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## New 'MU App' Available for Free Download

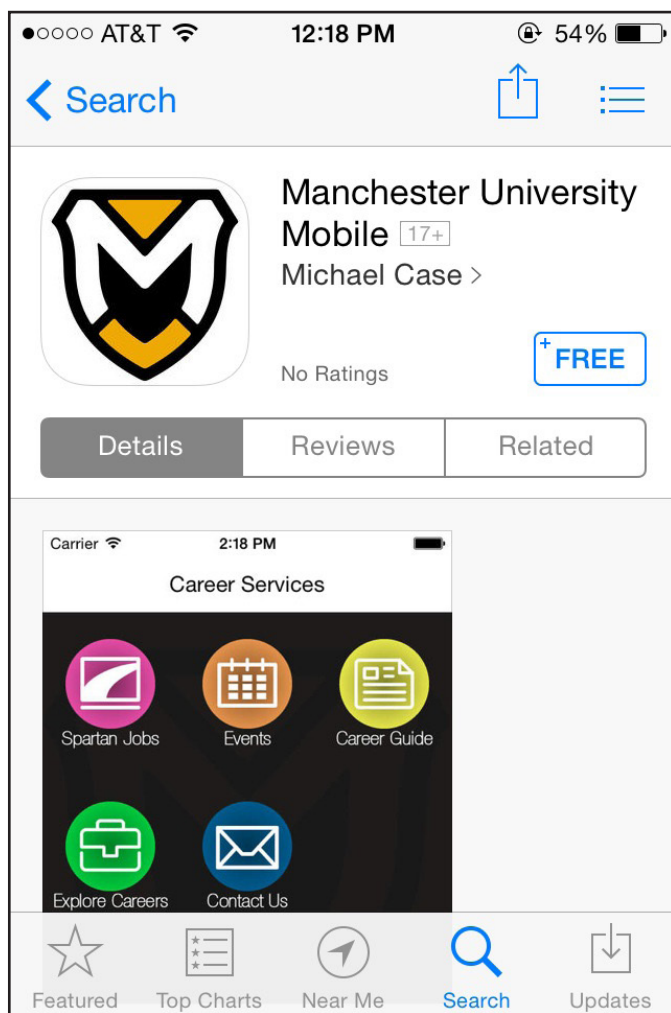
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Manchester University's Career Services has a new tool for students that assists them with career research and development.

It's called the MU App and it's currently available for free download on the iPhone and can be also found online at [www.mobile.manchester.edu](http://www.mobile.manchester.edu). The MU App is designed to help students with career research and development. It also holds a checklist for year-long development to help students figure out what could be done that year to work on their career as well as a graduate school checklist for students who are planning to extend their education.

The MU App also holds a link to Spartan Jobs and to Ferguson's Career Guidance Center, an online career library. An event calendar of every event that Career Services hosts can be found as well, and students can customize it by adding sporting events or off-campus job fairs.

The Manchester University's Career Guide book can be opened up with a swipe (or click) of a finger. If students have gotten an internship or a job or even gotten into Graduate school there is a "Report Success" button, which Career Services encourages students to use and share what their success



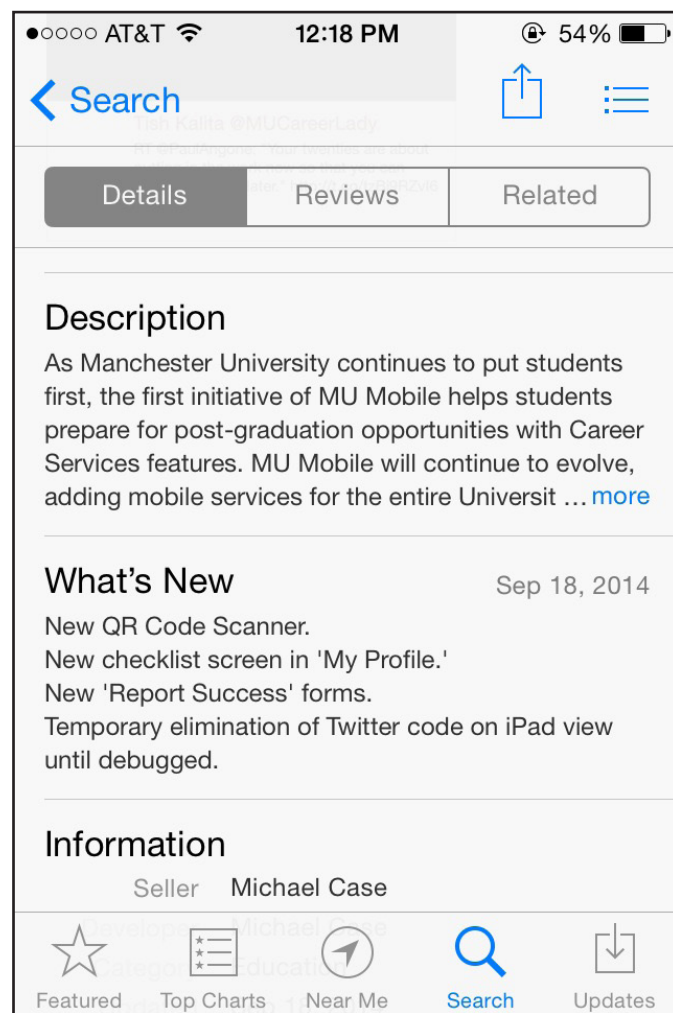
**MU GOES MOBILE** Manchester University's Career Services recently introduced a new resource for students that is available for free download on the iPhone, as well as online at [www.mobile.manchester.edu](http://www.mobile.manchester.edu). The MU App is a tool that students can use for help in career and graduate school research and development. The App includes links to Spartan Jobs and Ferguson's Career Guidance Center, as well as an events calendar and a Career Guide book. Manchester's ITS team played a pivotal role in helping Career Services create the App. Currently, there are plans to expand and update the App in the future.

has been.

To promote the MU App, there is a built in QR scanner to use for the scavenger hunt that will be taking place on Oct. 13 during the Career Expo. Students who participate will be entered into a drawing for a tee shirt, which can also be earned if students show that they have down-

loaded the MU App during that same week at a table that will be set up at the Jo Young Switzer Center.

The team who created and built the MU App are already looking forward to future updates and student feedback. "We plan to possibly expand the App so it'll have an experience log, something students



can use to track job experiences or internships so that they can put it on resumes," said Liz Bushnell with a grin. "We're looking at an interview guide book that'll hold possible interview questions and what to wear what not to wear guide. Also really looking forward to making the app more interactive like add-

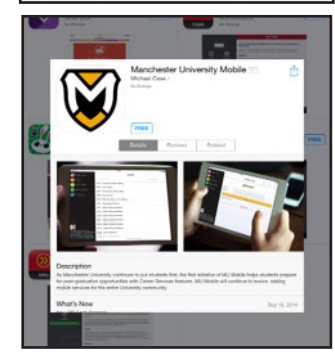
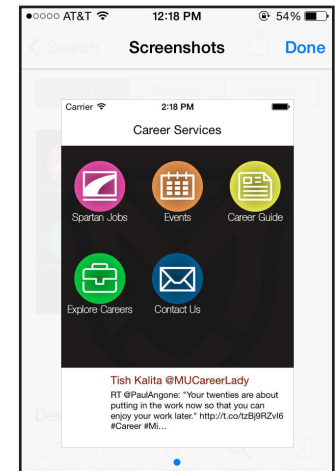
ing possible games." Bushnell is the Director of Career Services and is a coordinator for the App. "I can't stress enough how wonderful our ITS department is," she said. "This was the first time they ever created or did something like this."

Steve Miller, a senior who worked on the

App over the summer with the ITS team, said: "As far as future updates go, I guess you'll just have to download the App and find out!"

Erica Graphman, a senior English major who has been working with Career Services on promotion of the App said that as a senior student, the checklist has been helpful with keeping up to date with things she need to do before starting to apply for jobs after graduation.

Manchester University's MU App is available on the iPhone and for those who doesn't use/own a smart phone, the app is available online at [www.mobile.manchester.edu](http://www.mobile.manchester.edu).



## Ballroom Dancing 'Craze' Sweeps MU Campus

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Staff Writer

It has resurrected the lives of celebrity actors, football players and retired musicians, turning them into dancing reality TV stars. It changed the lives of two mentally unstable characters, played by Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper, in David O. Russell's Academy Award-winning film, "Silver Linings Playbook." It turned a Manchester professor into an aficionado and has recently transformed a group of students into budding enthusiasts. Ballroom dancing has quietly—and extravagantly—taken pop culture, and MU culture, by storm.

Jim Brumbaugh-Smith, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, a ballroom dancer himself, led an effort to establish a ballroom dance class at Manchester University. Professional instructors and competitive dancers Tony and Danel Michelle Didier, from the dance studio in Fort Wayne, Ind. where Brumbaugh-Smith takes classes, are teaching three ballroom dance courses at the university this fall—two student classes and one adult class. In an environment where equations are replaced with tango steps and desks are swapped out for a dance floor, education takes the shape of Latin beats and swift movements.



**BALLROOM BLITZ** MU students practice dance techniques during a recent ballroom dancing class on campus. Currently, three ballroom dance courses are being taught at the university by two professional instructors and competitive dancers, Tony and Danel Michelle Didier, from Fort Wayne. Jim Brumbaugh-Smith, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, is a ballroom dancer and played a vital role in establishing the ballroom classes at Manchester.

Photo by Savannah Riley

"We've learned the basic steps for eight different dances: the waltz, tango, foxtrot, rumba, cha cha, swing, salsa, and hustle," said Emily Grant, junior. "Once you learn the basic steps, it makes it easier to learn the first steps for other dances."

While learning new dances, Grant appreciates how the instructors promote a lively atmosphere.

"They make it really fun and easy to learn," Grant said. "It's a nice

break from my classes, dancing to pop music instead of just sitting and studying."

With a wide range of dances to teach and steps to cover, the instructors come prepared with a playlist of music to set the rhythm. In a recent YouTube video, the Didiers can be seen dancing to "The Book of Love," Peter Gabriel's cover of an elegant ballad popularized by the Magnetic Fields. In class, they often switch up the

beat with songs like Justin Timberlake's "SexyBack" and Michael Jackson classics.

The entertaining tracks that swell from the speakers are matched by the enthusiasm of the instructors. Jordan Lett, junior, describes them as being "extremely upbeat."

"I enjoy how fun and relaxing the class is," Lett said. "And I enjoy moving the hips . . . that's fun too."

He continued:

"I have a lot of fun with it. When doing the Latin dances like the salsa or the cha cha, I think some have found it funny how I get into the hip movement of them."

Lett finds ballroom dancing not only to be an enjoyable activity, but a practical one too.

"It develops confidence; not getting embarrassed and not letting the possibility of mistakes get in the way of new things," Lett said. "In the profes-

sional world there are still formal settings with ballroom dancing and taking lessons can help prepare for it."

Although the personalities in the ballroom dance classes might not range from NASCAR drivers to one half of Cheech & Chong, as they do on this season's "Dancing with the Stars," it is nevertheless an eclectic group of students that meets on the second floor of the PERC on Monday and Wednesday nights. Comprised mostly of beginners, the dancers range from football players to Econ majors, and far in between.

"There are so many different people from so many different areas," Grant said.

During a scene in "Silver Linings Playbook," Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence) is describing her and Pat's (Bradley Cooper) chances of success at their ballroom dance competition. She says: "We don't suck. Pat's a beginner, I'm okay; we're just happy to be going there."

These classes of students taking a ballroom dance class at Manchester might not be dancing with the stars any time soon. But the silver lining is this: most are beginners, some are okay and they are, according to Grant and Lett, just happy to be going somewhere beyond an average classroom.

Inside: All-Gender Restrooms, Homecoming Weekend Preview



# Around Campus

## MU Adds All-Gender Restrooms on Campus

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With the addition of all-gender restrooms across campus, now everyone at Manchester can “Potty in Peace.”

2014 graduate Darcy Robins came up with the idea of introducing all-gender restrooms Fall 2013 after having an uncomfortable experience using a female-gendered bathroom. “It made me reflect on the situation that happened and question what other gender non-conforming individual experiences were in the restroom,” Robins said.

The first step in the creation of the all-gender restrooms was for Robins to talk to professors. One of them was Barb Burdge, a professor of social work and the director of the social work program. Burdge maintains that this was a student-driven effort. “Darcy came to me with the idea of wanting to get gender-neutral bathrooms on campus and just asked for my input,” she said. “Really, I took a backseat to the work that Darcy did and was just a support.”

The movement towards gender-neutral bathrooms, which Robins dubbed “Operation Potty in Peace,” then moved to the administrative level, where Beth Sweitzer-Riley took the lead as the facilitator to receive input from students



**“POTTY IN PEACE”** Several gender-neutral restrooms have been recently implemented on campus in order to accommodate any individuals that felt uncomfortable using gender-based restrooms. These restrooms, which are the brainchild of 2014 graduate Darcy Robins, can be found in the Garver Hall main-floor lobby, the third floor of the Science Center and the second floor of the Academic Center (pictured above).

Photo by Savannah Riley

and other individuals who needed to be a part of the process.

“This group included Chris Garber, director of Physical Plant, who offered to do a tour with our director of Residential Life and Associate Dean, Allen Machielson, along with Darcy Robins to find potential spaces in the Academic Center and other places that could be converted into gender-neutral bathroom spaces without huge construction or cost is-

sues,” Sweitzer-Riley said.

First on the list was Garver Hall, where the two main-floor lobby bathrooms were converted to gender-neutral facilities. All that needed to be done was to add locks to the doors and change the signs to read Community Restroom instead of specifying a specific gender. By this fall semester, a bathroom on the third floor of the Science Center and one on the second floor of the Academic Center were changed to

be gender-neutral. Again, it was an easy fix. “In buildings like the Academic Center, it was just a matter of switching a sign, not a big deal.” Burdge said.

While these physical changes were small, the impact they’ve made isn’t. Students, alumni, faculty and staff alike have had overwhelmingly positive reactions to the progressive move. “Two former campus members sent me e-mails of affirmation that we were now offering some

gender-neutral bathrooms on campus.” Sweitzer-Riley said.

Burdge agreed. “All the reactions I’ve heard directly have been positive,” she said. “A couple of people have asked me, ‘What does it mean, all-gender bathroom? Why would you need something like that?’ Not that they’re opposed to it, they just don’t understand what it is. So that’s just a chance to educate.”

If anyone on cam-

pus is uncomfortable using a gender-neutral restroom, they still have the option to use a single-gender restroom; they might just need to walk a little further. For everyone to have the option of using whichever restroom is more comfortable for them is exactly what Robins hoped to accomplish. “I feel that everyone who uses the restroom will now feel comfortable and safe,” Robins said. “To some people this might sound silly, the need to have a safe space to go to the bathroom, but for others their reality is different. They get looks, comments, and bullied while in the bathroom and I couldn’t stand for that anymore.”

Burdge emphasized how the movement reflects the very nature of Manchester University. “Creating this kind of safe space for another subset of the Manchester community is so true to our mission as a university,” she said. “To build community, to cross boundaries, to create room for everyone to be valued, and to bring down any barrier that we see that is keeping a member of our community from feeling safe, from feeling comfortable, from feeling fully recognized and welcome here. And I think the gender-neutral bathrooms are one way that we’ve taken down one more barrier.”

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## ‘Lord of the Flies’ Takes Stage at MU



Cast members pictured from left to right: Jacob Ray, Daniel Turnbow, Adam Dundas, Josh Dold, and Clayton Marcum.

Photo courtesy of Emily Krabach

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On Saturday, Oct. 11, at Wampler Auditorium, Manchester University will be premiering its production of “Lord of the Flies.”

The director of the play is Joel Froomkin, who also teaches theatre at Manchester University. Froomkin has directed

many plays such as the original New York production of “Almost Maine” written by John Ciani. “‘Lord of the Flies’ is like the granddaddy of ‘The Hunger Games,’” Froomkin said. “The audience will be impressed!”

Chris McAleavy, a first year student, was not sure what to expect as he auditioned for the

play. “It’s the most work I have put into a show and it is the most growth I have ever experienced,” he said. “Children have never looked scarier,” he added while looking at the elaborate face paint he and his fellow actors wear in costume.

Shows are Oct. 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m.

## Lord of the Flies

**Saturday, Oct. 11 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, Oct. 12 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Monday, Oct. 13 - 7:30 p.m.**

All performances will be held in Wampler Auditorium





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## Campus Awaits Homecoming Weekend 2014

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Homecoming and Family Weekend is this weekend, Oct. 10 and 11, and there are multiple activities that students, alumni, current and former faculty, and family will enjoy. This Homecoming is extra special for Manchester University, because MU is celebrating its 125th birthday.

The weekend kicks off at 9 a.m. on Friday, when families are invited to attend a class with their students. That afternoon, an Artist Reception will take place in Gallery G, and will run from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Starting at 5 p.m., the Alumni Honor Banquet will take place at the JYSC in the Lahman Room. Following that, the choir and band will perform in the Cordier Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., and then the last activity of the day, the bonfire, will be lit out near the softball fields at 8:08 p.m.

On Saturday, there is a full day planned. There are many sporting events going on where alums can go and cheer on Spartan athletics.

Various events will also be taking place around campus, including student competitions at 9 a.m. Each residence

hall will have a team, and then the commuters and pharmacy students will also have their own teams. All the teams will compete against each other in activities such as Capture the Flag, Tug of War, Dodge Ball, bed races, and Corn Hole. The winners will receive an ice cream social for their hall or team.

The only entry fee is a t-shirt to purchase for \$5. Manchester alumni representatives for each team will then match the money from the t-shirt purchases and the prize money. All proceeds go to The Manchester Fund, which supports MU students with scholarships, books, computers and much more.

Another exciting thing happening on Saturday is the Manchester Gratitude Tent. "I strongly encourage students to stop in there and fill out a gratitude card," said Jennifer Shepherd, director of Alumni Services, who organized Homecoming. "Manchester Gratitude Tent invites current and former faculty to come to campus so that students and alumni have an opportunity to thank them for the impact they made." It's located on East Street, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Afterward, alums can attend "encore lec-

tures", where they can hear current and former faculty lecture on various topics around campus. According to Shepherd, this allows students to engage with alumni and faculty.

10 a.m. also kicks off a lot of exciting events. There will be a FUN Food Tent, where individuals can buy a variety of snacks for 50 cents or \$1. The Carnival for Kids also starts at the same time, and there will be a magicians, caricaturist, games, and face painting for everyone to go and enjoy.

The Sand Volleyball Tournament will begin over by the tennis courts. There will also be a game of Ultimate Frisbee out on the mall taking place. Then, the Homecoming football game will kick off at 1:30 p.m., and MU will be playing against Defiance.

The Chicago Boyz will be performing at 7 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium, which is a free event sponsored by MAC.

Another option to end the night is to check out the Fall Play, which will be wrapping up the Homecoming events. "Lord of the Flies" will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Wampler Auditorium and the cost is \$5.

### Homecoming and Family Weekend 2014 Event Schedule

#### Friday, Oct. 10

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Attend a class with your student  
11 a.m. - Noon Golf Outing, Sycamore  
3 - 4:30 p.m. Choir and Alumni Rehearsal, Wine Recital Hall  
4 - 5:30 p.m. Artist Reception for Terry Pulley, Gallery G  
4 - 5:30 p.m. Band and Alumni Rehearsal, Cordier Auditorium  
5 - 7 p.m. Alumni Honor Banquet, JYS Center, Lahman Room  
5:30 p.m. AOC Meet and Greet, The Hotel Fort Wayne  
7:30 p.m. Choir and Band Performances and Reception, Cordier Auditorium  
8:08 p.m. Bonfire, near the softball field

#### Saturday, Oct. 11

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Alumni/Family Registration, East Street Registration Tent  
College of Pharmacy, East Street Registration Tent  
Memorial Reflections, Petersime Chapel  
DJ, Outside of JYS Center  
5K Run at Learn More Center  
(Pre-registration encouraged at learnmorecenter.org )  
9 a.m. - Noon Student Competitions, East Street  
9:30 - 10 a.m. Hall of Fame Registration, JYS Center, upstairs  
9:30 a.m. - Noon Manchester Gratitude Tent, East Street  
Oak Leaves/Spectrum Reunion, Manchester Gratitude Tent  
Aurora Displays/Sales, Manchester Gratitude Tent  
FUN Food Tent  
10 a.m. Hall of Fame Presentations, then lunch. JYS Center, upstairs  
Carnival for Kids  
Sand Volleyball Tournament, by the Tennis Courts  
Ultimate Frisbee, on the Mall  
10 a.m. - Noon Link Gallery Alumni Artist Reception - Homecoming: The Alumni Show  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Alumni Authors Book Signing, JYS Center, The Oaks  
Homecoming Photo Booth, Welcome Center outside ACEN  
Residence Hall Open House and Reception  
Ikenberry Serenade, front of JYS Center  
10:30 a.m. Chime Concert, Administration Building  
10:45 a.m. Class Photos for '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09, Wine Recital Hall  
11 a.m. Followed by class cookout and dessert in the Academic Center:  
'69—ACEN133, '74—ACEN146, '79—ACEN149,  
'84—ACEN238, '89—ACEN241, '94—ACEN236,  
'99—ACEN117, '04—ACEN234, '09—ACEN232  
Noon - 1:30 p.m. General Luncheon, Haist Commons  
Faculty/Staff Reunion Luncheon, Haist Commons  
12:30 p.m. Magic Show - Terry Owens, Academic Center Auditorium  
1:15 - 2 p.m. Encore Lectures by former and current faculty, Locations TBD  
Ikenberry Serenade and 125th Cookies, Alumni Association Tent by Football Field  
2:30 p.m. Peace Studies plaque dedication and reception  
4 p.m. Meet the President, Wine Recital Hall  
4 - 6 p.m. AOC meets at the Intercultural Center  
4:30 - 6 p.m. Environmental Studies Log Cabin Dedication  
7 p.m. Chicago Boyz, Cordier Auditorium  
7:30 p.m. Fall Play, "Lord of the Flies," Wampler Auditorium



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# Around Campus

## Students from Ethiopia Reflect on Culture

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Staff Writer

Talk to some people around campus, and you will be surprised by all the answers you will get from the question “Where are you from?”

While some people may come from just down the street or a nearby city, there are those who have traveled countries—even continents—in order to attend Manchester University. One such country where 13 MU students hail from is Ethiopia.

A country rich in culture and tradition, there are over 80 different languages spoken in Ethiopia, with the primary language being Amharic. The most common religion is Christian orthodox, and cuisine is very spicy. Ruth Woldemichael, a first-year Ethiopian student who enjoys reading books and swimming, says with a laugh: “Stereotypes think that Ethiopia is like some kind of jungle. It’s not like that. It’s a really nice country.”

Woldemichael focuses on the differences between Ethiopia and the United States, primarily in education. “There, you



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take an examination,” she says. “If you get placed in a certain field, you have to learn that field. It’s not by choice. If you are placed in one region of Ethiopia, you have to go to that region. That’s the reason I came here. I wanted to learn and go where I wanted.”

However, despite

this, going to school in Ethiopia is much, much cheaper than going to school in America. Edlawit Sida, a junior biology-chemistry major, explains that money borrowed to attend school is usually paid back through work during the graduate’s first few years. People still make

money from their jobs, but it is much less during this period.

Holidays and celebrations also differ from the United States. “It’s pretty extravagant as far as traditions go,” Sida said. “Holidays require us to wear our traditional outfits to go to church. In Ethiopia, peo-

ple go all out for holidays because they bring people together.” Most holidays include fasting prior to the holiday, as well.

Ethiopia used to be a Christian state, and many of those holidays and traditions were left behind. Sida gives an example: “One thing that’s unique about Ethiopia is that when it was a Christian state, every day of the month was designated a holiday based on the number of saints we have, so each day would have a saint named to it. The 16th is Mary, so some choose to celebrate that day, and some maybe the 23. Because it used to be a Christian state, there were many holidays and meanings left behind from those years.”

One recent holiday celebrated in Ethiopia was the New Year, which occurred on Sept. 11. The Ethiopian calendar differs from the Gregorian calendar by seven or so years, making this year 2007. The Gregorian calendar is also used in Ethiopia.

Another unique celebration is a coffee ceremony. “Coffee is something that we’re proud to have locally,” Sida said.

“It’s a huge thing back home. We don’t take our coffees to-go. There’s a whole ceremony for it. You start roasting it and grinding it and then brewing it. You bring flowers and grass around it to make it look nice.”

While there are many differences between the countries, there are few similarities. Casual clothes worn in Ethiopia are the same as in America, and the younger generations are more Westernized than previous generations. Transportation is improving, too. “Ethiopia is also growing now that we are about to have a train,” Woldemichael said. “We didn’t have a train in our country.”

“Within the next few years,” she went on, “I think Ethiopia will be one of the most important countries. Our economy will probably grow a lot.”

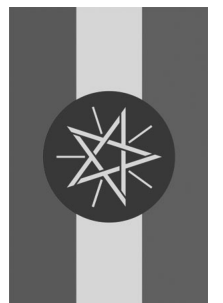


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## Hernandez Redefines ‘Non-Traditional’ Student

Collin Groves  
Staff Writer

He looks the typical college student, with his cup of Starbucks that accompanies him to class and a well-grown beard, but Tim Hernandez, first year, breaks the typical college-student mold and brings new meaning to the term “non-traditional student.”

After searching for a smaller college to attend, Hernandez left the Navy and his position in the 7th fleet after five years of service, four of which he

spent in a submarine in the Pacific Ocean. His first year with the Navy focused on his education, which was comprised of Boot Camp, Submarine School, and cryptography, which earned him a spot working for the Intelligence Department and as a radioman on the sub.

“You get that serenity from the ocean like you’d get on a beach, but then it becomes routine,” Hernandez said. “It just gets lost in the scenery.”

Instead of making a career out of the military,

Hernandez arrived back in the United States at the beginning of May, at which time he also began his three-day trip via car to Indiana with only his dog, Doge. Together, the duo trekked through multiple states and vastly unique locations, from the mountains of Montana through the hilly Dakotas on his way home to his family and to Manchester University, which fulfilled his desire for new experiences outside the military.

“I didn’t really know why I picked Man-

chester,” Hernandez said. “I mean, it’s close to home, but that’s not really the reason.”

Some of Hernandez’s veteran friends that also exited the Navy and found themselves in college, many of which were larger than Manchester University, recounted their experiences to him, which seemed unappealing to Hernandez.

“I had a lot of high school teachers that made high school a good experience,” Hernandez said. “I wanted a connection with

the teachers.”

His satisfying relationship with his former educators also influenced his desire to teach, as he plans on majoring in education and English, with a minor in TESOL.

“I want to be that presence that impacts people’s lives and helps them,” Hernandez said. “And English is what I’m best at.”

In a sense, Hernandez is not a “non-traditional student” just because he has a home off campus, as well as 24 years of life be-

hind him, but his backstory makes him unique. However, Hernandez insists he is just a “regular guy.” To reassure, he adds: “It’s simply how I grew up,” he said.



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# Spartan Sports



## MU Men's Soccer to face Hanover College

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Staff Writer

How is Manchester University's men's soccer team doing so far this season? While the season has already begun for the soccer team, they are still striving to do their absolute best to come out strong. David Good, men's soccer head coach, says that the team has good team spirit as they move into their first conference game of the season.

"Two or three of our losses could have been wins had just a few things gone differently," Good said. "We are four wins and five losses now, but there is a good team spirit and optimism as we move into our conference schedule." As the team progresses further into the season, they have not really added any new goals from what they have originally set for themselves.

"We feel that we have a good shot at making the conference tournament, which involves the top four teams in the conference," Good said. "If we continue to work at the goals of improving every day and fostering team unity, we will have a better chance of getting that result."

Ellis Whitt, senior, says: "Our slogan—One Team One Mission—has



**RUN IT OUT** Senior Loic Youth, forward, takes control of the ball during a home game against Huntington University on Sept. 17. The men's soccer team played its first conference game on Saturday, Oct. 4, falling to Transylvania 0-5. The slogan "One Team One Mission" has and will continue to help the team focus and maintain consistent goals this season. Players and head coach David Good look toward even more improvement in coming games and hope to pull out a win on the road against Hanover tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

*Photo by Savannah Riley*

helped improve team chemistry. With the help of the coaches we were able to find our chemistry and see our team potential when we work hard for each other instead of working for our own personal benefit."

Austin Finley, senior, said that this season

has been an exciting season for the team. "Conference games start this week, and everyone is excited to see what work we have put in the whole year pay off," he said. "It is hard to believe I am a senior, but I feel like the underclassman's drive to be successful with the upper-

classman's experience will allow for us to be successful."

Both under and upperclassman are growing and learning from each other as they progress farther into the season. They are definitely working together as one team instead of just single indi-

viduals trying to create the team.

"Even if we do not end up with the results we want at the end of the season, the underclassmen will have a solid base of experience to make the next two or three years a thriving success," Finley said. As the teams has

welcomed in a large group of first-years, they are all working together as one, striving to give each other a chance to show what they are made of. The upperclassmen appear to be standing as teammates and mentors in a way to the underclassmen, giving them experience that they can carry with them as they progress farther into their careers. "The underclassmen are willing to learn, take advice and not get frustrated when upperclassmen try to help them get better," Finley said.

"I feel as though our team is much improved from last year," he continued. "The large first-year class that came in this year put pressure on the upperclassmen to perform and not lose their starting spots." The team has been striving to improve from last season. It also appears that even though they are just coming in for the new season, the first-year class has given the upperclassmen a challenge, making them work harder so that they can keep their starting spots.

The men's soccer team hopes to do well in conference, but only time, patience, practice and endurance will tell.

## Lady Spartans Look to Stay Unbeaten in HCAC

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The lady Spartans opened their conference season in a suspenseful match-up with Transylvania this past Saturday.

"We were up 2-0, got down 3-2, then with 2 minutes left, Toasty [Amber Oster], who's on defense, rips a left-footed shot into the far side netting to tie it up," said Captain Emily Willmann. "We went into overtime and we dominated the first overtime period, we just couldn't get the goal. And then during the second overtime period [Katelyn] Barta took a shot on goal, hits the top cross bar, it bounces back into play, and Bridgette [Rowe] runs up and heads it in." Willmann showed visible signs of her excitement about the game's events as she recounted the game.

Rowe currently leads the Spartans this season with a total of 10 points scored out of 23 shots on the goal. Barta is right behind her with 9 shots scored out of 17. Rowe leads the team in all offensive categories besides assists and shots, with those areas dominated by Katelyn Barta and Brandy Crouse.

On defense, Willmann worked hard guarding the net against Transylvania, tallying 8 saves on the 15 shots on goal from



**UNDER CONTROL** First-year Elena White attempts to gain possession of the ball during a home game against Trine earlier in the season. In its last two games, the team has picked up two conference victories. On Saturday, Oct. 4, the Spartans defeated Transylvania 4-3 in double overtime and on Wednesday, Oct. 8, they beat Defiance 3-0. Tomorrow at 1:00 p.m., Manchester will play its next game on the road at Hanover. *Photo by Savannah Riley*

the opposing team.

Prior to Saturday's victory, the Spartans suffered a non-conference loss against the Wittenberg University Tigers in Ohio on Tuesday. The ladies did not give up any

goals during the entire first half, but Wittenberg managed to find a loop through their defense shortly after the start of the second half.

The Spartans went on to play against Defiance in a home match

on Wednesday. Prior to the contest, Willmann said: "We plan to continue to play as a team and work hard every second of the game." Given their strong conference opener the ladies plan to come out on

top with a winning season, not to be affected by the recent chill in climate.

The next upcoming game will take place tomorrow, Saturday 11 in Hanover. Over the past two years the Spartans

have lost to Hanover, but this season they're looking to change that.

## UPCOMING VIA OPPORTUNITIES

**Monday, Oct. 13**  
**Jon Vroman:**  
**Career Expo Speaker**  
7 p.m. Cordier

**Thursday, Oct. 16**  
**Literary Film Series:**  
**"The Lives of Others"**  
7 p.m. Cordier

**Wednesday, Oct. 22**  
**"Where Should the Brides Fly"**  
**A Film by Fida Qishta**  
7:30 p.m. Cordier

**Thursday, Oct. 23**  
**Carol Hart Metzker: The**  
**Faces of Human Trafficking**  
7 p.m. JYS Center





# Spartan Sports



## Spartan Football Preps for Homecoming Game

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For the Homecoming football game on Oct. 11, Manchester is playing Defiance at 1:30 p.m. Defiance is traveling from Ohio to compete against the Spartans, preparing to play in a hard-fought game.

Brayden Troxel, junior, is excited about the game. "We are preparing like we would for any Saturday game," he said. "We are getting ready mentally and physically for Defiance!" Last year, the team lost to Defiance, but Troxel believes that the team this year is an all-around better football team than the previous year. "We have an expectation of coming out of this game 1-0 as we do every week, and getting a win on our Homecoming!" he added.

Tyler Weaver, first-year, is looking forward to the game. "It's going to be exciting to experience the similarities between a college Homecoming and high school Homecoming football game," he said. He explained that the team is preparing for this Saturday's game by coming out to practice and working hard. He hopes that the gold squad will give the black squad a good challenge during practices.



**SPARTAN D** Manchester's defense awaits the next play during its home game against Franklin College. Although the Spartans fought hard and nearly upset the four-time defending HCAC champions, they lost by a final score of 29-28. Following the heartbreaking loss, the team's record dropped to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the conference. Tomorrow afternoon, Manchester will host its Homecoming game against Defiance College. Kick-off is set for 1:30 p.m. at Burt Memorial Field.

*Photo by Savannah Riley*

The gold squad is usually composed of the JV players and the black squad are the players that are on varsity, participating in Saturday's game.

The team is looking for a challenge this weekend against Defiance,

said Alex Stock, senior. "Coming off a gut-wrenching loss this past week, it will give us a spark to take on the second half of our season, starting with Defiance on Saturday," he said.

The team will be practicing hard this week and study-

ing film carefully. "My personal expectation is for the team to put on their best performance for all of the people that will be coming home to see their alma mater," Stock added.

The football team will be supported by their

fans this weekend, including the student section. The student section's theme for this Homecoming football game is "Black Out." These black out t-shirts can be purchased in the Campus Store for \$5. Many students are already sporting the t-

shirt on campus. There are two types, a black t-shirt with yellow splatter paint with the words "Black Out" or a white t-shirt with the same design.

## Spartan Sports- Homecoming Weekend Events

### Friday, October 10

#### Women's Tennis

vs. Mount Saint Joseph, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, October 11

#### Women's Golf

at 2014 HCAC Championships

#### Volleyball

vs. Mount Saint Joseph, 1 p.m.

#### Women's Soccer

at Hanover, 1 p.m.

#### Football

vs. Defiance, 1:30 p.m.

#### Men's Soccer

at Hanover, 3:30 p.m.

#### Volleyball

vs. Alma, 5 p.m.

### Sunday, October 12

#### Women's Golf

at 2014 HCAC Championships

#### Women's Tennis

at Rose-Hulman, 12 p.m.

## Volleyball to host Mount Saint Joseph, Alma



**BUMP IT** Members of the Spartan Volleyball team work on their form during a recent team practice at the PERC. At the time of publication, the team had an overall record of 4-15 with an 0-3 record in the conference. Last weekend, Manchester hit the road for two matches against HCAC opponents and fell short in both of them. At Hanover on Saturday, Oct. 4, the team lost 0-3, losing the games 16-25, 14-25 and 17-25, respectively. The results from Sunday, Oct. 5, at Transylvania are similar, as the Pioneers defeated the Spartans 3-0. However, the games were much closer than the day before, as the Spartans lost the games 22-25, 21-25 and 22-25. Tomorrow, the team will play in two matches at Stauffer-Wolfe Arena inside the PERC. At 1 p.m., the Spartans will host Mount Saint Joseph in an HCAC matchup, followed by a match against Alma College, a nonconference opponent, at 5 p.m.

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