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Spartan Football Prevails in Season Opener

Manchester defeats nonconference rival Trine despite weather delays

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The 2014 football team appears to be better, stronger and more powerful than ever.

The Manchester Spartans have let go of the last year and are now bringing the heat to the field. Last year the Manchester Spartans only won three out of ten games. Most games were significant defeats; however they fueled the fire to drive the Spartans to become the best team they can become.

They proved this in their first game against Trine on Sept. 5. The game was postponed half way through due to weather and was picked back up on the following Sunday. "We felt privileged for the opportunity to play," said Austin Adams, a senior football captain. "After the delay we didn't know if we would finish it or not."

In 2013, Trine defeated the Spartans 19 to 3; this year the Spartans took the win 29-28. It has been eight years since Manchester's last victory against Trine. The game was tied in the first quarter; in the second quarter Trine took the lead and in



LINE OF SCRIMMAGE The Manchester Spartans offensive line awaits the next play during their game against Trine at Burt Memorial Field on Sunday, Sept. 7. The contest began on Friday, Sept. 5; however, several weather delays forced the teams to postpone the rest of the game until Sunday afternoon. In spite of the interruptions, the Spartans beat the Thunder 29-28. The victory was Manchester's first against Trine in eight years. In addition, the Spartans won their season-opening game for the first time since 2006. Tomorrow afternoon, the team will host nonconference opponent Buffalo State. Kickoff at Burt Memorial Field is set for noon. Manchester will begin conference play next weekend when the teams hosts Earlham in its third straight home game.

Photo by Savannah Riley

the fourth quarter the Spartans took the game. "We all had the belief that we were going to have a chance to win the game," Adams said. "We took advantage of those chances that were

given and came out on top."

Beating Trine wasn't the only major accomplishment this season so far. The Spartans started the season 1-0, which

hasn't been done since 2006. Adams states that the new goal is to go 1-0 every week. That on top of the win has given the team major momentum going into next week's game, and

potentially the rest of the season.

There are a lot of changes to the Spartans this year. The team is young—a younger team than last year according to

Coach Shannon Griffith. "Our recruiting class was 52," he said. "We have 13 graduating seniors this year as well." Griffith is looking forward to seeing what identity the team establishes this season. Adams says that the team has a new sense of confidence this year that will take them to new heights.

Griffith has been pushing the team hard with 25 completed practice camps before the start of school. During the school year the team practices two hours a day Monday through Thursday with most games on Saturday afternoons. "Everyone is striving to prove themselves," said Kyle Weigold, a sophomore offensive lineman. "Practices are very up tempo—seniors all the way down to the first-years. Everyone is fighting to make the team better as a whole."

With last year in the past and a new season just in reach and with a win under its belt, the team is driven to make it work. "There's a real sense of family and unity with the team this year and the team's potential is huge with the ability to surprise a lot of people this year," Weigold said.

First Years Participate in 'Quick Start' Program

Academic program prepares incoming first years for life after high school

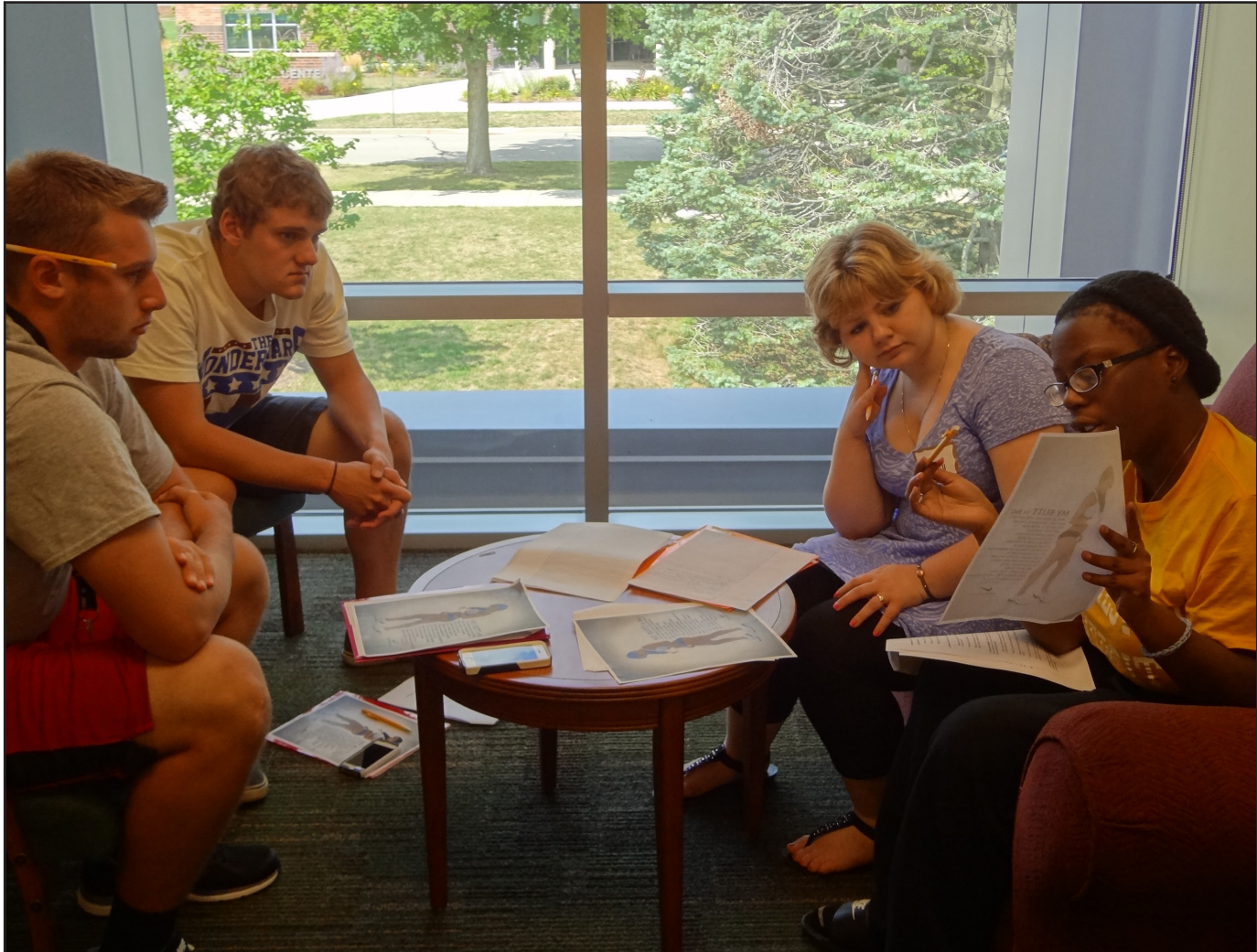
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The start of the school year ushers in a whole new experience for Manchester University's first-year students, from academics to student organizations to campus life. While it can come with a rush of excitement, it can also feel particularly intimidating. This year, the pilot program called "Quick Start" strives to ease the transition from high school to college life.

The program exists through the collaborative effort of many individuals spearheaded by Scott Ochander, vice president of Enrollment and Marketing; Bonnie O'Connell, director of Academic Support; Laura Turner-Reed, assistant director of Academic Support; and Brandi Chauncy, associate director for Recruitment. It brought 30 students to campus a week early for workshops in writing, math, critical thinking and textbook reading between Aug. 19 and 23. Other campus resources included a research skills session at the library, service and volunteer work with Carole Miller-Patrick, director of the Center for Service Opportunities, and a session with Career Services.

Over the course of the program, students were guided by mentors Lucas Lebbin, Emily Pleadwell, Audrey Messer, Ally O'Neill and Marie Stump.

"We know students are successful when they



AHEAD OF THE COMPETITION First years (from left to right) Austyn Rybicki, Aaron Lloyd, Mary Powell and Teri White analyze an advertisement during Quick Start's writing workshop. The program was introduced in order to help incoming first years make a smoother transition from high school to college life. 30 students arrived on campus the week before classes started in order to participate in various workshops, including writing, critical thinking, math and textbook reading.

Photo courtesy of Bonnie O'Connell

are engaged and involved in the college community," O'Connell said. "The Quick Start program encourages student participants to take advantage of opportunities on campus and enables them to start out strong and confident."

Mary Powell, a student who enrolled in the program, agrees. "I now have the skills for being better at studying for

classes," she said. "We were shown techniques on how to critically read our college textbooks. I feel as if I was able to start this year a step ahead of everyone who was not in Quick Start."

Another student, Cassidy Mullett, agrees. "I understand what I read more than I did before Quick Start," she said. "I register things much bet-

ter."

But while the program focused on exploring the campus' resources and providing students with the skills to kick off the year with their best feet forward, Quick Start also provided the opportunity for students to get to know one another and start building friendships. "We started with 30 students who did not know each other when

they walked through the door," O'Connell said. "By the end of the first day, they were making connections and were enjoying getting to know one another."

"By the end of the program, they were laughing, talking, and making plans to get together during the semester," she continued. "Friendships had taken root and support systems had been devel-

oped."

Powell appreciated the social aspect of Quick Start. "Because of the program, I had friends already set for going to lunch with," she said. "It has made my first few weeks much more fun and less lonely."

Other activities included a Q&A session with peer mentors, a campus tour, bowling in Wabash and dinners at various locations.

While college is a much different animal than high school, MU strives to make students as comfortable as possible. First-year Jordan Elick says the most important thing the program taught her is that "it's okay to ask for help; many people are here to help you once you know where to go."

Academic Support Retention Liaison April White, who oversaw the training of the mentors, encourages students who might feel anxious about their transition from high school to college to seek assistance. "Talk with academic advisors, professors, RAs and SOLs. Seek assistance from campus resources such as Academic Support, Career Services, Counseling Services, and Campus Ministry," she said. "Don't be afraid to ask questions and get involved!"

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Around Campus



Underwater Photographer Visits MU Campus



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Underwater fashion photographer Chiara Salomoni visited Manchester University on Sept. 3, speaking to students about her career photographing both editorial fashion and the most elusive creature of the deep—mermaids. Salomoni spoke for close to an hour, bringing a slideshow with her as well as a healthy dose of equipment that students and faculty could look at

and handle after her talk. Notable among the table of equipment were strobes—lights for taking photos underwater—and colored filters that Salomoni made herself. Salomoni is young, having only graduated from the Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara in December 2014. Establishing herself in a field where the equipment is expensive—the underwater housing for her camera costs upwards of \$2000—isn’t easy, even though the competitive field



Photo courtesy of www.kreatique.com

is narrow. “It’s a niche, but you want to be the best,” Salomoni said. What makes her so good at what she does? “I would rather be in the water than out,” Salomoni said. She picked underwater photography as a career because she “didn’t want to get out of the ocean.” But listening to her speak about getting models—some of whom don’t even know how to swim—to become comfortable in a challenging environment provides more clues to her success. “You take their hand and just do whatever they’re doing,” she said. “You have to psychologically connect yourself with them.” Her simple philosophy is this: “They need to trust you in order to look beautiful.” Whenever possible, Salomoni has her stylist create the dresses and other clothing that the models wear. One notable

example is a dress made from plastic bags, a material that takes on an almost ethereal quality beneath the water. Getting underwater photos to look just right, as it turns out, is a tricky business. Skin tones, especially, take on too much of the water’s blue hues and have to be corrected. “Photoshop is necessary,” Salomoni explained. Creating a composite—where one can add a new background, or edit two separate photos into one—isn’t easy to learn, either. “My first composite took eight hours,” she said. “Now, it’s about two hours for every photo. I could get away with less, but I’m a perfection fanatic.” Salomoni’s current focus is the nonprofit project she’s ventured into with her friend Angelina Venturella, called Project Mermaids. All the proceeds are donated to SaveOur-



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Beach.org, an organization whose mission statement is, according to its website, “To educate individuals, companies, schools & organizations on how their environmental footprint impacts their community and the world by participating in Save Our Beach environmental field trips, beach & riverbed cleanups and team building activities.” In working with Project Mermaids, Salomoni photographs celebrities underwater as mermaids, using tails fur-

nished by Eric Ducharme, known professionally as the Mertailor. Salomoni didn’t think this was something she would ever do; in fact, when she first began underwater photography, she swore she’d never take a picture of a mermaid. “I never dreamed of being a mermaid when I was little,” she said. “I would rather be a kraken—you know, the sea monster.” She laughs, adding that her team is still trying (unsuccessfully) to get her into a tail.

MU to Celebrate 125th Anniversary with Chicago Comedy Act

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Manchester University’s 125th anniversary will be held on Nov. 7, 2015. Although that’s no laughing matter, Manchester plans to celebrate with The Second City, Chicago’s comedy powerhouse, at the Embassy in Fort Wayne. Some of you might wonder why the 125th Anniversary is being held in Fort Wayne. The choice of a Fort Wayne venue shows how Manchester University has grown by opening a new campus in that city. If Fort Wayne seems far away, no need to worry: Manchester is providing transportation for all students that want to attend this comic event. The Second City is a touring company that has been around for over

50 years, performing in theatres, colleges, clubs, fundraisers, festivals and more. The Second City began in December 1959, developing its own comedy series that spread outside of its Chicago home. Today, the Second City has grown into a diverse entertainment company, performing across the United States and abroad. “You won’t want to miss the special improv dedicated to MU,” says Melanie Harmon, executive director of development for MU’s Advancement Office. The Second City actors will show traditions of MU, successful alums and faculty members (past and present). Harmon has attended two performances done by the Chicago comedy powerhouse. “They were great shows and the students would love it!” she said enthusiastically. Some actors

that were a part of SNL, such as Bill Murray, Steve Carell, and Tina Fey, started performing for the Chicago comedy powerhouse. The celebration begins in the morning. At 11 a.m., there will be a luncheon with the President’s Inauguration following at 1:30 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium. VIA credit will be awarded. After the inauguration, a special dinner will be held for the students followed by transportation to The Second City show. Also, in honor of MU’s 125th Anniversary, there will be a special Black Tie Affair for the Key Stakeholders for 200 special guests. Students can purchase their \$15 Second City tickets at ticketmaster.com, charge-by-phone 800-745-3000 or in person at the Embassy box office.

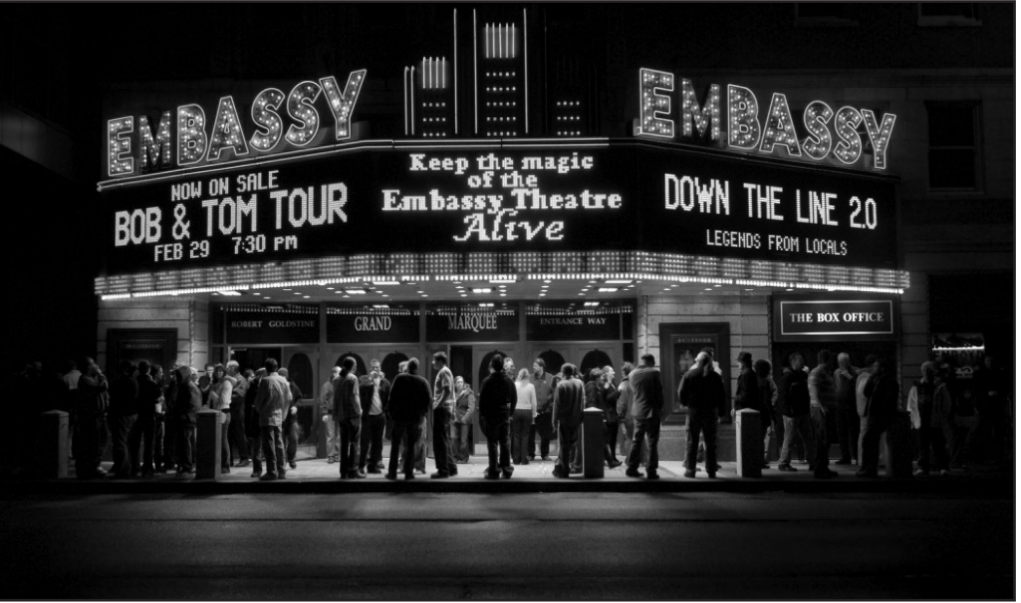


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McFadden Begins Tenure as MU President

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New president Dave F. McFadden's roots at Manchester extend farther than those of some of the trees surrounding Tall Oaks.

As a graduate whose wife and children also attended Manchester, McFadden has always considered it as his community. He even remembers babysitting Dr. Janina Traxler and Dr. John Planer's daughter, as many current students do for other faculty members now.

However, McFadden does not recall names well. In an email sent out across campus, he informed the student body, and staff that he came up with a name for the students in case of his forgetfulness or lack of previous introduction. Thus, he has dubbed the students "Sam," standing for Students at Manchester.

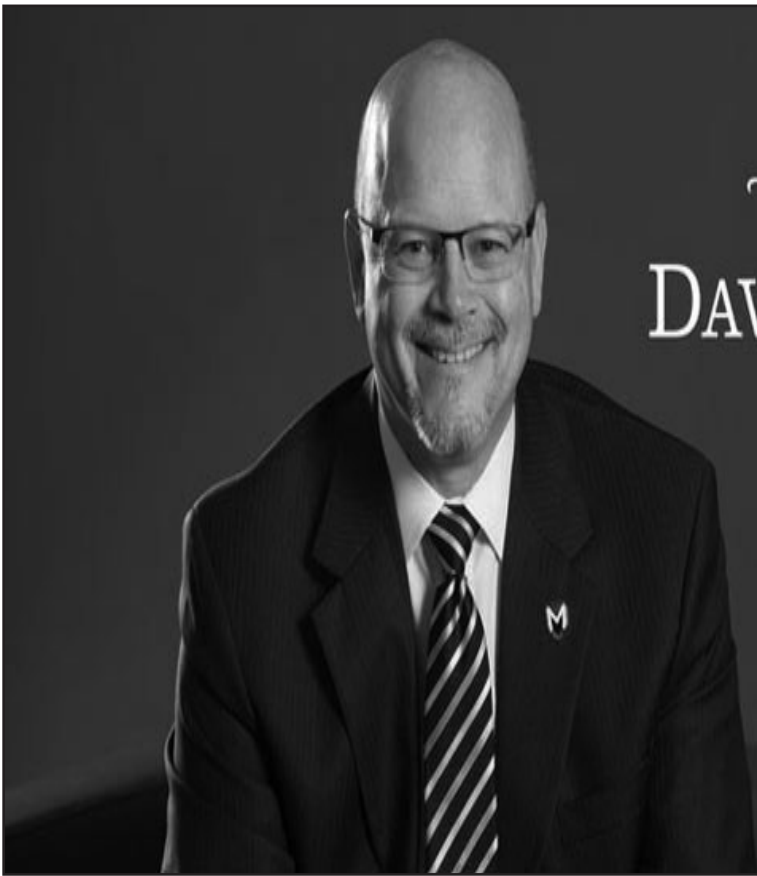
One of McFadden's favorite things about "Sam" is that it describes the students well. "The students are just who they are," he said. "They are genuine and authentic in being themselves. The faculty have personality, too. Really interesting lives and

interests outside of campus that they are able to share with their students."

As McFadden talks, his pottery coffee cup, designed in three layers of paint and texture, sits beside him reflecting one of the many layers of his own personality.

More layers to McFadden's personality were exposed at Opening Convocation and the events occurring shortly thereafter. McFadden said one of his goals this year would be to get students to say "We're proud to be here." He quickly put this plan in action by surprising all in attendance at the opening convo by having three members of the football team come up to lead the Manchester students and community in the MU fight song.

The surprises didn't end there. Immediately following the convocation McFadden completed the ALS Ice Bucket challenge in front of the Jo Young Switzer Center where several students watched and held up their phones to record the event. McFadden was doused with the Gatorade container full of ice water while wearing his full academic regalia of purple polyester



Inauguration of
DAVID F. MCFADDEN

Fifteenth President
of Manchester University

Photo courtesy of Manchester University

and black velvet.

To make the tie to Manchester more evident, the icy water was from the Eel River, provided by faculty member Jerry Sweeten. "It was really cold but it was fun," McFadden said. "I had a great time. Also the ice had been in the bucket for quite some time, so the water was indeed very cold." In addition to making

his own donation, McFadden also matched a donation from the student body which totaling \$252.25, which he gave to further science at MU.

Although McFadden claims he doesn't have any big physical changes planned for campus this year, he did mention a few changes happening at Tall Oaks where he and

his wife will be moving towards the end of September. "We like to entertain in a fairly informal and casual way," McFadden stated, as he mentioned adding a screened-in porch to the house in tandem with an entertainment and student space in the basement.

McFadden hopes to cultivate a casual atmosphere on campus where

the students can feel comfortable acknowledging him as "Dave" and not be caught up in the anxiety of too much formality.

Breese Takes Over Role of Vice President, Dean

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With over 1000 new names and faces to learn, the new vice president and dean for Academic Affairs plans to keep track of it all. However, Dr. Jeffrey Breese developed a trick years ago for remembering every name of every student he's ever taught.

Initially he didn't have to recall names. "All my degrees are from state schools, so when I was teaching in graduate school, I was teaching big classes," Breese said. "It was not typically the case that I'd really get to know many students very well."

When Breese took a job at Saint Mary's College, a smaller, all-women's institution in South

Bend, Ind., forgetting students' names became more obvious. But there's one name that's helped him remember every one since.

"My first semester at Saint Mary's, a really sweet young woman in one of my first classes, Emily Miller—I'll always remember her name—said, 'Dr. Breese, we really like you, but I want to help you so you work out here.'"

Breese recalls Miller telling him that she was fairly certain he didn't know everyone's names. Wanting to make the proper adjustment to his new setting, Breese developed a method to help him out. By requiring each student in his class to know the names of all their peers, he quickly remembered them as well. In a few weeks,

Breese noted that even introverted students began to feel more comfortable in a setting where everyone knew everyone else.

Fittingly, Breese is a sociologist, with a concentration in applied sociology.

"All applied sociology means is I take my discipline into the community," he said. "I bring my knowledge as a sociologist to the needs of people in the community."

Having grown up in Youngstown, Ohio, Breese attended Youngstown State University as an undergraduate student, where he received a degree in sociology. He received his master's degree from The Ohio State University and his PhD from the University of Akron. Breese has been in-

volved in higher education at nearly every level, with experience as a professor, dean and vice president. Although his involvement in administration has pulled him away from the classroom, his desire to connect with students remains fully, irrevocably intact.

"At Rockhurst University, I was a dean then a vice president and I didn't teach there," he said. "I longed for staying connected with students." Breese accordingly developed two advisory boards—one undergraduate and one graduate—made up of two students from every major.

"We met two times a semester, and it wasn't just so I could meet with people," he said. "It served a purpose."

At Manchester, Breese hopes to continue

similar programs that will allow him to engage with Manchester students.

"I don't want to be dismissed as just a pretty face. I've had that my entire life," Breese said with his usual witty, deadpan humor. "I want to get beyond that . . . I have a brain too."

Breese's playful wit does not outdo his vision for Manchester's future. He is passionate about community involvement, and intends to work with students and faculty to develop these efforts further, and in different ways. He puts a premium on professional development, indicating that meetings with department chairs will not be used strictly for announcements and information, but for important dialogue on relevant issues. A

strong proponent of undergraduate research, Breese cites two research papers he published that were co-authored by students of his at Saint Mary's College as evidence that research work at the undergraduate level is important for both students and professors.

"I think someone shouldn't show up at a place new [and] say, 'I'll do this for you and this for you. Instead, my approach is, 'Here's what I'm interested in, here's ways that I think it fits with and complements what you all are doing already,'" he said.

As if not wanting his name and face to be forgotten, he cleverly added:

"And I could look good while I do it."

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Around Campus



Al-Zoughbi ‘Moves Mountains’ over Summer

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Do you know what it takes to move a mountain? Sophomore Luca Al-Zoughbi does. He spent a week in June learning just that in the town of Stellenbosch, South Africa, when he attended the Moving Mountains 2014 International Festival.

The festival was not instructing attendees how to move literal mountains, but rather the metaphorical mountains of injustice around the world. “It is a movement of youth between the ages of 18 and 35 coming together to learn about social justice or different fields that they are working with,” Al-Zoughbi said. “Just learning about the world, learning about each other, and making connections so that they can help each other grow and help each other with their work.”

This year, the festival focused on comparing the historical apartheid of South Africa to other events happening around the world. For Al-Zoughbi, the connection is deeply personal. “It is really interesting to contrast or to compare what happened during the apartheid and what is going on now in Palestine,” he said. “As a Palestinian, I have to carry around an ID called a Hawiyah, and if I do not have it, I get arrested or fined. It’s very similar. The South African government

also confined black people to certain living areas, like what Israel does with Palestine. They built a wall around us, we are not allowed on certain roads, we are not allowed in Israel, we are not allowed to go to Gaza if we are from the West Bank, and Gaza can’t come to the West Bank.”

“That is what the South Africans did; they would put the black people in little ghettos,” he added.

As anyone who knows Al-Zoughbi knows, he is passionate about the issues currently going on in his homeland. The festival gave him a chance to talk about them when he was asked to lead a workshop on the Israeli Occupation. “The workshop I did was to teach people about what is going on in Palestine, so I did a history and we talked about various important things like certain wars and attempted peace agreements,” Al-Zoughbi said, adding, “we moved past that and went to the building of the wall and then to the current situation; what is going on now.” When the festival was taking place, Israel was responding to the kidnapping of three of its settlers by arresting more than 500 innocent Palestinians.

The conflict in Gaza goes much deeper, however, than many Americans are aware of. “For more than 10 years, Gaza has been in a blockade,” Al-Zoughbi said. “Many Gazans have never left Gaza. Many are on the

sea, but because there is also a blockade there, many have never been to the sea. They have over 90% pollution in their water, and according to United Nations it is going to be unlivable in the year 2020.



Photo courtesy of movingmountainsfestival.org

“They have one of the highest rates of unemployment,” he continued. “It was 40% before all these bombing and now it is over 60%.”

In addition to the unemployment and pollution, Gaza has a more serious problem with malnutrition. “These are Middle Easterners and their hair is supposed to be black and skin is supposed to be darker, but many of the children, because of malnourishment, their hair is turning fiery red,” Al-Zoughbi said.

According to Al-

Zoughbi, the biggest issue in the conflict is that people don’t really know what is going on. “Especially in America, where many people do not know that their tax dollar is paying for me to get tear gassed,”

he said. “\$8 million a day go to Israel and military aid. The guns that I have seen the soldiers carry say ‘Property of the US Government’. Teargas canisters have the same thing on them. I found one that had ‘Made in Missouri’.”

To understand why these issues are so important to Al-Zoughbi, it is necessary to know some of his personal history. “I grew up in Palestine, I was born in Bethlehem, and I came here my freshman year of high school and stayed for two years and went back to Pales-

tine and then came back and graduated from here my senior year,” he said.

“I have always been relatively involved, because the occupation really affects everyone. My father is the director of a nonviolent conflict resolution center in Palestine, so growing up that is what I was exposed to. I am also an American citizen, so I guess it is very interesting for people that are of both cultures. At first, I had trouble deciding who I was. Am I Palestinian? Am I American? In America I am the Palestinian and in Palestine I am the American. Am I without a homeland?”

However, Al-Zoughbi decided to make his torn identity a strength instead of a crutch. “This summer, it was by chance that I got to go to the festival,” he said. “Someone else was supposed to go from my organization, but she was unable to obtain a visa. Because I have an American passport, I did not need a visa and I could just go.”

The festival was not all work for Al-Zoughbi. While he was there, he listened to a number of speakers and attended several workshops. His favorite speaker was Michael Lapslie, an Anglican priest from Great Britain. While fighting against the South African apartheid, Lapslie lost both hands in an attempt on his life. “It was a very, very inspiring story and he didn’t try to frame it nicely like ‘I lost my hands

and still got through.’ No,” Al-Zoughbi recalled. “He told us he was depressed, he was sad, and saw no reason to live.”

One workshop Al-Zoughbi attended was about healthy ways to make a change in the world while still leading a healthy family life. The festival offered many workshops like this for attendees who are in the process of moving mountains.

Now that time has passed, Al-Zoughbi has been able to reflect upon his experience. “I think the most important thing about this festival for me was meeting some people that are like-minded people that are really inspired and dedicated to making the world a better place.”

However, just because the festival has passed does not mean that injustices around the world have gone away. Al-Zoughbi’s personal account illustrates this quite clearly. “Because I am an American citizen, I can travel freely around the world, but because I am Palestinian, I cannot travel freely within my own country.”

Acorn Ceremony to become an MU Tradition

First-year students receive acorns, seniors to inherit small oak trees

Collin Groves
Staff Writer

First-year students received a hearty welcome from Manchester University’s faculty and staff on Aug. 26 during the Acorn Ceremony, in which the first-year seminar faculty distributed MU-stamped acorns to the crowd of new students waiting to begin the next chapter of their life as a college student.

Scott Ochander, vice president of Marketing at the university, gave a speech that highlighted each student’s potential growth during their time at Manchester and also established the Acorn Ceremony as a new tradition: first-year students receive an acorn and, when seniors, leave Commencement with a small oak tree.

“It’s not just a first-year tradition, it’s a Manchester University tradition,” Ochander said. “We are working hard to make sure the upper classmen get it as well.”

Along with traditions like May Day, the Acorn Ceremony ties students to the university’s infrastructure, and draws them into the community as a whole, just as oak trees surround students on campus and the acorns themselves dot the grounds.

Not only do the acorns serve as a reminder of Manchester University, but also as a reminder of



THE MIGHTY OAK As a welcome to Manchester, firstyears took part in what will become an annual event at the university. They each received an acorn embellished with the school’s logo. The oak tree (and the acorn) serve as symbols reminding students to be strong when faced with obstacles, and to never be afraid to grow. Upperclassmen received acorns as well, at the Opening Convocation, so they too are included in the new tradition.

Photo by Emily Barrand

the people that they meet along the way, making the Acorn Ceremony important to seniors who reflect on memorable times they had during their time at Manchester.

“Tradition is important because we are sort of a family on campus and when I think of traditions I think of Christmas and other holidays,” said Louis Gervais, first-year. “It ties

us together.”

“We wouldn’t use it if it wouldn’t affect students,” Ochander said.

Even though the class of 2018 served as the launching of a new tradition designed to mean something to every student equally, grade level might play a part in how the Acorn Ceremony impacts the student body as a whole. Some students

have four years or more before graduation, which might cause the ceremony and the tradition to fade into the background.

“It might mean more to seniors, and it might not be that big of a deal to the other classes,” said Ashley Landon, first-year.

However long students might have to potentially lose their acorn,

or forget about the tradition entirely, Ochander finds himself intrigued by the level of attachment students might have on their acorns. He even claims that he has heard of students from different schools personalizing their acorns artistically, making them more their own.

“I’m kind of excited to see what they will do to their acorns to help them

remember key concepts,” Ochander said.

Regardless of whether students took the ceremony seriously or not, or even whether they lost their acorns in the time it took to walk to Cordier Auditorium afterwards, Ochander remains certain that the student body grasped the point of the ceremony and was affected in a positive manner.

“On its own, an acorn is just an acorn,” Ochander said. “But with the growth metaphor and the connection to Manchester, it is a physical representation of an idea.”



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Around Campus



MU Women’s Soccer Sets Goals for Season

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The Manchester University women’s soccer team has been working together to achieve their awe-inspiring goals this season by upping their drills and conditioning, all while welcoming in 18 first-year students.

Coach Andrew Stout notes that the team wants to make it to Nationals this season. Emily Willman, senior and captain, states that they also want to win a conference championship. “We have a large group of seniors who have been so close each year to grabbing that goal and I know we are all hungry to achieve it,” she said.

In order to achieve these goals, the team must be willing to work hard during and after practice in order to make a good impact on themselves. Brandy Crouse, junior, said that they must be willing to do more in order to excel. “To be a championship team, it takes that extra sprint/conditioning and staying after practice to improve each other, so that is what our team is striving for,” she said. This team is definitely dedicating themselves to win a conference championship and potentially making it to Nationals later this fall.

Katelyn Barta, senior and captain, says that the team focuses on a particular word. “The team is living by the word ‘one,’” she said. “We are one team with one goal at the end of the day. We focus on one sprint, one tackle and one shot.”



THE CHASE The Manchester women’s soccer team looks to regain possession during its home game against Westminster College on Saturday, Sept. 6. The Spartans prevailed, defeating the Griffins by a final score of 2-1. The victory was the first of the season for the women’s soccer team, which is currently 1-3 this season. Last year, the team finished with an overall record of 12-7-1 and a conference record of 8-1. The Spartans hosted an HCAC Tournament semifinal game; however they fell to Transylvania in the contest 0-2. This year, the team wants to make it to Nationals. On Sunday, Sept. 14, Manchester will face Thomas More in a road game beginning at 2 p.m.

Photo by Vivien Carter

The athletes have also set their own personal goals, including improving as both a player and teammate. “We have had demanding practices that will improve both our physical and tactical skills as well as team bonding sessions that have helped build re-

lationships between the players,” said Kari Carpenter, sophomore.

Stout said that during practice, the team is constantly working together and holding one another accountable. The team is also working together academically. “Outside of

practice you will usually find us bound together,” Willman said. “Most of us eat together, do homework together and even participate in outside activities together. We also hold hydration parties for our team.”

Barta said that

they have hydration parties to ensure that they are ready for an upcoming game. “We drink water and play fun games to make sure we are ready for the next game,” Barta said.

Aside from the expectations that Coach Stout has for his players,

it seems that the players also expect themselves to set the bar high both for themselves and for the Manchester University community.

Spartan Sports Weekend Events

Friday, September 12

Women’s Volleyball

vs. Albion, 3:00 p.m.
vs. Denison, 7:00 p.m.

Men’s Soccer

vs. Adrian at Trine, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 13

Women’s Golf

at Manchester University Fall Invitational

Women’s Tennis

at Earlham, 11:00 a.m.

Football

vs. Buffalo St., 12:00 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball

vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 1:00 p.m.
vs. Wilmington (Ohio), 3:00 p.m.

Men’s Soccer

at Trine, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 14

Men’s Golf

at Ohio Wesleyan Invitational

Women’s Soccer

at Thomas More, 2:00 pm

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Spartan Sports

Men's Soccer Enjoys Strong Start to Season

Alexis Hilton
Staff Writer

Coach David Good is over the moon about this year's men's soccer team, which consists of all returning players except for five first-years.

They have played three games so far this season, two of which they came out victorious. Good has been head coach of the soccer team at Manchester University since 1981, and served as an assistant coach for one year before that. His overall record as men's soccer coach for the past 34 seasons is 231-320-44. He has had a long history with soccer, starting with his childhood in Nigeria.

Corey Brueggeman, MU's assistant coach, joined Good in January 2013. Although this will be Brueggeman's first year coaching, he is more than qualified. He was a two-time all-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference honoree on the pitch for Manchester. He was also among the top five in scoring as a junior and senior at midfielder.

The team had its first game on Sept. 1, where they went into overtime tied 2-2, but finally won when Nate Johnson scored the winning goal three minutes into overtime.

Johnson, a first-year forward from Portage, Ind., earned second team all-district and first team all-conference honors during his prep career at Portage High School.

On Sept. 5, the team won its second game of the season with a score of 3-0 against Blackburn College. Jared Hallal,



FIND THE NET The Manchester men's soccer team looks for an opening on offense during its home game against Westminster College on Saturday, Sept. 6. The Spartans put up a tough fight, but they fell to the Griffins 0-2. Despite the loss, the men's soccer team has had a successful start to its season. Currently, the team is 2-1 overall, with wins over Andrews and Blackburn. Manchester will play nonconference opponents for the remainder of the month until conference play begins in early October. For the weekend, the team will travel to Angola, Ind., in order to compete in the Ketner Classic at Trine University. The Spartans will face Adrian this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 5 p.m. they will play against Trine. *Photo by Vivien Carter*

a first-year goalkeeper, played the first game of his college career, and managed to make three saves.

Hallal prepped at North Central High School, and is among several goalkeepers on the roster who could see time in the net this fall.

The following game of the season was on Sept. 6, when the team had its first loss. Westminster College won with a final score of 2-0. Even with Travis Richardson, who had a notable early-season play

with three overall shots and one shot on goal, the team still lost. Richardson is a first-year forward, and he earned Kentucky Soccer Coaches Association all-state awards following his sophomore and junior campaigns at Elizabethtown High School.

Senior forward Loic Youth was disappointed after the loss, but he also felt that it was beneficial for the team. "It was a rough game because we had just won brilliantly the day before," he said. "Our passes were

not crisp enough and we weren't intense. However, I believe we needed that loss so we don't get carried away too early into the season."

The loss on Sept. 6 was not enough to worry Good, who has high hopes for this year's team. The coach had nothing but good things to say about his team, although he does agree that there is always room for improvement. This year, Good and Brueggeman hope to improve the team's defensive skills.

Overall, Youth has high hopes for this year's team. "This is probably the best class of first years in terms of quality players, so I'm just excited to see how well we do in conference," he said. "I think we have improved our team chemistry and there is a better desire to work for each other."

"In addition to that, we have more quality up front, so I expect to see more goals from the team," he added.

This weekend, the Spartans will participate in

the Ketner Classic at Trine University. The team will play this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. against Adrian and tomorrow at 5 p.m. they will face Trine.

Volleyball Competes in Virginia Tourney, Prepares for Upcoming Home Invitational



RETURN TO SENDER Junior middle hitter Devin Clark and Junior setter Mikayla Munn leap above the net in an attempt to block a shot during the volleyball team's home game in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena against Trine on Saturday, Aug. 30. The Spartans lost the match 0-3, losing by scores of 14-25, 18-25 and 8-25 respectively. The match was part of the 2014 HCAC-MIAA Crossover event, a two-day tournament hosted by Manchester that four teams from each conference. The tournament lineup included Anderson, Franklin, Manchester and Rose-Hulman from the HCAC, along with Adrian, Kalamazoo, Olivet and Trine from the MIAA. The Spartans went 0-4 during the event; however junior outside hitter Sarah Pruden was named to the all-tournament squad. Last weekend, the team traveled to Fredericksburg, Va., for a tournament hosted by the College of Mary Washington and finished with an 0-4 record. Manchester's overall record is currently 0-8. The team looks to bounce back this weekend at the Manchester Invitational. The Spartans will face Albion and Denison today, with matches set to start at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively. Tomorrow, Manchester will play Ohio Wesleyan at 1 p.m. and Wilmington (Ohio) at 3 p.m. to wrap-up tournament play. *Photo by Savannah Riley*