along with the River Clean-up, which occurred this past Saturday, there is also a Canoe Float. This event is pretty self-explanatory, providing families to come out and appreciate the river and the recreational value it possesses.



BREAKING GROUND Construction of a log cabin-like building is underway on a corner of campus near the tennis courts as a part of the renewed Eel River Watershed Initiative grant. This building will be used by students in the natural sciences department as a place to research outside of class. Eventually, this three-part Initiative will both help educate Manchester students about the local environment and also preserve it.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

stun fish for a short amount of time, in order to get an estimate of the population size in an area. Technology plays a very large role in the research, giving students first-hand learning experiences. "What we're really interested in is helping interested, both in the

initiative includes education and outreach to students and the community. Watershed Coordinator Teresa Michaelis urges people to notice the river, "this beautiful resource we have in our backyard." The goal is to spread the word to the community, so that people

to manage their property, in attempt to prevent detrimental sediment from finding its way into the Eel.

The three parts of this Initiative, combined, are very expensive. This is where a grant worth \$750,000 comes into play, covering much of these

There is a log cabin-like building near the tennis courts on campus. This space is used by students in the science department after classroom hours. What began as an actual log cabin was torn down, built into a barn, then torn down again and

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Around Campus

East Street Apts. Renovated Inside, Out

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Manchester University had many new renovations for this school year. East Street Apartments underwent renovations this summer for both functional and cosmetic purposes.

"There were multiple problems," said Chris Garber, director of Operations. "On the exterior of the building, the back concrete deck had deteriorated to a point that it could not be fixed and below that were boilers (fuel burning container for heating water) that were not being protected from the leaking structure. The roof also needed to be replaced, and the stucco (plaster used for coating) between the exterior windows needed to be replaced."

The interior of the apartments were in a similar condition. "On the interior, the bathrooms were not in good shape, particularly the tubs," Garber said. "The kitchens needed an update and all rooms needed to be painted with new carpet."

Now that the news has spread about the new renovations, students are finding out how nice these apartments are. They may even wonder whether their

own rooms will be renovated. "We continue to try and improve the halls, although the improvements have not been necessarily in the rooms," Garber said. "First we updated the lobby of East and its west wing bathrooms. Then we replaced all of the plumbing in Garver, along with working on the showers and plumbing in Schwalm."

These improvements are all very expensive work, however some students would not even notice because of the "invisibility" of the changes.



MORE THAN A COAT OF PAINT Students moving into the East Street Apartments were pleasantly surprised to find that the 'Sixth Hall' has been renovated during the summer to improve both the functionality and the appearance of the building and its rooms. The concrete deck, stucco and roof were all replaced while the interior rooms were updated and painted.

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PERC Basketball Court Repaired this Summer

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The Manchester University basketball court is now as professional as any court in the country. The basketball floor was updated over a six-week period this summer, operated on by a top class organization. Foster Specialty Flooring is highly regarded in the field, and also worked on Michigan State University's court this year.

"After the renovation the floor is bouncy, consistent, the way a court is meant to be," said head men's basketball coach Brad Nadborne.

The floor was replaced this summer because ripples were developing in the court. This was considered to be too risky for athletes, and Manchester made the decision to modernize the floor.

The basketball floor was dug down to its base for this restoration. Foster Specialty Flooring modernized the surface with the newest and greatest suspension. The floor is in fact even in better shape than an NBA court, considering the professional courts have to be able to be torn apart on several oc-

casions.

"The new floor feels so much better to play on," said MU women's basketball player Abby Lang. "Our joints are taking less of a pounding when we run on the new floor since it's more supportive." Lang is also ecstatic about the new color on the courts, as well as the 'University' printed on the baseline.

"It's probably one of the best in the league now," said men's basketball player Keith Berry of the new court. "The old floor had dead spots and didn't have as much grip."

Women's head basketball coach Josh Dzurick is also ecstatic about the renovation. "We've had a lot of injury problems; hips of female players became misaligned," he said. "The floor was so hard before that it would be hurting our players." In fact, the athletes were practically running on cement. The old court was placed on top of thin boards that covered concrete. With the update, the boards covering the concrete have much more of an elastic quality. On top of those boards is now a layer of plywood.

"The give in the floor is now around 50%,

as opposed to the 20% that was estimated before," said Dzurick with a grin. The give, or force reduction value, of the old floor would come out to about 22%. The new force reduction value is calculated at 56%.

With this court renovation, more than just one change took place. There are now updated lines and the new name of Manchester is represented.

Women's college basketball players used to shoot from a three-point line closer than the men's line. In 2011, though, the women began shooting from the same line as the men. "The previous floor had the old three-point line on it although we shoot from a farther line," Lang said.

The old floor was referred to as Mastic-Cushion, and it worked well for ball bounce and uniformity. The new system, called Bio-Channel Classic, is "twice as soft" as the court before the renovation.



PLAY BALL The newly repaired basketball court floor is now gleaming and ready for action. After ripples began forming on the original court, the floor needed to be updated during a six-week long process this summer.

Photo by Emily Krabach

Around Campus

Artwork for Social Change Hangs in ACEN

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Staff Writer

When the new Academic Center was completed, Professor Ejenobo Oke knew she had an opportunity to add an artistic touch to the building that symbolized Manchester's change from a "college" to "university."

The Coordinator of Galleries at Manchester University saw a perfect venue to display art for the whole campus and North Manchester community, not just people interested in art or art students. "When I first walked through the new halls of the ACEN, I was struck by how perfect a venue they would be to display art," Oke said. "Not only were they in perfect condition to allow the art to stand out, but they are also in a perfect location."

Oke wanted to take advantage of the 500 plus people that walk through the Academic Center every day. "We have never even come close to that number with all our other galleries combined," she said. Instead of trying to get people to come to galleries, the hallways of the Academic Center allows for "the art to come to them," as Oke put it.

Oke wanted to connect the art with each of the different themes of each

floor of the Academic Center. For the second floor, which houses peace studies, sociology, social work, and gender studies, the artwork being displayed is by Ricardo Levins Morales, a Puerto Rican graphic artist who was in charge of the Northland Poster Collective for 30 years before its closing in 2009. Northland was a major contributor to labor arts and was nationally renowned. Morales's main work has been promoting social change and that fits in perfectly with the second floor hallway. "He speaks 'for the people' in a medium that itself is democratic," Oke said.

She thanks Katy Gray Brown, associate professor of philosophy and peace studies, for planting the idea of having Morales's work displayed. "It made sense that I coordinate the artwork with themes and ideas that speak to their interests, focus, goals, etc." Oke said. "She had known of him for a long time and mentioned him to me."

While most people think that art is something pretty to look at, Morales's work puts that in another perspective. Oke wants the Manchester University community to look beyond the art. "His works have a direct message is something different," she said.

"Art can highlight injustice and suffering, in such a way that it inspires us to change our world for the better."

You won't have to worry about rushing in to see the exhibit either. "Morales will be featured all year long," Oke said. With a large collection of items that were sent in by Morales, they will switch up the prints midway through the school year, but Oke assures that you will be changed by all his work. "I really can't wait to meet him in person," she said. "If he is this inspiring from across the miles, just imagine the effect he will have on our campus when he's here!" Gray Brown and her are working on getting Morales as a guest speaker for a VIA later this fall.



OPEN MINDED Work by the Puerto Rican artist Ricardo Levins Morales now hangs on the second floor of the Academic Center. In an attempt to echo the missions of the departments located on that floor of the building, Morales' artwork promotes the need for social change in many facets of society.

Photo by Alexah Parnin-Choisne

Opinion: Activities Fair Is a Student Success

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The activities fair is the number-one recruiting tool for all of the clubs on campus and I think it is a great event for clubs to meet new people and gain new members. I have been a student here for a little over a year now and I enjoyed it my first year. When I became involved with it my sophomore year, I then realized it is a useful way to get your club's name to people.

According to the director of Student Activities, Shanon Fawbush, this was the biggest activity fair ever, with 87 clubs along with local businesses and churches. Fawbush and the local Chamber of Commerce have been working closely together to include the local businesses. Senior Marcus Wyatt observed the changes in the activities fair. "I noticed more community members this year and that they started doing a spring fair too," he said.

The activities fair has helped me to decide what clubs I wanted to get involved with because there are so many on campus. A lot of the clubs at the fair can really get you ready for the real world. First-year Chris Knight agrees. "I joined the Pre Professional Club because it helps with interviews and internships," he said. Knight and fellow classmate Myles Curry both agreed; they chose clubs that sounded fun and went well with their majors.

Fawbush has no doubt that the activities fair is an effective way to get information on new clubs. "I think there are definitely some people that attend the activities fair simply to receive all of the free items that are handed out by the various clubs and organizations," she said. "But I firmly believe that the majority of people that attend the fair are looking for ways to get involved on campus."

There is no doubt that the clubs at the activities fair hand out a lot of free things including candy. I sometimes find myself going to every table and just wanting to

get candy from them, which is a great way to get people's attention. "I primarily went to the tables that had food and the Chemistry table that had root beer floats," said senior Jon Caffarelli.

Many students get caught signing up for a club because they went to their table for food. Senior Sarah Carman is very involved in the activities fair where she works at different club's tables and goes to see her friends that are working. "The last few years it seemed to me that there were a lot of students only interested in free stuff or just putting their names on sign-up sheets," she said.

The activities fair comes around twice a year, one in the fall and again in the spring. Just like in the fall, a lot of the clubs will be in the upper Union advertising their club to you.

MUIA Plans for Full Year of Activities, Events



MAKE YOUR MOVE The Science Center Lobby was filled by students at Manchester University International Association's Welcome Back Dance Sept. 6, the first of many events planned by the university club for the upcoming school year.

Photo by Maia Marusak

Cody Goble
Staff Writer

For some international students it can be difficult adjusting to the culture and traditions of Manchester University. However, whether a new or returning international student, the Manchester University

International Association (MUIA) can help with the transition.

The MUIA creates a more comfortable setting for international students through the creation of various events. In recent years, the organization has sponsored such events as the International Buf-

fet and the International Fashion Show. There has also been the popular Valentine's Day Formal Dance which is one of their largest events. According to the director of intercultural services, Michael Dixon, last year's Valentine's Day Formal probably had more than a hundred students

come by.

This year the MUIA has already been hard at work, putting on the Welcome Back Dance, which occurred on Friday, Sept. 6. However, the MUIA constantly strives to give students experiences they may not get the chance to experience otherwise.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, MUIA and ASA members will travel to Sandusky, Ohio, to enjoy the many attractions at Cedar Point Amusement Park, location of 16 roller-coasters including the Corkscrew and the Gemini. "They love going to Cedar Point, Kings Island, one of the big theme parks," Dixon said. "Many times they don't get to go to theme parks and it's a new experience for many of them."

The MUIA will travel to Indianapolis on Nov. 23 to visit the Indy International Festival. The Festival will feature over 50 ethnic groups sharing and celebrating various aspects of their cultures. Over 20 vendors will be present preparing cuisine

from various cultures and traditional dancers will be present to showcase a diversity of styles.

The MUIA also tries to expand the entire student body's awareness of varying ethnic group's struggles within the United States. On Oct. 8, the Office of Multicultural Affairs will sponsor a showing of the documentary "Vincent Who?" The film discusses the 1982 homicide of Chinese-American Vincent Chin. His killers, two white autoworkers, received a \$3000 fine and 30 days probation. Neither served any jail time. These events united Asian-Americans across the nation and would ultimately lead to, among other things, an expansion of federal civil rights protection. After the film, a discussion will occur, led by the documentary's writer and producer Curtis Chin (no relation).

The MUIA meets every Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Intercultural Center. During a recent meeting, attendees were treated to a night of games focused

on international themes and music from international sources.

All international students are eligible for the MUIA as well as other students who express serious interest in intercultural affairs.

Those wishing to find out more about the Manchester University Intercultural Association may visit the Manchester University website or follow the MUIA via their page on Facebook.

Around Campus

Gladfelter Studies 'Thrift Fashion' for Thesis

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Laura Gladfelter, a senior marketing major with minors in journalism and biology is a perfect example of how hard work and self motivation are the keys to make your dreams come true. Gladfelter will be presenting her Honors thesis "Study of Thrift: The psychology of consumer habits, economics of historical trends, innovative retail marketing, and environmental benefits of refashioning" during January Session at Manchester University.

Gladfelter became interested in fashion after realizing that she needed a creative outlet. "I played four sports in high school and was very focused on academics but felt something was missing," she said. "I applied for a position with the local newspaper and that resulted in me getting my own fashion column, 'Laura's Latest,' in a local magazine, Elkhart County Living." Gladfelter wrote for the magazine for over three years covering anything related with fashion, from behind-the-scenes model tryouts for ANTM to trend forecasts or even Valentines outfits.

Yet Gladfelter soon realized that there was a key point she re-



"HEY MACKLEMORE! CAN WE GO THRIFT SHOPPING?" Senior Laura Gladfelter, a marketing major with minors in biology and journalism, will present her Honors thesis on thrift fashion in January. Gladfelter became interested in fashion while writing for a local magazine during high school. Upon graduation, she hopes to attend a top 25 MBA program.

Photo courtesy of Laura Gladfelter

fused about fashion. "I hate the idea that you can only be fashionable if you are wearing the most expensive labels," she stated. "I think fashion is for anyone who has an imagination, regardless of their income."

After realizing this flaw in the fashion industry, Gladfelter became passionate about thrift stores. "I discovered thrift

stores when I went costume shopping for a wacky dress-up day for cross country," she said with a smile. "I love how trends tend to cycle the decades so a lot of the clothing that was in style 20 years ago can be worn today if you pair it with a piece from your closet or make a little alteration, plus clothes are far cheaper in thrift stores."

However, Gladfel-

ter's achievements are not only academic. This summer she interned at Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) where she loved every day's unpredictability. "There was never a dull moment!" she exclaimed with excitement. "One day I was helping the NHL media with the Blackhawks Rally, the next I was writing public relations pieces

for Fashion Week." Gladfelter's big summer project was the Chicago Sidewalk Sale and Runway Event. "I managed logistics for the runway show and helped Peach Carr (Project Runway TV show designer) hide from a threatening stalker!" she said, "I also helped plan fashion shows and shopping events for Chicago Fashion Week."

Gladfelter affirms

that the reason why she obtained the internship was because of her various interests and leadership positions. "I am sort of an oxymoron; I am a marketing major minoring in biology and journalism with this fashion honors thesis," she said with a chuckle. "So the diverse culture of events at DCASE was perfect for me!"

Gladfelter also praised the liberal arts education she is getting at Manchester and the importance employers give to it. "My boss told me in my review that I was top choice for the internship because of my diverse studies and leadership positions," she said. "MU makes it easy to create your own opportunities if you take initiative; this school has been great for me because I had the chance to get involved in so many activities that I never thought possible."

After graduating, Gladfelter would like to get into a top 25 MBA program. "My boss is trying to talk me into Northwestern's integrated marketing program," she said. "I would also love to start my own company and be a part of Kiwanis, which is the graduate version of Circle K." In addition she would like to coach a Little League team or cross country team in her spare time.

Shidler, Wright Compete in Triathalons

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Staff Writer

Molly Wright and Artie Shidler both thought they were in good athletic shape. Wright ran cross country and Shidler played football and lifted weights. The answer to an invitation to challenge their bodies further seemed simple: yes, they would compete in triathlons.

For Shidler, the decision to compete in a triathlon was based on personal amelioration. "I just wanted to better myself, do something that not everybody does in their life," Shidler said. With the support of a lifting buddy, Shidler began training in the two months before his race in Rochester.

Wright went about her entrance into the triathlon a bit differently. "Mine was social," she said. "I did mine with other cross country runners. We just decided to do something together in the summer and that was another way to work out." Wright and her teammates made their way to Muncie to compete.

Both triathletes were emphatic about the importance of training. "You can't train two days out for [swimming]; you have to train throughout the year," Shidler said. "It's like nothing else; it's completely different condi-

tioning."

Wright found that a lack of training can hurt more than an athlete's time. "You can't go into it and not train," she said. "I didn't train as much as I should have and I definitely felt it the next day."

Both students competed in swimming, biking and running portions of their triathlons. "The swim was 400 meters in a lake in a circle or kind of a diamond shape, and then it was a 13.2 mile bike and a 3.1 mile run," Shidler explained. "It was through all-terrain though. Biking was through country roads and up and down hills, running went through some woods and then on a gravel road."

For Wright, her biggest challenge came with the bicycle portion of the race. "I used a mountain bike in the summer and I thought that would be enough," she said. "I wasn't very experienced with the speed bike and all the gears and how to work those. The terrain in Muncie is very hilly, so it's just constantly up and down and people who I had passed in the swim would pass me on the bike with all of this speed. [I just thought] 'Why am I peddling and not getting very far?'" Wright's struggle with the bike had her mind drifting toward the thought of quitting. However, her willpower proved to be as strong as her legs

and she was able to finish.

Shidler's near-breaking point came to him during the swim. "You don't want to drown," he said. "There's a lot of people that had to drop during swimming." Shidler explained how his weight training and football playing could actually hinder his swimming ability. "If you get too bulky you get yourself weighed down," he said. Shidler remembered meter 300 during the swim as hardest moment, making him contemplate whether all of his training and the rest of the race was worth it. But this is where the willpower of a triathlete kicks in.

"It's a whole new mindset of who you have to compete with," Shidler said. "You have to find a new mentality, I guess. It's a mind game too. If you feel like you're going to die out you have to fight through it and get back to it. You can't go into it not training for swimming, and I don't think I trained well enough for it. When you get out of that water and onto the bike, the bike is honestly where I think I caught most of my energy back. Having the mentality of not quitting really gets you through anything."

Shidler finished the race in third place. "I was pretty pumped about that," he said. Wright felt fulfilled at the end of her race. "It was very tiring," she said.

Res Life Welcomes New Garver Hall Director

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Shonda White is a new member of the Manchester University Residence Life staff. This year she is the hall director for Garver Hall, the traditionally coed hall that houses 130 men and 130 women and was named in honor of former professor and dean Earl S. Garver.

Hailing from Springfield, IL, White has had plenty of experience with residential life although she has had no prior experience in being a hall director. So what qualifies her to make the jump to hall director? White was a residence assistant for three years at the University of Illinois-Springfield. After that she was an intern for six months for residence life and finally after that she was the lead office assistant for seven months. It sounds like residence life

is a passion of hers. "I like the effect of helping others," said White reminiscing about her past. "I just fell in love with being a RA and college life in general."

White earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology at the University of Illinois-Springfield. One reason she chose to work at Manchester was because she liked the residence life department and the people in it. White is heading an all new staff of RAs but she has no worries because she plans to become as close as possible to the new Garver resident assistants.

White has become very accustomed to the simple but comfortable ways of North Manchester life. "I like working out, shopping hanging out with my RAs and watching a ton of Netflix," she said with an emphasis on Netflix. "I love the people here and

the sense of community; it's like a home away from home."

White has already made slight changes for RAs. At the front desk, there is a bulletin board and at the center of the board there is a thumb tack pinned into the board and a string and another thumb tack hanging from it. Around the thumb tack and string there are several locations for where an RA should be if they aren't at the front desk. Every time a RA leaves the front desk, they are to put the tack at the location of where they are so if a Garver resident is looking for them all they have to do is look at the bulletin board at the front desk.

Garver Hall has always been a hall leader in the Homecoming competitions, as well as organizing traditional activities including: Haunted Garver, High-Lighter Assassins, NERF

war, Penny Wars, All Hall Picnic and Shoe Throwing Ceremony. Under White, Garver Hall can look forward to new events and activities for the hall that will bring the residents closer together as a community.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM Shonda White, the new hall director at Garver, enjoys a quiet afternoon by the fountain outside of the Administration Building. She is very experienced in residential life and she enjoys helping others.

Photo by Maia Marusak



Spartan Sports

Men's Soccer Adds Depth, Practices Hard

Thomas Webster
Staff Writer

Although the season has not started as hoped for the Manchester Spartans men's soccer team this year, they still hold out hope for the rest of the season. There are many positives that the team is concentrating on, and a few tweaks here and there that will be made.

The team has gotten out to a slow start with a 1-4-1 record, but there has been stiff competition, including a couple of NAIA schools coupled with tough competition from fellow Division III opponents. The team rolled to a 2-0 win over Kentucky Christian and rallied for a 1-1 tie in double overtime against Principia.

Close games against Kentucky Christian and Principia have encouraged the team on their progress. Junior defenseman Mark Zinser is encouraged by the team's strides so far. The depth on this year's team is very deep compared to years past. "We have so many guys that can play differ-



KICKIN' IT Manchester advances downfield during the team's home game against Kentucky Christian on Sept. 7. The team picked up its first win of the season with a 2-0 victory over the Knights. Manchester plays its next game tomorrow afternoon at Albion. The team's last nonconference game will take place next Saturday at home against Ohio North-ern.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

ent positions," Zinser said. The team is starting to come together on all levels. "We are all starting to connect, and the chemistry is coming together," he

continued.

Zinser pointed out the two weaknesses for the team thus far. "We tend to just make little mistakes and have a hard

time correcting them," he said. He points out getting down on the little mistakes as well. "Sometimes when we make little mistakes we just beat ourselves up

about them and it makes it hard for us to bounce back from it," he said.

The Spartans are confident that their hard work will start paying off

for them in terms of wins. "We practice hard every day of the week, and we know that the little things will smooth themselves out," Zinser said.

"By the time conference comes around we want to be hitting on all cylinders," Zinser continued. Although conference is still a few games away the next couple of games will be key for the team. They will be used to fine tune their game so they will be rolling going into the HCAC schedule.

The team looks to keep building on prior success as they head further into their season. "We have a lot of guys who have played a lot of soccer here," Zinser said. With all of the experience the team has they look to be able to finish strong in their out of conference schedule.

Manchester University looks to continue their success with their one game on the docket this week. They travel to Albion, MI, to play Albion College on Saturday Sept. 21, at Alumni Field.

MU Women's Soccer Team Bonds, Volunteers

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Changes have been sweeping across Manchester University's women's soccer team this season. The team is juggling an upcoming volunteer opportunity, six first-year players and an increased number of fans at their home games.

The women's soccer team is traveling to Claypool Elementary School in Warsaw, Ind., on Sept. 25 to lead an afterschool activity. Trinity Schelich, a junior psychology major and defender for the team is excited for the volunteer opportunity. "I really love kids," she said.

During this afternoon the team will perform an activity of choice with the students. They are planning on playing various games as well as teaching soccer skills and the importance of sportsmanship. The team was interested in a service opportunity last year, and this year Schelich decided to contact the Office of Volunteer Services to see what was available. When the women heard

about an opportunity with children and that it would involve teaching, they decided it would be the best fit for them.

New to the women's team are six first-year players who are ready to storm the field. "They came in ready to play," Schelich said. "They are really strong." The first-years have been passing their fitness tests with flying colors, even though achieving them is not a requirement for first-year players. "It gives the returners something to fight for because they want their position as much as we want to be a strong team," Schelich said.

Being a strong team is important to the girls on and off the field. One way in which they engage in team bonding is by having "hydration parties." This team-bonding activity is typically held in the Union on a Friday night, and the girls will play drinking games with water or Gatorade. Kari Carpenter, a first-year athletic training major and defender for the team enjoys the hydration parties. "It's just fun," she said. "You get to laugh at everyone."

The team has noticed an increase of attendance at their home games. Students, family members and faculty can frequently be seen supporting the Spartans in the stands, cheering them on. Although their game on Sunday, Sept. 15, resulted in a loss of 4-0 against Thomas More College, it did not keep Jackie, a Chartwells employee and a big supporter of the team, from spending a chilly Sunday afternoon at the soccer fields. Katelyn Barta, a junior history education major and a striker on the team enjoys seeing Jackie at the home games. "Jackie is the best fan of mine out there," she said. "Whenever she comes to our games, I always get extra pumped up. She puts a smile on my face win or lose."

The ultimate goal the team wants to achieve this season is to make it into the conference tournament. "We know we have to take it one game at a time and improve at practice every day," Barta said.

The lady Spartans will take on Heidelberg University for their next home game on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 4 p.m.

August Athletic Training Student of the Month



Adrien Brudvig

Hometown: Chesterfield, MI
Future Plans: Become an ATC for a high school
Activities: MUATC
Current Assignment: Manchester High School

Opinion: Is the Funderburg Renovation Beneficial for MU?

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Although the Funderburg Library did a fantastic inside renovation, the computer lab, which was moved to the basement, is no longer open after library hours. It brought us the warmth of studying with friends at midnight, especially during the midterm and the final exam week. So some students are frustrated about the lack of the large computer lab. Today, in the lab's original location, now called After-Hours, there are only five computers with two more coming in the big study space in front of the library.

However, the renovation is still going on to meet students' demands and the After-Hours area will be a wonderful place. Jill Lichtsinn, the director of the library, is hoping by October that the library will get a maximum of 20 laptops ready to be loaned overnight, even though the number of the rental computers might be limited depending on the demand at the basement computer

lab for the next class day. Thanks to the library's thoughtful arrangement, we might be able to study with friends at the After-Hours area until very late.

This renovation was planned and carried out in a very short period. According to Lichtsinn, the idea came up in April 2013 since the eating places used to be very close to each other; the Outtakes, the Oaks, and the Haist Common were all located in the Union with the Sister's Café across the street in the Academic Center. She agreed to bring a café into the library because she imagined that the university would get many advantages out of it. By early June, the actual work of moving the lab and creating the café started, despite library staff knowing that the work would not be done on the day when classes began. "It was an intensive, but very upbeat, fun process and we worked hard," Lichtsinn said.

Students need to understand the lack of facilities because of the

very short time to finish the renovation. There are no printers at the computer lab and at the After-Hours area. In two or three weeks, the last few things will be finished, according to Lichtsinn.

One thing that I really like about this change is the big study space. Last semester, I gave a few group presentations in class and had a meeting at the Fishbowl. I felt that the place was too tiny to talk aloud because it used to account for about a third of the space of today's After-Hours area. In contrast, the After-Hours area will function well for different kinds of occasions with beverages at Wilbur's Café, couches, and several sets of tables and chairs, and students will be able to have lively discussions in the comfortable space.

I also would like to point out how the library created the spaces on the main floor and at the basement to create the study room and the computer lab. Now hundreds of journals and magazines do

not exist as hard copies but as virtual. The library recycled them as well as donated to other libraries or universities that wanted the print copies because students can still reach those old magazines on the online catalogue of the Funderburg Library. "The important things are that other organizations can benefit from the books that we identified as not being used for 20 or 30 years or more and we can use the space for the students in a better way," Lichtsinn said.

I saw a very positive attitude in her toward improving the library for Manchester's students. "I do welcome people giving me feedback about what's good or what's not so good so that whenever we can, if it's possible, we can make some changes," Lichtsinn said. Without students' cooperation and understanding, we will not be able to make things better.



Spartan Sports



MU Football Focuses on HCAC Foe Franklin

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Battling high expectations and hiking to new standards, the Manchester University football team moves onto their longest yard. After their season-opening defeat to Trine University and loss to Kalamazoo College, the team recouped and has refocused for their next surge in HCAC play.

For sophomore defensive back Taylor Anglemeyer and sophomore quarterback Logan Haston, playing with suppositions of success is charted green grass territory. "I definitely feel that we have a new bar to set and high level to reach," Anglemeyer said.

Haston agreed. "We had a good season last year but we are not satisfied," he said. "We have some added pressure because we have more eyes and attention on the program, but we are focused and know what we have to do. We aren't nervous."

Manchester University was defeated by Trine University 19-3 on Saturday, Sept. 7, and lost a close fight with Kalamazoo College 31-21 on Sept. 14. "There was disappointment because we had a big shot to win, but we have to



DUAL THREAT Senior quarterback Nick Williams runs toward the end zone during last Saturday's home game against Kalamazoo. The Hornets prevailed, beating Manchester by a final score of 31-21. Tomorrow afternoon, the Spartans will face the Franklin Grizzlies in the team's first road game and conference game of the season. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. at Faught Stadium in Franklin, Ind.

Photo by Savannah Riley

move on," Anglemeyer said.

Haston reiterated Anglemeyer's assessment. "We are not discouraged," he said. "We know what we are capable of and have a lot of senior leadership that will help us bounce back

just fine." Anglemeyer garnered 3 tackles against Kalamazoo bringing his total season tackles to 6, while Haston boasted 9 yards rushing and 86 yards passing for the season.

During practice the

team has been clocking many hours of repetition with their drills. "We have to limit our mistakes," Haston said. "We are doing a lot of reps to eliminate them. The more reps we do, the more crisp we become. For our

conference opener against Franklin, we have to come prepared and focused. It is a critical game for us and potential momentum swing for." Last season Manchester lost to Franklin 48-27.

The Spartans hope

to open up conference play strongly. "Franklin is very solid," Haston continued. "They are ranked 12 in the nation. We have a lot of respect for them. It is going to take a lot of preparation and focus to win."

With the added importance of repetition during practice, Anglemeyer also stressed the importance of the team dynamic. "I believe that a lot of victories are made in the locker room," he said. "We are all close and the seniors have made us all feel like we belong."

Haston echoes Anglemeyer's comments. "We are all close off of the field, we don't just go our separate ways," he said. "We are one unit and one team; we all share the same goal."

Geared with their drive to surpass expectations, the Manchester University football team strives to battle through adversity, and play harder. Anglemeyer summed up the attitude towards their upcoming season by quoting head coach Shannon Griffith. Coach Griffith instructed the team to "keep choppin'."

Spartan Volleyball Anticipates HCAC Opener

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The Spartan volleyball team continues to "set" themselves for victory as players develop their skills to "serve" up the competition. With a record of 2-9, the team has some work to do, but morale remains high as the players look to Conference for a chance to prove themselves.

With several games behind them, the team has been able to clearly identify its weaknesses. While part of volleyball is anticipating the opposing team's next move on the other end of the court, according to senior Makena Hamilton, improvements must first happen in Spartan territory. "We need to work on our side of the net and on things we can control like serving, defensive movements and building a strong offense," she said. "We need to work on not making errors at critical times."

There are so many factors to succeeding, as Hamilton emphasizes. "It takes more than doing just one thing right to accomplish the big picture," she said. "It's

like Coach Paulsen says, 'volleyball is like an onion, and we have to keep uncovering every layer.'"

By peeling away these layers, players are convinced they can show opposing teams just what they're up against. Sophomore Devin Clark is no different. "Each team we play against has their own strength, and Manchester volleyball does a really good job at taking away that strength," Clark said with a grin. "I don't really believe that there is a team we cannot beat, and I think this year we're going to prove it."

These girls have not made it this far by accident, however. The team has spent many weeks together working on the ins and outs of the game. "[In the beginning] we spent a lot of time on fundamentals, learning about our offense and defense, and teammates in general to build that element of camaraderie," Hamilton said.

For Clark, on the other hand, the real difference comes with a change in mentality. "We have begun to do what we call focus time before every game and practice," she said. "We take five minutes to breathe and get

our brains focused on volleyball—and volleyball only. To me, this has been what has made us such a strong team this year because every day we get focused and do what needs to be done."

Camaraderie and confidence have been driving forces for this Spartan team, according to Coach Kendra Marlowe. "This year's team fights super hard during every play and wins many points because of that effort," she said. "They also play with their heads held high and a great attitude and have become much better communicators with each other on and off the court."

Spartan spectators should be prepared to watch their volleyball team eliminate weaknesses and go in for the "kill" on Sept. 20 as they take on Earlham College at 7 p.m. in Richmond, IND and on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's. Fans should expect a battle worthy of the Spartan name. "You will notice some determined athletes," Clark said. "We never give up without putting up an intense fight even when the odds are against us. We keep fighting until the scoreboard says 25 or win by two," she added proudly.

Cross Country Teams Perform Well at Calvin

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The Manchester University cross country teams are starting off the season strong. Coach Brian Cashdollar is pleased with the way everything is shaping up and thinks that both the men's and women's teams have a bright future ahead.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the cross country teams were at Grand Rapids, MI, for their first meet of the season against Calvin College. The United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association has Calvin College ranked tenth in the nation. Manchester's cross country teams performed well, with senior Curtis Nordmann finishing in 10th place with a time of 25: 21.7. Other notable finishes for the men were Michael Stocker and Jon Cafarelli, both seniors, finishing in 15th and 16th place with times of 25: 33.4 and 25: 34.3.

The women were led by first-year Mariah Jordan, who placed 33rd. Inside the top 100 was sophomore Anna McGowen at 89th, and just outside was junior Rachel Weeber in



LAPS FOR DAYS Several members of the men's cross country team train during a recent practice. Last Saturday, both teams competed in the Calvin Knights Invitational. The men's team placed fourth while the women's team finished in thirteenth place. Today both teams will compete in the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships.

Photo by Alexah Parrin

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Overall, the Spartan men placed 4th behind St. Francis, Aquinas and Calvin, being just five places behind Calvin with a team score of 147. The women placed 13th with a score of 374. Manchester is the 29th ranked team, and will be competing again Fri-

day, Sept. 20, at the 2013 Indiana Intercollegiate Championships, which are hosted by Indiana University Bloomington.

Cashdollar sees promise in both teams, saying that the "women's team is very similar to last year," and the men's team has "lots of returning seniors

and lots of experience." He hates to throw names out for good runners because there are so many of them; the list is very long. Timewise, the strongest guy runners are looking to be Curtis Nordmann, Jon Cafarelli, Chris Lafree and Michael Stocker. To Cashdollar, the women's team

is looking great all around, and is glad to have steeple chase champion Brianna Martinez returning to help lead the charge.

According to Cashdollar, the goal for the team is "not about improving over previous years," but rather "seeing new opportunities and reaching new

goals." Cashdollar sees the potential in the teams to go all the way to a championship. Another championship would be the fifth in a row for the Spartans.

First-year Ruth Ritchey-Moore is thoroughly enjoying her first season with the Manchester University Cross Country team. According to Ritchey-Moore, sports at a college level are "more competitive and more structured" than her experience in high school. She also noticed that the "coaching is better" than at her school. "As a freshman, I've done well," Ritchey-Moore said, "but there is always room to improve." To her, the team has potential and she hopes that it continues to get better.

Team captains for the men are seniors Michael Stocker and Jon Cafarelli. The women are being captained by juniors Brianna Martinez and Megan Taylor.

The men's team is 22 runners strong, while the women's roster is loaded with 26 members.