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### **MU** Loved **Ones Safe** in France

Sarah Farnam Staff Writer

Manchester's sole student studying abroad in France this semester is safe in Strasbourg, 300 miles from the Nov. 13 terrorist attacks on Paris that left at least 129 people dead.

Senior elementary education major Mackinzie Kempton told The Oak Leaves she was at home in Strasbourg with her host mom when she learned on Facebook of the attacks. "I didn't fully understand what was happening until the next day," she wrote in an

"People are afraid and worried," she said. "I have noticed more military people present on the streets. The police can more easily search people."

Kempton is among many French connections to Manchester University, whose faculty and students have traveled, studied and lived in the European country. Too close to the crisis for comfort - but also safe - is Markus Gilliar, brother of English Professor Beate Gilliar.

He was photographing the France-Germany soccer match at the Stade de France that was a target of the attacks. Three suicide terrorists set off bombs outside the stadium. Gilliar made it out of the stadium unharmed.

"One does not want to imagine what would have happened, as Markus also pointed out to me, as 80,000 fans were in the stadium," said Professor Gilliar, who made copies of the newspaper that published her brother's first-person account of the scene.

Although Manchester University often sends January Session classes to Paris, no trips are scheduled for this January, said Thelma Rohrer, director of international studies and dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

The abroad program has a system for reporting on, evacuating and connecting with students abroad who suddenly are threatened by emergencies. Rohrer swiftly received a report about Kempton.

# **Hate Scrawl Spurs Swift Reply**

Sarah Farnam Karen Kanyike Staff Writers

After a hateful comment was scribbled across a flyer in East Hall last week, students and staff began to brainstorm ways for Manchester's community to embrace diversity and prevent similar situations.

The marred poster promoted an RA-led event about discrimination and stereotypes, said Letha Parrott, East Hall director. As word about the hateful comment

began to spread, President Dave McFadden sent out a campus-wide email to emphasize that such behavior will not be tolerated at Man-

"The poster has been removed," McFadden said. "But the racist comment illustrates how important it is for us to have ... discussions."

To spark discussion, students were invited to a town hall meeting in East Hall. Students were invited to speak out at the forum, Parrott said. "The purpose was to give people an arena to speak hon-

estly about the incident and how it affected their views on Manchester's campus and students," she explained.

"We definitely reached that goal, and people were able to stand up and say 'this is what Manchester should do."

"It was nice having the meeting," said sophomore biology-chemistry major and East Hall resident Brook Dagnew, but he admits that more is needed. To move forward, East Hall residents came up with several ideas, ranging from mandatory diversity training to an ad campaign showing the impact of racism, Parrott said.

"Students need to be educated and become less desensitized about such controversial issues," said junior biology-chemistry major Marian Adeyemo.

The University is investigating the hate graffiti, said Parrott, adding that the goal is not necessarily to get the offending student in trouble, but to help the student learn in a safe environment about the impact one's actions can have on an entire community.

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Thomas Smith, assistant professor of pharmacy practice (psychiatry) and Diane Calinski, assistant professor of phar-

# Pharmacogenomics: MU's **New 1-Year Master Degree**

**Stratton Smith** Staff Writer

A sick, coughing, aching boy begs the doctors, physicians, his other healthcare professionals to make the pain and the terrible symptoms go away. Taking medication after medication just isn't working. Nothing seems to be working. Pharmacogenomics comes in to save the day.

Pharmacogenomics the study of how genes affect a person's response to drugs, and creating a more specific and useful drug for an individual.

Manchester University's College of Pharmacy, Natural & Health Sciences this week announced a one-year Master of Pharmacogenomics degree - the first such program in the nation.

Pharmacogenomics can

help meld therapeutic care among disciplines, such as cardiology and psychiatry, said Raylene Rospond, Pharm.D., MU vice president for institutional effectiveness and dean of the College of Pharmacy, Natural & Health Sciences. The science can dramatically affect cancer treatment, especially since 75 percent of patients don't respond to the initial prescribed medication.

Tuition and fees are \$32,000 for the intense one-year program. Starting salaries for pharmacogenomics are in the mid-\$40,000 range. Manchester will base the new degree in its Fort Wayne campus, home to the Pharmacy program.

"The Master of Science in Pharmacogenomics Program is designed for individuals with an undergraduate science degree or a professional degree in health care or health sciences," said David Kisor, Pharm.D., Pharmacogenomics Program director at MU. "Manchester's program offers individuals a pathway to this transformative field of medicine."

Junior biochemistry major Stephanie Wheeler is interested in the new degree. "I have always had a passion for genetics," said Wheeler, of Pierceton, Indiana. "I know that I want to specialize in working with genetics or medicine. This is the perfect blend of the two.

"I plan to continue my education with some sort of professional program and this is another option for me." Students who have undergraduate degrees in biology, chemistry or other sciences or are on the path to a doctorate in pharmacy may apply for the program.

MU expects to enroll eight to 12 students, Rospond said.

# Campus **Lights Up** for Town, **Students**

Karen Kanyike Staff Writer

Bright lights strewn across campus trees, photos with Santa, a selfie station with the president and Manny the Mascot, and refreshments and carols will all herald this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 3 in front of the Jo Young Switzer Center.

The Manchester Junior High School Choir begins the party at 6 p.m., followed by the Tree Lighting by President McFadden at 6:25 p.m. Santa will arrive on a fire truck at 6:30 p.m. to usher in the rest of the evening's events. All festivities are free and open to the community.

MU CFO Jack Gochenaur introduced the idea of decorating campus for the holidays in 2003. "I noted that the campus had hardly any decorations on it," said the 1970 Manchester graduate. "I'm a person who loves to decorate for Christmas; I just grew up that way. So I started (decorating campus) in the Christmas of 2004."

And an MU tradition was born. Each year, Gochenaur works with Manchester's maintenance staff to decorate, and with Alexis Young to prepare for the ceremony. Young, director of Conference Services, chairs a seven-member planning committee of faculty and staff.

Over the years, features have been added and removed in order to enhance the tradition. Last year, Gochenaur, with Corny Troyer, a recently retired maintenance staffer, bought a huge wreath to put at the top of Cordier Auditorium. The choir is this year's addition. "We hope to have something that appeals to our students and to the community," said Young.

"It's different enough each year that people are still curious about what's going to happen that did not happen (the previous) year," said Gochenaur.

Evergreen in front of Jo Young Switzer Center gets hundreds of lights.

# 'The Bard' Behind Bars

**Aaron Llovd** Staff Writer

Nov. 10, my Shakespeare class traveled to Pendleton Correctional Facility in central Indiana to visit inmates who perform the Bard's plays within the walls of the maximumand minimum-security prison for men. Ten classmates accompanied Stacy Erickson-Pesetski, associate professor of English, to the place where she spent her sabbatical last

The days leading up to the visit, my biggest fear was not

the close quarters with criminals - it was being banned by the security guards because my jeans were too skinny. So, in order to avoid the embarrassment, I bought a cheap pair of loose-fitting jeans the night

I was surprised to find a golf course right next to the concrete walls and watch towers of the prison. I walked into the prison with my driver's license in the pocket of my baggy jeans, and waited to go through the metal detector and get rubbed down by the male officer on the other side. While we



ziska Kulbel, Hannah Deubner, Mary Powell and Hannah Hathaway.

Back row: Alec Trzeiak, Caleb Noffsinger, Elizabeth McKenney, Aaron Lloyd, Tate Wooding and Haylee Parrish. Front Row: Stacy Erickson-Pesetski, Fran-

waited, we played with a baby who belonged to a woman also going through security. A different guard escort-

ed us through the gates to a grassy area between all the buildings. There, we could see the fenced-in area where the prisoners get exercise by playing basketball and volleyball or running around the track.

As we neared our building, my nerves began to tighten up. What was I going to see? Was this prison going to be just like the ones in the movies? We entered, climbed a flight of stairs, and were lead to a room with desks. It looked like an underfunded elementary school for the underprivileged with chippedoff paint on the walls and cracked tiles on the floors.

We arranged the desks and chairs into a circle, leaving an empty seat in between each of us for inmates. Jack Heller, an assistant professor of English at Huntington University who has been working with the class for two years, took

He told us that the play the inmate class was working on was Much Ado About Nothing, and that the guys were about three months from having it down.

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# Writers Pen 50,000 Words for National Novel Writing Month

Erin Fralick

Staff Writer

During November, a small group of students meets in the Academic Center to energetically write for National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo – an effort to encour-



age anyone who has ever wanted to write a novel to do just that. The goal is to inspire writers of every age to write 50,000 words in just 30 days.

Junior Jessica Klemm is taking part in the challenge for her second year. It's the English major's fifth time revising and rewriting her young adult fantasy novel. She hopes that after this time, her story will be ready for publication. Here's a taste of her tale:

"There are some people in this world who are trees. Not in the sense that they are literally trees, but more in the sense that they are born from them and are extremely connected to that tree. This story follows the life of Ivan White, who was born from that of a White Oak..."

According to Klemm, the biggest difficulties have been "trying to figure out when I have time and trying to keep my sanity." The writers must prioritize their time in order to meet the average goal of

approximately 1,660 words per day. "School comes first," Klemm said.

Senior Caleb Noffsinger, also an English major, is taking a more laid-back approach to Nan-NoWriMo. "I'm not doing this to finish the word count," Noffsinger explains. He has taken a different approach to writing his story. In addition to writing out the plot, he is drawing the story. He says sketching helps him plan the plot and inspires moments in the book.

This is the second year NaNoWriMo has had a specific home on Manchester University's campus. This year, it is on Thursdays in ACEN 117 from 6 to 9 p.m. Karla Akins, a local writer and fellow participant in the program, wanted to create a quiet space for students to write because she believes it's important to nurture young writers. She figured the best way to do that would be to create a place for them to gather with other each other. "Writing is a lonely profession," she said.



Photo by Savannah Riley Junior Jessica Klemm works on her fifth revision of her young adult novel.

# **Leak Has Garver Residents Hiking for Warm Showers**

Carly Kwiecien
Staff Writer

Showers were cold for Garver Hall residents Nov. 2-3 after a hot water coil began leaking about 5 p.m., costing the University about \$5,000 in repairs, said Gary Heckman, systems supervisor. The water re-

mained frosty for 18 hours.

Water was running out of the burner of the 1,255,000-BTU-per-hour water heater, as if water coming out of a fireplace.

"In order to shower, I had to walk across the U with my shower caddy and different necessities to have my friend let me into East," said first-year Brianna Hill. "It was either take an Elsa shower or take a walk of shame to East."

Heckman said such water leaks are rare. "We do an acid cleaning on a regular basis to protect the water heater," he said. "We used to have monitoring on the Garver hot water temperature and lost that capability when our old Building Automation System failed for good."

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 3, Heckman restarted the censhut down because the weather had been warm.

"Please do let us know about problems," Heckman said. "Our apologies. We never want a student to take a cold shower."

To report a maintenance or IT issue on campus, go to the Quick Links drop-down menu at manchester.edu and select Help Desk. If the issue needs immediate attention (such as the hot water failing) call University Safety at 260-982-5999



Nov. 3, Heckman restarted the central power plant, which had been Garver Hall water heater



First-year Tyler LaFollette and his girlfriend Jodie Carlson

# **Student Shares Secrets** to Long-Distance Love

Kevin Hawley Staff Writer

Time, distance and lack of chemistry are just some of the problems couples deal with leaving high school for college. With many high school relationships just evaporating, a few students are trying to do the unthinkable and stay true to their sweethearts from afar.

A six-hour drive and 332 miles separate Manchester first-year Tyler LaFollette and his high school girlfriend Jodie Carlson, a freshman at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

It's a treat to join their phone conversation. The love they emit from just the words they speak gives the listener chills. It's unmistakable: These two people are destined for each other despite studying several states apart.

After talking off and on for 2½ years, they started dating at the beginning of their senior year in high school. They spent almost the entire summer together, "which has made this drastic change all the more difficult," Carlson said.

"What we are doing is not for everybody; we see an absolute future together with a plan laid out of the near and distant future for us to be together," LaFollette said.

New technology certainly helps, especially Facetime.

"Instead of seeing the negatives of only getting to see each other once a month, we stay positive," LaFollette said. "She keeps a countdown of when we will get to see each other again."

The constant conversation and mushy gooey love talk (as they call it), keeps them close.

"We've been through several rough patches. If that was taking a break, a big fight or anything else, I never felt that we wouldn't be together," Carlson said. "Taking a step back, assessing the situation and having faith that it will work out is important."

"Honestly, the final step sealing the deal has been college," LaFollette said. "I feel closer to her than I did even with the distance because we are making it through the toughest part of our relationship so far – together."

#### MU Offers New Course: Queer Studies

Baily Januchowski Staff Writer

Students registering for spring semester found several new classes to choose among, including Intro to Queer Studies taught by Barb Burdge, social work program director. The three-credit hour course GNST-201-A will require readings of the "classics" of queer studies. Students will write and do projects as they connect queer studies to their own areas of interest.

"The course will expose students to the histories and contemporary realities of life for lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual, transgender, queer, intersex and other people distinguished by minority sexualities and gender identities," Burdge said.

Sexuality, gender, human rights and community will be taught with the queer perspective in mind. Burdge explained that students will be expected to apply feminist theory to all areas of their studies.

This course might be ideal for students who already have an understanding of the LGBTQIA+community, but all students are welcome to take the course, she said.

Students will discuss abstract "theoretical and philosophical constructs based on [their] understandings of sexuality and gender." The course also will discuss ways queer studies scholars coming from various disciplines go about studying those areas.

"I'd like students to enroll in this course if that type of thinking interests them," Burdge said.

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Despite the grief, Parrott is happy with how both students and staff handled the situation. "I am very grateful to all of the students who showed up to the town hall meeting and for the quick response to this. I'm grateful to President Dave for taking the time to get the email out.

The response here was amazing and I hope students know that we are working hard to figure out the next steps here. We as a community have to address this."

Junior computer science major Dagmawi Tadesse also his pleased with the Manchester community response. "I was glad that there was a meeting about it and also that the president, faculty and staff gave attention to the issue," she said. "This made me feel like they were concerned."

Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to report it to University Safety at x5999 or through the Report It! link on the Campus Safety webpage.

#### SHAKESPEARE, FROM PAGE 1

The students laughed when someone asked how they do violent plays. Heller told us that swords in the first play were made out of cardboard. He reiterated "cardboard" for the security camera and microphones hidden in the room.

Then, our classmates for the day entered. They were dressed in khaki jumpsuits and green hats. Each introduced himself and expressed how great it was that we were there for the day.

When everyone was seated, we did an activity called Rose and Thorns. A rose is something good that happened to you in the past week and a thorn is something bad. Then, they started to discuss their play and who was going to act for our class.

Seven prisoners got up to act out the scene and I was astonished by what I saw.

I saw seven men put everything they had into their acting, using different accents and personalities to show that they understood their characters. On top of that, several even put their own twist on the characters. Once the scene was finished, Heller gave each actor pointers on what to do better, and they acted it out again.

Drs. Erickson-Pesetski and Heller set aside the last 20 minutes of class for us to ask the inmate actors questions. "Why are you taking this class?" a student asked. I had been wondering the same thing.

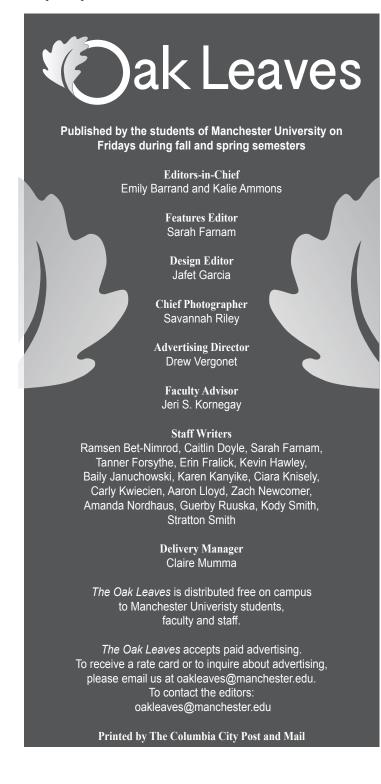
thing.

Two prisoners answered, each differently. The first said that

he acted in high school and wanted to start up again. The other response stood out to me: "It's a lot of fun and I like storytelling. It's really hard, so I like the challenge and I'm friends with all of these guys."

After our hour of class was done, a bell rang and the actors got up to shake our hands and thank us for coming inside to spend time with them. The guard escorted us back to the entrance.

Our day was coming to an end, and I think that each of us was upset about that. We could have spent hours with those guys. There wasn't a single person in my class who didn't hold a conversation with a prisoner actor and enjoy every second of it. We all hope to return in the spring to see their play performed for an audience.



#### **Student Senate** and RHA Cut **Free Campus Newspapers**

**Erin Fralick** Staff Writer

Campus is cancelling the free USA Today and Fort Wayne-based The Journal Gazette newspapers for students. The Student Senate and Residence Hall Associations both voted almost unanimously to cease the campus-wide newsstands, saving almost \$7,000 annually.

The money spent on the free daily newspapers will return to the Student Activities budget. The vast majority of the newspapers have remained in the newsstands, apparently unread and unappreciated. MU pays monthly for the newspaper distribution to campus.

Some students are unhappy with the decision. First-year Victoria Hupp of Ashland, Ohio, says she needs the papers for her classes. "The newspapers are a huge resource for me to get up-to-date news for my classes, such as International Studies or Model United

"The removal of these will cause me to spend hours on the internet, searching. Sure, I can find news, but it's usually U.S.-focused.



Photo by Jeri Kornegay **Newspaper rack in Science Center** 

I know quite a few students in my International Studies class that read the paper every day. Some even ask to borrow mine."

Off campus, USA Today sells for \$2 weekdays; The Journal Gazette is \$1. The papers are not delivered to campus on weekends.

Sophomore Zander Willoughby of Wyoming, Michigan, and a member of the Student Senate, voted as a representative. "My position for or against the newspapers was to respect what I feel the general will of the student body is. Personally, I love having 'free' newspapers on campus, but I know that these papers come at a cost."

### **College of Business Club Boasts 200+ Members**

Zach Newcomer Staff Writer

The Accounting and Business Club (ABC) and the Spartan Sport Management Club are no longer separate entities on campus. This fall, the two clubs merged into the College of Business Club, creating one of the largest student organizations on campus with nearly 220 members. The club keeps the values and ideas of the former clubs, but now focuses on helping all students in the College of Business, regardless of major.

Sophomore Megan Stouder, former president of the

Spartan Sport Management Club, is president of the new club. Junior Tiana Maclin is vice-president, junior Cassy Dibley is secretary and junior Nick Thomas is treasurer. "The new executive board is great," Stouder said, a sport management major. "I know we will all work really well together."

The club will maintain the ABC structure and have the directors of committees. These extra committees provide students opportunities to get involved with marketing, event management, professional development and community outreach.

"Every student should

# **Adkins Connects Community to MU**

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cluding the sports director, news

director and music director.

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incredible."

**Kody Smith** Staff Writer

Mark Adkins started his professional career as a journalist after graduating from Wartburg College, composing sports stories for nearly 10 years. But he did not see this as his calling in life.

"I just thought there had to be something more," Adkins said. "I really enjoyed writing, but I wanted to do something else related to sports, and this was a good opportunity for me to get involved."

"This" is sports informa-

It all began about 15 years ago on a career tip from a news buddy. "He said I should try working for sports information. I recall during the first year on the job (at his alma mater Wartburg in Waverly, Iowa), I just thought, what am I getting myself into?"

As Manchester University's sports information director, Adkins is in charge of statistics as well as preparing video for athletics on www.muspartans.com. His job mostly consists of trends and lists, Adkins said. "I enjoy digging through the school's archives to see who made this program great, and then put lists together.

"You want to make a list of notable accomplishments that are put together in a way for news outlets and media to access the statistics as easily as possible."

He is assisted by student workers at both home and away sporting events. "One of the best things about my job is working with all the young students," Adkins said. "It's just been awesome to say the least."

Adkins, wife Terri and daughter Callie knew they found a home in North Manchester the day his family arrived and was greeted by Athletic Director Rick Espeset and a line of coaches and staff ready to help them into their new home.

"That right there was when we knew we were in the right place," Adkins said. "That is what

be a part of the College of Business

Club," Maclin said, a management

and marketing major. "A student

will either work for a business or

have their own business and CBC

is a great outlet to explore and see

North Manchester with the station, not just the University. "The best part is that not only are the students becoming more involved with the station, but the community is as well," Adkins said proudly.

"We did a live report from Fun Fest, and the people of North Manchester thought it was awesome and just ate it up. The people have been waiting for that link between the University and the town. I believe we are getting there." Adkins knows he has found great success in media

through both the radio station and sports information, but does not take all of the credit.

"It has not been all because of me. It has been because of great student workers and staff, and I would be remiss not to thank my family," he said. "Terri and Callie have had to go through a lot with me not being around because of my hectic schedule. I am not home a lot on the weekends, so I really appreciate their support."

Adkins shows great appreciation for his student workers as well, as he and his family do not just consider them employees. "I always tell my WBKE and Sports Information students that once you are a student worker for me, you are a member of my family for life."



Photo by Savannah Riley Mark Adkins, sports information director, was warmly welcomed by MU.

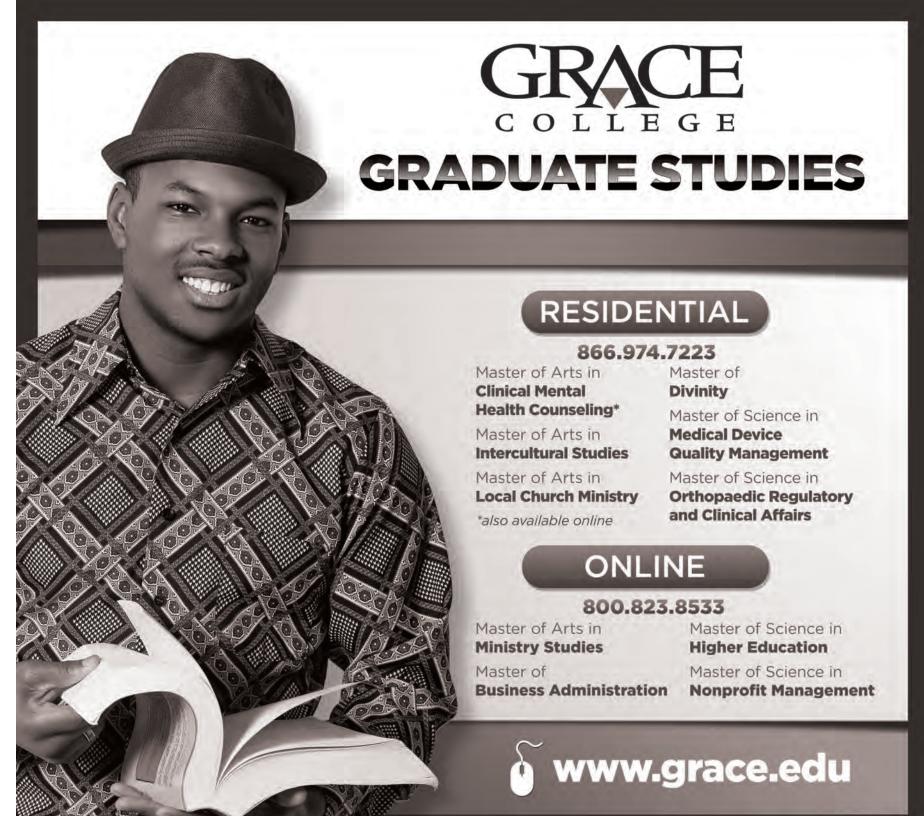
what is out there."

Both clubs contribute to the new club and hope with the large number of members, that new events can become custom.

"The biggest thing I want

to accomplish is turn 'Tailgate for A Cause' into an annual tradition," Stouder said.

The club's first Christmas party is at 6:30 on Tuesday, Dec. 1 in the Oakwood great room.





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# SPARTAN SPORTS



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**December** 

■12 @ Mt. St. Joseph

■02 @Defiance

■15 Kalamazoo

□30 @ Trine

02 Earlham

■06 Franklin

□13 @ Bluffton

**20** Anderson

■23 @ Earlham

27 @ Franklin

■16 Transylvania

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(Georgia)

■19 @ Belhaven (GA)

**January** 

■09 @ Rose-Hulman

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# Women's Basketball Finds 'New Identity'

Zach Newcomer Staff Writer

After a 13-13 last season, Manchester University women's basketball team looks to improve this season behind veteran Head Coach Josh Dzurick.

Dzurick encourages this year's team to make its own statement. "Last year's team had a lot of talent, but we can't live in their shadow," he said. "Each year is different and we need to buy into our new identity."

The Black and Gold return two of their top three scorers with senior guards Katie Arterburn of Indianapolis and Justine Kruger of Francisville, Indiana. Arterburn tallied 10.6 points per game, with 61 makes behind the arc and Kruger scored 7.7 points per game while collecting 3.6 rebounds per

Arterburn had a busy off-season dealing with a torn ACL and working through rehab to ready for the season opener. "She tore it in the conference tournament last season," Dzurick said. "She worked in the off-season and is now full-go in practice. She put a lot into her rehab and is back in full rhythm."

A big first-year class looks to help and gain experience

alongside three seniors and one junior. "The freshman are hardworking. It doesn't matter their talent level, they all work well together," Dzurick said. "Even the returners are learning."

Senior guard Kelcey Daugherty of Greenwood, Indiana, hopes to reign as the floor general this season in the wake of the 2015 graduate and now Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Jocelyn Hamilton. Daugherty scored 2.0 points per game and nailed 37.5 percent behind the arc. She has spent most of her practice learning from Hamilton and working on her passing skills, hoping to improve on her 23 assists last season.

Sophomore 5-11 forward Samantha Bolen from Greenwood, Indiana, returns as the team's third-leading scorer. As a first-year, she averaged 3.8 points per game, 3.0 rebounds per game, and netted 42.5 percent of her shots.

The annual Main View Tipoff Classic starts today, Nov. 20, as Manchester invites Berea College (Kentucky), Carroll University (Wisconsin) and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to Stauffer-Wolfe Arena. The Black and Gold open against Carroll with a 7 p.m. tipoff. Their next game is a 3 p.m. tipoff Saturday, Nov. 21, against Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Katie Arterburn, Senior, Guard:

from Indianapolis returns after

an impressive 10.6 points per

game and 39.9 percent behind

the arc. She earned Second

Team All-HCAC last season.

Justine Kruger, Senior, Guard:

The 5-7 guard from Francis-

rebounds per game and stole 36 passes last year. She also

averaged 7.7 points per game, the third most on the team

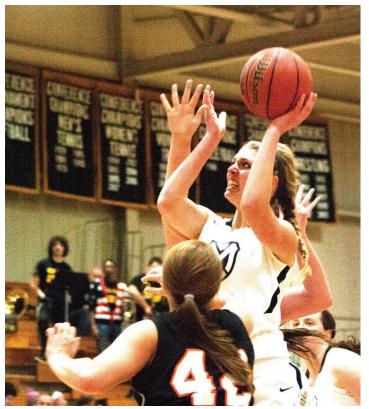
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The sharp-shooting guard



Sophomore forward Samantha Bolen

Photo by Ally Spillman

#### **Quick Facts**

Compiled by Tanner Forsythe, Kody Smith and Zach Newcomer

- Jocelyn Hamilton is entering her first season as assistant coach for Head Coach Josh Dzurick. She was a 2012-15 Spartan standout, compiling a record 147 single-season assists.
- Manchester is projected to finish sixth in the HCAC preseason poll. The squad finished fifth last season, earning a spot in the

conference tournament.

Senior Katie Arterburn made 61 three-pointers last season, the third-highest single-season total in school history and the most since 1995-96. She led the conference by making 2.3 3-point shots per game while ranking 5th in 3-point field goal percent-

### **Games of Interest**

- Dec. 5 vs Hanover College: Manchester split both games last season with the Panthers. The Spartans won the matchup at home last season. Hanover is projected to finish third this season in conference.
- Jan. 13 at Bluffton College: Both teams split the two matchups during the regular season. Manchester lost a heartbreaker at Bluffton 54-53, but won revenge

64-55 a month later. Bluffton is picked to finish second in the HCAC this season.

Jan. 16 vs Transylvania University: The Pioneers are projected to finish first in the HCAC this season.

### standings this season. The Spar-

tans lost by less than ten in both contests last season, hoping to shock the conference favorites

## **February**

■30 Mt. St. Joseph

■03 Bluffton

■06 @ Hanover

■10 @ Anderson

■13 Rose-Hulman

17 Defiance

20 @ Transylvania

#### her impressive first-year numbers - 3.8 points per game and

**Three Key Players** 

#### Photo by Ally Spillman Senior guard Katie Arterburn

### **Points of Concern**

■ Offense: Four of MU's top six scorers graduated last year. Spartans shot only 58 percent from the charity stripe, while their opponents shot 73.4 percent. MU also lost its top two players in assists per game.

tan rebounders graduated last year (Smith 162, Hammond 132). Kruger is the top returning rebounder with 83 grabs last

■ **Rebounding:** The top two Spar-

## three rebounds per game. Spartans Keep Bronze Ball, Take Fourth in HCAC

**Kody Smith** Staff Writer

A 28-point outburst in the second half launched the Spartans to a 35-17 home victory over conference rivals Anderson University on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Spartans concluded the 2015 campaign with a 5-4 overall record; they were 5-3 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, securing fourth place.

Manchester also retained the Bronze Ball in the annual match-up between the two schools for the sixth time in the last seven

seasons. On Senior Day, the Black and Gold overcame a 17-7 halftime deficit, led by the offensive efforts of senior quarterback Logan Haston, junior tight end Brandon Webb and sophomore running back Hunter

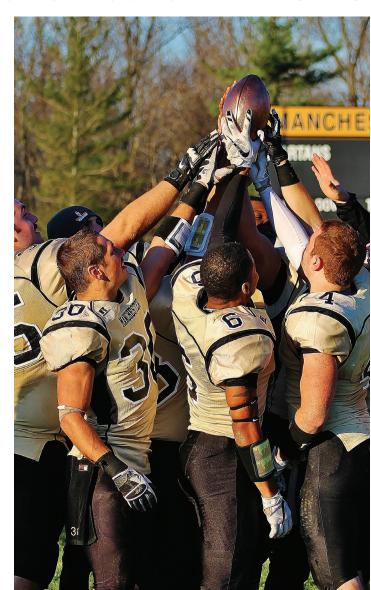
Hardee added yet another impressive accolade to his young rushing career as the program's all-time rushing yards leader for a season, with 1,184 yards following a 34-carry, 165-yard performance capped off by two touchdowns. He finished first in the HCAC in total rushing yards and rushing yards per game (131.6). In addition, Hardee finished second in the conference in rushing touchdowns (10) and third in rush yards per game Following a rocky start

to his final collegiate football game, senior quarterback Logan Haston finished the afternoon with 13 completions on 21 pass attempts, and two touchdowns. Haston finished third in the HCAC in both total passing yards (1,815) and yards per game (226.9), along with a second-place in completion percentage (68.2 percent) and fifth in touchdown passes (14).

He concludes his collegiate career as the Spartans' all-time leader in passing yards and passing touchdowns. Webb was Haston's main target, reeling in four pass attempts for 81 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown. Senior wide receiver Evan Rice concluded his MU career with four receptions for 52 yards, while senior receiver Jarron Jackson finished off Senior Day with a 25-yard touchdown reception and 54 kick return yards.

In his final game, senior defensive back Taylor Anglemyer registered 13 tackles to lead the defensive for the Spartans. He finished the 2015 campaign tied for third with junior linebacker Nathan Birk in the HCAC in solo tackles, with

Birk and sophomore linebacker Mitchell Oskam added seven tackles to complement Anglemyer's efforts. Senior defensive linemen Michael Hammer and Dustin Kult each recorded a sack on Anderson quarterback Brady Cavinee.



Spartan seniors raise the Bronze Ball after victory over Anderson Ravens.



Photos by Savannah Riley Senior wide receiver Evan Rice pushes through the rival defense.