

# The Oak Leaves

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## MU to host McFadden Inauguration at 1:30 p.m. *University to celebrate president's induction with ceremony, reception*

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One bonus to being related to President Dave McFadden, is having the distinction of listening to his speeches before almost anyone else. His wife Renee, even assists him with editing and the overall delivery of each speech. By the end of his preparation, both know all the nuances of the speeches that the rest of the campus hears formally.

The next speech holds special significance for the McFadden family, as it takes the place at Dave's inauguration today, marking his ceremonial induction as president of Manchester University.

The event demands the attention of campus: classes after 12 o'clock are cancelled and students are offered VIA

credit to attend. Students are also included as flag bearers as well, one for each country with connections to the University. But all the community and campus involvement simply reflects the excitement McFadden and his family feel themselves about the event.

"I've got family coming from all over the country to come watch the inauguration," McFadden said.

McFadden and his family hold ties to Manchester University that start most visibly with his father, Wilbur, having a café named after him. His wife and children all graduated from the university, which deeply roots President McFadden in the North Manchester community and also campus tradition.

"It's an honor, but I also feel a sense of obli-

gation, because Manchester University has always been a part of my life," McFadden said.

After being involved with campus for the majority of his life, he feels like he could use his proficiency at administration to help Manchester University reach new heights.

"It would be fun to serve somewhere else, but it's special to be here," McFadden said.

President McFadden did not just step into the shoes of president; he previously served in the enrollment and marketing department, and also served as dean at the College of Pharmacy in Fort Wayne, which currently has his face decorating multitudes of banners that adorn the campus.

As qualified as he is for inauguration, McFadden firmly believes that the



**MAKING IT OFFICIAL** Dave McFadden will become Manchester University's 15th president at an inauguration ceremony today at 1:30 p.m. An alumnus of the school, McFadden already holds strong ties to Manchester, and he plans to use the inauguration as an opportunity to immerse students into the culture of the university. Students are encouraged to attend; classes after 12:00 p.m. are cancelled today to allow for maximum attendance ability. In addition, the ceremony will serve as a VIA opportunity to students.

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ceremony is not necessarily for him, but instead for the university as a whole. "It's not about the individual, but it's more about the fact that I'm the fifteenth president of the institution," McFadden said.

Aside from all the "pomp and circumstance," as President McFadden calls it, the students will also be attending the event, which is as much for them as the staff and faculty.

"It's what they make of it," McFadden said. "It's a chance to ex-

perience something in an institution that they won't as an undergrad again."

The inauguration ceremony also functions as another way to immerse students into Manchester University culture, which happens to be one of the McFadden's overarching goals as president. By making himself accessible and letting his amiable personality show, he hopes to create strong bonds between himself, and the student body. Of course, McFadden does not wait for students to approach

him, but instead joins them for lunch when he can and talks with them in passing when possible.

After a few days of consistent practice, and roughly thirteen minutes of speech, Dave McFadden will officially become the leader of an institution. In McFadden's case, he simply became the president of a place that he has lived and breathed for years.

"It's like getting to manage a team you've always been a fan of," McFadden said.

## "It's like getting to manage a team you've always been a fan of." — Dave

## 'All-Hall Trick-or-Treat' Held on Main Campus

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All-Hall Trick-or-Treat was held by Manchester University on Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Residents of each hall passed out candy to the children that came. The best route for the trick-or-treaters to take would have begun at Schwalm Hall on the west side of campus. The kids would then travel to Helman and Oakwood halls, and then to the east side to East Hall. If the children were brave enough, they would have visited Garver.

Schwalm's theme this year was "Halloween Around the World." Many of the residents dressed up and helped distribute candy to the community members that visited. "It was a nice twist to get candy and learn something," said Jessica Sillaman, hall director of Schwalm. "Even the parents were engaging in the educational activities our Hall Council and RAs prepared." Sillaman said she thinks that the theme was successful.

Helman and Oakwood were the halls that the children visited on their way to East and Garver. Oakwood's theme was the annual trick-or-treat. The trick-or-treaters collected most of their candy as they passed through Oakwood. Helman allowed the community members to color pumpkins as a way to celebrate the holiday.

East Hall has a tra-



**WHAT A TREAT** MU hosted its annual Halloween activities on Oct. 29. Each residence hall has its own tradition, such as themed Schwalm and "Haunted Garver." Schwalm's theme this year was "Halloween Around the World," in which trick-or-treaters could learn about different cultures while collecting candy. After Schwalm, the kids gathered more candy in Helman and Oakwood. In East, they were treated to three floors of three different themes, appropriately decorated with either superheroes, the sea or the movie "Frozen." Finally, they ended the journey with a fright in the three progressively-scary floors of "Haunted Garver."

*Photo by Savannah Riley*

dition of doing a Wing Wars competition. Letha Parrott, hall director of East, explained that Wing Wars is when residents decorate their floors with kid friendly themes. This year, the first floor of East had the theme of superheroes. The second floor was themed "Frozen," and the third floor was decorated as "under the sea." Parrott said that the residents went above

and beyond this year. "I am extremely proud of all the hard work that went into this program and I know the children appreciated it as well," she said.

Garver Hall is known as Haunted Garver during this event. The residents were helpful preparing putting the Haunted Hall together, along with cleaning up and tearing down. Shonda White, hall

director of Garver said that the event was extremely successful. "Haunted Garver has to be one of my favorite programs of the entire year," she said. White said that the residents have such a good time putting on a show for the community. White said that a lot of community members complimented her Garver residents on the event and said it was

even better than the last years. White explained that while the event takes a lot of work, the success is always what makes it worth it. "I love seeing the community come and interact with our hall," she said. "It is so good to see people return every year."

Manchester University gave the community members of North Manchester a safe, family-

friendly Halloween experience. The students worked hard to make their halls a fun place for all the children dressed up in costumes. According to the hall directors, the big All-Hall Trick-or-Treat was a success.

## Inside: Alpha Mu Gamma, Honeywell Art Contest, Wrestling





# Around Campus



## MU Stages ‘The Rocky Horror Picture Show’

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On Thursday, Oct. 30, roughly 100 MU students gathered in Wampler Auditorium to do “The Time Warp” in support of Chef Chris.

For a donation of two dollars or two canned goods, students could not only gain entrance to the campus showing of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” (RHPS) but also obtain a bag filled with all of the necessary props for participation. The money collected was donated to Chef Chris’ medical expenses as he is being treated for cancer, and all canned goods were given to a local food pantry.

According to Allen Machielson, director of Res. Life and associate dean of Student Development, Helman was responsible for coming up with the idea. They then asked MAC, Oakwood, and RHA for their assistance.

“The movie itself is too bizarre for words,” Machielson said. “It’s not a movie you just put in at home and watch by yourself.” Traditionally, RHPS is watched in a venue complete with a shadow cast acting out the scenes in front of the movie screen.

MU did not have this exact experience on campus, but Machielson and Helman / East St. Apartments Director Diane

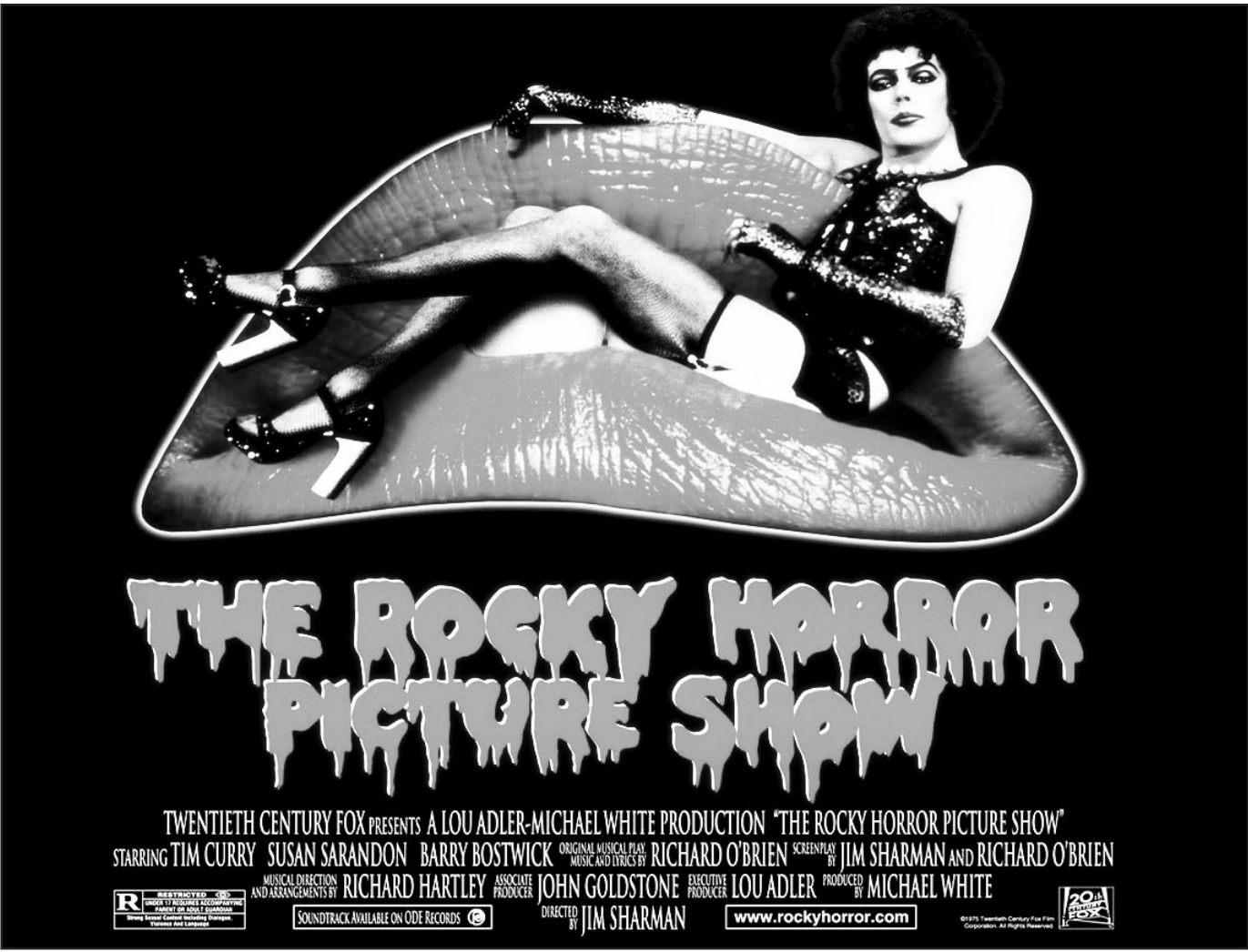


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Hennan dressed up in true Rocky Horror spirit. “Diane told me she was going to be Magenta and asked me if I could dress up as her brother, Riff Raff. I said I had an old tux at home so I thought I could come up with something fairly easily,” Machielson said.

The pair impressed the audience with their costumes and lip-synching skills when the

students helping with the event led others in a practice round of “The Time Warp” before the show.

Silent auctions for prizes both on campus and in town were held before the show as well. In total, over \$700 were raised in support of Chef Chris, who could not be on hand for the event due to treatment earlier in the day.

In true RHPS style,

all of the “Rocky Horror Virgins” were marked with a lipstick “V” on their face and pulled up on stage for a sort of initiation before the show. “It was a nice surprise to see how well the students reacted, with no one leaving halfway through the showing even though they may not of necessarily been aware of what they were in for when they decided to go,”

Machielson said.

The RHPS virgins were in good company, with a handful of experienced students participating beyond the props and lines that were provided to them. When the criminologist on screen commented, “I would like, if I may, to take you on a strange journey,” sophomore Haley Steinhilber called back, “How strange is it?” dem-

onstrating her RHPS experience.

“My favorite part of the interactive experience was not being judged for coming dressed as Dr. Frank-N-Furter,” sophomore Murray Hammond said. Hammond wasn’t the only one enjoying the interactive experience. Machielson himself was spotted targeting East Hall Director Letha Parrott with his prop squirt gun during the storm scene.

The multitude of positive responses were echoed by that of senior Kortney Jennings. “I’ve seen the show a few times before, but I always love having a chance to dress up and share it with new people,” Jennings said. “I love that Manchester was willing to let it be done, and especially for such a good cause.”

Machielson added that RHPS may become an annual event. He had talked about it in Mondays’ staff meeting, with the performance most likely benefiting a different cause in the following year.



## ‘Locals’ Adjust to MU

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Manchester University teems with diversity around every corner, but some students come from right next door, whether literally or a state or two over. But the fact remains that no matter the distance, making a new home away from home tends to be a new adventure for most students.

First-year Hannah Brown, for instance, does not hail from across expansive oceans, but instead from the southwestern corner of Ohio in a town called Yellow Springs. Some students might recognize Brown’s hometown as also the location of Antioch College, but regardless of the similarities North Manchester and Yellow Springs might share such as being small towns known for their colleges, Brown insists that both are radically different from one another.

“The environment, the people, the downtown,” Brown said. “It’s all just a different atmosphere. I love them both.”

Katie Breidenbach, a first-year from Bluffton, Ohio, which also contains

a college, finds herself right at home at Manchester University. She finds a level of acceptance due to the hospitable community that resides here, which also Breidenbach grew up with in Bluffton. Even though she misses home for each unique tradition that her town carried out, she finds the same unified sense of acceptance on campus and in North Manchester in general.

“Manchester University is actually a really diverse campus, yet everyone still embraces the importance of community which reminds me of home,” Breidenbach said.

Between the two first-years, they have roughly two-or-more hours to drive to reach their hometown. Both agree that the drive felt exceptionally long at first, but after making the trek more than once, the journey felt less monotonous.

“The first drive was extremely boring,” Breidenbach said. “It takes roughly four roads to get here and every road is just lined with fields.”

But unlike the two girls from Ohio, first-year

Rebekah Landers received a dose of Indiana weather the first time she visited campus, as she and her mother were trapped in heavy snows outside Indianapolis after her long journey from her home of Louisville, Kentucky.

“While it was 65 degrees and sunny in Louisville, there was a foot of snow and still snowing in North Manchester,” Landers said. “That was an adventure!”

Regardless of whether they were threatened by boredom or cold snow, they each found Manchester University in different ways, and all came for their own unique reasons because of what the college had to offer them. Brown came for the peace studies program, Breidenbach found Manchester University because of a friend and the TESOL program coupled with study abroad opportunities, while Landers discovered campus through a postcard, and was eventually drawn in because of the individualized attention the faculty and staff give to students.

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## MU Students Participate in Health, Fitness Fair

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In the corner of the second level of the Jo Young Switzer Center, overlooking the Haist Commons, five students lay flat on their backs, completely silent and peacefully still. A single voice—one that would be inaudible as soon as the lunch hour strikes with bustling noise—quietly penetrated the tranquil setting. Paige Swary, sophomore and president of the Yoga Club on campus, whispered instructions to four students who chose to give yoga a try on Wednesday morning, Oct. 29, during the Health and Fitness Fair.

A competitive dancer for 15 years, Swary was forced to do yoga for flexibility. When she decided to retire from competitive dancing during her freshman year of high school, Swary turned to yoga for inner strength.

“During high school, I converted from Lutheranism to Buddhism,” Swary said. “In Buddhism, everything you do and say is all about reaching enlightenment. Doing yoga along with practicing Buddhism really helped me find my inner peace.”

Swary believes that there are many parallels between Buddhism and yoga. She explains that they both originated in India and provide a means for developing mental and emotional health.

“Yoga is not as boring as you think it is,” Swary said calmly. “A lot



**MOVE IT OR LOSE IT** MU student Mark Sexton gets his blood sugar tested during the Health and Fitness Fair on Oct. 29. Students worked tables geared at informing others about their health and providing tips on better lifestyle habits. The Fair took place in the Upper Jo Young Switzer Center. Students also had a chance to participate in activities such as yoga or ZUMBA at the event.

Photo by Savannah Riley

of yoga is imagination. For example, you want to keep your feet grounded as if there are roots coming out of them.”

In preparation for sharing her passion for yoga with students during the Health and Fitness Fair, Swary had to transform her mindset; instead of being an active participant in yoga, she had to be a promoter of yoga as what she calls an activity that more students should be doing to help themselves.

“I want to portray yoga to people as being an

all-around health benefit,” she continued.

Ten minutes after Swary’s class, Michael Dixon, director of multicultural affairs, set a new tone in the same space. With LMFAO’s “Party Rock Anthem” blaring from the speakers, Dixon led students in a 30-minute ZUMBA class. As he shouted commands, students mirrored his movements, clapping when Dixon clapped and working through the sweat as he offered motivation.

Swary laughed as

thunderous bass lines and catchy beats overpowered her voice.

“I like quiet activities,” Swary said.

The music and laughs roaring from the ZUMBA dancers were still audible in an adjacent room, where students, faculty and health professionals offered health and fitness advice to students.

Jordan Crosby, junior exercise science major, set up a booth that offered advice for healthy eating. He gave a detailed description of the govern-

ment program, “Choose My Plate,” a website that allows users to track their eating habits and offers advice for a healthy diet. He used the knowledge he gained through his research in a nutrition class to craft an informative “pitch” to Health and Fitness Fair attendees.

“After the nutrition class ended, I continued the Choose My Plate program for another two weeks and gained five pounds of muscle,” Crosby said. “If you want to go about eating healthy, this is

the best place to start.”

Students who approached Crosby’s table were given a handout explaining the Choose My Plate program and a list of healthy food options.

A few booths away, Zach Rudolf, first year, and Chelsey Jones, junior, were filling attendees hands with pamphlets outlining the pros and cons of protein supplements. Rudolf explained that one advantage of protein supplements is that they are quickly and easily digested. He then pointed to a bottle of protein on the table.

“That small bottle right there is 20 dollars,” Rudolf said. “Protein is really expensive. Bigger bottles can range from seventy to one hundred dollars.”

Whether students opted for protein supplements or healthy smoothies, yoga or ZUMBA classes, the Health and Fitness Fair gave attendees the chance to explore many avenues towards a healthy lifestyle.

“Fitness is a personal thing,” Swary said. “If you like loud activities like ZUMBA that is just fine. Yoga is more of a quiet activity.”

As “Party Rock Anthem” continued to play, Swary added: “With yoga, everything is accepted. It doesn’t matter who you are or where you came from; it doesn’t matter your ability; you’re bettering yourself, and that’s all that matters.”

Or as LMFAO would say, “Everybody just have a good time.”

## Alpha Mu Gamma Initiates Newest Inductees

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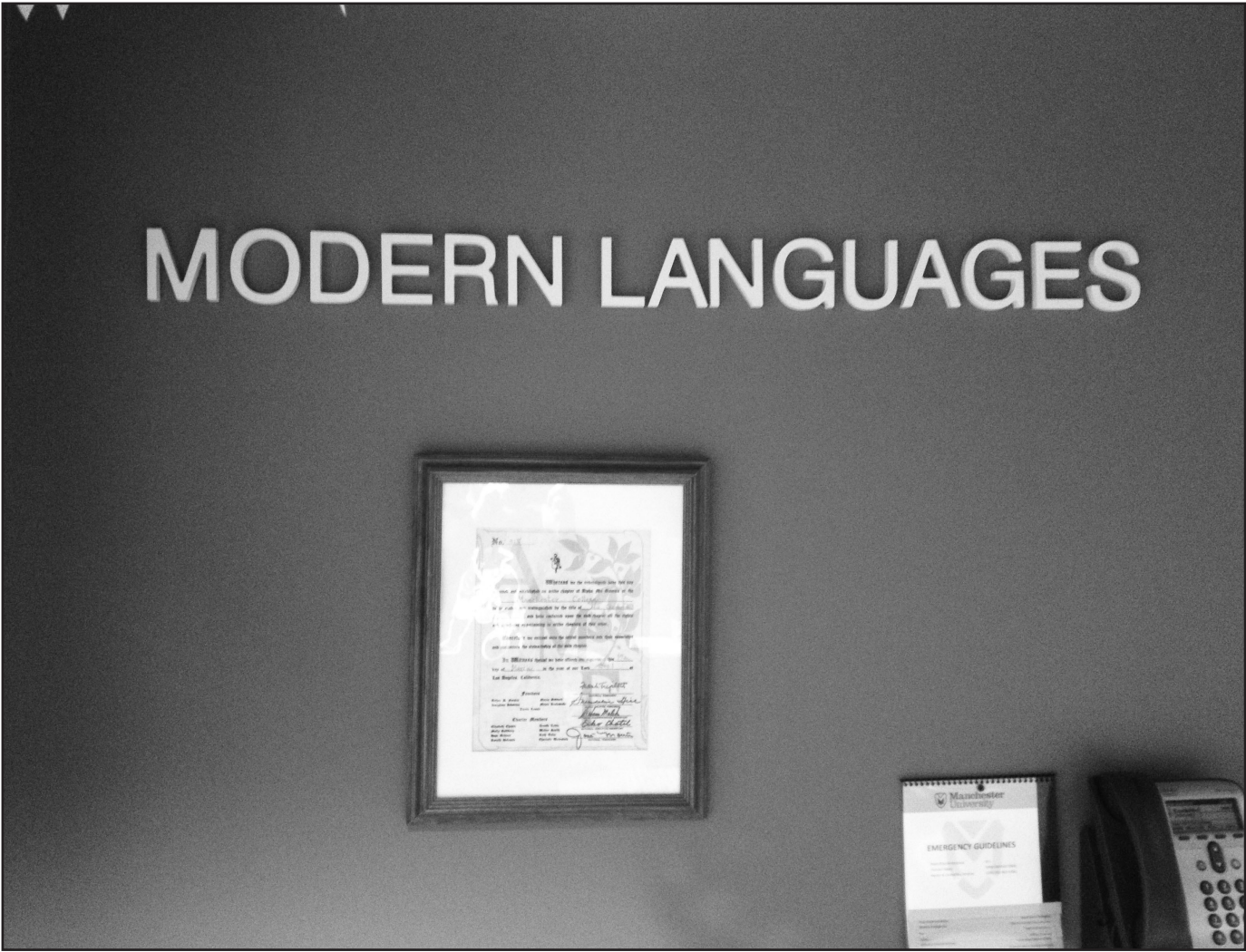
The gentle murmur of multiple languages filled the air as the Hoff Room filled with guests at the Nu Gamma chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma initiation ceremony on Nov. 2.

While the modern languages department might be small, the personalities within it certainly aren’t. The feeling in the room was intimate, full of family of the initiates to Alpha Mu Gamma, which is a collegiate foreign language honor society for undergraduates. Before the ceremony started, Dr. Lynne Margolies went around the room, talking to students, professors and family members alike, shaking hands and making jokes.

She waited a few minutes to begin, as the family of one student had initially gone to the wrong place. “May we begin now?” Margolies joked. “Welcome to Manchester University, where we put students first.”

Every year, Nu Gamma chooses an honorary member who has made significant contributions to the ideals of foreign language study at Manchester University. This year’s honoree was Lila Hammer, the university’s Registrar. Hammer plays a large role in students’ ability to study abroad, helping to make sure their credits transfer.

Margolies spoke highly of Hammer’s efforts. “Lila genuinely believes in studying abroad,” she said.



**LANGUAGE ACCOLADES** Sixteen Spartans were initiated into Manchester’s Nu Gamma chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma at a ceremony held on Nov. 2. This honor society is a collegiate program for foreign language undergraduates. After a speech by this year’s honorary member, MU’s Registrar Lila Hammer, Dr. Lynne Margolies and Dr. Janina Traxler introduced this year’s inductees. After receiving a handshake, a pin and a certificate, the students became official members of Alpha Mu Gamma.

Photo by Andrew Ellam

“She corresponds with students who do so, and encourages them to write to her.”

Margolies read an example of a letter from a student to Hammer that Margolies had written, exaggerating but encompassing some of what Hammer receives on a regular basis. “A friend of my roommate’s cousin’s sister told me that I could get CORE

credit of all of these courses and count them towards my majors,” she said. “If I promise to speak Spanish all the time, can I get credit towards my Spanish major for the travelling I plan to do?”

Hammer then received her honorary membership, which gives her the honors, privileges, obligations and responsibilities of all members.

Dr. Janina Traxler introduced the students who received their memberships, speaking about the journey that takes them through the modern languages department and, for some of them, to different countries. “We work very closely with our students,” she said, speaking to their families. “We know your students well. We know our students well.”

The students initiated were Zackary Clark, Lauren Feigel, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Denisha Frazier, Hannah Glenn, Logan Haston, Samantha Johnson, Ciara Kerchkove, Caleb Leininger, Kaitlyn Meneely, Joseph Myers, Trinity Schelich, Guy Webb, Emily Pleadwell, Genoveva Ramirez and Katherine Skeen. They received handshakes, pins,

certificates and in some cases, hugs.

A number of Manchester students study abroad, including some of the Nu Gamma initiates. “We recruit them and then work really hard to get rid of them,” Traxler said. “We have what I call the 360 degree experience. We’ve done it ourselves, we’ve encouraged students to go, and we’ve led trips abroad.”

What does it mean to students to be a part of the society? “After being told 100 times you said it wrong, it really means that your hard work paid off.” Skeen said.

It’s a big deal for Nu Gamma secretary Kirsten Hart-Hults, too. “It’s a really great department and I love being in Alpha Mu Gamma,” she said.

Junior Emily Pleadwell didn’t see herself in this exact situation a little over a year ago. “It’s interesting because if someone would have told me I would be in Alpha Mu Gamma 14 months ago, I would have assumed it was for Spanish since I was a Spanish major,” she said. “But now I’m happy to be here representing the French department.”

After the ceremony, everyone dispersed into small groups to talk, take pictures, and enjoy the provided cake and punch.





# Around Campus



## Students, Faculty Represent MU in Art Show

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Manchester art professor Thelma Rohrer as well as students Jessica Klemm and Alex Weldy secured their place in this year's Clark Photography Contest—one of the re-

gion's most competitive art shows that attract student, amateur and professional artists alike.

The contest took place at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, IN, between Oct. 8 and Nov. 5, and the works were displayed through Nov. 5 in

the Clark Gallery.

The contest, which the Honeywell Foundation has established as an annual tradition, is the Foundation's largest competition. It is juried, meaning that while art may be submitted, judges will select pieces that actually make

it into the contest. Participants may submit up to three photographs under the categories colored, black and white (which includes sepia tones) and computer-altered. This year, there were 173 works submitted by 63 artists. Of those 173 works, only 77 were accepted into the contest.

Rohrer's work, titled "Enlightenment, Nikko, Japan" (or "Enlightenment" for short), is a photograph taken over the summer during a trip to Nikko, Japan. It features a row of Buddha statues under a ray of morning sunlight. "It's a meditative walkway," Rohrer said. "Very quiet, very beautiful, and in the morning light, extra special."

Weldy's photo, named "Portal," is a computer-altered image that features a tree and a mirror.

Klemm, who had two works accepted, which were both in color, submit-

ted "Ideal Shell" and "Covered Sidewalk," the latter of which is a photograph of a student walking on a wintry MU sidewalk.

The three of them attended an awards reception on Nov. 5, which was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Honeywell Center. Both participants and the public were in attendance. It was there that the category winners were announced.

For each category, first place received \$75, second place received \$50, and third place received \$25. The best-of-show received \$150 and will be included on next year's postcard.

"The art department works hard to encourage students to participate in shows on campus, of course, and in off-campus competitions," Rohrer said. "We regularly take student works and participate, so students compete with professionals. The art department helps them do that."

In addition to the Clark Photography Contest, MU students and faculty typically submit works to juried shows in Wabash, Fort Wayne, Akron and Pierceton each year, and Manchester will hold its annual spring student art show. There will be an art show at Honeywell in the spring which will feature all types of art media except for photography, and MU faculty and students participate in that, as well.

The benefit of entering these shows, aside from the chance to win cash prizes, includes the prestige of being accepted into the show. It's no easy task to be accepted into the exhibition, and so it comes as a great honor when a work is selected to be included.

For MU students, being accepted into the exhibition creates an experience for them that can be captured on a resume and help to build their artistic career.



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# Spartan Sports



## First Years Bring Energy to MU Spartan Golf

Samantha Reynolds  
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Has the Manchester golf team hit a clear shot onto the green as far as having a bright future ahead?

The men's and women's golf teams for Manchester have recently brought in a good group of talented first-year players. This has given the teams a chance to transition from high school to college golf. According to Kaitlin Powers, first year, her only major transition was the "distance and playing 18 holes two days in a row for tournaments."

"After I got used to playing from farther away I improved greatly," Powers said. Just the thought of transitioning from one thing to another can be a scary thought, but it is a matter of how the person faced with the transitions decides to face it.

Madison Yenser, first year, said that college golf definitely "brings more pressure" than high school, but that she welcomes the challenges that she is faced with. There is



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always going to be a challenge awaiting in the footsteps of the path the person takes, but it happens to be a matter of if the person wishes to accept the challenges or not. The golf team as a whole has had plenty challenges to face this season, one being playing in Puerto Rico a few weeks ago.

"We played pretty

well for being completely distracted by an all-expense-paid trip to a tropical island in the Caribbean," Quinton Flora, senior, said. "I was pleased how well we played as a team that second day especially since we were in a tournament down there with all D2 schools."

"Having this trip on the schedule will make

it that much easier for recruiting," Flora continued. "That means better golf teams for Manchester, which is always good!"

The golf teams have lost some players from last season and have had a few injuries, but they have also added some young talent, leaving them with pretty of room to grown in the future.

Yenser said that even though they are a young team, they can only get "better from here." That leads to say that they have plenty of room for improvement.

"We are a lot better than were last year, as well as being a younger team," said Tyler Huyvaert, junior. "We are only going to get younger, and

the freshmen this year are really good, leaving the future bright for Manchester golf."

Even though they are a young team, they are not letting that be a disadvantage. The team has to stick together, aiming to show the other teams that they can still do well during their season even if they are young.

"The team has improved a lot this year and our goals are like most teams, to improve more and shoot our best," Huyvaert said.

It goes without saying that they are not letting their age be a disadvantage, and that they are working to improve themselves every chance that they get.

Manchester golf appears to be starting out young and fresh from the beginning.

Recently, both the men's and women's teams wrapped up their fall seasons.

### UPCOMING VIA OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, November 11  
3:30 p.m.

Cordier Auditorium

David Haskell, Working in the Hard Places: a social entrepreneurship theory of change

Thursday, Dec. 4  
7 p.m.

Cordier Auditorium

Literary Film Series: "Frida"

## MUFB Falls in Close Game with Rose-Hulman



**POWER** Sophomore Zach Rudolf, defensive lineman, gets in position to take on a few opposing players. The Spartan football team recently played away on Saturday, Nov. 1, nearly clinching a win, but falling short to Rose-Hulman with a final score of 38-37. Even though the Spartans could not come away with a victory, the players still managed to make many successful plays and break records. Junior quarterback Logan Haston threw for 384 yards, the second best total passing yardage in a single game. This in turn allowed the team as a whole to break the record of most yards of total offense in a single game (476 yards). Sophomore wide receiver Dakota Nelson benefitted from the actions of his teammate, successfully making seven catches and gaining a total of 147 yards. The Spartans play Hanover at home on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m. The season will wrap up with a game at Anderson the following weekend, Saturday, Nov. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Photo by Savannah Riley





# Spartan Sports



## MU Wrestling Sets Academic, Athletic Goals

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The Manchester University's wrestling team has pumped up the intensity and are preparing for the 2014–2015 season with hard work, new faces and huge goals.

The 2012–2013 season was found to be a disappointment with 4 wins and 13 losses. However, they had small victories last season, like having two players in the top six in the First-Year and Sophomore section at the Michigan State Open on Nov. 11, 2012, as well as having five wrestlers placing in the top 8 at the Indiana Little State Championships in Indianapolis on Dec. 1, 2012.

This year, though, there are a lot of new faces: 21 first-years, five sophomores, four juniors and no seniors, as well as a new assistant coach, Chad Cook. Cook has a degree in physical education with a special education minor from the University of Dubuque in Iowa. He has wrestled for University of Dubuque and for University of Southern Indiana. He was an All-American, placing sixth in the nation at 165 lbs. Cook has also coached at Evansville Reitz High School for six years



**MAT ATTACK** Two members of the Manchester Spartan wrestling team compete during the Black and Gold meet held on Oct. 26. At the meet, the team was split into two squads in order to scrimmage against each other. In the end, Black defeated Gold by a final score of 27-21. Tomorrow morning, the Spartans will compete in the Washington and Jefferson Open, which is set to begin at 9:30 a.m.

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as well as been volunteering as a assistant coach for University of Dubuque for the last three years. "I want to do everything in my power to help these athletes achieve success academically, athletically, and spiritually while they are in college, and more importantly,

after the graduate college," Cook said.

The wrestling team has set team goals this year. The first goal is academic, wanting to earn a team average GPA of 3.0. Athletically, the team would like to win conference and to send a few athletes to

Nationals. Wanting to be the best men in the community and to work hard all the time is also another team goal. "We have a lot of work that still needs to be done if we are going to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves," Cook said.

To get there, practices have been a variety of tasks. "We have a lot of new faces that have great high school backgrounds," said Collin Wise, a sophomore, exercise sport science major. "They bring different styles and techniques and body styles,

which helps out the team a lot because we can wrestle different people and looks." The team had practice outside once to shake things up. "We've been working hard on the fundamentals, stances and bringing up the intensity of the team," said Daniel Massucci, a first year sport management and accounting major.

On Oct. 26, the team had a Black and Gold meet, where they engaged in scrimmages against each other while being split into two teams. Black team won with 27 points to Gold's 21 points. However, there were only two pins. "The practice have been consistently getting tougher to prepare us adequately for the tip of the iceberg on a season that will surely be a marathon," said Dustin Chafin, a junior biology major who is new to the team.

The wrestling team's first match was Nov. 1 at the Kaye Young Open. Dylan Laufer, a sophomore, reached the consolation quarterfinals. Laufer earned two wins. Josh Juarez, Alan Mock, Eric Dan, and Chase Wilson all turned in decisions.

The Spartans next match is Saturday, Nov. 8, at Washington and Jefferson College of Pennsylvania.

## Spartan Sports- Weekend Events

Saturday, November 8

**Men's and Women's Swimming**

vs. Rose-Hulman/Wabash @ Rose-Hulman, 1 p.m.

**Wrestling**

at Washington and Jefferson Open, 9:30 a.m.

**Football**

vs. Hanover, 1:30 p.m.

## Lady Spartans Fall in HCAC Tourney Game



**FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION** First-year defender Alyssa Cox battles with Jasmine Hunt of Franklin College during Manchester's home game against the Grizzlies on Oct. 28. In the end, the Spartans were shutout 2-0 by Franklin. However, the team bounced back in its regular season finale against Mount St. Joseph on Nov. 1, picking up a critical 2-0 win over the Lions at home on Senior Day. With the win, Manchester clinched the fourth (and final) spot in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament. On Tuesday, Nov. 4, the Spartans traveled to Hanover, the regular season champions of the HCAC, for its conference tournament semifinal game. Hanover prevailed, defeating Manchester by a final score of 4-0, thus ending the team's season. The Spartans finished the year with an overall record of 8-10-1 and a conference record of 5-3-1. In addition, they earned a berth into the HCAC Tournament for the second season in-a-row.

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