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‘Sex and Drugs’ Sparks Student Discussions

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GTC Dramatic Dialogues invaded the campus of Manchester University Sept. 23, bringing with them an opportunity for students to be a part of the action and let their voices be heard. The group of four actors is based in the Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul) of Minnesota. “I started the company in 1995 and it basically came out of my desire to use theatre in a different way,” said Michael Agnew, the mastermind behind the creation of GTC Dramatic Dialogues. “I wanted to get the audience directly involved in the process.” That is exactly what he and the other three actors accomplished.

GTC Dramatic Dialogues has several different shows they perform, but the one they performed for Manchester was titled “The Sex and Drugs Show.” It includes three distinct acts, with each act displaying a debatable situation. The acts included acquiring alcohol poisoning at a party, working on a major school project with a partner who has abused a drug, and experiencing a sexual assault. Throughout the show, Agnew paused the scene being depicted and asked audience members to share their thoughts on each situation.

Morgan Weldy, a

junior at Manchester, stated his belief on the right thing to do if someone contracts alcohol poisoning. “You have to realize that the lifeline rule is going to apply at that time,” he said. “You’ve got to make sure to do the right thing and not

At times, the crowd vocalized their strong opinions and feelings with much anger, intensity and even nonchalant responses, especially during the sexual assault act. “I was somewhat ashamed of our campus and I felt there were

happens, or if they do think it happens, they choose to ignore it.”

Greene is one of the organizers of Speak Culture, a group on campus that promotes awareness of sexual assault. “The biggest thing for our

students in the audience displayed their interest by standing up and arguing with other students in the audience. The goal and purpose of GTC Dramatic Dialogues is not to perform a show to persuade people to believe a certain side

Cordier crowd were not too different than what Agnew and his crews are used to when they travel around the country. “What you saw was not atypical,” he said. “It’s amazing to me, after all these years, the degree to which students suspend disbelief and sort of go along with it (the acting) and buy into the characters, even though it’s the same actors playing different roles. It’s amazing to me how effectively this pushes people’s buttons.”

Agnew only travels with the same actors for a short period of time, since after a while, the actors begin to look older than a college student. However, the set of actors he brought to Manchester has been together for a couple of years. Besides working with GTC Dramatic Dialogues, the actors have several other acting jobs in the Twin Cities.

This wasn’t the first time that Agnew and GTC Dramatic Dialogues came to North Manchester; they were here in the late 1990s. They have traveled to several universities throughout the country and their busiest time is during new student orientation. “It’s three weeks of insanity,” Agnew said.



MORE THAN JUST A GAME? Members of GTC Dramatic Dialogues attempt to “drunkenly” play a party game during one of the scenarios they acted out during the “Sex and Drugs” show held on Sept. 23 for VIA credit. The acting group provided Manchester students with three different scenes that they might either encounter or have already witnessed while at college. The VIA was held to spark discussion among students about the correct course of action during situations of alcohol poisoning, drug use, and sexual assault.

Photo by Vivien Carter

let somebody die just because of your own interest of not wanting to get caught (if you’re underage).” The lifeline law permits underage individuals who have been drinking to seek help for a friend without facing charges themselves.

many ignorant comments,” said Courtney Greene, a senior at Manchester. “It saddens me to think that people don’t think rape happens on our campus, because it does. It’s a real thing, and it’s scary to think that people don’t think it

group is that we are trying to empower people and teach them not to rape instead of teaching people how not to get raped,” she said. “It’s a switch on how you look at it.”

At one point in the sexual assault act,

of an issue, but instead to provide a platform for audience members to debate with each other and decide for themselves what is the right thing to do in a given situation.

The somewhat heated arguments in the

Manchester Hosts ‘Walk Into My Future’ Event

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The sun, a bright yellow fireball in the early morning sky, began its journey by rising in the east, first shedding light on the Union, then the Academic Center, and finally the campus mall. At 8:30 in the morning, more yellow emerged, as a multitude of schoolbusses arrived on campus, bringing with them some 1,650 future college students from Wabash County, represented by children in kindergarten through Grade Three.

The children descended on Manchester University to attend the first Walk Into My Future event, sponsored by the Wabash YMCA and other community businesses. Part of the Wabash County Promise to help children dream about their futures, this event introduces the young students to the university experience. Manchester had prepared a number of stations for the students to visit, from the Accounting and Business Club to (touchable) art; from spectacular chemistry reactions to live music.

If you happened to be walking around near the campus mall between 8:30 in the morning and 2:15 in the afternoon, you probably heard the air horn being used by Professor Michael Slavkin, director of Education and the host coordinator of the day’s events, to signal the different groups of children to move stations. Slavkin believes that

this event is important for the children in the area to get involved with at a young age. “We know that most kids in the county do not have a family member, or a loved one whose either been in college or participated in college,” he said.

Kennison, one of the many student helpers, enjoyed seeing the smiles and joyous reactions from the kids. “I think it’s good for these kids to learn about this stuff right now, because it will be important for them in the future,” he said.

the Alka-Seltzer exploded like a firework; amazed reactions were abundant among the tiny faces. “The kids really enjoy it!” said Kennison with a smile.

Kindergarten student Katelyn Martynowicz certainly did. “I watched

other student helper, also felt positively about the day’s activities. “I think today’s activities were really good for their age group, and they were really developmentally appropriate,” she said. “The activities were really fascinating for

sity. “I enjoyed eating lunch with my father here!” she said with a bright smile.

The answers varied greatly from child to child as to what their favorite parts of the day were. Among a group of Manchester Elementary kindergarten students, three little girls, Hadley West, Reagan Shah and Emma Shrock, all enjoyed the same subject. “I liked the music class!” said West with a wide grin. Sara Music, another kindergarten from Manchester Elementary, enjoyed the owl exhibit from the biology class. “I saw a real live owl!” she said excitedly. “He was taking a nap. He didn’t like getting woken up.”

The day’s events also included an address to the children by Richard Mourdock, Indiana’s state treasurer, who was a guest of the Wabash County YMCA. The state treasurer’s presence underlined the \$25 given to each young student by Parkview Health, a financial gift meant for the students to open a 529 college savings account.

As the children toured Manchester’s campus, seeing where the university students sleep, eat, and learn, they got a peek at what their futures might be like—a future that may have given them sweet dreams that night.



FUTURE SPARTANS? Manchester’s Mall was filled with more than just college students as approximately 1,650 children aged from kindergarten to third grade visited the campus for the first “Walk Into My Future” event. While college may still be a decade away for most of the visiting students, the event gave the children the opportunity to discover what life at college is like.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

“For a lot of those kids, college is an abstract thing. They don’t know what it is and they don’t know why they should go. This helps to give them a sense of what it means, and why it is important.”

Upon arrival of the children, more than 200 Manchester University students welcomed the children onto campus. Reid

Kennison was a part of the chemistry group, which showed the children what happens when Alka-Seltzer combines with water in an old film canister. “The Alka-Seltzer mixes with the water, creates a gas and shoots off.” As he explained the process, the experiment underway reached its zenith, and the tiny bottle containing

this cool science experiment and when they put the cap back on, it exploded!” she said excitedly. “And they said I could drink that if I have a tummy ache! No way!” The daughter of MU employees Melinda (Alumni Relations) and Mike (Education) Martynowicz, Katelyn is a student at Manchester Elementary. Jessica Lewis, an-

the kids, and I think they really blew the kids’ minds away!” Lewis was a part of the biology group.

One of the many future college students on the mall, Manchester Elementary kindergarten Jessilyn McKee, enjoyed being with her father, Mark McKee, who works on campus with the heating/cooling part of the univer-

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Around Campus



Myers Hopes To See ‘Spartans Walk as One’

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I talked about last year about how there is not a sense of community on campus, but more of a mindset for people to have,” Myers said.

to implement the program by the short-lived Manchester Confessions Page.

on campus cares about me and if I were to disappear, nobody would notice,’ and

well. “It would help the upperclassmen just as much to build that sense of com-

Senior Joseph Myers, president of the Manchester Activities Council and vice president of Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow, takes part in planning many campus events, including Homecoming Week, 101 Days to Commencement and Little Siblings Week-end.

However, his recent program for Manchester, Spartans Walk as One, differs from other University events and organizations in that it is not actually a group or an organization at all. Myers has no meetings or events planned for Spartans Walk as One. “It is not so much something we do, but more of a mindset for people to have,” Myers said.

For him the primary goal for Spartans Walk as One is to instill in each student that regardless of their year, gender, major or nationality, they are part of the Spartan Community. Myers is still working on the details, but he may attempt to implement the program through the use of videos, shirts, posters and any other way that he can think of to spread word around campus.

“Spartans Walk as One is something that Michael Corsey (former hall director of Oakwood) and

campus,” Myers said. “We were wondering what we could do to combat that. There has to be something we can do to make people feel they are welcome at Manchester.”

Myers was further inspired

Students may remember this Facebook page, on which students would anonymously admit various secrets, some quite controversial. “The one that stuck out to me the most was ‘I honestly feel like nobody

that should not be true,” Myers said.

While in general first-years may benefit most from the Spartans Walk as One, Myers believes that that the upperclassmen would benefit as

munity” Myers said. “I feel like we lose that as we go on through college. We come here, make a group of friends, and then we do not interact with Manchester as much.”

Some upperclass-

men are in agreement with his observations. “When you move off campus and cancel your meal plan, it is easy to fall into the habit of only going on campus for classes,” said senior art major, Holly Jantz.

Junior history major Amanda Hendricks agreed. “It seems very similar to high school,” she said. “You attend for four years, graduate and then lose contact with people. After a while, any nostalgia for school becomes superficial.”

Currently the program is in its beginning stages. “I was hoping to give a presentation on it during the Opening Convocation, but I didn’t get all the pictures I needed, so it was pushed back,” Myers said. However, he does not wish to rush the enactment of Spartans Walk as One. “I want it to reach people and until I find that perfect moment or the perfect fit for it, I do not want to just put the video out there and hope for the best and then watch it flop,” he said.

A YouTube search of “Spartans Walk as One” will reveal a short student-made video, which presents the basic ideals of the program.



Spartans Walk as One

WHAT IS MAN U TO YOU? Senior Joseph Myers reveals what Manchester University means to him in the YouTube video he created to introduce the growing initiative Spartans Walk As One. Myers, along with the help of Michael Corsey (former Oakwood hall director), developed this initiative as a way for Manchester students to further foster community on campus and to create a network of welcoming and united Spartans.

Photo courtesy of Joseph Myers

Accounting Students Prepare for Interviews

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Many seniors are busily working on their plans for after graduation, whether they are filling out graduate school applications, perfecting their resume or landing an internship for real world experience. However, senior accounting majors are interviewing this month on campus with multiple accounting firms for jobs after graduation. Students can have anywhere from one to six interviews in a week.

“It’s hard because I’ve only been a senior for a month,” said Kari Huang, a senior accounting major and vice president of the Accounting and Business Club. “It’s intimidating that I’ll be interviewing for a job that I’ll potentially have for the rest of my life.”

Senior accounting major Eric Wilker described how he felt about his upcoming interviews. “It’s scary, and you do not know what to expect,” he said. “Being prepared is a must.” Wilker advises bringing an unofficial transcript and extra resumes to each interview.

Students prepare for the interviews initially by meeting with Career Services for mock interviews and resume reviews. “Resources on campus are awesome,” said Sarah Ruff, senior accounting major and president of the Accounting and Business Club. “Career Services is on top of its game.”

After meeting with Career Services, students

signed up to interview with each company they would like to work for. For each firm, students do plenty of research such as finding out a company’s values and mission statement. They also prepare questions to ask the accounting firms to show they are interested.

The interviews are held during regular class meeting times, which causes an increase in stress and work for students. “It’s stressful because you have your normal coursework, but also missed work because of your interview on top of researching and preparing for each company,” Huang said.

But there are perks. “The professors have been really understanding with everything,” Ruff said. “They are pushing us hard for our benefit.” Time management and learning how to prioritize are tools that the students will be using over these next few weeks in order to stay on top of their school work and prepping for each interview to keep stress levels at a minimum.

One way to have less stress is to have a suit that fits perfectly. Students try on their suits days before the interview in order to leave a solid first impression. “First impressions can be scary, so you want to make sure you look good,” Huang said. “Make sure your suit has a proper fit and fix anything that may not fit right.”

When it comes to first impressions and

suits, colors matter. “Stay away from overly bright colors and go with blues or whites,” Wilker said. “For men, be sure to have a simple tie that is not distracting.”

Kelsie Fieler, a senior accounting major, made many outfit changes before settling on the perfect interview attire. “Make sure you’re comfortable and confident in what you’re wearing, because that’ll show through during your interview,” Fieler advises. “You want to be on the conservative side; neutral nail colors and simple jewelry.”

At the end of the interview process, hard work will pay off. Firms come on campus for the interviews because they have success with Manchester graduates working for them. “The fact that these firms are coming onto campus shows how high of a standard the accounting majors have at Manchester,” Ruff said. “It’s important to be well prepared because we are held to such a high standard.”

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Around Campus



Students Play in ‘Huge’ Water Pong Tourney

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Last Thursday evening, an unusual sporting event took place in the Manchester University auxiliary gym, when a life-sized, alcohol-free form of beer pong took over the space. Around 40 students competed in a water pong competition that was put on by Spartan Choices and Spartan Sport Management. The games were played with trash cans and kickballs.

“We made this life-size water pong over the regular table version to try something new and get everyone more active,” said Spartan Sport Management fourth-year Eric Courter.

Courter was put in charge of this event. “Spartan Sport Management is working with Choices, and our goal when working together is to give students other options than going out drinking,” he said. Courter also gave credit to James Vincent Altherr for helping to put the event on.

The tournament was constructed in double elimination style, so that all participants could enjoy at least a few games of pong. The rules were simple: the ball must touch the bottom of the trash can in order for the shot to count. Therefore, players could swat the ball out of the can if it was skimming the rim. Participants entered the competition in teams of two.

There were no extra cups for trick shots and there were no celebrity shots. Players couldn’t heat up. It was just simple pong with the only special rule being the redemption shot. Spartan Sport Management volunteers staffed each of the two courts. Volunteers were present to clear up any controversies and fetch balls thrown astray.

Jacob Sweet, a second-year student at Manchester and a member of Spartan Sport Management, was one of those volunteers. “I think the event

was fun; there were a lot more people that played than I would have thought,” said Sweet with a chuckle.

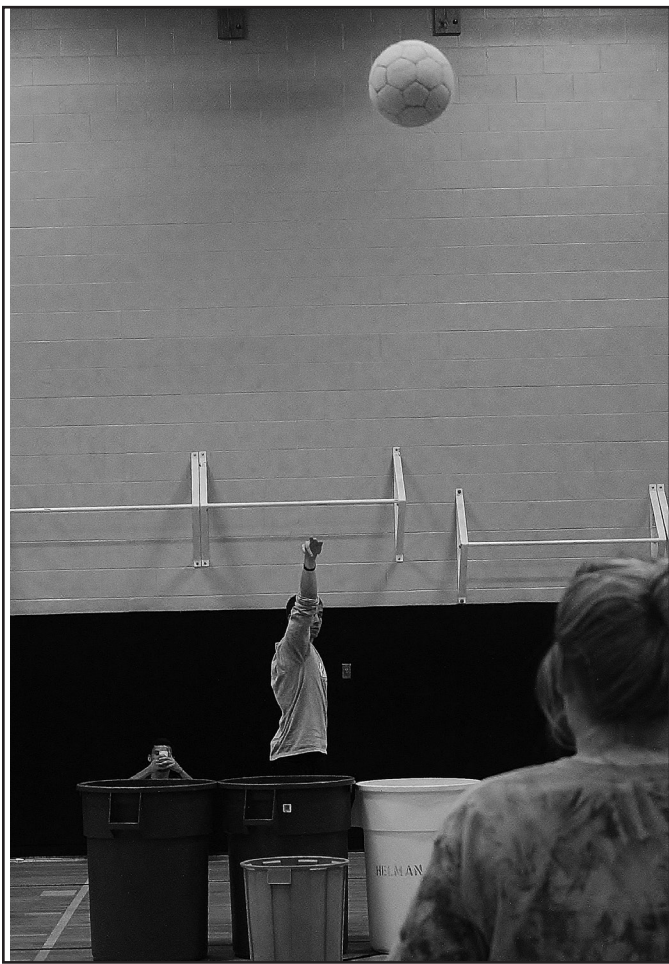
In the end, Steven Masters and Brenner Cruce won the competition. The partners played well into the night together, smashing all opponents that stood in their way. Masters and Cruce’s winning effort wasn’t the only thing catching the eye of those in attendance, though. There was an educational, informative aspect to this event. Spartan Choices was set up at a table in the corner of the gym, with free key chains and an important message.

Spartan Choices gave event-goers the option of becoming aware of appropriate alcohol consumption. The club members wore their blood alcohol consumption level t-shirts.

Second-year Spartan Choices member Hannah Glenn was at her club’s table during the competition. “I had a

friend in school whose parents were alcoholics,” Glenn said. “It contributed to some major problems in her life and now she’s an alcoholic herself.” Glenn is working to prevent alcoholism among Manchester University students.

The next collaboration between Spartan Choices and Spartan Sport Management will be dodgeball on Oct. 19. This event will take place at 10 p.m. and the Choices peer educators will once again be present.



DUNK IT A Manchester student shoots a soccer ball toward his opponents’ trash cans during the life-size water pong tournament hosted by Spartan Choices and Spartan Sport Management.

Photo by Savannah Riley

Campus Prepares for Homecoming Weekend

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This weekend is Homecoming & Family Weekend 2013, and Manchester University is bustling with excitement. Visitors, including family members of students to alumni from all over the state and country, will celebrate with their fellow Spartans. Alumni will have a chance to sit in on classes with current students on Friday. Some will even rehearse with the band and choir for old times’ sake.

Friday evening is packed with events, sending the Alumni of Color group to Fort Wayne for a meet and greet at The Hotel Fort Wayne at 5:30 p.m. Starting at 6 p.m., students who remain on campus will be able to play Capture the Flag on the sand volleyball court. At 7:30 p.m. former and current choir and band members will unite in Cordier Auditorium for a performance and reception. Finally, at the precise time of 8:08 p.m., students and guests can stop by the softball field to enjoy a bonfire.

The events continue from the moment you wake up on Saturday, so don’t sleep in! There will be Jazz Group Entertainment in the entertainment tent set up in the Union parking lot starting at 9:30 a.m. and going to 11:30 a.m. At 10:30 the Hall of Fame presentations will take place in the upper Union. Keeping it in the Union, there will be a “Finely Chopped” culinary competition on the patio at 11:15 a.m. Between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. students can get books signed by alumni authors in the Campus Store.

Bring family and looking for something to do with the kids? Don’t hesitate to stop by East Street and walk down the midway towards the football field to visit the carnival. Children will be entertained by a giant maze, bouncy castle, playing a ring toss and several other little games. For the sweet tooth, MU will have cotton candy and candied apples. All the fun and games start at 10 a.m.

When a moment breaks free from the carnival,

bring the family behind the bleachers at the baseball field for homecoming pictures in the convertible, which will be parked from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. for family photos. While hanging around East Street, don’t forget to stop by the registration tent around 11 a.m. to see former Oak Leaves staff members. Hearing stories around campus was the job of these alumni, so they might just be able to share a few that have stayed strong through the years. The women’s soccer team will be playing Hanover at 1 p.m.

The football game versus Bluffton and the coronation of the Homecoming king and queen will take place at Carl Burt Field at 1:30 p.m. Come see if your nominee will win.

After all the sporting events die down, make your way by Cordier Auditorium to see Breaksk8, a free MAC-sponsored event at 7 p.m. Breaksk8 is a break-dancing group that was featured on the TV show “America’s Best Dance Crew.”

WBKE Looks To Expand, Develop



HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT ALL THE BUZZ IS ABOUT? Kayla Sollars speaks loud and clear into the microphone for her radio show on Manchester’s radio station 89.5 WBKE. Known for their sports broadcasting and student-run music programs, WBKE looks to reach out to more of the campus’ clubs and officials and to prepare for Chet Fest, MU’s music festival held each spring.

Photo by Maia Marusak

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Studying for that big test or furiously typing that huge paper at that’s due the next morning and need something to listen to? Driving around North Manchester and need a good station

to jam out with? Instead of plugging in your iPod or turning on Pandora, you could listen to WBKE, Manchester’s very own student- run radio station! In operation for more than 60 years, WBKE offers all sorts of listening options for Manchester

students, from late-night music and talk shows to broadcasts of Spartan athletics. They also simulcast with northeastern Indiana Public Radio station, WBOI, a National Public Radio affiliate. You can listen to WBKE online at <http://wbke.manchester.edu/index.htm>

or at 89.5 FM. Sports broadcasting is one of WBKE’s most well-known programming. They cover football, men’s and women’s basketball and baseball with a stable of commentators led by Sports Director Mark Zin-

ser and are looking to add more sports to their schedule, with softball and soccer leading the way. “We want to do more, unfortunately we don’t have the technology for it,” said station manager Kelli Weeks.

The station manager hopes that upcoming upgrades to their radio equipment and increased wireless capability at the soccer and softball fields will allow for future broadcasts down the road.

Weeks is also looking to spread the word that WBKE is more than just a music and sports station, “We want to have more news oriented content, and have the station act as an outreach for clubs and officials on campus,” she said. “We would like to have eight hours of original programming and get more student involvement.”

While the station is focused on programming this fall, the extremely popular Chet Fest is already being planned for the spring. Scheduled for April 11, the station is in the process of looking for a headliner and is reaching for the stars. “It’s going to be big,” said Weeks as her eyes widened. “We’re very excited for this year.”

The outdoor concert was a victim of Mother Nature last year which hurt attendance and forced the concert inside, but Weeks

is confident they can “regain the momentum” and reach excitement levels that can match the Knux concert from Chet Fest two years ago. “We want it to be bigger and more well-known this year,” Weeks said.

As for the fall, Weeks would like to get more publicity for the station and let people know about it. She feels that a lot of students do not know about WBKE and by increasing promotions they can increase participation and get more programming. “We want a campus-base focus,” Weeks explained. “The station is run by the students for the students.”

WBKE is always looking for new content and programming and welcomes any suggestions from the student community and they are always looking for students to get active. For more information on how to get involved contact Kelli Weeks, online at <http://www.manchester.edu/OSD/WBKE/index.htm>, or visit the studio on the first floor in Otho Wing-er Memorial Hall.



Around Campus



Meadows Works with Lions, Tigers, Bears

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Mariah Meadows, a biology/chemistry major with a minor in philosophy, spent her summer as an intern at Black Pine Animal Sanctuary in Albion, Ind. As a Professional Animal Retirement Center (PARC), Black Pine Animal Sanctuary provides refuge to nearly 90 captive-raised exotic animals for the rest of their lives. It offers a variety of educational programs to enhance people’s knowledge of exotic and endangered species, and to encourage responsible pet ownership. Black Pine houses big and small cats, canines, bears, primates, birds, reptiles and more.

Meadows has wanted to become a veterinarian since she was eight, and recently she has toyed with the thought of

going into exotics. “Black Pine gave me the chance to gain valuable experience with exotic animals that are very rare at other places,” she said. Normally, zoos tend to only offer internships to people who have at least two years of experience with exotic animals, but Black Pine took her with zero.

One of the main things Meadows learned this summer was how to tend to the exotic animals. “I learned how to properly take care of the animals, no matter their size or species, and have them live out the rest of their lives in comfort,” she said.

Meadows found her internship through MU’s Career Services and was given a unique experience that few other college students ever have. “I feel the best part of my internship was all about

the personal growth I experienced,” she said. “When I first started, I was still that shy little girl who did her best to not step on anyone’s toes. By the end of it, I had gained my co-workers’ passion for the animals and the desire to change.” This internship was a success to her, “I felt I was meant to do this,” she said. “It was the most awesome feeling in the world.”



POLLY WANTS A CRACKER During her summer internship at the Black Pine Animal Sanctuary, Mariah Meadows had the opportunity to work with and tend to a variety of exotic animals, including cockatoos (like the one pictured above).

Photo courtesy of Mariah Meadows

Hunter Interns at Indiana Women’s Prison

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How would you like to spend your summer in prison? Senior Joseph Hunter did just that, though not quite how you might think. Hunter was at the Indiana Women’s Prison from mid-May to the first week of August as an intern, working both one-on-one and in groups with women.

Hunter spent his summer doing what he found fascinating. “I have a real interest in abnormal psychology and this internship was to be my test to see if this is what I truly wanted to do,” he said. “I knew this was an area that few people look into, but you can’t help from being curious about it.”

While working at the prison, Hunter worked with 50 to 70 offenders a day. Several of these individuals had severe cases of mental illness. In fact, this ability to work with the mentally ill is what helped Hunter choose the Indiana Women’s Prison. “IWP had a unit devoted specifically to special needs offenders,” Hunter said. “That is to say that I was not working with the open population. I

was completely immersed in the environment that interested me.”

Hunter did some tutoring as well as various other counseling programs to work with prisoners. His mentor, Mrs. Fealy, taught him how to do many of the case worker’s duties such as writing case notes and court ordered progress reports. On top of that, Hunter was also able to sit in on weekly meetings and even some involuntary medication hearings.

Hunter was able to set this internship up on his own. He completely organized it, though he held reduced financial responsibility thanks to Career Services. “I received funding for my internship after being awarded a stipend for internships with non-profit organizations through Manchester’s Office of Career Services,” Hunter said.

After he graduates, Hunter has big plans. He intends to go to graduate school to achieve a doctorate in either clinical or counseling psychology and specialize in the treatment of mentally ill offenders.

This experience provided the opportunity to

grow. “I made leaps and bounds in developing my skills as a counselor,” Hunter said. “Also, I learned the vast inner-workings of the Indiana Department of Corrections.”

Hunter became aware of this opportunity through his mentor Mrs. Fealy. The two met during a field trip for a Criminal Justice class.

The Indiana Women’s Prison has several largely therapeutic programs that help create a rehabilitative atmosphere. Two such programs are the Family Preservation Center and ICAN. The prison has 17 various programs to help assimilate its members to societal norms.

The maximum-security prison was established in 1872. It has the distinction of being both the oldest and the first adult facility established primarily for females in the United States. On average, for 2011, the prison holds 589 offenders daily. It is located on the west side of Indianapolis. The current superintendent is Steven McCauley. According to the website for the prison, “the life of this facility is to prepare our ladies to re-enter the community with more skills and confidence than when they arrived here.”

Kautz Receives State Award for Health, P.E.



KAUTZ: ‘OUT STANDING’ IN A FIELD Junior health and physical education student Brian Kautz was recently named ‘Outstanding Student of the Year’ by the Indiana Association of Health and Physical Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD).

Photo by Alexah Parnin

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Brian Kautz, a junior health and physical education student, was named the Indiana Association of Health and Physical Education Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) Outstanding Student of the Year.

Kautz received this award because he volunteers, shows professional development, shows good leadership and has good academic standing and has had experience in the field.

Kautz is excited for what this award will do for him. “It is going to separate myself from other professionals in the field and it shows I was able to balance being a student and an athlete,” he said.

Before winning

this award he had to write a five-page essay talking about the criteria listed above. He was then chosen by an organization called Advocates Keeping Health and Physical Education in Public Schools and Promoting Healthy Lifestyles. Kautz is the Indiana representative for this award and will accept it at a conference in Indianapolis from Oct. 30 to Nov. 1. At the conference he will interact with students from the other Midwest states who will help open up other opportunities for him. He will continue to write essays, as he will compete to win the Midwest IHPERD Outstanding Student of the Year Award and then the national award later on in the year.

Dr. Kim Duchane,

professor of exercise and sport science, has high hopes for Kautz. “This award will pave the way for a better future and separate him from everyone else,” he said. “Brian has a lot of skills; we are pleased to have him at Manchester University.” Duchane is also proud of Kautz. “I am so impressed by his level of development at this stage of his career,” he said. “He is just ahead of where he could be.”

Kautz’s goal after he graduates is to become the head strength and conditioning coach at a Division I school. His ultimate dream would be to do that at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Students ‘Meet (Their Love) at Manchester’

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The campus of Manchester is swamped with adds saying, “Find Your Place,” or, as in the Conference Services campaign, “Meet at Manchester.” These slogans may go beyond their original intention. For couples Hannah Glenn and Michael Rueff, Sarah Pruden and Trevor Kimm, and Molly Wright and Jordan Collins, there is truth in advertising.

Sophomores Michael Rueff and Hannah Glenn met during their first week of school as first years. Brought together by mutual interests, the couple had, what Glenn calls “love at first Dr. Pepper.”

Rueff added. : “And then it was like fireworks!” Spending their first date at the Oaks, Glenn and Rueff immediately connected and became inseparable.

“He texted me to ask me out before he actually

asked me in person,” Glenn shared. “He said, ‘I was hoping that we could be more than friends.’”

“She joked that she liked me a little and I said I liked her more,” Rueff shared. In fact, he keeps a snapshot he took of the original text message that he sent Glenn as a memento of the beginning of their relationship. “You know, the slogan of Manchester was, ‘Find Your Place,’” Glenn said. “I found Michael.”

Additionally, sophomore volleyball player Sarah Pruden and junior baseball player Trevor Kimm attribute Manchester and athletics for their relationship. “We met through mutual friends and having classes together,” Pruden said.

Kimm added: “We both are also athletes so we knew of each other through that.”

“He actually asked me out on the baseball field,” Pruden explained.

Kimm said: “After the baseball team won the re-

gional championship, I ran up to her and asked.” Pruden added with a giggle: “I was so excited and it caught me completely off guard.”

Pruden and Kimm expressed that going with the flow, not stressing over the little things and being honest are key factors to their relationship. “We are laid back and I like that,” Pruden said. “Nothing is a big deal and it is very relaxed.”

For seniors Molly Wright and Jordan Collins, being together is second-hand nature. “We have been together for most of our college career,” Wright explained. Meeting during preliminary cross-country practice, the couple will now be hitting the three-year mark. “We’re basically an old married couple now,” she joked.

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MU Students Burn Off Calories at Zumba Club

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Some 20 students are burning calories and shimmying out stress in MU's new Zumba Club led by Chloe Webber on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The club meets in the Upper Union's Lahman room from 7-8 PM on Wednesdays and 7:30-8:30 PM on Thursdays.

The club full of exhilarating Latin-inspired dance-fitness moves serves many purposes for students all across campus. First-year international student Ayana Ishiyama, who is adjusting to American cuisine, finds it useful. "I believe Zumba keeps me healthy and helps me not to gain weight," Ishiyama said. "I am too busy to go to the gym regularly to get exercise, but I love Zumba because we use our entire body."

Ishiyama plans to use her Zumba moves not only to keep her healthy and active, however. "I'm also taking a Zumba class

in the second half of the semester," she said. "I learned that Zumba has many kinds of difficult motions, so I decided to join the club to practice the motions before the class begins."

For sophomore Lauran Gady, Zumba does more than promote a healthier lifestyle and prepare for future dance experiences; it allows her to work off calories and then some. "Zumba is definitely at a nice time in the week when I can just sweat out whatever is stressing me out," Gady said with a small sigh of relief. "It clears my mind; it's really fun, and it's definitely a way I want to work out rather than a way I force myself to work out."

With these student needs in mind, sophomore Chloe Webber took initiative. "I started the club because I love Zumba," Webber said. "I teach at Strauss Peabody Aquatic and Fitness Center in downtown North Manchester, and I wanted students in my age group to be able

to participate in such a great workout."

This "saucy" instructor, as Gady described her, was licensed to teach Zumba last year and is getting all kinds of bodies moving. "It is all about having a fun time and toning your body at the same time," Webber explained. "Zumba works all areas of your body like your neck, upper and mid-back, shoulders, chest and arms, core, quads and hamstrings, gluteal and hip area and calves."

Athleticism is not required for those interested in participating, as can be observed in Webber's fun-centered approach to instruction. "It is just about enjoying the music and getting a workout," she said. "I want students to feel a sense of accomplishment when they do Zumba."

"My favorite song to teach is called 'This Is Tha Song,' and it's great because it includes many different styles into one song but is repetitive



JUST DANCE Manchester students show-off their dance-fitness moves during Zumba club. The new club, led by Chloe Webber, meets weekly on Wednesday and Thursday nights in the Upper Union's Lahman Room.

Photo by Alexah Parnin

enough that everyone can pick up the moves quickly, whether they have dancing experience or not," she added with excitement.

Ultimately, this dynamic dance-fitness technique has something to offer everyone. "Zumba is something that is entertaining whether you have training and it makes you remember what you love about dancing, or you've

never danced in your life and want your dancing to become less penguin-like," Gady says with a chuckle. "It is for the masses!"

Volleyball Prepares for Hanover, Transylvania

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The Manchester University volleyball team looks forward to keeping up the good job this season. After a disappointing start with the first two games resulting in loss, the volleyball players have learned how to turn their luck around and have won their last three games against Ind. Northwest, Earlham and St. Mary's.

Sophomore Mikayla Munn, an experienced setter from Elkhart, Ind., says that the key for their rapid success is to learn how to communicate and trust each other. "We have realized that we need to execute our individual job to achieve our full potential and trust all players in all positions to do the same," said Munn with a grin.

Devin Clark, a defense expert from Madison Ind., agrees with her teammate. "We have finally clicked," she said. "We understand each other way more and we have become a family." The team seems more connected than

ever, understanding each other inside and outside the court.

This year's team goals are set towards Conference. Counting on their high energized spirit and their new communication skills, the team sees a great opportunity to bring home the conference championship. "We are definitely confident this season; you can tell by the way we play that we have so much more energy and our communication keeps on going up," Clark said. "We are always one step ahead of the other teams which is what coach wants us to do."

Sara Anderson added to her teammate's comment. "Everyone's mood has lightened up since we beat Ind. Northwest, which helps when it comes to working together and having fun," she said.

Clark praised Coach Kendra Marlowe's techniques and efforts for the team. "We work on our own individual skills," Clark said. "We are always working on different scenarios so we can be ready for anything that happens on the court."

Sophomore Sara Anderson added with a smile: "Coach is always bringing up with new ideas to motivate us to work hard and have fun at the same time." For instance, each team member picked up three rocks during pre-season and they will be given along the season to the players whose performances are "solid as a rock" as a way to recognize their contributions to the team.

The team's practices are often intense, working on each individual strengths and weakness. "What is good about Coach Marlowe is that we can ask her anything and she will take the time to make each one of us a better player," says Munn. "She will push us passed our mental and physical boundaries."

The team's journey to the Conference championship has started. Manchester will play two games during Homecoming weekend against the Hanover College Panthers on Saturday, October 5, at 5 p.m. and the Transylvania Pioneers on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m.

MU Cross Country Runners Bond, Set Goals

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

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The MU Cross Country teams shot off to a great start this year, with a lot of potential to finish the season strong.

Many factors contribute to a good season for any sport: there's practicing, training, maintaining good health, and staying strong. Two of the most important elements, however, are the coaching styles and bond of the team.

Sophomore runner Kara Smith elaborates on this fact. "We're like a family," she said. "We can go to any coach and they'll help out. It can be school, family, running, anything."

Junior AJ Hudkins relays the same idea. "Coach Cashdollar really knows what he's talking about," he said. "He really

cares about the team."

Coaching cross country is not all about the running, but also seems to be about setting the course of life.

"The coaching staff is the perfect combination of teacher, friend, and motivator," said Senior Jon Caffarelli. "The coaches have also helped me learn how to focus my goals for each season, and that has helped me look at the big picture and see how the things I do everyday affect my long term goals."

Setting goals and setting records are both important to the runners. "I would like to lead our team to a fifth straight conference victory and ultimately be an All-American," Caffarelli said.

Caffarelli is pleased with the men's team because of how well

they have been doing with their records. "We have had some very encouraging achievements both on the personal and team levels," he said. "Many of the guys on the team have walked away with impressive PRs in the 8k over the past few meets. That, for me, is encouraging and motivating to see and be a part of."

Getting personal records is an important figure in seeing how well the teams are doing.

"I've noticed that everyone is dropping a lot of time," Hudkins said. "Everyone is putting in 100% and it's showing."

The bond of the team is very strong. Teamwork is valued highly because cross country is not always about making personal records, but also about getting far in the districts as a team.

Hudkins, who did not compete last year, said that the bond of the team is what brought him back to cross country.

The strength of the team, effectiveness of the coaching style, and the determination of the runners are seen through the hard work of the team.

"We placed very well at Intercollegiates," Hudkins said. "We won Hokum Karem."

Smith recognizes that work still needs to be done. "It was a strong start," she said. "But there are a lot of things to be improved."

Caffarelli has high hopes for the rest of the season. "Keep an eye on us," he said, "because we have the potential to do some great things this season that would be exciting to witness."

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The couple also reflected on their college careers together. "I don't know where I would have ended up without her," Collins said. "She keeps me organized and motivated."

Wright said: "Our relationship works because we genuinely care about each other. We make each other a better person."

Collins added: "We mesh well but it's a

balancing act. We have to compromise about things but that's why our relationship works and has lasted."

The experienced couple is looking towards their future lives together.

"I'm still waiting on a proposal," Wright said with a wink and gentle elbow nudge.

"We will see," Collins said with a grin.

Correction
In the story featuring Salwa Nubani and her threading techniques, it was mentioned that she is originally from Pakistan, but, in actuality, her home country is Palestine. The Oak Leaves regrets the error.



Spartan Sports



MU Men’s Soccer Practices for HCAC Opener

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Manchester soccer has hit a rough patch this season as the Spartans’ overall record is 1-6-2. The Spartans seem to be putting the pieces together as they go along through the season. During the Sept. 8 game, the Spartans battled it out against Ohio Northern. Junior Mark Zinser (Guilford, Ind.) commented on the play. “Ohio Northern is a very talented team,” he said. “I don’t think they earned all nine of their goals. We kind of lost focus and some effort once we got down by so much.” The final score ended 9-0 as the Spartans couldn’t hold on against the Polar Bears. Sophomores Eric Cupp and Craig Thacker combined for three saves as goal keepers. Although things are looking bleak, Manchester soccer is keeping their heads up going into the conference opener. The Spartans will host Hanover Oct. 5 during Homecoming weekend to open conference play.



GET TO THE GOAL Junior midfielder Zac Hansen advances downfield with possession of the ball during Manchester’s home game against Ohio Northern on Sept. 28. The Spartans fell to the Polar Bears in the contest, losing by a final score of 9-0. Tomorrow at 3 p.m., the team plays its first conference game of the season at home against Hanover.

Photo by Vivien Carter

Junior Mark Zinser voices what he thinks is the problem for the team. “Of course this is not as good as we want,” he said. “We have

close chemistry but we are having trouble competing until the end and finishing. We can fix it by taking responsibility for our mistakes and other problems.”

Preseason play is the least of the Spartans’ problems. “We have a clean slate with conference ahead so our focus is to do well and make the top four,” Zinser

said. Next weekend’s game opens the conference schedule with Hanover. Going into conference, the Spartans are

looking to make a statement and to become a threat in conference. “Our play against Hanover should set the tone,” Zinser said. “We will be ready to go for sure.” Practices have been as intense as ever. “We have guys being competitive for a spot which is good,” Zinser said. “Before practice and games or basically all the time, Coach Good tells us to keep our heads up, which we plan to always do.” During practice the soccer team scrimmages as if they are rivals and going through drills as if they are training for the World Cup. Complete with long distance runs, footwork drills and agility drills the soccer team aims high as they get ready to go into conference play. Conference powerhouses such as Transylvania University and Rose Hulman University deem to be a challenge for the Spartans as well as games versus Anderson since they are conference rivals. Conference play starts Oct. 5th against Hanover.

Women’s Soccer Volunteers at Local School

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The Spartan women’s soccer team conducted volunteer service on Sept. 25 at Claypool Elementary School, in Warsaw, Ind. All of the 22 players participated in the volunteer activity during afterschool hours, and they enjoyed playing not only soccer but also games such as tag with 21 kids. Trinity Schelich, who is a junior psychology major student, planned this service to unify the team using her fondness of volunteering. While playing with the children, who were 5 – 11 years old, the athletes got a lesson that can be useful for teaching soccer, and the kids learned how to kick the soccer ball from the Spartan players. “Playing with the younger kids helps us be more patient,” said junior exercise science major Sophie Tzortzinis. Because of the volunteer activity, Emily Anderson, who is a first-year accounting major, realized what older generations’ role is in society. She remembers that she always loved playing with older friends when she was little, because older people know more than younger people do. “We should give important stories back to younger generations,” she said.

The players saw the children’s excitement and eagerness about the visit of the team. According to Schelich, one girl made the athletes laugh a lot because the girl screamed, “I’m kicking the ball!” every time a girl touched a soccer ball. After playing with the children, the Spartan girls also saw a few students tell their teacher how much fun they had. “They were talking about us like we were famous,” Schelich said. Emily Willmann, who is one of the three captains and a junior biology and chemistry major, pointed out what playing soccer with children meant to the young kids because she enjoyed seeing how much the Spartan girls influenced them. “One day they might completely change their lives,” she said. Women’s soccer coach Andy Stout was delighted with the players’ volunteer project. Understanding how fun spending time with kids was for the athletes, Stout said that the volunteer activity was not “work or service” at all for the girls. Schelich, the volunteer conductor in the team, hopes that the team continues it because volunteering is valuable not only to bring the team together, but also to “give back” to the community.

Tzortzinis added: “Volunteering as a team is also a good way to represent Manchester.” Volunteering was a good break for the soccer players. Due to the hard game schedule, the athletes haven’t been able to get enough rest. Despite this, Stout is satisfied with the results of the past games. “I’m excited about the team,” he said. In October, the women’s soccer team has eight games, and five of them are going to be home games. The first game is against Hanover College on Homecoming weekend, Saturday, Oct. 5, at Manchester. “We need loud, crazy supporters,” said Stout excitedly. Hanover College is a “tough” opponent because it is the team in the soccer conference that the Spartans need to play against. Another tough team on the soccer conference is Transylvania University, which Manchester will play on Oct. 12 at home. The Spartans women’ soccer team lost 2-1 to Wilmington College on Sept. 28 held at the opponent’s field in Ohio. According to the statistics this year, the team won three out of four home games while it won one out of five away games.

MU Football Focuses on Team Improvement

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Manchester’s football team has its sights between the goalposts for the rest of this season. The team has struggled with a few tough losses, the most recent being against Rose-Hulman on Saturday. After a difficult start to the season, the Spartans are working intently to come back stronger than ever. Practicing five days each week, two of which are intense practices in full pads, the team works constantly to strengthen skills in order to pull out a win. “Right now we are struggling to find consistency as a football team and fighting the injury bug,” said head coach Shannon Griffith. However, the team remains undeterred in its efforts. “We are just concentrating on improving every week as a team,” Griffith continued. The team has a good combination of upperclassmen and lowerclassmen, with varying levels of experience. “We have a veteran football team with 18 seniors, but at the same time we do have a lot of first-year players playing for us,” Griffith said. Both are good to have



ON THE LINE Rose-Hulman prepares for a play on offense during Manchester’s home game last Saturday afternoon on Sept. 28. The Fightin’ Engineers prevailed, beating the Spartans 44-30. Manchester looks to turn its season around during the team’s Homecoming game tomorrow afternoon against the Bluffton Beavers. Kick-off is set for 1:30 p.m. at Burt Field. Following tomorrow’s contest, Manchester will hit the road for its next two games against Defiance College and Earlham College.

Photo by Vivien Carter

on a team, as each player brings his own unique capabilities. Even after facing the troubles of the beginning of the season, the players continue to focus on what it will take to succeed. “We have a lot of great players; we just need

to come together and play a mistake-free football game,” senior Jacob Meyer said. “We have to come out and play as a team and turn the season around. There are a lot of good teams we will play, but I expect us to come together and get the winning streak started,” he

added. First-year Jaylen Smith agreed: “It’s a work in progress. We’re not all the way there yet, but hopefully we’ll get there soon,” he said. As the team continues to practice and learn from past experiences, they constantly learn

new skills and create better communication with each other. The players stay positive as they think about what they are up against. “At this point we have faced a lot of adversity but it is nothing we haven’t faced before, as this is where we

were at last year,” junior Brice Peyton said. Adversity does not stop the team though. “I expect we will work together and with our coaches to make sure that our full potential is met. We all expect a successful end to the season,” he added. Griffith keeps his team focused on what really matters, keeping their heads clear by making sure they are not concerned with what is too far in the future. “We only concentrate on being 1-0 at the end of every week and not really looking past our next opponent,” he said. The Spartans’ next game will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 1:30 p.m. against Bluffton. This game is the team’s Homecoming for the 2013 season. Next weekend, the team hits the road to face Defiance on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 1:30 p.m. Games at Burt Field are free for students, who are encouraged to attend.