

The Oak Leaves

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Football Beats AU, Keeps 'Bronze Ball' Trophy

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The Spartans' 2013 football season came to a close Saturday, Nov. 16, with a victory against the Anderson University Ravens. With a final score of 42-13, the Spartans took home the coveted Bronze Ball for the fifth time in six years.

The Spartans ended this season with a total win/loss record of 3-7, with a home record of 2-4 and an away record of 1-3. The Spartans won against Bluffton University, Earlham College and Anderson University.

"We were expecting big things this season with coming off of six straight wins last season, but thing just didn't seem to click and the season didn't turn out the way we expected," said senior linebacker, Dylin Kennedy. "No matter how the season goes, winning the Bronze Ball makes the entire season worth it."

Sophomore quarterback Logan Haston defines this season with the words determination and perseverance. "We faced a lot of adversity this year," Haston said. "Many key players got injured, like our center and start-

ing tight end, who was out with a knee injury. It made it hard to get the whole team together for practice, but we stood together and

was their final season. "The best part about playing this season was getting to play one last time with my teammates," Kennedy

said. "They are losing 21 seniors, but have a lot of talent coming back, and I believe they can do big things next year."

to take on the leadership roles now that so many seniors are graduating. Next year, it will be interesting to see how things go."



BREAKING FREE First-year wide receiver Dakota Nelson looks to avoid a tackle and advance down the field during Manchester's home game against Anderson on Saturday, Nov. 16. The Spartans defeated the Ravens 42-13 in the rivalry game and brought home the Bronze Ball trophy. The team finished the season with an overall record of 3-7 and a 3-5 record in the HCAC.

Photo by Savannah Riley

toughed it out."

However, for Kennedy, Haston and many other players, this season was about more than just the wins and the losses. For 20 senior players and one student coach, this

said.

Kennedy, not disheartened by the loss of players, instead feels hopeful for the team next year. "I am looking forward to see what they accomplish next year," Kennedy

Haston is also looking forward to what the Spartans can do next season. "We will be putting in a ton of work during the off-season," Haston said. "We lost players. It will be interesting to see who steps up

This season, the Spartan Football team scored 239 points with an average of 23.9 points per game. The team had 168 first downs, 33 touchdowns, 1328 rushing yards and 1708 passing yards.

The Spartans football team is led by head coach Shannon Griffith. This marks the completion of his tenth season coaching the Spartans.

Dylin Kennedy has been a member of the Spartan football team for four years. Playing in all 10 games of the 2013 season, Kennedy had 94 tackles, 73 solo and 21 assisted.

Kennedy will graduate in May with a major in environmental studies and a minor in biology. After graduating from Manchester, Kennedy plans on attending graduate school or pursuing a career in the natural sciences field.

Logan Haston has played for Manchester for two years, and will continue to play next year. This season, he played in all 10 games and threw for 5 passing touchdowns and rushed for 3, ending with a total of 575 yards, averaging 57.5 yards per game.

Introducing 'Conversations in Social Sciences' MU Seniors Robins, Stull Present Independent Research

Alexandria Spillman
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Students and faculty met Monday, Nov. 18, on the second floor of ACEN for "Conversations in the Social Sciences," the third hour-long event in a series of six in which students present their independent research within a variety of disciplines. Darcy Robins, a senior sociology major, presented first. He was followed by Elizabeth Stull, a senior history major.

Robins spoke about his research involving gender, specifically "Identity, Boundaries, Performance, and Cultural Norms in the Gay Bar." Robins has contacted bar owners and gained access to their establishments, observed patrons at two Midwest locations with consent forms covering every inch of table in front of him, and has conducted some of his anticipated 15-20 interviews with those patrons.

In Robins' presentation, he highlighted some results of his research so far that he found particularly intriguing: a difference in language, the use of labels, and leather subculture.

To some, it may seem like a minor change in speech, but Robins noted that when speaking



SOCIAL STUDIES Seniors Darcy Robins (pictured left) and Elizabeth Stull (pictured right) present their independent research topics at "Conversations in the Social Sciences" on Monday, Nov. 18. Robins, a sociology major, spoke about "Identity, Boundaries, Performance and Cultural Norms in the Gay Bar," while Stull presented her research of "Congregationalist Political Sermons and the American Revolution: A Natural Justification." The lectures were attended by both students and faculty from a wide variety of departments. This event was the third of six such events. Photos by Vivien Carter

to patrons, 'the' would be used before 'gay bar' and 'a' before 'straight bar.' "I found it to be interesting because there was a correlation with other gay men that talked to me," he said. "Using the word 'the' gives the gay bar more prominence while using the term 'a' makes the straight bars seem less important. Using the word 'the' gives the gay bar a more singular sounding aspect whereas 'a' means plenty."

Next, Robins plans

to conduct more interviews to gain patron insight on societal norms in the gay bar, gay bars as safe places for the LGBTQIA community, and gender roles and performances.

Questions and suggestions rounded out the first presentation and came mostly from faculty audience members. First, logistical questions such as how Robins planned to pick his subjects and how many he planned to interview were asked, then pro-



fessors offered a couple bits of advice for the further research. Dr. Mark Angelos ended the Q&A with a comment about how there will likely be self-identity in whatever bar one enters regardless of sex or gender.

Stull spoke next on her research of "Congregationalist Political Sermons and the American Revolution: A Natural Justification." Stull presented her research without a projector, making the dis-

cussion seem much like a conversation.

Stull began her research with "Common Sense" by Thomas Payne, then started comparing sermons to the ideas of Payne, she explained, but ran into many issues during her study. She often found herself pursuing ideas either too broad or too narrow. After many roadblocks, trips to professors' offices and "backing [her]self into a few corners," she found the

connections between the preachers writing the sermons, congregationalism, an absent hierarchy and democracy.

Congregationalism wasn't Stull's only topic of discussion, however.

"This is an opportunity to not only discuss my topic specifically, but also to further discuss the process," she said before the discussion. "I am so close to the finish line, and the hope is that those in attendance maybe haven't written their papers or are in the beginning stages. The talk should give them the opportunity to ask questions and learn from my experiences."

Stull ended her presentation with a comment about the amount of history she learned throughout the process, but the biggest lesson learned was this: "Don't have a panic attack every time you get stuck, and if you get stuck in a corner, you can always back out."

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Around Campus

Letter to the Editors: MU's Student Senate Makes Voice Known

Hello!

We are Manchester University's Student Senate.

Senate's mission is to further student interests on campus. Dedicated to serving the student population, Senate acts as a liaison between students by communication concerns involving the parking system, Charwells and Sisters' Cafe, and the campus bookstore. We're even known to hand out treats in the days before finals as an extra boost to get you through rigorous studying.

This year, our most important goal is to maintain a consistently vocal re-

lationship with all members of the student body. To do this, we have created a Manchester University Student Senate Facebook page. We'll post important updates here, such as reminders of campus events, as well as updates regarding complaints we have received. This page will also be the communication tool for Manchester Student Budget Board. Furthermore, if you wish to contact members of Senate, you may use the Facebook Page to do so. Otherwise, you can send us an email at MCostudentsenateconcerns@manchester.edu, or you can speak to a Sen-

ator in person.

Hopefully, you all have settled into the rhythms of the academic school year. It's hard to believe that the first semester is almost over. If there is a way that your school experience could be enhanced by changes made on campus, feel free to communicate with your friendly student Senators.

We want to collaborate with you to make Manchester your place. Remember, we are here to serve you!

Sincerely,
Manchester Student Senate

Letter to the Editors: Campus' Responses to Ind. HJR-6 Legislature

When members of Manchester University's campus heard that the Cabinet was considering making Manchester University one of Indiana's colleges and universities publicly opposed to HJR-6, a letter

urging them to do so was sent to the Cabinet. HJR-6 is a proposed amendment to the Indiana state constitution that would redefine marriage as being strictly between one man and one woman. Many see this pro-

posed legislature as a limit to the rights of Indiana's gay and lesbian couples. The letter was signed by over 200 students before it was sent.

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, an e-mail from the

Editor Krabach Says Farewell



Photo courtesy of Emily Krabach

After countless hours conducting interviews, crafting stories, and editing the final product, junior Emily Krabach is retiring from the Oak Leaves staff. Krabach made this decision due to the fact that she will be studying abroad during the Spring 2014 semester. "I knew that I wouldn't be able to work with the Oak Leaves while in England," Krabach said. "However, I chose to

make my departure from the newspaper a permanent one because I know I will have a busy senior year and will need the time to concentrate on my classes and planning for life after graduation."

Krabach has been a part of the Oak Leaves staff for nearly three years. During her first year, Krabach wrote for the newspaper before being promoted to co-editor. She, along with fel-

low junior Andrew Ellam, have edited and created the final versions of the newspaper for the last year and a half.

As a member of the Oak Leaves staff, Krabach gained both experience and connections that she believes helped as both an MU student and campus member. "As an English major, being an editor not only allowed me to improve my writing skills, but also gave experience in a job that I could potentially have once I graduate," she explained. "I also enjoyed how working for the newspaper gave me an insight to the voices of the student body and ways to connect with them across campus."

Following Krabach's departure to England, senior David Lloyd will replace her as the new Oak Leaves co-editor.

President's Cabinet was sent to all campus members to state Manchester's stance in regard to the HJR-6 legislature.

The e-mail stated: "Members of the Manchester University Community –

We thank you for the signed petitions and the comments that you have shared with us over the past week regarding HJR-6, the Indiana House Joint Resolution which does not recognize same-sex marriage. If this legislation is approved in the current session, it will put the proposed amendment on the November 2014 ballot for Indiana voters.

Groups like the Indiana Chamber of Commerce have opposed it. Several universities have also publically opposed HJR-6 (Indiana University, Ball State University, DePauw University, and Wabash College), and some of you have asked us to do that also. We have taken that request seriously.

We believe that the core mission for Manchester is to educate students. That education is based on our enduring commitment to preparing students to think clearly, to evaluate data appropriately, and to engage in difficult and respectful conversations with others. That core mission means Manchester as an institution historically has not taken positions on political issues, including those that relate to war, peace, economic policies, and even civil rights. We believe that a university endorsement on one side of a political issue may marginalize or silence those members of our campus community who do not agree with the endorsement.

Historically, Manchester has been a place where persons who hold different opinions can meet, discuss, and respect those with whom they do not agree. Martin Luther King, Jr. and conservative Senator Barry Goldwater spoke here within weeks

of one another. Both of those speeches generated intense and constructive conversations in which students learned to represent their own beliefs and talk with those who did not share those beliefs.

We believe that HJR-6 warrants attention from every person on campus. We also believe that the most potent way to make an impact on this vote is through individual participation. An institutional endorsement is not nearly as powerful as the effect of hundreds or thousands of Manchester students, faculty, staff, and alumni/ae speaking up as individuals about it.

Here are some things we hope you will consider doing:

1. Contact your state representative and senator and explain what you think about HJR-6, using your own stationery. You can find how to contact them at www.in.gov/legislative/2345.htm

2. Access the website Fair-Talk.org for ways to make a positive impact on issues of diversity and equality

3. Make sure you are registered to vote

4. Vote in fall 2014, especially if HJR-6 comes to popular vote next fall

5. Encourage your friends and family to register to vote and to vote in each election

Manchester University is at its best a place of differences that, as a result, has inspired students of ability and conviction for generations. We hope you will use your discussions and time on this important issue to get involved and make an impact.

Jo Young Switzer, president

Glenn Sharfman, vice president and dean for academic affairs

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Beth Sweitzer-Riley, vice president for student development

Scott Ochander, vice president for enrollment and marketing

Tim McElwee, vice president for university advancement."

Several campus organizations have collaborated on a letter in response to the Cabinet's stance.

It states: "Members of the Manchester University Community,

We are disappointed that the Manchester University Cabinet has decided to maintain a position of institutional neutrality with respect to HJR-6, legislation which would cement discriminatory practices with respect to marriage laws in the state of Indiana.

The Cabinet reminds us that Manchester has not taken positions on political issues. We acknowledge this institutional silence as a failure to stand on the right side of justice at the most crucial points in our nation's history.

We commend the leadership of Christian Theological Seminary, Indiana University, Ball State University, Wabash College and DePauw University, and the other institutions that have taken a public position in opposition to HJR-6.

--Kenapocomoco Coalition
--United Sexualities
--Students for Sensible Drug Policy
--Sociology Association
--Praise Jam
--To Write Love on Her Arms

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality." ---Desmond Tutu"

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Around Campus

Sanders, Mills Create AC Position for East St.

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Staff Writer

Last summer, East St. apartments were given a new look. Along with new appliances and a new design, East St. apartments were also given a new type of Resident Assistant. Jeremiah Sanders and Zabrian Mills are the new ACs or Apartment Coordinators for East St. this year. ACs are an integral part of Residential Life as well as the Division of Student Development. The position was created last year by Mills, Sanders and the Office of Residential Life as an internship of sorts for students who are possibly looking to be a Hall Director or a Student Affairs professional, part of a broader range of positions that deal with students.

ACs in East St are assigned to a building that houses approximately 40-50 students, with 3-4 students living in each apartment. Their primary responsibility is to act as facilitators for this residence hall community and to enhance the social, educational, spiritual, intellectual, physical, vocational, cultural and environmental development of each of their residents. The AC articulates for students the philosophy and policies of Residential Life and the University.

Jeremiah Sanders

was a RA at Schwalm Hall for two years before he decided he wanted to be an

ing an RA is a great way to connect with other people and make their Manches-

go through a Hall Director to guide and tell them what to do. "There is a lot more

ing ourselves."

ACs are not completely on their own, how-

lar RA if a group of students were suspected to have alcohol in their rooms.

Zabrian Mills was an RA in Garver Hall for two years until he also decided to become an AC. This year is also his first time living in the apartments. Mills would like to keep the student affairs option open for his future. "The skill set we are acquiring is helping for a wide range of positions rather than just being RAs and a part of Residential Life," Mills said. "It also prepares us for anything involving students like Michael Dixon being director of the Multicultural Services or Shanon Fawbush being the director of Student Activities and Orientation."

Mills and Sanders also like having the few perks of being an AC also. "Residents have a lot more privacy than you would in the traditional res halls," said Sanders. "You don't have to see people in an apartment building as often whereas in a traditional hall you would see everyone a few times a week."

Mills appreciates the facilities too. "I like living in an apartment," he said. "I like the renovations and the fact that the University makes sure everything is working properly."



DO WORK Seniors Jeremiah Sanders and Zabrian Mills stand outside of their current home, the East Street Apartments, where they are currently working as Apartment Coordinators. Both Sanders and Mills developed the AC position with the help of the Office of Residential Life as a way to have an internship of sorts for students considering a position as a Hall Director or a Student Affairs professional after graduation.

Photo by Vivien Carter

AC. This year is the first year he has lived in East St. apartments. He first got into being an RA to get closer to people and to get more involved. "I feel be-

ter experience great," he said.

ACs are more independent than regular RAs. They problem-solve on their own rather than

responsibility to handle since our hall director does not reside in our building," Sanders said. "We have many administrative tasks for taking care of the build-

ever. "We have certain protocol to follow although we aren't regular RAs," Sanders said. For example, ACs would have to follow the same procedure as a regu-

Campus Put on Lockdown, Safety Responds

Kalie Ammons
Staff Writer

At approximately 2 a.m. last Saturday, the Manchester campus was put on lockdown. Rumors flew as students and parents received emergency text alerts telling them to seek shelter in the building they were in. President Jo Young Switzer dispelled rumors Monday morning by sending out an email to students, faculty and staff. "We experienced a campus lockdown when local police notified our Safety office of a potential armed person in the area," Switzer wrote. "Effective and prompt investigation by the North Manchester police and our Safety staff confirmed that the original telephone call that initiated the lockdown came from an off-campus source with a history of false calls to various agencies."

Was this a student trying to get out of class? Not likely, according to Switzer. "That person was not a student or an employee of the University," she wrote in the e-mail. "When police confirmed that there had not been an armed individual in the area as had been claimed, the all clear was announced."

Shortly after students heard the all clear, another alert was sent out. A secondary alert stirred up students and parents worried that an armed person might have evaded police officers before returning. "There was never a second lockdown on campus and the software company has already been contacted to help resolve the glitch that caused the second and false announcement to ensure our systems are error free in the future," Switzer wrote. "As president, I want to reassure the campus com-

munity that the safety of our students, faculty and staff is always a top priority."

Allen Machielson, director of residence life, confirmed President Switzer's words. "Our Hall Director on duty called each RA and instructed them to make sure their building was secure and to make sure that students were in their rooms and not visible in common areas," he said. "Most students were already in their rooms. We also reminded the RAs to stay out of sight as they checked their halls."

The Manchester Campus Safety quickly and professionally handled the issue of a potential armed threat, even after long-time director of safety Les Gahl recently retired. In a statement on the Campus Safety website Gahl explained how Manchester deals with issues involving crime, which explains the way things were dealt with the lock down. "We are a microcosm of the larger world, and we have problems similar to those that you will find anywhere," Gahl wrote. "Nonetheless, the University community does enjoy a very low crime rate, partly because we take each incident seriously. It is the policy of the University to treat all reports seriously and to investigate all cases in the most expeditious manner."

Gahl was highly respected in the Manchester community. All who knew him well have an over-abundance of great things to say about him and his work at the university. "In working for Les in Campus Safety as an Administrative Assistant, I saw his first concern was for the students," said Karen Burns. "Les upheld the University mission and was a dedicated employee who helped those he came in contact with."

Gahl worked with much more than just campus safety. "Les Gahl always brought an expansive knowledge base to his position as Director of Safety during the past years he has served in this position," said Beth Sweitzer-Riley, vice president for student development. "He was well-versed in internal and external policies and procedures. He regularly attended national and state conferences and association meetings and participated in the leadership of those associations. His collaborative contributions were well recognized when working with the Crisis Management team, Campus Safety Committee, Emergency Management Association, North Manchester Police Department, and the North Manchester Fire Department in addition to the Student Development team. He was exemplary in his organization, thoroughness, preparedness and ability to see the big picture. His leadership has greatly enhanced the safety of our campus community."

Tim Potts, a captain with Purdue University Police, and the chair of the Indiana Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, contacted Manchester to praise Gahl. "Our organization would like to honor him at our Dec. 11 meeting in Indianapolis for his many years of service to the organization and his commitment to campus safety," he wrote in a e-mail.

Gahl did not come to the university untried. "Les Gahl brought both a lot of law enforcement experience and advanced degrees in law enforcement to his work," said Jo Young Switzer, president of the university. "He was a great fit for a campus safety director at a school like Manchester."

Opinion: Lockdown Handled Well by Campus

Caleb Jackson
Staff Writer

Manchester University was on lockdown during the early morning hours of Nov. 9. Students received notifications through e-mail and text messages that the school sends out whenever some type of warning or danger is present for the campus and its community. The school was on lockdown for investigating a possible armed subject near campus and it lasted roughly three hours. A situation such as this brings up the question, "How safe is Manchester?"

Does Manchester do their job of providing students with as much

safety as possible? I believe so. Manchester University provides students with different types of notifications along with RA's that warn their students in their halls about potential dangers at threat as well.

Junior Jon Thompson feels the same way. "They (Campus Safety) did a really good job at notifying us students immediately and letting us know when the lockdown was no longer in effect," he said. However, Thompson felt that they could have kept us notified during the process to inform what was going on during the lockdown.

Personally, Manchester provided me with

as many precaution and warnings I could have ever needed that night. I was told it was best to remain indoors and that is what I did and not once did I feel as if I was in danger. They let me know what the problem was, who was taking care of it and what I was supposed to do during the lockdown.

All Manchester Safety can really do in crazy situations like the one that occurred last week is to inform the community as soon as possible and cooperate to fix the problem. I feel as if Manchester and everyone else who helped out with lockdown did so. Whenever some crisis is prominent on our cam-

pus, the school has done a much better job at notifying its student body as soon as possible and that is all us (students) ask for. We ask for a safe, healthy and violent-free environment. And Manchester is doing their best at giving us that.

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Around Campus



CSO Hosts Annual 'Bowl Over Hunger' Event

Ayana Ishiyama
Staff Writer

The annual event Bowl Over Hunger offered a Sunday dinner to 42 students in the Union on Nov. 10. The Center for Service Opportunities (CSO) hosted the banquet to raise the hunger awareness among MU students and alleviate hunger and homelessness in the North Manchester area.

The students who attended the five dollar banquet had a breadstick and a bowl of soup made by Chef Chris Fogerty. The banquet was held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., when dinner is not normally served to students on campus. The students

were able to take "your own bowl" home, choosing from 200 bowls arranged tidily on a long table, which was set on the left side of the Haist Commons; the shapes varied from shallow to deep, and designs were diverse such as flower-patterned, Christmas-patterned, red-transparent bowl with a saucer and so on.

The students of the CSO served the food to the students. The CSO offered four different kinds of soups: beef-and-barley soup, chicken-noodle soup, loaded-baked-potato soup, and leek soup. Students also learned the number of homeless and hungry people in the United States as well as emo-

tional effects of the hunger by looking at several hand-made boards on the wall behind the long table.

The bowl is not only a reward for the five-dollar admission fee. "The empty bowl is supposed to be a reminder that there are still hunger and homelessness in your country," said Miller-Patrick enthusiastically, the director of the CSO. Bowl Over Hunger was the starter of Hunger Awareness Week. Carole Miller-Patrick reported that the banquet raised over 200 dollars, and the money will be used for community dinners, which the CSO offers on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Zion Lutheran Church.

The banquet appeared to be designed so students could experience hunger. One breadstick, a bowl of soup, and beverage do not seem to be enough for dinner to those who eat as much as they can, including a dessert, for every meal in the Union. "We don't offer desserts because most of homeless and hungry people don't get desserts," Miller-Patrick said.

According to her, this is the fourth year of Bowl Over Hunger. "This year, the number of the attendees was down from previous years, but still, I believe it was a good turnout," Miller-Patrick said. She noted that raising a fund for the community

dinner has been difficult although Chartwells donates a lot of money. Miller-Patrick hopes to see that the money Bowl Over Hunger raised helps people in the community dinner.

The CSO has offered not only food, but also books, Christmas presents, hats and gloves for cold winter in the community dinner. The dinner, which students working at the CSO usually serve, is an open volunteer activity for MU students. According to Miller-Patrick, MU baseball team players baked 36 pumpkin pies and served them in the community dinner on Tuesday Nov. 12 as a Spartan volunteer service. They also did this project last year. "They

were so proud of it, and the boys were like, 'I never baked before!'" said Miller-Patrick, with a delighted smile.

The CSO is planning a Valentine's Day special service in February to give a rose or a box of chocolate to every lady and girl who comes to the community dinner. They will invite an a cappella group to sing as well. Those who are interested in the volunteer service must sign up beforehand in the office of the CSO, which is located in the first floor of Calvin Ulrey Hall.

Preview: MSO to Host 'Holiday Pops' Concert

Tyler Roebuck
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, Manchester Symphony Orchestra will host the world-renowned quartet Boston Brass as guest stars for their "Holiday Pops" concert. The concert will feature many holiday classics, and will be played by the members and staff of MSO.

It is an honor to be able to host Boston Brass for the concert. "Boston Brass is an internationally known brass quartet on the level with Canadian brass and Dallas brass," said Scott Humphries, the director of Manchester University instrumental studies and music education. "I heard them play at a conference years ago and always wanted to be able to bring them in." After their performance, Boston Brass will host a "Master Class" for all students and musicians, both woodwind and brass, in Winger Hall.

The "Holiday Pops" concert is part of MSO's diamond anniversary celebration, which commemorates 75 years of existence. The rest of this celebratory season

includes a performance in the Honeywell Center in Wabash, a choral performance with the Wabash Children's choir and Mozart's "Requiem." "Requiem is going to be a huge event," Humphries explained. "We have high school choirs, the a cappella choir here, and we are re-visiting the Manchester Symphony Chorus, which has not been in existence for ten years or so." The season will end with Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "Mikado," which is "hysterical to watch," Humphries said.

This year marks Humphries' sixth year with MSO. Throughout his time, he has seen a lot of growth. When he first started, MSO had six student performers. As time has progressed, the number of student performers has gradually risen to an average of 15 in a given performance. The ensemble averages 50 performers and varies according to the demands of the music. For the "Holiday Pops" concert, Humphries expects an ensemble somewhere in the mid-40s.

MSO has stood out in the past for its plethora of connections and vivid history. "MSO is unique because it is a town and college collaboration," Humphries said.

He then clarified, saying that there are many of those, but MSO stands out because it is run by the Manchester Symphony Society Board of Directors. This provides a direct link from the University to the community, which is beneficial since MSO is expensive to operate. An average concert, without guest artists, costs approximately \$11,000 to put on. Humphries is grateful for the support the program receives from the community.

According to Humphries, MSO is the smallest community-based orchestra to support a semi-pro ensemble. "We have community members, students, music majors and union musicians," Humphries said. "A lot of players come from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic."

Traditionally, MSO has been held in high esteem in the community. This is due to both the community's high musical expectations and the performer's ceaseless ability to match them. The concert is on Dec. 8 in Cordier Auditorium at 3 p.m., and is free to students, faculty and staff.



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Spartan Sports



Preview: '101 Days on Campus' for First-Years

Miro Arguijo
Staff Writer

101 – the numbers usually associated with an introductory course – take new meaning for 387 first-year students at the 6th annual “First 101 Days” event on Dec. 5, in the Upper Union from 6-8 p.m. Hosted by the Alumni Office and Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT), the event celebrates the completion of the transition from high school to college and encourages students to reach alumni status.

Senior Sarah Ruff, has been helping coordinate the event. “The actual event itself takes a year to plan,” she said. “We started at the end of last year’s event thinking of ways to improve for this year. Many ideas are thrown around concerning activities to do, the meal served, and the gift to be given.” This year’s event will boast an array of appetizers, hot chocolate

and cookie bar and the giving of an honorary gift to the attending students. With the implementation of the new First Year Seminar system, there will also be competitions between FYS classes throughout the event.

Hillary Armstrong, president of STAT, stressed the importance of the event. “We hope that first-years gain a sense of class identity because there are very few opportunities to gather together as a class prior to graduation,” she said.

Ruff continued Armstrong’s assertion. “We hope that first-years feel like the belong,” she said. “In college we seem to disperse according to our majors, participation in sports, and other activities, but the Alumni Office wants students to identify with their class so that at reunions we will feel as if we were included and feel connected.” Finding con-

nections through this event is common for first-year students.

Sophomore Dani Rettig attended last year’s event. “I had a lot of fun at the event,” she said. “I was able to meet some of my classmates that I had no idea were first-years.” In addition to attending, Rettig also received an honorary gift. “I was so excited to get the MU goody bag,” she said. “I got a cup, lanyard, and candy. I also got to compete in the minute-to-win-it competition.” Last year’s event featured a prize in addition to the gift that all attendees received, an iPad mini as also rewarded to the winner of the minute-to-win-it competition. This year’s event is also sponsoring several prizes that are being kept under wraps until the event.

Both Ruff and Armstrong look forward to the event but also reminisce about the time gone



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by. “I can’t believe how far the event has come since my first year,” Ruff said. “I hope everyone takes advantage of this event because as graduation gets nearer I wish I knew more people in my class.”

Sympathizing with

Ruff, Armstrong also felt a strong connection to the event. “It is really strange to be planning an event that I attended three years ago already,” she said. “The time has flown by. I can’t believe that in February I will be attending my

101 Days to Commencement event, it doesn’t even seem possible.”

Doug Campbell Retires from Maintenance

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On a rainy Saturday, Doug Campbell sat by the blazing fireplace in The Oaks looking backwards into his memories of working at Manchester. With his hand on his chin, he raked his brain for the good, the bad and the ugly.

After working in maintenance and plumbing for 37 years, Campbell has retired. “He retired the first day he could,” said Systems Supervisor Gary Heckman, “and had been planning to do that since he started working here.”

Heckman and Campbell go way back. “We were on the school bus in 6th grade,” Heckman said. “We were best man in one another weddings.” Heckman said.

Campbell reminisced his beginning of his time at Manchester. “I started working here because my wife was in college here,” he said. “I started out as the garbage man. That was going to be a temporary job.”

Heckman explained that the former college used to have garbage chutes and they would have to go around collecting the trash. “You got to know students and their habits way too well,” he said.

He also went on to tell a story about a time Campbell fell into a trashcan. “I laughed so hard before I pulled him out,” said Heckman with a chuckle. “He could have drowned.”

Campbell’s temporary job turned into a permanent one. “One of the things that changed was my wife ended up taking a fifth year and the college realized I had some mechanical skills,” he said. “They took me out of garbage and put me into plumbing and mechanical work.”

“In Gene Fahs’ [a former Manchester vice president] words, they wanted to ‘grow their own plumbers,’” he added. “So they set me up with an apprenticeship

program for being a plumber. It went real well.”

Over the years, Campbell was very involved with student workers. “He operated the power house for 15 years with student operators,” Heckman said. “Up until 1995, there was somebody with the boiler around the clock.”

Campbell got to know the students very well. “I had a crew between 11 and 13 students that I worked with real closely,” he said. “One of my favorite parts is watching students actually grow into the person they’re going to become.”

More recently, Campbell has become involved in the goat business, to use the words of maintenance technician Brian McNabney. “One of the students I help is from Africa and she recently got married so I helped her get a goat,” he said. “The goat learned to climb fences and he now roams Liberty Mills and found a Nanny goat.”

Campbell has some projects to continue working on now that he has retired. He has a property at Liberty Mills that has some work that needs to be done. He and his wife also do some childcare, and now he is going to be more involved.

“I’m normally a very active person,” Campbell said. “The one thing I’m going to be doing more is childcare. We have one grandchild but there are other children that we’re very involved with—babysitting, taking them to day care, that sort of thing. I actually have the time and energy to be able to do that.”

“Another thing I am going to continue doing is working the Brethren Disaster Ministries,” he added. He explained that the Church of the Brethren organize work stations in areas where natural disasters have taken place. They spend a week at time helping to rebuild homes.

Audience Swept Away by A Cappella Choir



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Sara Collazo Romay
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Defying the worst weather predictions, Manchester University’s A Cappella Choir put on their best gowns and gathered last Sunday, Nov. 17, at Cordier Auditorium to celebrate the diversity of music all around the world and bring

it together for the North Manchester public.

Under the baton of Dr. Debra Lynn, the choir performed a selection of pieces from North, Central and South America. The songs were performed in a variety of languages, from Spanish to Latin, German, Hebrew, or Portuguese, and different styles of mu-

sic were also represented. “The most challenging part of the concert was learning how to pronounce words in other languages, though, after some practice we were all able to sing fluently,” said Sophomore Britney March, who sings alto for the choir. “We all understand that one of the demands of being in a col-

lege level choir is having the flexibility to shift from one language to another in a concert or in practice.”

The performance featured Mikautadze Baritone Tarek Al-Zoughbi explained: “It was even more challenging because we had to sing in unison while following a certain rhythm and specific melody and harmony part all at the same time.”

To prepare for this exigent performance, the A Cappella choir followed a rigorous schedule. “The choir rehearses Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:00 to 3:50,” March said. “The past few weeks however, we have extended practice until 4:15 to prepare for the concert. If necessary we also meet outside of class for sectionals.”

The rehearsals are not a burden though. “I’m completely enjoying it,” said Al-Zoughbi. “Dr. Lynn is an amazing, passionate teacher, who is able to connect in a special way with her students and

that makes class both fun and very educational.”

The performance featured Mikautadze Dance Theater performing “Lamentations of Jeremiah” by Alberto Ginastera. “The dancers were able to portray the song in a way that gorgeously and perfectly complimented the music that was different than our singing and made it a very powerful and moving performance,” Al-Zoughbi said. Bass Bennett Ritchie agreed. “It was so difficult to ignore the dancers while we were singing because they were so good,” he said with a smile. “Fortunately, Dr. Lynn knows us very well and let us watch the performance one from the audience so we could concentrate on singing.”

The concert however, was interrupted by very noisy tornado alarms after the second song was finished. While the sirens were going off loudly, Dr. Lynn raised her voice and

announced, “Don’t worry; we are sheltered by the safest building in North Manchester, I promise we will be fine.”

The audience was then escorted to the basement of Cordier and stayed there for over 45 minutes. In the basement, choir members and audience became one, and got the opportunity to meet each other, which does not happen very often during concerts. “The ‘intermission’ was somewhat refreshing,” Ritchie said. “It helped to take the edge off the nerve aspect; I personally did not mind it at all.”

After the all-clear siren, everybody was sent back upstairs to finish what the weather had interrupted. And then the concert went on smoothly and beautifully. “Besides the storm, the concert went exactly as planned, we were proud of ourselves,” Ritchie said.

Around Campus

MU Students Anticipate Thanksgiving Break

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Staff Writer

Fall semester is wrapping up and before students may be ready, finals will be here. The much-needed Thanksgiving break is days away and students are very excited to have some down time before the mad rush of studying for finals.

Thanksgiving break is probably best known for two things: savory food and Black Friday shopping. When students think of Thanksgiving, their minds are most likely drawn to family gatherings and waking up at the crack of dawn to wait outside department stores for the best deals of the season. Other students are anxiously anticipating a short break to de-stress and get back on track before finals.

Ted Maldonado, senior psychology major, is excited for Thanksgiving break because it will give him some time to unwind. He has been working furiously on graduate school applications, which require many extra hours on top of normal schoolwork. Maldonado is also looking forward to the change from the everyday Union food. His favorite food during the holidays is mashed potatoes. "I'm looking forward



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to relaxing with my friends and family and enjoying homemade food," Maldonado said. "Plus, it'll be really nice to not worry about applications and deadlines for even a few days."

Other students are ready to track down the best deals on Black

Friday and start shopping for Christmas gifts. Jessica Bostic, junior psychology major, is anticipating the shopping sales on Black Friday. "My mom and I are attempting to go this year," Bostic said. "I'm looking forward to spending time with her and hopefully find-

ing some good gifts."

On top of shopping, Bostic will be working and visiting friends and family. "It'll be nice to be home for a few days and mix up my typical routine," Bostic said.

Shopping, eating, and spending quality

time with friends and family are what most students choose to do over Thanksgiving break. Junior pre-pharmacy major Rebecca Williams is ready for the break so she too can participate in the sales. "It's going to be great to get together with my friends I

haven't seen in a while and catch up," Williams said. "We are planning to go to a bunch of stores, about five or six, I'm really excited!"

Williams is also attending a family Thanksgiving dinner and will be working a few shifts at Applebee's over the break, but not on Black Friday. "I'm so glad I am not scheduled for working on Black Friday," Williams said. "It would be hectic!"

It seems that this reporter may be one of the few students who will not be doing any Black Friday shopping. I am looking forward to running a 5k "turkey trot" on Thanksgiving morning with my best friend. Later that day, I'll be spending time with my family and helping my mom cook Thanksgiving dinner. That weekend, I will be doing something a little out of the ordinary: attending a food tasting—which I'm sure will be delicious—for my wedding.

It's pretty clear that most Manchester students will be shopping, eating, being with friends and family, or working over Thanksgiving break. Overall, the student body seems to be more than ready for break to take some time to relax and enjoy themselves before finals sweep in and fall semester wraps up.

OpEd: Sports are Important Despite the Risks

Thomas Webster
Staff Writer

Many of the students that attend Manchester University are also student-athletes. All of us will probably never go pro in our respective sports so we must be students first. And in order for us to use our brains we must take care of our bodies as well.

I have grown up playing a contact sport—football—for the majority of my life. I have never had a documented concussion. I have, however, had many friends that have had concussions. At this time they do not seem to be having any trouble, but it has been proven that the hits athletes take over time has an effect on the future of those players.

Concussion testing has advanced vastly over the years. When people played back in the 70s and 80s, the athletes would usually only miss a couple plays then go back in the game. The results of concussions to the brain were not available at the time. Athletes who return

to their sport too quickly following a concussion and subsequently suffer another one are at an extremely high risk of serious brain damage.

All of the new findings with concussions and hits to the head have led some parents to question whether or not they will allow their children to play in youth league football. USA Today asked former players if they would allow their children to play. "Watching my two sons play is a scary thing," said former NFL MVP Kurt Warner. Tom Brady Sr., father of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, said he would not have let his son play at the age of seven.

Children should be able to play football as early as nine years old. The good can outweigh the bad, especially at that age. If you teach the fundamentals (tackling with your shoulder, blocking with your hands, etc.) you can instill practices that will take less hits to the head.

Playing that early can also help with their development as a person. It can help them with communication with adults and their peers. I know that I met most of my best friends playing football, and it helped me de-

velop through elementary and middle school.

My parents encouraged my brother and me to play football. I am glad that they did because it became a huge part of my life, and I hope that it will continue to be in the future.

In a study done by Pop Warner, America's largest youth football program, the participation has dropped nearly 10 percent the last two years with a large percentage of parents citing head injuries as the main reason for holding their child out of youth football.

Playing sports growing up is an experience that you cannot replace. Although there is a chance for injury while playing there is also the opportunity for scholarships, lifelong friends, and recognition among other things. You could injure yourself while not playing sports. Let your child decide if they want to play. I know that if I did not have football in my life I do not know what I would be doing.

Students Look Forward to Winter Break Plans

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Staff Writer

During a winter break that lasts almost three weeks, Manchester University students are allowed time to relax and enjoy the holidays. The assortment of different students at this institution leads to an array of different ways they will be spending the break. While a large number of students will say that they're simply going home to spend time with family, it doesn't take much digging to find major differences in each plan.

"For December break I'm planning on taking a trip to Chicago," said second-year Ryan Hawkins with a smile. "My girlfriend and I are going to walk the Magnificent Mile, shop and get some sushi." Hawkins is very much looking forward to being in the city during the holiday season, when it is adorned with lights and decorations.

"My boyfriend and I are going to go snowboarding at Perfect North Slopes near Indy," said

second-year student Ry-lie White. White and her boyfriend share a love of the sport and can't wait to participate together for the first time.

Fourth-year student Joseph Myers is also spending part of his December break in a unique way. "I guess something cool is every year my family and I vacation to Daufuskie Island, South Carolina, the day after Christmas," he said. "It's such a peaceful place and the only place where I can truly feel relaxed and rejuvenated. This year I'll definitely need that relaxation as I will be going to Spain in January and I am terrified of flying."

The Manchester University Men's Soccer team will be embarking on a unique journey over the winter break. The squad will be packing up during the holidays and leaving for their January session trip on Dec. 28.

"Going to Jamaica will be the first time I have ever left the country," said first-year Tyler Kuzdas. "I am very excited for the

unique experience!" The boys will spend their time in Jamaica doing charitable work as well as learning from Professor Brad Yoder. They will be travelling to different cities, working with children and doing work as needed.

"It's cool to have something else to look forward to right after Christmas," said goalkeeper Craig Thacker. "I won't be so sad now after I've opened my gifts."

Fourth-year student Jake Kim will also be going somewhere spectacular over winter break. "I will be leaving for New York on December 20 and coming back January 3," he said. He is hoping to experience the life of the city as much as possible during his second trip to New York. "I will be meeting my friend there whom I've known since first grade," he said. "We are also hoping to be travelling to Philadelphia and Jersey City during our stay."

Yet another Manchester University student with an eventful winter break planned is Jeremiah



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Sanders. A fourth-year, Sanders will be applying to graduate school this December. "I'm looking into schools that are larger than Manchester, but typically medium in size," he said. "Most of them are in

the Midwest, but not specifically Indiana.

Sanders will also be choreographing dance routines for groups at Marion High School over break. "The groups will be competing this next

semester," he said with a smile. "There is an all-girls group called Sweet Inspirations... and I occasionally do choreography for a co-ed group called 26th Street Innovations."

Spartan Sports

Yoakum Spends Summer at YMCA Internship

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Travis Yoakum knows a thing or two about being an intern in a job within his major. Yoakum interned at the Cass County YMCA, located in Logansport, Indiana.

Being involved in the sports aspect of the internship was important for Yoakum, as he was connected with a minor league baseball program at the Cass County YMCA. "I organized and changed the minor league baseball program with 110 four-to-nine-year-olds," he said. "We held practices for them on Mondays, and the games were held on Wednesdays and Fridays." This was, in fact, one of Yoakum's favorite parts of the internship. "The interaction with the kids and teaching the fundamentals of sport was great," he said.

Yoakum, who grew up in Carrol County, Indiana, had a connection to the Cass County YMCA before he attended Manchester University. "I attended Delphi High



INVOLVED INTERN Travis Yoakum, a senior sports management major, worked as a paid intern this past summer at the Cass County YMCA in Logansport, Ind. During his internship, he played a major role in organizing the YMCA's minor league baseball program for kids between the ages of four and nine. In addition to being paid, he earned nine credit hours towards his sports management degree for completing 384 hours at the internship.

Photo by Savannah Riley

School." he said. "The Cass County YMCA is where I work out on school breaks.

Through the process of gaining the intern-

ship, Yoakum was helped by Manchester University along the way. "I found the internship, and began to set it up," he said. "The school was very helpful

in accommodating their needs of the scholarship fund and the activities that would best help me in the future." During the internship, Yoakum was not

only paid for his work, but he also gained credits towards his sports management degree. "I got paid for my internship through the Success Center with

a non-profit grant, and I also earned nine credits for completing 384 hours at my internship."

Yoakum noted that getting internships in college towards one's perspective career is very important. "I believe it is important for students to find an internship in their field," he said. "Your internship helps you figure out if it's something you want to do for the rest of your life, and it puts you in scenarios that can help you become better prepared for your future."

Thinking of the internship, Yoakum reflected on his goals and aspirations to the future. "When I graduate, I want to become an athletic director," he said. "I would like to get set up in a community where I can work directly with the youth, helping to develop their skills in life and athletics. Sports have always influenced my life greatly, and I want to give back."

Donate a Dime, Potentially Pie a Trainer

Jacob Sweet
Staff Writer

What do athletic trainers and pies have in common? More than you might think. The Athletic Training club, in collaboration with the Sport Management club, is putting on the "Penny Wars" as a fundraiser to help pay for their trip to the National Conference in June of 2014. Tables have been set up inside the Union and at different sporting events with jars that have the Certified Athletic Trainers faces on them. The athletic trainer with the most silver coins and dollar bills at the end of the fundraiser will get a pie in the face during the halftime of the men's basketball game on Jan. 4.

The Athletic Training Club is hoping to raise enough money so the cost of the conference is not so

outrageous for their members to attend. "We hope to pay for the cost of our members to be able to attend [the conference] this summer," says Makenna Hamilton, Athletic Training Club President. The National Conference rotates to different states every year and this year it is in-state. "[The conference] is in Indy this year, which doesn't happen very often, so we want to be able to let as many of our members go to be apart of the experience," Hamilton says. Hamilton has a positive attitude towards the outcome of the fundraiser. "Whatever we raise with the penny wars might not be enough, but it will hopefully help put a dent in it," she says.

This fundraiser took some time to be thought of and developed. "We [have] been brainstorming different ideas since the beginning of the semester, but nothing really seemed like it would be successful," Hamilton

says. "One of our eboard members suggested the idea of the penny wars and it just kind of stuck." The penny wars have only been going on for a few short days, but the faculty, staff and students seem to enjoy it. "There are pennies and silvers in all of the jars so far," Hamilton says. "It seems like people are excited about donating. We just need a little more time to know how successful it will be."

The Athletic Trainers are happy about the fundraiser, but unsure about the pie in the face. "Some of the ATCs are excited, while others aren't really looking forward to that idea," Hamilton says. "Rumor has it that Dr. Huntington has already put his request in for a lemon meringue pie."

You can help donate to this fundraiser by placing your spare change into the jars.

MU proposes 'Spartan Swim Club' for Next Year

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Sports Columnist

Swimming is coming to Manchester University. A few first-year students

talked about the possibility of initiating a swim club and now it is becoming a

reality. Austin Kelly, a first-year political science major with a minor in economics

and mathematics, swam at Columbia City High School and was hoping to attend a college where he could swim. "Last year, I was trying to decide whether to come here or Franklin College (who currently has a swim team) to swim and I decided to come here with the hope of starting a swim club and eventually getting a swim team going," he said.

With the help of Kalie Lastagarkov, Jessica Noll and Ashton Krider, Kelly did just that. "I actually wrote the entire constitution for the swim club," Kelly said. "Kalie and I had been working on it and then I got the criteria and typed it up." The constitution includes the goals of the club, who can be a member, the expenses of the club, and information about the executive board.

Rick Espeset, Manchester University's athletic director, knew this was a possibility a while ago. "As soon as the plans and the shovel were in the ground for the aquatic center in town, it was pretty natural to think we should consider starting a swim program," Espeset said. "I had different discussions about it and finally decided, let's make a run at it." Manchester will become one of more than 200 NCAA Division III schools that offer a men's and women's swim team and the fifth school in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Espeet is starting the search process for a swim coach. "We (Manchester) will plan to post the job near the end of the collegiate swim season in February," Espeset said. "Hopefully we will have a coach on campus by July 1."

Students do not need to know how to swim to join the swim club. "I am going to offer lessons for people who want to better their stroke," said Noll, a first-year biochemistry major and a lifeguard and swim instructor at Strauss-Peabody Aquatic and Fitness Center. "If students don't know how to swim, I really encourage them to show up because I believe everyone should know how to swim."

Noll mentions that the plan is to begin meetings during January session so students can learn about the club and then the club will officially start in February. So far, about 30 individuals have expressed interest in joining. A swim club meeting will consist not only of a practice, but also an element of fun. "It is going to be half practice and half water game, so some people are joining for the water game and some people are really excited for the actual practices because they want competitive swimming," Kelly said.

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September Athletic Training Student of the Month



Amanda Toney

Hometown: Richmond, IN
Future Plans: Attend Graduate School for Education
Activities: MUATC, SOL
Current Sports Assignment: Cross Country

October Athletic Training Student of the Month



Janikka Tillotson

Hometown: Brownsburg, IN
Future Plans: Work as an ATC at a high school or clinic
Activities: MUATC, Member of the Softball Team
Current Sports Assignment: Football



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Women's Hoops Falls Short in Tourney Final

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Manchester University's women's basketball team officially opened up their season Friday, Nov. 15, against Kalamazoo College in the Main View Tip-Off Tournament at Stauffer-Wolfe Arena with a tightly contested victory, 58-52. The Lady Spartans were led in the scoring column by lone senior forward Erynn Meiklejohn and junior point guard Jocelyn Hamilton with 16 and 13 points respectively. Hamilton also dished out a team-high seven assists while grabbing five rebounds.

Coach Josh Dzurick's squad turned around on Saturday, Nov. 16, to battle the D3Hoops.com 16th ranked Polar Bears of Ohio Northern in the championship game. Like boxers trading punches in a championship bout, the Lady Spartans would not back down, even holding a 45-41 lead with four minutes to go in the game.

The Polar Bears however, would show why they were picked as the 16th best team in the country, going on a 10-0 run to give them the eventual 53-48 victory over the hosts.

Sophomore guard Katie Arterburn gave the Lady Spartans a spark off



HERE COME THE LADY SPARTANS Prior to the start of Manchester's home game against Kalamazoo on Friday, Nov. 15, sophomore guard Justine Kruger runs onto the court during team introductions. The Spartans prevailed in the contest, defeating the Hornets 58-52 in overtime. The team faced 16th ranked Ohio Northern the following day in the championship game of the Main View Tip-Off Tournament. Although the Spartans held a lead with four minutes remaining, the nationally ranked Polar Bears won the game 53-48.

Photo by Savannah Riley

the bench in the second half with three second-half three-pointers and led the team in scoring with 11 points. Hamilton would flirt with a triple-double recording six points, nine assists, and seven rebounds as she captured all-tournament honors. Meiklejohn also

gained all-tournament honors as she turned in a solid performance with eight points and five rebounds.

After finishing fifth in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference last year and making the conference tournament, the Lady Spartans are eager to

take the next step this year. From being comprised of mostly first years, sophomores, one junior and no seniors last year; to a junior and sophomore dominated team combined with the steady leadership of three-time all-conference selection Meiklejohn, the team

has gained valuable experience and matured tremendously since last spring. "Our junior class has really stepped up and everyone has found their roles," said junior captain Abby Lang.

Hamilton added that there are more leaders this year. "Everyone knows

how to lead this year," she said. "We don't have to look for someone to lead us, we just do it."

The team has already had an early test this season before the Main View Tip-Off Tournament with an exhibition against Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis on November 4, falling to the Jaguars 86-28. Lang noted how they were surprised they were at the score when the final horn sounded. "It didn't feel like we got blown out," she said. "We weren't focused on the score, but on our effort."

With a strong non-conference slate to continue, Dzurick is always looking to have his team prepared for the grind of HCAC play. "Coach always puts us with ranked teams early on," Hamilton said. "It makes us work harder and motivates us to do our best."

Manchester returns to the court on Saturday, Nov. 23, as they travel to the University of Chicago for a 3 p.m. EST tip off. The Lady Spartans will return home for a Tuesday, Nov. 26, battle with Calvin College at 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball to Play at Division I Butler

Emily Barrand
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team will take on the Butler Bulldogs at Hinkle Fieldhouse on Dec. 9. It isn't every day that a DIII team gets the opportunity to play a DI team such as Butler's, but thanks to a few connections between coaches, Manchester will indeed get this chance. Butler's previous head coach Brad Stevens, having known Manchester's coach, Brad Nadborne, helped give the Spartans this prestigious opportunity.

This is not the first time Manchester will play a powerhouse such as Butler. In the past seven years, the Spartans have played against schools like IPFW, Ball State, and Eastern Illinois. "It's a unique experience, invaluable to our guys," Nadborne said.

The Butler game will be an alumni event, meaning it's specially planned in efforts to bring alumni together. Alumni receive notifications through social media sites such as Facebook, and also through email blasts, postcards, letters, etc. depending on the event. "I'm in charge of all the planning," said Jennifer Shepherd, executive director of Alumni

Relations, who takes care of the logistics and networking of alumni events.

Shepherd expects the Butler game to have a large alumni turn-out, seeing as the Hospitality Room is already full. (Tickets are being sold in advance.) The Hospitality Room will serve as a place for alumni to meet one another and converse. They will wear nametags that include where they are from and what year they graduated from Manchester, in order to spark conversation. "We want to be as loud, proud, active and involved as we perceive other universities to be," Shepherd said.

Alumni events are important in order to foster relationships between Manchester and people who have spent their time here. "We like to keep updated on where they are and what they're doing," Shepherd said. She also notes that attending events such as this one serves as one way to give back to the school. Shepherd stresses that it is not only monetary gifts that help, but giving one's time and talent can be extremely beneficial, and definitely more personal.

Coach Nadborne looks forward to the Butler game for a number of

reasons. "It's not about winning, it's about experience," he said. The game will serve as what he calls "a tremendous opportunity" for Manchester to be put in the spotlight, both for recruiting purposes and for camaraderie.

This unforgettable experience will be advantageous for all involved. "I'm excited for the opportunity," said first-year Dakota Thompson. "College basketball is a blessing at any level, but for Manchester to get this chance is crazy! We want to go out and compete at a high level, have fun and get better," he added.

Nadborne summed up the event when he said: "It's a win-win situation. We will have competed against the giants."

Students are welcome to attend the game, which will take place at 8pm at Butler. A bus will depart from Manchester at 5 p.m. but seating is extremely limited. Other upcoming games for the men's basketball team include Trine at Kalamazoo on Nov. 22 and Calvin at Manchester on Nov. 26.



DRIBBLE, DRIBBLE First-year guard Jacob Box advances down the court during a recent team practice. On Monday, Dec. 9, the team will play against Division I Butler at the historic Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Prior to Butler, the team competed against two other DI programs this season, Wright State and Central Michigan (CMU was an exhibition game; therefore the contest had no impact on the team's record). Photo by Savannah Riley

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There are several good reasons for having a swim team at Manchester University. "As athletic director, I see the value in the student-athlete experience, so the benefit is the ability to provide more students with the opportunity to be a student athlete," Espeset said.

Noll also sees the plus of having a swim club at Manchester. "I believe this will help to not just get

people involved, but also help the school gain more prospective students simply from the idea there is a swim team that could possibly be happening," she said.

If students are interested in joining the swim club, they can contact Kelly, Lastagarkov, Noll or Krider. Swimming is a sport that provides good exercise and can start and strengthen relationships. "I feel like

swimmers always get a lot closer together as a team and I couldn't tell you why," said Krider, a first-year English Education major. "They just come together as friends and family."



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