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Homecoming Oct. 23-24: Dance, Food, Football, Art

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Staff Writer

Students, faculty and staff are preparing for Manchester University's annual Homecoming & Family Weekend, starting Oct. 23.

This year a bonfire, sand volleyball, the Harlem Wizards, ballroom dancing and more pack the schedule.

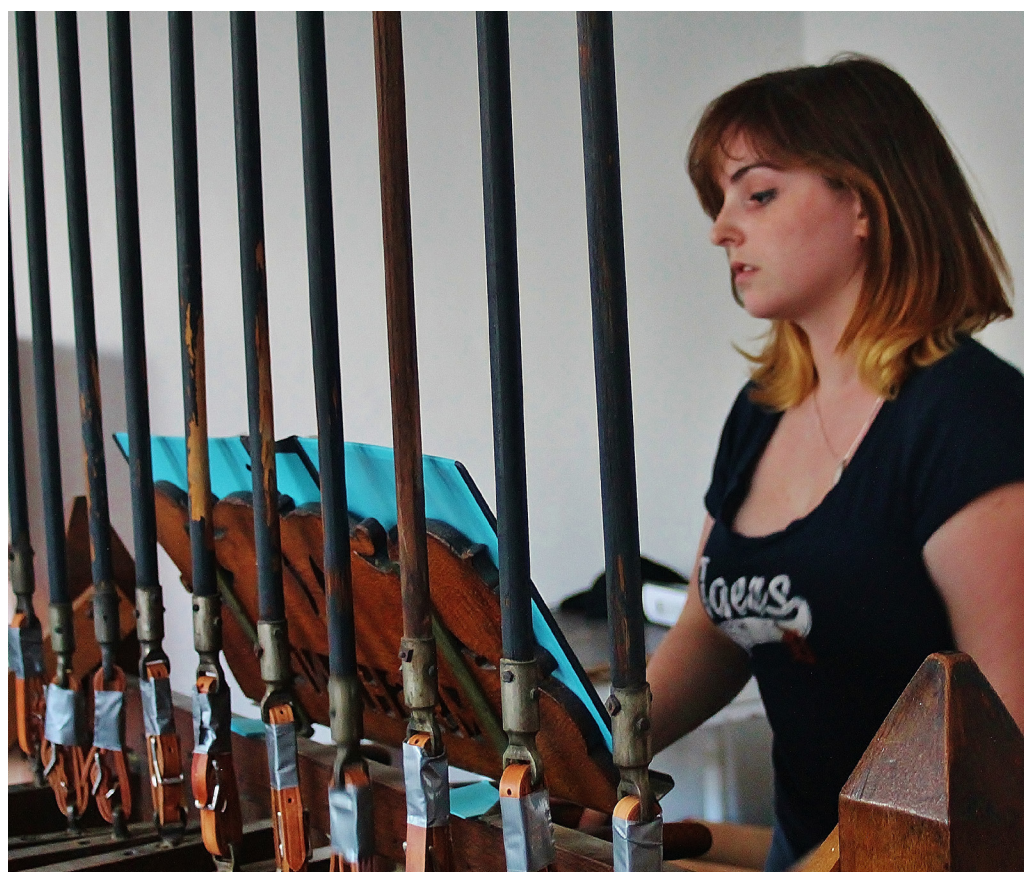
On Friday, Oct. 23, festivities begin with a bonfire at 8:08 p.m. near the softball field, featuring free hot dogs, s'mores and music. Saturday, the sand volleyball tournament begins at 1 p.m., followed by the Harlem Wizards versus faculty and students at 7 p.m. in the PERC.

The "Dance Across the Ages" dance, sponsored by the Ballroom and Latin Dance Club will take place in the Auxiliary Gym in the PERC at 8:30 p.m.

All events are free and open to students and their families. No RSVP is needed. Also, don't forget the football game against Bluffton on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.!

MU alumni take a walk down memory lane during Homecoming Weekend, with class reunions, a golf outing and a reception featuring the artwork of 1984 grad Thelma Rohrer, dean of the college of arts and humanities.

Find the full schedule at ww2.manchester.edu/homecoming.



Student Chimer Hannah Stouffer welcomes evenings in the Bell Tower with *Amazing Grace*.
Photos by Savannah Riley

Chimers Start, End Day

Karen Kanyike
Staff Writer

As you rush for your 8 a.m. class, you hear the Chime playing. At 6 p.m., as the school day comes to a close, you hear the Chime playing. Where does the music come from? Who plays the Chime?

The ringing of the 93-year-old Chime is one of the longest-running traditions at Manchester. The Chime is housed in the Bell Tower, atop the Administration Building. The tower is split into two sections: the area where the chimers play the music and the area directly above that holds the 10 bells, which is located directly above the room where the chimers play the music.

The Chime rings this semester are sophomores Hannah Stouffer, Zander Willoughby and Addison Neher.

"I love playing the Chimes," said Stouffer, a biology-chemistry and music performance double major from Kalamazoo, Michigan. "It's fun and

doesn't take up too much time." Her main instrument is the flute, but she also plays the piccolo and some piano.

The chimers play the music by pulling wooden levers that are connected to wooden rods in the ceiling. The rods are attached to leather straps and chains that pull the clappers to produce sound.

"It's kind of like playing the piano, but easier," Stouffer said. It did not take her long to learn to play the Chime, as she has been reading music since the fifth grade. Some of her favorite songs to chime are *Amazing Grace* and *Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog*.

The Chime is played in the mornings from 7:45 to 8 a.m. and in the evenings from 6 to 6:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Secular music is played in the mornings and sacred in the evenings. The bells also ring for special occasions such as Baccalaureate and an alumni memorial service during Alumni Days, campus weddings.

Each bell is inscribed with scripture verses that reso-



Stouffer demonstrates chimes.

"It's kind of like playing the piano, but easier."

-Hannah Stouffer
Manchester Chime player

nate with the values and ideals that shape Manchester University.

RHA Hosts Free Fall Block Party Saturday

Sarah Farnam
Staff Writer

Autumn is finally in the air! The leaves are changing color, Starbucks' Pumpkin Spice Latte is out, we can comfortably wear cardigans again and Manchester's Residence Hall Association is bringing back its Fall Block Party.

This Saturday, Oct. 3 – between 5 and 8 p.m. – you'll find the Mall filled with fall refreshments, pumpkin painting and field games, and the Rhiney Bowl with inflatables, such as a Velcro Wall and a bungee run.

"We want students to bring their friends, make new friends and create great memories with RHA and the Hall Councils," says East Hall Director and RHA board member Letha Parrott. "We want to do two things here: Bring the hall residents together and celebrate fall."

In hiatus since 2001, the Fall Block Party is intended to help promote unity among the halls. "Each Hall Council is responsible for hosting a carnival game at Block Party in an effort to reach that goal," she says. Expect several classic carnival favorites, such as Ring Toss and a duck pond, all handing out prizes, she says, adding, "There are some non-competitive booths like face-painting and a kissing booth."

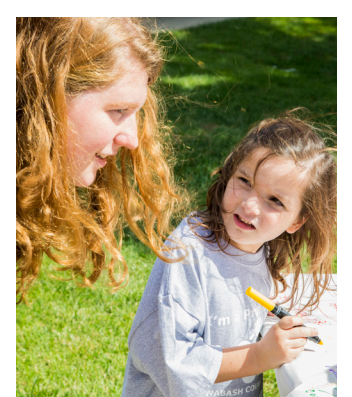
If your interest peaked at the words "kissing booth," know that only cheek kisses are allowed. As Helman Hall Director Colin Schrader puts it, "We don't want reenactments of The Notebook happening in the middle of campus."

"Everything is free," said RHA Vice President Kitt Hersick.

First-year Adam Paul plans to join the fun. "I'm hoping there will be people to hang out with and talk to, because it's better than sitting in your room and watching Netflix," he said.



Photos by Nate Corder



2,000 Wabash County youngsters swarmed the Mall to "Walk Into My Future." 200 MU students guided their journeys.

Spartans 'Fast Forward' in 3 Years

Caitlin Doyle
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Students have several common questions when deciding on a college: the cost, what majors are offered, how soon until graduation, and many others. Manchester University offers a program that eases those concerns for strong students.

Fast Forward cuts back almost a full year of tuition and housing costs, is available for all majors and lets participants graduate in three years. This sounds like a fantastic deal, so why doesn't everyone join it?

Not many students

know what the Fast Forward program is and even those in the program hardly know anyone else in it. Currently, 23 students are enrolled, including 10 first-years, reports MU Registrar Lila Hammer.

Senior Amanda Basham is majoring in biology in the Fast Forward program, but says she does not know anyone else in the program. She senses the program is not promoted as vigorously as it was when it was introduced in 2008 and gained national media attention for offering the three-year degree in all majors.

In the seven years since the start of the program,

162 students have participated. Although some of them choose to stay on campus for the complete four years to pursue additional opportunities, most graduate within the three years. This gives the students a head-start for graduate school and for jobs.

The Fast Forward program is highly demanding of the first-year students, said Basham, who also is minoring in chemistry. "It takes a lot of time and effort on the students' part to make it work," she said. "The student wanting to do Fast Forward has to be able to advocate for themselves and push to get things accomplished."

"But if you keep push-

ing, asking questions and talking to people, things eventually get done and you make it."

Students have an increased work load in order to fit a four-year degree into three years. Because it is available for all majors, the students often have to take classes over the summer. Abigail McVay, a first-year psychology major, was willing to give up her summers because, she rationalizes: "You do not receive summers off ... when working in the real world."

Fast Forward is for students who are looking ahead to the future and what they plan to

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Vietnam Vet Brings Motivational Message

Tanner Forsythe
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Bob Wieland has endured it all, from coaching one of the best professional football teams in strength and conditioning to literally being buried alive in a Vietnam War blast that blew off both of his legs. The survivor is bringing his motivational message to Manchester University at 7 p.m. on Oct. 8 in Cordier Auditorium.

In June 1969, Wieland was responding to a fallen soldier in Vietnam when an 82 mm mortar shell erupted. The soldier was pronounced dead at the scene and even placed in a body bag, but he wasn't done yet.

He recovered from the traumatic blast, and vowed to grow from the experience. Ever

since that day Wieland says he has used one phrase to keep him going: "Unleash the Champion Within."

After the injury, Wieland was only able lift 5 pounds but he fought through the pain to strengthen his body. He was so successful and motivational in his personal gain, he landed a job as the Green Bay Packers' strength coach. Today, he takes his motivational speeches on the road, to audiences such as the Oct. 8 VIA event at Manchester.

Wieland will challenge students to dedicate themselves to their personal goals and the goals of the organizations they are involved in.

His speech, sponsored by MU Athletics and the VIA Committee, is underwritten by a donation to the University and North Manchester community.



Former strength coach and Vietnam veteran Bob Wieland delivers a VIA on Oct. 8.

Students Get Paid to Blog Their Manchester Stories

Erin Fralick
Staff Writer

Imagine getting paid to write about your experience as a student at Manchester University.

That's a reality for seven students who write for a blog on Tumblr called Manchester Uni-

versity Stories. In addition to the student blog entries, Manchester University Stories also features two reoccurring story segments, The Peacemakers Project and Humans of Manchester University.

Sophomore peace studies major Hannah Brown of Yellow Springs, Ohio, writes mainly

about how Manchester is changing her life. She especially likes to write about experiences she's shared with friends.

"I wrote a story last year about one day in the fall when my friends and I just sat outside under a tree, with the fall foliage all around us," she said.

"It was beautiful outside, and we just did homework, and listened to music, and talked. It wasn't some crazy thing we did, I was just so content with these

people who I had gotten so close to so fast."

Brown's previous interest in blogging paved the way for her job as a student blogger. "It's been a learning process. Writing a blog is a lot different from writing an essay, or paper for a teacher," she said. "I almost think it takes more thought. So I've been learning how to grab a reader's attention."

Sophomore Tanita Kadirova of Los Angeles is al-

ready a published author. She is studying for a double major in political science and English with a literature concentration. Her fictional book, *Inside*, is published under the pseudonym Tanita Kadi.

"One of the most important things is the voice of the author," Kadirova said. "We are bloggers, not journalists. We have an opportunity to share our opinion, to express ourselves. That's what matters to me."

Spring Break in Ferguson - Tanita '18

Thursday, March 12th, Manchester Universities Peace Studies group went straight to St. Louis in order to participate in the Truth Telling Weekend. The agenda behind this project was raising awareness about police brutality towards communities of color and creating change in justice system.

During the Truth Telling Weekend, we got attend variety of panels, workshops and small group discussions. We got to meet different people from all over the states. You can't imagine Beth's reaction to other Kentuckians, whom she doesn't get to see here in Manchester University. Not only there were people from different states, but even countries. There was a peace delegation from Palestine, the member of which said a very interesting statement during one of the panel. She said-"All oppressions are connected. When blacks are finally free, everyone has a chance."

Not only we participated in educational activities, but also got to actually protest. Peacefully, of course! Our group and many other people involved in the Truth Telling Weekend silently marched the streets of St. Louis to protest for Michael Brown, Eric Garner and other victims of police brutality. We were all over the news that night!



Much Ado Drops Matinee

All three performances of Shakespeare's romantic comedy Much Ado About Nothing are at 7 p.m., announced Kira Hawkins, MU theatre director. The play, which runs Friday through Sunday, Oct. 16-18, originally had a Sunday afternoon matinee.

Manchester University Donates 20 Laptops to Learn More Center

Anne Gregory
Media Relations Director

Manchester University donated 20 laptop computers to the Learn More Center and the other half at the Wabash Learn More Center for adult education, primarily for those striving to earn their high school equivalency diplomas,

said Cynthia Johnson, Center director of education. Learn More students prepping for higher education or who already are enrolled in higher education also will use the

laptops. Such students account for about 20 percent of the Learn More Center enrollment.

Each center has a total of 20 laptops, enough to keep a half dozen in each classroom and have others to loan out so students can work at their own pace at home. Learn More Center students, staff and officials were on hand Monday as Johnson received the laptops from Jack Gochenaour, Manchester vice president and chief business officer.

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do after college. For each student, the experience is a little different. Some use the first summer to finish all the core classes and others

use it to get a head start on classes for their major.

The Fast Forward program takes intelligent, driven students and allows them to excel within their chosen field. In the

program, the student learns at a faster pace to enable that student to save money, have an edge into graduate school or a job, or even because they want to get out of college quickly.

Manchester CFO Jack Gochenaur Explains Where Our Money Goes

Zach Newcomer
Staff Writer

Tuition costs at Manchester continue to rise slightly year after year and many students are wondering how their money actually is used.

Last year, students paid \$28,000 for tuition (not including room and board); this year, students paid \$28,840. This increase will help pay for the wireless routers in the residence halls and new television channels and food on campus, which is costing more each year as well, say University officials.

Manchester University is run like a business; it needs to make money in order to stay open and provide a service consumers will love. Students are demanding more services now and that affects the price of tuition, said Manchester CFO Jack Gochenaur.

With area schools upgrading their facilities, Manchester needs to adapt in order to keep its enrollment increasing, he said, reporting that revenue from students has increased 3 percent over the past few years. "Net student revenue is the price of tuition, room and board, minus what we provide as financial assistance: scholarships and financial aid."

Tuition pays for other costs that students may be unaware of: counseling services, success center, tutoring, D2L and resources that provide an adequate living space for students on campus. Without these services, students would not have a place for professional development, help with homework and access to notes and other items related to classes, Gochenaur said.

With generous scholarships from Manchester University alumni and other donors and financial aid, students rarely, if ever, pay the full price in tuition.

"Money was not a factor when choosing Manchester," said first-year business management major Matt Lantz. "I received the Dean's Scholarship and financial aid."

Without support like this, many students would have to choose a bigger university and

"New television channels are not important to me."

-Katie Skeen
political science, economics major

sacrifice the luxuries of small class sizes and better communication with professors.

With the increase in net student revenue and tuition, Manchester has upgraded the wireless routers in all the residence halls across campus. Other upgrades in the residence halls include the new television channels, high-definition TV packages and free laundry.

"New television channels are not important to me," said senior Katie Skeen, political science and economics double major. "Money should have been spent on student development."

Food costs around the country are going up, so it is natural that food costs go up on campus. Traditional meal plans (20 meals per week) have risen \$60 from last year's price to the current price of \$3,860. "The contract provides a 3 percent increase each year for food," Gochenaur said.

"Plus, it is all you can eat, so food (price) goes up." The type of food students like to eat generally coincides with the price of food, he said.



Photo by Savannah Riley

Beloved Professor of English Beate Gilliar goes above and beyond to support MU and Freiburg students.

Beate: It's All About the Students

Baily Januchowski
Staff Writer

About 22 years ago, Germany native Beate Gilliar came to Manchester, where today she teaches creative writing, literary studies, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), and creativity and the individual. She's also taught many other courses over the years, retaining her passion for teaching.

Many of her students are equally passionate about her teaching style and mentoring.

"She is funny without trying," said first-year English education major Emma Clark. "Her personality is effervescent, and

she instantly brightens the day of those around her. It is obvious how deeply she truly cares for her students and this school."

"I chose Manchester because it was a choice that afforded me opportunities, especially for teaching, that other places couldn't," Professor Gilliar said. "I appreciated Manchester's spiritual tradition and students that really spoke to me."

Gilliar is also the advisor of the campus literary magazine Spectrum, and tries to support her students in anything they need. "I'm here for my students a lot," she said.

Manchester University has had many student successes in different areas of expertise.

Gilliar considers going out into the world and teaching an accomplished student success. She credits those who teach English as a Second Language (ESL) or English as a Foreign Language (EFL) oversees in all corners of the world. "To see them do that is an accomplishment," she said. "They find and claim niches to make a difference for others."

"The degree to which I may have advanced a student to fulfill their vision or dream more closely marks my gratefulness, my accomplishment. I find it very rewarding to be invited to do so even after students graduate from Manchester," she said.

"Beate is one of the main reasons why I'm so com-

fortable here on campus," said sophomore English major Aaron Lloyd. "She seems to always be free to meet me and gives me advice in not only my schoolwork but also in my life."

"Whenever she sees me, she asks me how I am, how my day is going or how my family is," Lloyd added. "She is one of the most selfless people I have ever met. She always has a smile on her face, no matter what kind of day she is having."

Every summer, Gilliar goes home to Germany where she teaches three courses at Albert-Ludwigs Universität in Freiburg, Germany – in professional writing and advanced oral communications.

Burns Stresses Student Voice

EDITORS' NOTE: *An incorrect caption appeared with a Page One photograph of Jake Burns in the Sept. 25 edition. The Oak Leaves sincerely regrets the error.*

Erin Fralick
Staff Writer

President of Student Senate senior Jake Burns sees his job as a way of ensuring that the student body's voice is heard.

The Student Senate bridges the gap between the students and administration and is there for any students with concerns, Burns said.

"Our big goal is to just keep increasing transparency – making sure people know who we are, and what we do, and how we do it," said the political science major of La Porte, Indiana.

Student Senate oversees 60 campus clubs and organizes some student activities. In fact, one of the most debated

topics at Student Senate is whether it should throw events for the students, and what the purpose is if Residence Hall Association or Manchester Activities Council also are planning events.

"This is kind of just a defining of who we are and what we do," Burns said.

Student Senate has a budget of \$1,500 for these events and other items. "We usually just try to get as much accomplished as we can with little money," he said.

The Student Senate president is proud of his leadership in closing the communication gap between the other Senate members. Last semester, he called for a Senate retreat.

One of his goals for the Senate is for more collaboration. He also presides over meetings. Looking ahead, Burns aspires to earn a graduate degree in public administration and use the degree to get a job with government agencies or nonprofit organizations.



Photo by Nate Corder

Senior Jake Burns is president of the MU Student Senate.



Spartans Dominate Debut Home Game, 44-31

Kody Smith
Staff Writer

More than 1,200 football fans jam-packed Burt Field to witness a 44-31 Spartan victory over the Mount St. Joseph Lions in Manchester's home opener on Sept. 26.

Coming off an impressive 67-23 victory over Earlham the previous weekend, the Spartans earned their first victory in the series since 2001. This was also their first win against the Lions since 2012.

As rain and cloudy skies hovered over the field by the time the 1:30 p.m. kickoff rolled around, both teams started out their offensive attacks slowly. Through two offensive drives for each team, neither team scored, having everyone in the stands thinking we were in for a low-scoring affair.

However, as the skies began to clear and the temperature began to rise, the Spartan offense awoke with a fury. Freshman running back Tyler Pruitt capped off a three-play, 93-yard drive with a 25-yard rushing touchdown on his first run in a Manchester uniform at Burt Field to take a 7-0 lead for the Spartans.

The teams traded scores for most of the first half. Mount St. Joseph's wide receiver

Garrett Weaver caught a 23-yard pass from quarterback Mike Williams, tying the game 7-7. About three minutes into the 2nd quarter, MU senior quarterback Logan Haston fired a 38-yard touchdown strike over the middle of the field, resulting in the Spartans taking a 14-7 lead.

Yet again, the Lions struck back on their next drive, scoring on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Williams to receiver AJ Glines. After another back and forth sequence, the Spartans had a 20-17 lead with three seconds left in the first half.

Desiring to cushion their lead, MU Head Coach Shannon Griffith sent out his field goal unit to attempt to put three points on the board. Freshman Cooper Henderson kicked a 40-yard field goal through the uprights to end the first half. Going into halftime with a 23-17 lead, the Spartans did not look back.

The Spartan defense played with intensity in the second half, including holding the Lions' offense to zero points in the third quarter, led by the efforts of reigning HCAC Player of the Week, senior defensive back Taylor Anglemyer. Anglemyer recorded 10 tackles along with a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and two interceptions.

Junior linebacker Nathan Birk and sophomore line-



Photos by Savannah Riley

Manchester junior wide receiver Matt Wirick reels in a 38-yard touchdown pass.

backer Mitchell Oskam recorded eight tackles, and freshman defensive back Dillon Nelson added an interception to the defensive efforts. The Spartans' offensive and defensive attacks were just too much to handle for the Lions.

Sophomore running back Hunter Hardee rushed for 161 yards on 25 carries and three total touchdowns, including one receiving touchdown. Hardee, who leads the HCAC in rushing yards per game (134.3) and rushing touchdowns (5), recorded his third consecutive game with at least 100 rushing yards.

Senior quarterback Logan Haston put on an offensive display as well, completing 27 of 33 pass attempts for 334 yards, his fourth career 300-plus yard passing effort, resulting in three touchdown passes.

Haston is now third in the HCAC in passing yards per game (238.7) and touchdown passes (7).

Junior tight end Brandon Webb led the receiving game for Manchester, reeling in six catches for 84 yards, while freshman wide receiver Cooper Hen-



Junior tight end Brandon Webb celebrates a touchdown for the Spartans.

derson, junior wide receiver Matt Wirick, and Hardee added receiving touchdowns.

The Spartans are now 2-1 on the season, with a 2-0 record in the HCAC. They are tied

for first in the conference with five-time defending conference champions Franklin College, who Manchester will play this Saturday, Oct. 3 at Franklin with a 1:30 p.m. kickoff.



Senior wide receiver Evan Rice plunges forward as a Mount St. Joseph defensive player wraps him up for a tackle.

Sophomore Cordill Shines on Courts

Guerby Ruuska
Staff Writer

Sophomore Erin Cordill has considered the tennis court her personal playground ever since she was 5. The Zionsville elementary education major arrived at Manchester a year ago, making an immediate impact on the Spartan tennis courts.

During her first year, Cordill made the spotlight at 5-2 in No. 1 singles in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. "It was a little different coming in as a freshman and playing No. 1 singles for our team. It was a lot of responsibility for my freshman year and I wanted to play well," she said.

Cordill looks to improve on her 7-4 overall record that she ended with last season.

Although her success in singles is impressive, her success in doubles is just as much so.

Cordill enjoys playing with her doubles partner, sophomore psychology major Katy Ashpole of Leesburg, Indiana. "I like the friendships made on the tennis team and I enjoy the competition when we play our opponents," she said.

Cordill and Ashpole joined forces last season to become the program's top doubles team.

Her goals include setting good examples by showing hard work ethic and cheering for her teammates to keep them motivated.

But it's a new season for Cordill, who continues to grow and improve. She said she hopes to encourage and support



Photo by Jessica Beal

Erin Cordill continues topping the charts after a successful first year.

the team and hopes that it makes a difference. "As a team, we hope to win as many matches as possible and make it to the Conference tournament."

"Erin is just a great player, I'd say Top Five in Conference," said Head Women's Coach Eric Christiansen. "She works hard and she's growing."

That first year, Cordill defeated the reigning Conference champ, Franklin senior Melissa

Sanders. "She was Conference MVP but Erin beat her in 2014," said Christiansen.

"She came from a great high school program out of Zionsville, Indiana, and she has been playing tournament in the off season," he added. "She loves the game, she's competitive. She is not really vocal but I hear her talking to herself before a match. Small girl, quiet girl but she loves the game."



Haston Tapped for NFF Trophy

Senior quarterback Logan Haston of Avon, Indiana is a semifinalist for the National Football Foundation's William V. Campbell Trophy.

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame this week announced 135 semifinalists for the award, which recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation.