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President Switzer Announces Retirement

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Over the last few years, significant change has been a reoccurring theme at Manchester University. Students, faculty and staff have witnessed many recent developments to the school, including the opening of a College of Pharmacy in Fort Wayne, the construction of the Academic Center on the main campus, and a name change as the school transformed from a college into a university.

During the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 19, the campus was informed of yet another major change at Manchester in an e-mail announcement from Marsha Palmer Link, chair of the Manchester University Board of Trustees. The message stated that the Board of Trustees had accepted the retirement of President Jo Young Switzer earlier that morning. In addition, the announcement declared that the board had unanimously selected Dr. Dave McFadden, executive vice president and dean of the College of Pharmacy, as Manchester's next president in collaboration with a special Succession Planning Committee last spring.

The change in presidency came as a surprise since the vast majority of campus knew nothing about the confidential selection process. However, the committee felt it was crucial to keep the process a secret for several reasons. "The Board of Trust-

ees was concerned about protecting Dr. McFadden if he were not selected [as president], so that he wouldn't have to deal with the fallout if he was publi-

ing sure that the institution had control over the message that was being sent to donors, the interaction of the College of Pharmacy with the accreditation body

ten years after she became Manchester's first female president in Dec. 2004. Prior to her presidency, she held the role of vice president and dean for Aca-

tion of McFadden as her successor, as she had no involvement in the selection process. "He's worked here a long time and he really understands our mis-

and thrive after I retire," she continued. "It's in good hands."

Regarding her retirement, Switzer will miss the people at Manchester more than anything else. "It is an extraordinary place to work," she said. "I think it's a lucky break in my life that I had the opportunity to work at a place where so many people are trying to do the right thing and it's evident every single day. Everyone pulls together; it's a team effort.

"I'm sure there's no place on Earth that does it like Manchester," she continued. "We're not the richest school in the country, we're not the most sophisticated, and we don't have the fanciest buildings, but in my mind we have the best folks."

Following her duties as president, Switzer looks forward to the free time that comes with her retirement. "I want to be unscheduled," she said. "This job requires that I work almost every weekend. I don't have many breaks, so I can't wait to have less on my calendar."

She also looks forward to retiring at the same time as her husband, Dr. Dave Switzer, as he will retire from his role as professor of communication studies. "We thought he would retire first," she said. "It took me a little longer to get used to the thought of retiring, but then that decision grew on me and now I'm very excited to retire with him."

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THE LAST HOORAH Following the 2013-14 academic year, President Switzer will retire from her position nearly ten years after she became Manchester's first female president. On July 1, 2014, Dr. Dave McFadden will begin his tenure as the university's next president.

Photo courtesy of Manchester Public Relations

cally not selected," said Tim Ogden, a member of the succession planning committee and professor of accounting and business. "There was concern about potentially creating a so-called 'lame duck presidency' for President Switzer and there was also concern about mak-

and making sure that there could be a smooth transition of the presidency." [By lame duck, Ogden was referring to an official that potentially loses power as he or she reaches the end of their tenure.]

Switzer's retirement will come into effect on June 30, 2014, nearly

democratic Affairs. She has also served as a professor and department chair of communication studies during her time at the school.

McFadden becomes Manchester's next president the following day on July 1, 2014.

Switzer was pleased with the selec-

sion," she said. "The biggest challenge for a new president is to learn about the new school where he or she is working, and Dave really understands Manchester and is deeply committed to it already.

"I don't have any worries about Manchester continuing to succeed

MU Students Perform 'The Laramie Project'

Miro Arguijo
Staff Writer

Time may heal, buildings may fall and fences may be torn down, but the lingering effects and memories never go away. "The Laramie Project," a play written by Moisés Kauffman and members of the New York Tectonic Theater Project, established that fact during the four performances held at Manchester's Wampler Auditorium from October 19-21.

The play was created after conducting 200 interviews with citizens from the small town of Laramie, Wyoming. These interviews were centered on the brutal hate crime committed against 21-year-old gay college student Matthew Shepard who was beaten, tied up and left to die at a fence. The production highlights the shockwaves that shook the town's core.

The town's size is eerily comparable to that of North Manchester and has personal ties to both those involved with the play and attendees. "I was struck by the reality and tragedy of hate crimes," said junior Mitch Eby. "Growing up in a small town, I was never exposed to such terrible occurrences, and this play really showed how such a tragedy could happen any-

where."

Echoing Eby's comments was sophomore Jacob Ray, one of the eight actors chosen to portray

homosexuality, and I wanted this play to also be an encouragement that change is coming, someday and sooner than we think."

tacular and cutting edge. "I was stepping into the formidable shoes of Jane Frazier, my predecessor," he said. "The choice of this

needed to feel grounded."

Entering Wampler, attendees were greeted with a massive blonde-wood stage designed by

images and scene markers illuminated the walls and floors of the set. Over 250 visual cues were used to bring "The Laramie Project" to life.

"I really liked the idea of the audience being able to see each other since it's a play about a small community," Froomkin said. "This was also my first real attempt at designing projections myself. The projections basically allowed us an unlimited number of options to light the set. People seemed very engaged by the way we used the space and the design.

Junior Ashlea Nash praised Froomkin's direction and projection techniques. "My favorite scene was when the doctor talked on the news because it also looked like he was actually on the news in front of us at the same time," she said. Choreographed tightly to each character and scene change, the projections added a new element never before seen at Manchester.

"People have been very enthusiastic about the play," Froomkin said. "It can rub some people the wrong way. We worked quite hard to try and be fair to all the characters, not just the ones we agreed with."



STAGE SET-UP From Oct. 19-21, Manchester students performed "The Laramie Project" at Wampler Auditorium. The play sends a powerful message to its audience as it centers on the aftermath of a hate crime committed against Matthew Shepard, a gay college student from Laramie, Wyoming.

Photo by Savannah Riley

over 60 characters. "I have a lot of gay friends, and in fact, one of these friends lives with me and is basically a brother," he said. "He is always getting down about how people act and react around here to ho-

"The Laramie Project" had four triumphant crowd-packed shows helmed by Manchester University's new theatre director, Joel Froomkin. Froomkin's debut was nothing short of spec-

play made that even more substantial. It's a piece that was very personal and very powerful. I wanted to utilize Wampler in a new way. I felt that the set had to feel substantial. It couldn't feel artificial and the scenery

Froomkin that added simplicity and intimacy. The audience surrounded the stage in a manner similar to the seating at a professional tennis court. Projections of contemporary news articles, background

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Around Campus

'Shakespeare Behind Bars' Founder Visits MU

Jacqueline Jessup
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It was cold and rainy on Oct. 22, but in the Upper Union it was warm and alive. Curt Tofteland, the founder and director of Shakespeare Behind Bars, had come to Manchester University to talk to us about his program and its ability to raise literacy rates and social and personal skills of prison inmates. The program is active in both Michigan and Kentucky.

The VIA started out with a documentary that follows the inmates of a Kentucky prison for a year as they rehearse and perform "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare. The film did a really good job of portraying the prisoners as real people and not monsters. The audience could see that the inmates had a conscious and felt remorse about their crimes.

Tofteland really likes the idea of going where no one has gone before. He likes that failure is in fact an option. He also enjoys that he has to be very flexible, and that the

inmates have to learn to be very flexible. "Unfamiliarity is where we find the truth," he said. The prisoners that the audience gets to know pretty well throughout the film really enjoy the community and the ability to find themselves through acting. One inmate, Big G, thought it would be easy for a convict to act "because they are used to lying and playing a role." What did he find? "It's the exact opposite," he said. "It is about inhabiting the truth."

"The Tempest" seems like a fitting play, since the main theme is redemption. They have also performed "Julius Caesar," "Othello," "Titus Andronicus," and many others. "Othello" was tough for one man in the film as he was reenacting his crime in that play; however, Tofteland said he did it brilliantly and it was a transforming and therapeutic moment for him. That is what he strives for. When he gets to see a truly euphoric moment, that—for him—is why he volunteers to direct Shakespeare in prisons.

This program has

expanded to 12 entire programs in two states. There are two juvenile facilities and a women's prison as well. The program teaches prisoners to come together and work to create something for a deadline. It teaches priorities, sublimation and for them to learn about themselves. Tofteland says it is heaven to teach Shakespeare in prison. He says there are generally no preconceived notions or expectations. The actors are blank canvases ready to be painted.

This program matched with others is highly successful. After an inmate has been through this program and is released or out on parole, their chance of committing another crime is only six percent compared to the national average of 67 percent. Tofteland really feels connected to the men and women that he works with. He stays open and honest with them. "I don't want to view it as my job to judge them," Tofteland said. "That's been done by society."

With this job comes



MAKING A DIFFERENCE Curt Tofteland, founder and director of "Shakespeare Behind Bars," answers students' questions following the screening of his film during a VIA on Oct. 22. His program has raised literacy rates for prison inmates, along with improving their social and personal skills.

Photo by Alexah Parnin

much dismay and suffering, however. Tofteland says he is connected to the fact that life is about suffering. He says he is "okay," that he says he learned to "live with it and not in it." He stays in contact with his actors after they have left prison only if he is asked to. Indeed, Tofteland does not want to impose himself

on them or make them feel uncomfortable. He says with the inmates being immersed for 12 months in Shakespeare, they all find something wise or profound within the plays. The inmates are also forced to connect with themselves and find their own truths.

The program involves the inmates on such

a personal level that they understand themselves and others better. This is how they learn social values. It provides and encourages life skills in general.

Cantabile, Chamber Singers Hold Performance

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The Cantabile and Chamber Singers choirs left MU students, faculty and North

Manchester residents spellbound with their beautiful songs in a concert held in the Wine Recital Hall on Friday, Oct. 18. The singers, who auditioned for

these small choir groups, displayed their talents to the audience.

Cantabile is unique in that it accepts only female singers. The

selected 12 women wearing black dresses showed off the treble, elegant voice that only women can have. Among the six songs that the Cantabile sang along with Joanne Case's piano, especially the third song, "Serenade in Vain," visually entertained the audience. The song was about a military officer who wants to serenade a lady, but she rejects him. The singers turned their bodies as the speakers changed in the song, also changing their facial expressions and using their hands as if they were the two characters.

On the other hand, Chamber Singers has six female and six male students. The choir performed four a cappella songs and an upbeat jazz song accompanied by Case's piano as the last song of the concert. While the singers were swinging their bodies and snapping their fingers, the jazz song called "Hit Me with a Hot Note and Watch Me Bounce" brought great excitement to the recital hall. In general, jazz is unusual for a choir group to sing and needs singers to get into the swing rhythm. "It was challenging for some of us to loosen up

and act like we are having fun," said RaeAnne Schoeffler, a sophomore chemistry major, and one of the Chamber Singers members. According to her, Chamber Singers is the most difficult choir held at MU because the singers have to balance their voice in such a small group and think about the volume and sound of their voice while singing.

Schoeffler was excited about the concert because she liked the songs, which Scott Avery, the conductor of both choirs, picked. He is a music teacher in Warsaw Community High School but is teaching the Cantabile and Chamber Singers this semester since Dr. Debra Lynn, who usually conducts the choirs, is on sabbatical. "It's fun to hear more mature voices at a college level," Avery said. The singers also appreciate Avery's coming to MU. "It's been different for us to have him but he chose a really good variety of songs," said Schoeffler, who in fact belongs to both Cantabile and Chamber Singers. According to her, it was Avery's idea to add the movements into the Cantabile's

third song, which portrayed the song well and helped the singers to enjoy singing.

After the concert, Avery said delightedly: "I am very proud of the singers. They reached my expectations."

The choirs' performances will be appreciated outside the campus as well. Chamber Singers is going to perform at an evening service in honor of St. Marcellus (who was a martyr involved with promoting peace) at Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN, on Oct. 30. Also, Cantabile and Chamber Singers will serve for the Manchester community at Lessons & Carols Service at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Manchester at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6. The singers have begun practicing Christmas songs for the concert.

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Switzer Retirement Cont.

Looking ahead at the next academic year, McFadden is excited for his new role on campus. "I think the president's role is much more about people than my current job is, and I look forward to [making] those connections with faculty and staff, students and alumni," he said. "You become the face of the university, and not only is that a change of responsibilities, but it's a change of opportunities.

"I have a reason now to go to people and say, 'Hey, let's sit down and talk about Manchester and where we are going,'" he continued. "I'm really looking forward to that."

During his presi-

dency, McFadden plans to continue the school's recent trends of progress and expansion. "In the short term, it's about figuring out what it means to be Manchester University," he said. "In the long term, it's about aligning resources to meet [our] goals and move us forward."

When McFadden becomes president in July, he will build upon his life-long connection to Manchester. The name "McFadden" has been well known across campus for generations, as many of his family members have attended the school. "I'm a third-generation graduate [of MU]," he said. "I met my wife here and we married

while we were students. Our two children are fourth-generation graduates, and so those family connections are part of what root me here.

"I've worked here for over 20 years now, and that's the majority of my professional life," he continued. "So, professionally I'm rooted here as well."

As McFadden prepares for his upcoming presidency, the Manchester community awaits the upcoming announcement of another significant change: who will become the new dean for the College of Pharmacy?

Around Campus

Hispanos Unidos Holds Halloween Dance

Sara Collazo Romay
Staff Writer

Hispanos Unidos celebrated their annual Halloween Dance on Friday, Oct. 25, in the Upper Union from 10–12 pm, taking advantage of MAC's annual Costume Bingo. "The HU e-board decided that it would be a good idea to celebrate our dance right after bingo since everyone would already be dressed up," said HU President Jasmine Espino-Muniz.

The event got an enormous amount of publicity when the fire alarms went off due to HU's fog machine while bingo was happening downstairs. "Even though the alarm stopped bingo for a while as we were setting up for the dance, I guess it was good for HU since everyone who was at bingo knew then that we were having a dance," said Espino-Muniz with a smile. After the volunteer fire fighters came and gave their OK, the night continued with no other inconveniences.

Sophomore Maia Marusak dressed as Harley Quinn for the night. "I had a blast at the dance; I loved that everyone was dancing and trying to have a good

time," she said. "The music was different, they played some older songs and they also played some Hispanic music; it was very interest-

club; we are, after all, Hispanos Unidos," she said. "We also tried to give an alternative to those people who do not want to grind to

half of the people that attended the dance were not dressed up. Among the costume-free attendees was first year Holly Beer,

partying."

The dance also helped advertise HU as a club where everyone is welcomed. "We want to

dance. "I had never heard of them before," she said, "but after the dance, I think I would like to go to some of their meetings and see what HU is all about."

Hispanos Unidos meets every Monday at 9 pm at the Intercultural center, in front of the Admin Building. Their mission to raise awareness of the Hispanic Culture on campus and they try to achieve this goal by hosting weekly meetings at the intercultural center as well as celebrating all-campus dances and events throughout the year.

HU will be celebrating their first ever Quinceañera dance in April. They will have three Monday club meetings when they will explain what quinceañera dances are, the importance of them in the Hispanic tradition and show some of the dances that are performed at these events. They will celebrate this elegant ball at the Upper Union, where the whole E-board will perform a "surprise dance" for all the attendees.



LOSE YOURSELF TO DANCE Manchester students dance the night away in the Upper Union during the annual Halloween Dance held by Hispanos Unidos on Friday, Oct. 25. The event gained student attention when the Union smoke alarms were triggered by the fog machine at the same time MAC was hosting Costume Bingo in Haist Commons.

Photo by Savannah Riley

ing."

Treasurer Sara Cruz explained the music selection. "We tried to make our playlist to satisfy everyone without forgetting the essence of our

every song," Cruz added with a grin.

Even though it was a Halloween dance, costumes were not mandatory. According to President Espino-Muniz,

who loves going to MU dances. "These dances give me a good opportunity to meet new people who like to dance as much as I do," she said. "They also offer a good alternative to

make sure that people understand that OMA clubs are not exclusive to multicultural students," Espino-Muniz said.

This idea got to student Holly Beer at the

MU English Department Hosts 'Trio of Poets'

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As Cordier Auditorium was filling up on Oct. 7 for "A Trio of Poets," the speakers were getting ready. Kate Greenstreet, Peter Davis and Adam Clay were on campus to share their passion and their words. The VIA sponsored by the Department of English took place from 7-8 p.m.

Kate Greenstreet was up first. Aside from writing and reciting poetry, she also paints and does graphic design. Her husband, Max Greenstreet, made a few short films of her work. He says being married to Kate is a "great gig and a full time job."

From Greenstreet's book, "Young Tambling," arose many themes and motifs. A few were family, nature, love, and her father. She spoke with such passion and feeling; it was a beautiful thing to hear and see. Her first book was published when she was 57, and she never attended college. The other two poets that travel with her noted that she never reads the same way twice—ev-

ery reading is unique. She also enjoys hearing the other poets read. Her first tour that ever did was with Clay in 2006. She has really enjoyed traveling with Clay again, and she likes the addition of Davis.

Up next to speak was Peter Davis. He is a professor at Ball State University where he teaches creative writing. He also has five poems from his book "Poetry! Poetry! Poetry!" anthologized in "The Best American Poetry 2010." He read from his book called "Tina," in which he directed his poetry, which was a remarkable balance of rollicking humor and gravitas, to an unknown individual named Tina. Davis thinks that the poetry is more poignant if it is directed at a person.

The Manchester students' response to this was overwhelmingly audible. Davis had his audience laughing and begging for more. "Poetry like this makes people think it's really accessible, and that's really important," said Professor Stacy Erickson.

Last but not least, Adam Clay took the podium. co-editor of "TYPO Magazine," Clay read from his book,

"A Hotel Lobby at the Edge of the World." His poems are about people's journeys through their day-to-day lives. Much of his poems share a motif of solitude and understanding. They speak of embracing silence and learning from it. This contrasts his initial drive to write poetry. "I started writing in high school to get girls," Clay said with a chuckle. He was an English major in college and now he's been writing for 16 years.

Overall, the crowd seemed to really enjoy A Trio of Poets. "The poems shared this evening were beautifully diverse," said Joshua Doud, MU student. Doud enjoyed all three performances greatly and made it a point to thank all the speakers personally for sharing their words with him.

The performers loved being at Manchester as well. "We've had a wonderful time here," said Davis, speaking for the group.

Students Celebrate National Chemistry Week

Cole Kellogg
Staff Writer

Chemistry is all around us, and the American Chemical Society (ACS) of Manchester University worked hard last week to draw attention to that fact. The fourth week in October is annually ordained National Chemistry Week. This year, the week's theme was "Energy: Now and Forever!" Dr. Susan Klein, chair of the chemistry department, and the MU chapter of ACS put together a good number of events for the school this past week.

Last Monday, Klein spoke at a science seminar attended by 112 people. Her presentation was tailored to the theme of National Chemistry Week. Klein covered such topics as hydraulic fracturing and drilling in ANWR. She also discussed fossil fuels and nuclear power—all different ways energy is relevant to society. "I enjoyed the science seminar because it made me realize that the energy that powers our world today will one day cease to exist," said second-year biology-chemistry major Martin Garcia.

"The goal of National Chemistry Week for

any student affiliate chapter is to grow awareness of chemistry," Klein said with a grin. "Chemistry is everywhere, we want students to know." National Chemistry Week at Manches-

ter was a combined effort between the ACS executive board and Klein. The team was frivolous in its efforts to reach their goal last week. ACS members

drew the periodic elements in chalk on the sidewalks. Klein typed chemistry facts on pieces of notepaper that were taped on all faculty doors. Each weekday, new notes were stuck to

the medicine tablets and film canisters, the faculty got to make Alka-Seltzer rockets and set them off.

An element of the week that students seemed to love was the hiding of

to return it for a special surprise. "I haven't gotten a lot of moles back, they must be too cute," Klein said.

ACS did not aim for students to be inconvenienced during the week.

pus since 1959. The club, which currently boasts 56 members, has earned an award for their level of participation 13 out of the past 15 years. In granting these awards, the National Chemistry Office takes into consideration career development, community outreach, and education to young people. The cumulative goal is for chemistry majors to reach outwards and downwards to affect the community.

ACS member Loreal Richard put up a display in the campus library as additional advertisement. This display includes facts about energy in homes, energy used for transportation and some information about recycling. Even energy-themed jokes are featured!

Klein was disappointed to not reach out to grade school children during the week. "It's very challenging to get so many things going in one week," she said. ACS plans to visit high schools in November to do demonstrations and introduce various careers in science to students.



SORRY, ALL THE GOOD CHEMISTRY JOKES ARGON Dr. Susan Klein, chair of the chemistry department, kicked off National Chemistry Week at Manchester during the Science Seminar held last Monday, Oct. 21 in Flory Auditorium.

Photo by Savannah Riley

the doors. One day, professors were given packs of Alka-Seltzer, and instructed to come to the mall for a fun experiment. With just

knitted moles around campus. The moles, knit by Dr. Klein, were hidden inside buildings at the university. A note was stuck to each mole, instructing students

Their ambition was simply for them to listen and learn about chemical science. Manchester has had a student affiliate chapter of ACS on cam-

Around Campus

Patel Named 'Innovator of the Year' at VIA

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On October 8, 2013, Eboo Patel, head of his entrepreneurial startup Interfaith Youth Core, came to Manchester University to be presented with the Innovator of the Year Award which he followed with a speech about his innovative career.

Before Patel's speech, Professor Jim Falkner, professor of entrepreneurial studies, presented Patel with this prestigious award. Patel is the sixth innovator presented with this award along with Kevin Sites (2008-2009), Mother Antonia Brenner (2009-2010), Michelle Rhee (2010-2011), Gene Sharp (2011-2012), and Temple Grandin (2012-2013).

Patel is an Indian-born Muslim who was raised in the United States. He has developed an approach to the root cause of religious intolerance. Today he is head of Interfaith Youth Core, an organization used to build religious pluralism by creating positive, meaningful rela-

tionships. Patel feels that American college students are the core of "making religion a bridge and not a barrier."

He has spoken about this vision at places like the TED conference, the Clinton Global Initiative, and the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, as well as college and university campuses across the country. He has also written two books about interfaith cooperation, "Acts of Faith" and "Sacred Ground." Along his journey he has inspired hundreds of thousands of people to join him and make a difference in their communities.

In Patel's speech, he talked about childhood and how he became an innovator. He said the first time he noticed he was an innovator was when he met Michael Jordan. He and a friend of his went to watch Jordan play golf but knew that they would not get a chance to meet him while everyone was around. Patel soon realized that they could meet Jordan if they waited at his car for him. There was no one around when they

got to the parking lot and they got to shake Michael Jordan's hand without any

trouble. He then explained that an innovator was someone who found problems in the community and

comes up with solutions for them and then puts them into action. His father

was actually the one that opened his eyes about religion while he was trying to make a difference around his college community.

In his speech he also explained how "some innovation requires having

ence here on campus. "A college campus is where ideas become reality very fast," he said. "Anything can be put into action because it is about YOU."

Colleen Reed, sophomore biochemistry major, found this speech very empowering. "His speech really made me look at life in a different perspective," she said. "It makes me want to get more involved around campus."

Mitchell Overmyer, sophomore biology and environmental studies major, also liked the speech. "He is a very inspirational person and I'm glad he came," he said. If you want to learn more about Eboo Patel, go to his website www.ifyc.org to find out how you can help your community.



BUILDING BRIDGES Manchester University's "Innovator of the Year" Award winner, Eboo Patel, spoke to the MU student body on Oct. 8 about his life and career as an innovator and how it led to his creating the Interfaith Youth Core.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

Angone Reveals 'Seven Secrets' to Students

Tyler Roebuck
Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 7, entrepreneur Paul Angone presented his VIA event titled "Seven Secrets for College and Beyond," in Cordier Auditorium. In addition to his presentation, Manchester's Career Services put on a career expo featuring 39 professionals in fields ranging from the vice president at an accounting firm to an individually owned and operated pottery company. The two sequential events were organized to help students of all years answer the question, "what's next?"

Angone opened his presentation with a comfortable, disarming joke about Indiana weather and a video poking fun at internet culture and the idea of a "quarter-life crisis." He then continued to loosen the crowd up with a story about his first job out of college: a used airplane-parts sales assistant. This story transitioned into a great metaphor for college. "College is like a set of steps," he said. "You get to the top and you feel lost and tricked."

Angone discussed the idea of the stage of "emerging adulthood." It follows the idea that life does not

simply go from childhood to adulthood, but that there is an in-between stage. Characteristics of those in emerging adulthood include regular job changes, marriage and children. Emerging adults also are highly globally connected but spend more time alone than any other social group but the elderly. They often face fear and anxiety with what they will do with their lives. Angone has advice for those emerging adults in college to help overcome these things. "College is not about making it through, it's about making it matter," he said.

With that, Angone moved into the main content of the presentation: the "seven secrets for college and beyond." These secrets were to define success, experience failure, say no to OCD (obsessive comparison disorder), invest in relationships, don't lead, build your brand and don't worry about your dream job.

Angone finds that failure is important, because many people today are plagued with what he calls an "epidemic of success." People only want to succeed, so they simply refrain from attempting anything that could result in failure. "The biggest failure in our lives is not having any monumental failures," he said. It is not failing

that is important, but rather wanting to try repeatedly until success is achieved. Angone says that life will never feel like its "supposed to," so there is no help in comparing it with others.

After his presentation ended, the lobby flooded with students looking to talk to professionals. First-year students had to receive three signatures from professionals for their first year seminar class. One of the booths had a very interesting company name: The Pigeon and the Hen Pottery Co. Diana Palomo and Amy Killinger started this company in downtown South Bend, IN, to do what they love for work. The name comes from a combination of the two owners. Palomo is Spanish for "pigeon," and Killinger owns chickens.

Other upcoming VIA events include "RESPECT, Delivering Results by Giving Employees What They Really Want" featuring speaker Jack Wiley, "Danza!" presented by Fort Wayne Ballet, and "The Cotton Patch Gospel" featuring musician and actor Phil Kauffman.

Painting and Music Featured at MSO Concert

Louise Magiera
Staff Writer

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra (MSO) is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. On Sunday, Oct. 27, at 3:00 in Cordier Auditorium MSO presented its first concert of the diamond anniversary titled "Diamond Jubilee: Art Alive!" This concert was unlike any other because it featured Jeff Diesberg, assistant professor of art, who created a large painting while the orchestra played the music of "Symphonic Tale 'Peter Pan'" by Kentaro Sato.

A large video screen on the wall provided the audience with increased visibility to view the painting as it was created. As the music thundered on, Diesberg's painting became more colorful and alive. By the end, in a quick 28 minutes, Diesberg created a 5' x 10' painting of Peter Pan and Tinkerbell flying in the sky.

While Diesberg made this painting seem effortless, he made sure to have plenty of practice and preparation before opening day. Diesberg sketched designs with colored pen-

cils to the music weeks beforehand, and did a few trial paintings to the music in the basement of Winger before meeting up with the orchestra during their dress rehearsal. This was the largest painting he has created and it was the first

painting is currently on display in Cordier.

MSO is made up of Manchester students, faculty and residents of the community. Manchester students enjoy being a part of MSO because it provides them the oppor-

communications major and horn player. "It brings a feeling of great sophistication to be involved with something as wonderful as music of this caliber."

Katie Lowther, a senior who plays percussion for MSO and who is

her with to play alongside talented musicians and learn the musical pieces by famous composers such as Beethoven, Mozart and Tchaikovsky.

"My overall experience is beyond anything I ever thought I would get

bass for three years in MSO, can relate to the opportunities MSO has provided for her. Wanting to teach music after she graduates, Huddleston the chance to network with professionals from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra, many of whom are members of MSO.

"Music is what I love," Huddleston said. "Monday evenings, when we rehearse, are my 'me' times because I can focus solely on music."

Music is important to each member of MSO and their campaign this year is dedicated to music for youth. The campaign is titled "75,000 for 75 years" and the money that is being raised to reach this goal will benefit the youth of the community; specifically incorporating more music into Wabash county schools and the creation of the Manchester Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO), which is in its beginning stages.

Songs from Sunday included: "Festive Overture, Op. 96," "Appalachian Spring, Manchester Variations," "Symphonic Tale: Peter Pan" and "Warsaw Concerto."



MUSICAL INSPIRATION The Manchester Symphony Orchestra performed this past Sunday, Oct. 27, in celebration of their 75th anniversary. The concert, entitled "Diamond Jubilee: Art Alive!" featured Jeff Diesberg, assistant professor of art, as he painted Peter Pan and Tinkerbell while the orchestra played the music of "Symphonic Tale: 'Peter Pan.'" Photo by Vivien Carter

time Diesberg has painted to music.

"I would definitely do it again," Diesberg said. "It was fun, a little stressful, but I think it's great to have faculty involvement." The

opportunity to play music with a diverse population. "I enjoy playing complex pieces alongside professional musicians, music teachers and just great people," said Michael Paynter, senior

the Instrumental Music Librarian and assistant to the Director has been a member of MSO for four years. What she loves most about MSO is the opportunity it has provided

a chance to be a part of," Lowther said. "Getting to know talented musicians has helped me grow as a musician."

Katie Huddleston, who has played the string

Around Campus

Students Stand Against Bullying on Unity Day

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Staff Writer

Manchester University was flooded with orange shirts and anti-bullying messages during Oct. 9, Unity Day. With a goal of promoting bullying awareness, Unity Day is a national event that is sponsored by an anti-bullying organization called PACER.

Dr. Heather Schilling's First Year Seminar (FYS) class, whose theme is centered around bullying and the movie "Mean Girls", decided to be proactive by writing statistics and anti-bullying messages on the sidewalks, wearing orange t-shirts, handing out orange ribbons, and having students sign a pledge to stop bullying. Students in Schilling's FYS class were given the opportunity to discuss activities they could do and these were the ones they came up with. In addition to Oct. 9 being Unity Day, October is bullying-awareness month.

Although bullying can never be fully eliminated, events such as

this force people to truly think about the pain and effects that come with bullying. "My biggest hope is that we continue to draw awareness to bullying," Schilling said. "Bullying is nothing new, but it has reached such a point that when you have kids who are committing suicide, that is a wakeup call as a society."

Konnor McCoy, one of the students in Schilling's class, played softball with a girl who committed suicide because she was a victim of bullying. "No one even had an idea that anything was wrong," she said. "Talk to people if they seem like they are going through something; just ask if they're okay because no one had any idea she was going through pain."

McCoy has also seen the other side of bullying first-hand. Her sister, who had difficulties getting along with other people, was part of a Dr. Phil episode titled, "Why Little Kids Bully," when she was in first grade. "Dr. Phil gave my parents ideas on how to change the situation

and now she is not like that anymore," McCoy said.

Although bullying may not happen at Manchester University as frequently as other places, it is still essential that students see bullying as a problem and think about ways to help prevent bullying and lessen the stress that victims experience. "People need to educate themselves and recognize what bullying is and have the courage to stand up and make a difference in someone's life, because you never know when you could save it," said E.J. Fortin, a member of the FYS class.

Another student in the FYS class, Sam Burrows, shares her opinion about victims of bullying. "If you are a victim, tell someone, because you don't want to hold something like that in if you are being attacked in a certain way," she said. "Let someone know and they can be your voice if you are silent."

Bullying is not as major of a problem at universities, but in public



TAKE A STAND First-year student Konnor McCoy watches as another MU student signs the banner prepared for Unity Day on Oct. 9.

Photo by Vivien Carter

schools, there are serious and even sometimes life-threatening issues. Schilling mentions that several graduates of the Manchester University Education Department have experienced Unity Day events in their schools where orange signs with anti-bullying slogans lined the hallways.

In addition to worrying about bullying issues in the public schools, social media has led teachers and administrators to seek out potential bullying issues outside of school

grounds. "The new Indiana state law, which really clamps down on bullying in schools, even extends to the weekend," Schilling said. "Even if it doesn't happen in school time and there are text messages or Facebook messages sent, schools have to do something about it; if they don't, they face some big problems."

Students in the FYS class were pleased with how Unity Day turned out. "I was glad to see people who aren't in our class

wearing orange and people were excited to sign the banner," McCoy said. The events during Unity Day are not the only projects students in Schilling's class will be doing. They are going to Manchester Intermediate School to talk to students about bullying and they are also creating a public service announcement video that will be shown to Manchester University Students later in the semester.

ISTA President Discusses Teaching at VIA

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The President of the Indiana State Teacher Association (ISTA) spoke on "The Politics of Teaching" in Cordier Auditorium on Oct. 10. Teresa Meredith touched on many aspects of teaching, including a brief history of the profession, changes in legislature and the importance of voting.

Meredith began her speech with an overview of how the teaching profession has evolved in the last 200 years. Audience members first learned that in the 19th century United States, education was a luxury. "If you wanted an education, you would have had to find a way to pay for it," Meredith said.

Many families could not afford to educate their children, but those who could, hired private teachers. These families opened up their homes to teachers who would spend months at a time with their pupils and paid in cash, crops, livestock or any other excess resources they had to offer.

But that was only true if the student was a male; families struggled to see the benefit of educating their daughters who were bound to become housewives or seamstresses.

Fast-forward more than 100 years to the 1970s.

Education was becoming more systematic and attainable for students of all kinds, but the profession was still not perfect. Female teachers were not allowed to teach if they were visibly pregnant, and the salary differences between men and women as well as between elementary and high school teachers were alarming. Meredith explained that when legislators passed the Collective Bargaining Act in 1973, inequalities like these were tackled, and teachers were allowed to negotiate issues with contracts, salaries, benefits, and working conditions such as additional hours for collaboration.

Collective Bargaining has since been changed, however, and as of 2012, teachers have less ground to stand on when it comes to negotiating contracts with school administrators.

"Bargaining is still in place, but what can be bargained has been limited," Meredith said. "Collective Bargaining now is restricted to pay and related benefits. That means we can negotiate what teachers are paid, the formula to determine how they are paid (years' experience and kinds of degrees can be no more than 33% of the formula, the rest is student data and teacher evaluation rating), and we can negotiate benefits like health insurance, life insurance, sick days, etc.

"Things that can no longer be bargained include

things like association leave days or how many students can be in a class or how many classes a teacher can be required to teach before being given another prep period to prepare." Meredith added.

Mike Martynowicz, instructor of education and former high school teacher of seven years, advises teacher candidates to take a close look at the administration of schools when considering positions. "Administration is key," he said, "because they choose how to interpret these new laws and whether they want to bring teachers into these decisions."

Meredith's speech touched on more than just public education, however. She also emphasized the importance of voting and knowing the candidates by providing a humorous anecdote.

"Tomorrow, I want to be a surgeon," she began. Meredith has four children and they've all had multiple bouts with infections, audience members learned. "I want to be an auto laryngologist. I've paid enough money to doctors and hospitals, and I've seen enough ear infections. I don't have the credentials, but I want to be a surgeon." But what does this have to do with education, she asked listeners.

MU Students Plan Future at Career Fair, VIA

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First-year Lauren Weise moves through the crowd of people, trying to find the table. The foyer of Cordier Auditorium quickly fills with students, eager to speak with professionals in the fields of their dreams. Weise struggles to find the paper mapping out the area, as she determines where the people she wants to talk to are located. She weaves past the students surrounding her, ducking and dodging until she finally gets her moment to speak to Greg Hetrick, director of Student Services in Pharmacy Education. After a brief Q&A session, Weise gives up her place at the table as the next Spartan replaces her. She must then begin her quest again, in search of her next professional.

This story probably sounds familiar to the many Spartans who took part in the Career Fair on Oct. 7. A preceding VIA encouraged students to pursue their dreams and work hard no matter what the cost, in order to achieve success in life. Then, there was an opportunity to

speak with people working in fields across the board, such as Social Services, Accounting, Marketing, Healthcare and more. Forty men and women, having all different occupations, set up shop in every corner of the auditorium's foyer area, ready to speak with Manchester students trying to gather information about their particular fields. All first-years attended the event, but the opportunity was open to all students.

Rachel Lake, reporter at a news channel in South Bend, came to the Fair with a video portfolio, a collection of clips for students to look at to see first-hand examples of her work. Other professionals brought pieces of their work as well, such as Laine Mello, Communications Coordinator, who had pamphlets and pens she helped design. Students could then see exactly how these people spend their time at work. The professionals also gave detailed answers to anything students asked, describing how they entered their field, or what their typical day is like, for example.

Many students took advantage of the

chance to speak with people they were truly interested in. However, others took the Career Fair as opportunity to learn about occupations they really had no prior knowledge of at all. "I talked to the Environmental Health Scientist and to be honest I had no clue what this job was," said first-year Jessica Domikaitis. "I learned about a project he is conducting about the West Nile virus and their efforts to control the mosquito population."

At the end of the Career Fair, Weise found herself a bit overwhelmed but glad to have had the chance to speak to people in a number of fields she is interested in. She spoke to Adrienne Numbers, Medical Education Specialist, in addition to Greg Hetrick and Laine Mello. "I liked the Career Fair because it gave me a chance to actually know what to expect for when I graduate and move on to pharmacy school," she said. The Fair was successful in getting students to communicate with local professionals and get a better idea of life in "the real world."



FINDING THEIR WAY Manchester students met with visiting professionals at the Career Fair held in the Cordier Auditorium foyer on Oct. 7 in hopes of discovering what opportunities their major may hold. The event was open to all students but it was required for first-years to attend the fair and the preceding VIA.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

Around Campus

ASA Treats MU Campus to 'A Taste of Africa'

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Staff Writer

The diversity of Manchester could be seen lounging around the sofas in the SAC during the African Student Association (ASA) annual event, "A Taste of Africa" on Sunday evening.

The ASA E-board prepared various African dishes, introducing participants to food found in different African countries.

While the food was being prepared, students took turns playing Dance Central on the Xbox. Junior Selamawit Nicolai, president of ASA, made the announcement that a dance tournament would take place and that the winners would be able to eat first. Students started competing with each other to songs like Usher's "Yeah" and La Roux's "Bulletproof."

Despite the promise for winners to eat first, when the food was ready to be served, students quickly jumped into a fast-forming line.

Some of the E-board members served the food to eager participants.

The menu for the evening included rice, chicken stew, samosas,



BON APPETIT Members of the African Student Association (ASA) serve dishes to students during "A Taste of Africa" on Sunday, Oct. 27, in the SAC. The club hosts the event on an annual basis. A variety of African dishes such as chicken stew, peanut soup and tortilla cinnamon cookies were served to attendees at this year's event. *Photo by Vivien Carter*

peanut soup, macaroni and cheese (made with different spices), and tortilla cinnamon cookies. The samosas, which are not a solely African dish, were made out of seasoned beef and peas.

"I wanted people

to taste food from different African countries," said Nicolai, who made the chicken stew.

Sophomore Treasurer Rodick Wallace, who made the peanut soup, explained the importance of ASA and the event.

"We just want to educate people that Africa is so much more than the negative images they see in the media," he said.

Wallace was also the first person to win in the dance tournament.

"I was nervous to

make the peanut stew," he said. "Someone helped me make it last year."

After the food was served, the music and dancing continued. YouTube was brought up on a projector, adding to the music scene. Students so-

cialized with one another and a sense of community and closeness could be seen from the hugging and laughter. It was also obvious that everyone was welcome to the event.

Freshman Ola Ladapo regularly attends ASA meetings. He goes to meet new people, and making new friends was a big reason why he went to "A Taste of Africa."

"The food was pretty nice," he said. "The event was well-organized."

ASA meets every Tuesday at 8:30 pm in the multicultural center.

"We learn about different countries, languages, and dances," Nicolai said. "Especially dances. People put on music and teach different styles of dance. Azonto is a dance that is incorporated in Zumba dance that Michael Dixon teaches."

Nicolai emphasized that anyone and everyone is welcome to attend the ASA meetings.

"If you're interested in learning about African heritage, food, dances, feel free to come over," she said. "We are happy to introduce you to our culture and we are happy to be introduced to yours."

OpEd: 'Small-Town Aura' Hurts MU's Standing

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Manchester University serves its students well. MU offers small class sizes, rigorous academics, frequent chances to meet with the faculty and a selection of residence halls. Students seem pretty happy. Manchester caters to its target crowd: people who wanted to go to a school "close to home." With North Manchester's façade, students seeking that perk are brought into the school. However, students seeking the other benefits of universities (art, diversity, culture, etc.) are having trouble seeing that MU actually offers these benefits, they are just hidden beneath the small-town vibe.

Now, to say that all students attending MU are from the nearby towns would be inaccurate. There are students from different states and even students from other countries, some doing cultural exchange programs. However, the majority of students attending Manchester are from the surrounding area. North Manchester is a comfortable environment, with nothing much that strays

from a small farm town. When searching for attractions in North Manchester, restaurants, ponds, reservations, walking trails and camping areas come up. MU's own website boasts that Fort Wayne is only about an hour away. It just seems strange and a bit anticlimactic when one of the positive aspects of North Manchester is that it's not too far away from Fort Wayne, another college town.

MU obviously tries to fight the small-town aura by offering events and VIAs that offer cover an expansive spectrum. With plays, art exhibits, documentaries, operas, concerts and other shows, the University brings in impressive entertainment. The issue is that North Manchester has a way of covering up the idea that anything interesting is happening here. Local newspapers and radio stations advertise, but for some reason, North Manchester is still most famous for its Dairy Queen, Peabody Retirement Community and a covered bridge.

As a first-year student, I notice that the topic of conversation among almost every other first-year student is some sort of sporting activity. Many come to Manches-

ter to play sports or see that Manchester offers a sport they could not find at the other colleges they were looking at (Ultimate Frisbee?). With all this emphasis on sports in the admissions process and in the student body, why is Manchester not known as a "sporty school?" What, exactly, is Manchester known for? When asking around town, older people usually said, "It's a great school. You'll get a great education." While younger people had not either heard of the school or said it was in a boring town.

On-campus students can easily find events sponsored by the University. And even, if by some glitch or another, the University was not sponsoring an event that week, students know where to go to find a party. The choice is of the student whether or not to go experience all that the University has to offer. It just seems a shame that the reputation of Manchester in the community is... nonexistent. A beautiful campus with so many clubs and sports that offer so much entertainment should be able to attract a crowd or make an impression somewhere along the line.

Students Find Time to Unwind on Fall Break

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Staff Writer

On Oct. 14, as the first half of the semester neared its end, fall break officially began. Combined with Oct. 15, students had an extra two days vacation, for a grand total of four whole days free from classes.

With this extra time, some students returned home to visit their friends and families. While doing so, they enjoyed a bit of sport as well. "I got to play soccer with my

friends in the Fort Wayne Soccer League," Senior David Lloyd said. "Then I watched my little brother play basketball at Spiece Fitness Center. I also got to watch Michigan football with my family. I never get to do that much anymore, especially with my grandpa."

Others spent their time with the family of a significant other, even adopting new members into their own families, like Senior Ashlea Koehl. "I spent a few days

in Lake Village, Ind. with my boyfriend and his family," Koehl said. "And then I went back home to Fort Wayne. That's when I got my kitten, finally, after a week of hassle trying to get her."

Koehl went on to say that she has named the kitten Aurora. She was adopted from Allen County Animal Care and Control.

While Koehl was acquiring a new pet, others took time to work on pet projects. "I have been working on restoring a

blue Chevrolet Camaro, and over fall break, I had it brought down from Lafayette to my apartment in North Manchester," senior Hunter Snapp said. "I also managed to finally get an engine for the car. I was very happy about that."

Some, though, were not able to spend their entire fall break on leisure activities. "I went into fall break knowing I had to do school work, but also knowing I had to have time to decompress," sophomore Allie Spellman said.

"So I set aside 48 hours for not doing school work and with that time I went to Flattop (a restaurant) in Jefferson Pointe and then went to Barnes and Noble. I also spent some quality time with my dog, Georgia."

While many students did leave campus, some chose to spend their entire fall break in North Manchester "I stayed on campus because I live far away, in Seattle, Washington," senior Xuny Haley said. "It was my 21st

birthday, so I went and explored North Manchester with some friends that don't leave campus. It was a good time. It turns out that El Mez has great Margaritas."

Manchester University's next scheduled break will be Thanksgiving recess, Nov. 27-29. Classes will dismiss on Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. and resume on Dec. 2 at 8 a.m.

ISTA President *cont.*

"Just because you went to school doesn't make you an expert on education," Meredith answered with passion. The crowd erupted with applause and signs of agreement.

The ISTA President's message unfolded completely when she uttered a word of advice to Education majors. "You have a responsibility to educate those around you no matter who they are," she said. "You are a teacher, and your audience is much bigger than your classroom."

Junior Education major Erika Kahlenbeck agrees, and emphasized the importance of preparing for what's to come. "It is important for education majors to stay informed because politics have a huge impact on our profession," she said. "Teachers are graded and now paid based on evaluations created by politicians. Although we are not affected by the politics now while we're in college, it is important to stay updated to know

what's coming. Laws, tests and evaluations are constantly changing and teachers have to be flexible and adapt to the changes made in the political world affecting the classrooms."

Education majors comprised a large part of the audience, but non-Education majors were targeted as well. "Look for candidates who have educational views that match yours," Meredith advised, "because a strong public school system strengthens a community and state. Hold law makers accountable when something doesn't make sense for student learning."

Sophomore Political Science major Katie Skeen has no intention of becoming a teacher, but respects the idea that people need to be knowledgeable of the world around them. "There is so much happening in the realm of education reform that so many people, education and non-education majors, are unaware of," Skeen said. "I think that it is highly important for everyone, not just ed-

ucators, to be informed and up to date on educational issues. Education is something that affects everyone whether they are a student or a parent.

"Also, anyone that is paying taxes has a right and a say as to where that money is being spent. We can't always assume that our legislators our spending our taxpayer money in ways that we support. My family, for example, pays taxes and we do not think that money should help fund charter schools," Skeen added.

Meredith concluded her 30-minute speech with a statement from Mahatma Gandhi. "Be the change you wish to see in the world," she said as she opened the floor up for questions.



Spartan Sports



MUXC Runs into Success at MU Invitational

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Manchester has continued its long string of success in men's and women's cross country. The men's team's most recent achievement was at the Manchester Invitational where they took home the team title with a total of 15 points. Jon Cafarelli was the individual champion of the meet.

The Manchester women fared well also. They finished in third place at the Manchester Invitational. There was a strong performance from first-year Mariah Jordan, as she finished runner-up.

Both teams are looking to build on their achievements as they head into the conference championship meet. The teams' strategy is more than run, run and run. "Cash does a lot of research to see who our opponents are," junior runner Curtis Nordmann said. "He tries to come up with the best strategy based on who we are running against.

"We are looking forward to the opportunity to run against all of the schools in the conference," Nordmann continued. Both teams want to show what



REACHING THE FINISH LINE First-year runner Thomas Dean strides ahead of competitors during the Manchester Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 19. The men's cross country team finished in first place at the event while the women's team placed third. Tomorrow at noon, the teams will compete in the Heartland Collegiate Conference Championships at Defiance College.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

they can really do.

Junior Madeline Keisler is optimistic. "We know that we have a chance if we just follow what Cash tells us," she said.

With the Indiana weather changing from 80 degrees to 40 overnight the runners are starting to adapt. The team is not running as many miles as they were in the beginning of the

season. They are already in good shape, so they just need to make sure to maintain it. The only big difference to Nordmann is the attire he needs. "Practice is not getting easier or hard-

er, we just need to wear warmer clothes," he said.

The team is looking to keep their focus that they have had all year. They are channeling in on winning conference and

then carrying the momentum into regionals. "As a team, we are just looking to take it one meet at a time," Colton Mickelini said. "We do not want to get too far ahead of ourselves," he said.

One of the biggest successes of the men's team this year is placing second at pre nationals at Hanover College. The women's team also found triumph finishing in the top 14. This is one of the best finishes for both teams in recent history. "We have had some great individual performances this year," Nordmann said. "As a team we have had a lot of guys that have run sub 26," he said.

The women's team is also looking to ride their momentum into conference. They have improved throughout the year and are in the best shape heading into the conference championship.

The next meet for both teams will be the conference championship on Saturday, November 2, in Defiance, Ohio. Both teams will be starting at 12 p.m.

SSM Hosts Annual 'Prime Time at the PERC'

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Manchester University students filled Stauffer-Wolfe Arena Oct. 17 for Prime Time at the PERC. The event, which introduced the 2013-2014 men's and women's basketball team to fans, was sponsored by the Spartan Sport Management Club. Mark Zinser, a junior at Manchester, held the role of emcee.

Fans were given the chance to win gift cards for correctly answering

questions on the Spartan Sport Management Twitter page, posed by Zinser, or winning basketball-themed games. One of the games required students to dress in basketball attire while having to dribble to the other side of the court and make a layup in between each addition of clothing. Another game required two students of the same class to face off against another class. The seniors were the winners, with Curtis Nordmann and Brandy Leeper as their represen-

tatives. "Brandy and I had a pretty good system down and it worked pretty well for us," Nordmann said. The Gold and Black Attack, Manchester University's pep band, and the Spartan cheerleaders were also there to energize the fans and players.

Player introductions began with the PERC going pitch black and Zinser reading off a fun fact about each Spartan basketball player. Each player jogged to the center of Stauffer-Wolfe Arena and made some kind of gesture to acknowledge the fans. Jarod Schrock, a second-year player on the men's team even had a little dance for fans to enjoy. Schrock is one of eight players from last year's team and he is ready for the season to begin. "(Primetime at the PERC) really draws the Manchester students to the PERC, lets them see the new gym floor and lets

them see who is going to be taking that new floor this year," he said. "We've got a lot of riled-up Spartans and when I say riled-up Spartans, I mean the Manchester men's basketball team." Entering his 10th season with the men's basketball team, head coach Brad Nadborne has witnessed many of these nights dedicated to introducing the fans to each team. "I just think it's a fun event," he said. "We have done some form of it with the men's team for about nine years, whether it's Midnight Madness or Prime Time, and now the women have joined in and that makes it all the better."

Josh Dzurick is heading into his 9th season at the helm of the women's team and sees this event as a way to increase student support. "The students talk a lot about MU pride and trying to get it to carry over into the games,"

he said. "I think football has had great attendance and I think this is another way to try to get it started."

Both teams were similar last season in that they didn't have much veteran leadership. "We're experienced," Dzurick said. "Last year we had no seniors and one junior and this year we have a bunch of juniors and seniors, so it makes a huge difference. Last year we were fifth in the conference and made a little run in the postseason tournament, so we have expectations to build from last year."

The basketball teams have been practicing for a while now and they have been productive so far. "I like our energy and enthusiasm and a couple practices in, the effort is great," Nadborne said. "We have competition at every position and that's the way it should be; I think it's going to be a really fun year, I

really do." There are plenty of players to fill roles on the team as the men's roster includes 23 members.

One of the players to watch this season for the women's team is senior Erynn Meiklejohn. Last season, she led the team in points per game, rebounds per game, and blocks per game. Another Lady Spartan to watch is junior Alyssa Hammond, who believes fan support helps. "We really love student support, because we like it loud," she said. "We like to feed off the fans, so it's nice when it's a little more packed."

The men's first contest will be an exhibition game on Nov. 8 against the Chippewas of Central Michigan University, a NCAA Division I school. The women will travel south to Indianapolis to take on the Jaguars of IUPUI on Nov. 4.

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

Women's Soccer Hits Hot Streak

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It has been a very exciting season for the Manchester University women's soccer team as they have been playing very well against their conference opponents throughout October. They have defeated almost every conference opponent except for Hanover, to whom they lost at the beginning of the month, and Rose Hulman. The battle against Rose Hulman is coming up in a few short days.

As conference play starts to wind down, the conference standings are starting to separate and the teams battling for a conference tournament spot are starting to show. Hanover, Manchester, Transylvania and Rose-Hulman round out the top four in

the conference. Andrew Stout, head women's soccer coach, is very positive heading towards the end of the season. "If we win out at the end of the season we can sit at second unless Hanover drops a point," he said. The league has been very competitive this season with many one-goal wins. "Everyone has to be full of focus and energy," Stout said.

The Spartans have come along way since the beginning of the season. Coach Stout has seen a lot of improvement in his team in various ways. "The players' attitudes have changed since the beginning of the season," he said.

Sophomore forward Bridgette Rowe has also seen a lot of improvement in her teammates, "[We are] fighting a lot more

and we don't let up," she said. "At the beginning of the season we would have been ok with a tie now we come back from behind." Stout saw the quick change in his team when conference play started. "When we hit conference something [clicked]," he said.

Rose-Hulman is the next game on the schedule and is a crucial one if the team wants to keep their second place bid going. "They have [many] dynamic attacking players," Stout said. "[Along] with a good goal keeper."

Rowe agreed. "[Rose-Hulman] has a very strong defense," she said. The Spartans and the Fightin' Engineers will face off Nov. 2 in Terre Haute.

With the terrific season the women's soccer team is having, cer-

tainly their goal is to win the conference tournament. The last conference championships were in 2003 and 2004. No Manchester team has won the outright title. Coach Stout believes strongly in his team. "We definitely have the ability [to win] if we can stay healthy," he said.

In addition, Stout is very proud of his team and where they have come from. "We have a team playing with a chip on their shoulder and its fun to watch and fun to coach," he said. "I think we're going to continue to work hard to achieve our goals."



Spartan Sports



Men's Soccer Picks up Two Conference Wins Spartans Defeat HCAC Members Bluffton, Mt. St. Joseph

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Staff Writer

Manchester University men's soccer team shook off a rough patch to start October and Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play to rebound with a two-game winning streak with two more games left in the season.

Coach Dave Good's squad has struggled this year, going through an eleven-match winless streak, including five straight losses to open HCAC play and having a tough time finding the back of the net, being shut out in the five losses to HCAC opponents.

The Spartans opened up HCAC play with a Homecoming day loss to Hanover 2-0. The team traveled to Franklin and Defiance and fought tough to the final whistle but lost both, 2-0 and 1-0 respectively.

Coupled with tough losses to Transylvania, 2-0, and Earlham, 3-0, nearly made the Spartan season a complete disaster, but veteran coach Good kept his squad together by encouraging positive attitudes and telling his players to keep working hard. "It was pretty tough to keep a positive attitude, but coach helped us keep our heads up," said Junior defender/midfielder



HEAD GAMES Junior forward Loic Youth and an Earlham men's soccer player both look to take possession of the ball as it descends to the field during the team's home game on Saturday, Oct. 19. The Quakers won the contest, beating the Spartans by a final score of 3-0. Following the loss, the team won its next two conference games against Bluffton and Mt. St. Joseph. Manchester will play its last game of the season tomorrow at Rose-Hulman. *Photo by Savannah Riley*

Josh Collier.

Their perseverance finally paid off against Bluffton University last Wednesday, October 23, as junior forward Loic Youth took teammate Ellis Whitt's pass and rifled it into the back of the net in the 69th minute to give the Spartans

their first conference win and end a six-game scoreless drought. "It definitely gave us some confidence for the rest of the season," Collier said. "We were able to find a way to score and finally show we can do something."

The Spartans took

to the road last Saturday, October 26, and continued what they had started against the Beavers to dispatch the Lions of Mount St. Joseph, 3-1. Freshman midfielder Matthew Jordan opened up the scoring in the 30th minute, while junior defender Mark Zinser

and sophomore defender Jacob Smith both scored in the second half to eliminate the Lions chances of a comeback.

Collier attributes the goal outburst to Good and his practice strategies. "We worked a lot on passing and finishing and were

able to find the net," he said.

Tied for seventh in the conference standings headed into the final stretch of the season, Collier and the Spartans know they will not be making the conference tournament, since only the top four teams make it, but that will not stop them from trying to play spoiler for someone. "We're going to try and trip some teams up," he said. "We want to drop them in the standings and make us look better."

The Spartans had a chance to keep rival Anderson out of the conference tournament with a Tuesday, Oct. 29, showdown at home. The Ravens were the fifth seed in the HCAC prior to the matchup. However, the Ravens defeated Manchester 2-1, ending the team's two-game winning streak.

The team wraps up its season with a trip to Terre Haute, IN on Saturday, November 2 to face the conference leading Fighting Engineers of Rose-Hulman.

Football Looks Ahead at Remaining Schedule MUFB Faces Hanover, Anderson Following Bye Week

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Following a loss on Saturday, October 26, the Manchester University football team is hoping to bounce back in two weeks, against a 3-4 Hanover squad at Hanover College.

Throughout the entirety of the season, the team has focused on overcoming injuries and becoming a better unit. "With the injuries we have had, 'the next man up' has been our motto," said head coach Shannon Griffith of his squad. "This year has been tough because of injuries. Right now, we are trying to get ourselves healthy so we can have some consistency."

Talking about of the team's improvement throughout the season so far, Griffith spoke highly of the previous week's win, a 42-13 drubbing over Earlham College. The game saw a pair of touchdown passes from quarterback Nick Williams; one to Dakota Nelson, a 26-yard pass, and another to Joe Hunter, a 38-yard pass. The defense stepped up, only allowing Earlham 13 total points in the game. The special teams and running game also stepped up to the challenge, with Dakota Nelson returning a punt 68 yards for a touchdown. "I think for the most part our win last week was a "defin-



PRACTICE PLAYS Members of the Manchester football team await the next play during a recent team practice. The team has a bye this week, meaning they will not play a game this weekend. Following the bye week, the Spartans wrap up their season schedule with a road game at Hanover on Saturday, Nov. 9, and a home game against rival Anderson on Saturday, Nov. 16. Currently, the team is 2-6 overall and has a 2-4 record in the HCAC. Next weekend's game at Hanover will kick-off at 1:30 p.m. *Photo by Felicia Nichols*

ing" moment for this year," Griffith said. "It was a game we should have won, and we did.

Griffith embodies his team's poise and mental determination toward the remainder of the season. "I'm not sure if we can say that there has been a highlight thus far; those are more for the end of the

season," he said. Our common theme is to finish each week 1-0, and that will continue on into the future."

Senior Tommy Webster, an offensive lineman from Northside High school in Fort Wayne, Ind., feels the same way about the season. Webster commented on the fact that the team has become more

whole as the season progressed. "We learned to play together as a team," he said. "Before, it was like the offense played good, or the defense played good. We never really came together, but now we are starting to gel with each other." Although the season hasn't gone entirely as planned, Webster still

believes that the team's cohesiveness is building into the future. "Obviously, the season hasn't gone exactly as we wanted, but we are a tight group of guys, everyone sticks together," he said. "It's definitely been hard this year, but we have stuck together."

For Webster, the homecoming game—when

the Spartans dismantled Bluffton, 34-7—was a standout. "The homecoming game was my favorite moment from the season, because it was the seniors' last homecoming game," he said. "We blew them out, and it was our first win of the season, so it got everything rolling."

Following the matchup against the 3-4 Hanover College Panthers on Saturday, November 9, the season will conclude in a home matchup against this year's winless Anderson University Ravens.

Anderson is on the winning side of the series, ahead 45-21-1, but Manchester has won four of the last five matchups, including the previous season, which was won by Manchester 38-0.

Spartan Sports Weekend Events

Saturday, Nov. 2

Cross Country at
HCAC Championships
12 p.m.

Women's Soccer
at Rose-Hulman
1 p.m.

Volleyball
at Rose-Hulman
2 p.m.

Men's Soccer
at Rose-Hulman
3 p.m.