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### **Tennis Team Replaces Racket Strings with Floss**



PLAQUE GETS SERVED Sophomore Garrett Bear shows off his new flossstrung racket.

#### **Stratton Smith** Staff Writer

Manchester University's men's tennis team is breaking the barrier between sports and dental hygiene. This spring season the men will not be using traditional tennis strings to string their rackets, but will employ dental floss instead. This will be the second American tennis program to incorporate dental accessories into their tennis ensemble (behind the 1997 Davis Cup team, which mouth washed between every changeover).

Eric Christiansen, head men's tennis coach, is the enforcer behind this new strategic change. "I knew we needed a change as soon as I saw the plaque build-up on these guys," Christiansen commented. He admits that the team's success on the court may not correspond to the implentation of the dental floss strings. "Are we better? No . . . but cavities ain't no joke, son," he stated.

This change warped the mindset of sophomore tennis sensation Spencer Thomas. Thomas has had struggles his whole life in what he calls the "dental game." "Gingivitis is a dangerous game to get caught up in," said Thomas haltingly. "Before, I just worried about my net game at tennis practice, but now I'm looking out for my dental hygiene."

Thomas now seems to be looking to the future. "Floss is just the beginning," he said. "We're

working Listerine and whitening strips into our daily conditioning sessions. Run a mile on the tread mill, then floss it out for fifteen (minutes)." Thomas even admits to be in affiliation with the recent mascot-change petitions. "We started a petition to change our mascot from the Manchester Spartans to the Manchester Plaque Killers," Thomas said. "We hope to not be affiliated with any local gangs such as the Crowns and Caps Mafia, the Root Canal Crew, or the Fluoride Flexers?

Sophomore Isaac Collis has noticed several changes within his tennis and dental game. "My shots are a little wilder now, but my breath smells a thousand times better," Collis said. He even has stated that dental floss "changed him spiritually" on the tennis court. "I'd like to thank not only God, but Jesus for sending me this tennis program that is willing to accept me, despite my crooked teeth."

Unfortunately, they are not seeming hopeful to win much, but they have a new-found confidence. "We may not play better per se, but I feel confident we'll have the least amount of cavities in the conference," Collis said.

The program, at one point, was reportedly in contract sponsorship talks with Crest, the oral hygiene and toothpaste company. "We're looking to get sponsored by Crest, but we ran into some contract negotiation issues," Coach Christiansen added.

## **Professors Get 'Real'**

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Sarah Farnam Staff Writer

As the weather in North Manchester begins to heat up, so will the drama on this year's most popular reality shows. Three Manchester University professors will be dating, dancing and racing on primetime TV this summer.

When ABC executives travelled to Indianapolis to scout for the next potential Bachelor, they fell in love with and immediately offered the position to religion professor Justin Lasser. "I've been single for a few years now and there are just too many options in North Manchester," Lasser said. "I was overwhelmed." This season, rather than flying contestants out to the luxurious Bachelor mansion in Los Angeles, the 25 women competing for Lasser's heart will be staying in North Manchester. In preparation, he is currently expanding his home and mapping out romantic spots in the Eel River, which will have to do in lieu of a pool. Lasser plans to take advantage of local hot spots for his one-on-one dates with the women, naming the Main View and Kenapocomocha as two key locations. He adds that, to be romantic, he will take the women to "the abandoned building across the street from the Main View - candlelit, with the birds and the droppings."

Though Lasser is thrilled to have the opportunity to find love, he is not looking forward to breaking hearts. "I'm a softie, so it's hard to do that," he explained. "I'll do it with tears, definitely."

While Professor Lasser hopes to find love, English professor Beate Gilliar hopes to take home the mirrorball trophy at the end of Dancing With the Stars. After taking notice of her talent and love for dance, producers invited Gilliar to act as one of the professional dancers featured on the show. She accepted, hoping to get the opportunity to dance with the star of her dreams: John Travolta. Though she can take on any style from quickstep to crumping, she is hoping she will get to tango this season. "It's a very classic dance, it tells a story - it's a very dramatic story," she said. "Of course, it's a very structured dance. The way you look, the degree of the angle of your head, the clothes, and even a centimeter of distance changes the narrative of the movement."



Gilliar also has a nostalgic connection to the dance style. "Tango was my father's favorite dance, and every Christmas and every birthday I would present my dad with a tango CD or tape," she said

As for the competition, Gilliar is not worried. "I cannot imagine anybody better than me and John Travolta," she said.

DATES AHOY! Professor Justin Lasser checks the horizon for potential dates on the premiere of ABC's "The Bachelor." professor Jonathan Krull will be dashing across the world on CBS's The Amazing Race. At the time

when competitors were being selected, Krull had a unique reason for auditioning. "I was fleeing from prosecution at the time," he said. "I realized this was going to be a very good way for me to get out of the country for long enough."

While some opt to play by the rules, Krull has a different strategy for success. "Well, generally (my strategy) is to bribe and flout laws as much as possible, because it's way more efficient for getting across the country," he said. "So, if I can find taxi drivers who are willing to, you know, run across lanes or sidewalks, that's where you can really cut your time down."

Meanwhile, philosophy

## All-Parent Residence Hall Opens Doors in Fall 2016

#### Kate Gillespie Guest Writer

There's a current trend of parents moving to college towns to be near their students, as documented in reports by "USA Today" and the "New York Times." Determined to distinguish itself from the pack, Manchester University plans to surpass this trend by introducing an all-parent residence hall. Opening in Fall 2016, the all-parent residence hall will provide a new home for parents who want to be even closer to their students than just living in the same town.

The all-parent residence hall will be located on the current faculty/visitor parking lot north of the Jo Young Switzer Center. It will include features like a heli pad on its roof, so that parents can literalize the "helicopter parent" metaphor. A helicopter will be available for rental, so that parents can hover over all areas of the campus to see what their children are up to. So that the helicopter can travel with a certain amount of stealth, it will have a hybrid operating system so that it will be soundless and can sneak up on students.

Also included in the all-parent residence hall will be the possibility for 24-hour student surveillance. Based on Jeremy Bentham's and, later, Michel Foucault's concept of a "panopticon," a circular prison that enables guards to see prisoners at all times from inside, the hall will be circular in shape. Its exterior will be a solid sheet of glass so that parents can spy on view their students from any vantage point in the building.

The hall will, then, be affectionately known as the Parentopticon, in tribute to Bentham and Foucault. To update it for the 21st century, telescopes will be outfitted in each room to increase visibility and focus-parents will be able to see exactly what their students are holding in their hands.

Allen Machielson, dean of Student Experience, has high hopes for the Parentopticon. "I really do hope that the state of the art 24-hour camera monitoring station in this new hall will help parents have a better peace of mind, especially knowing that they can monitor everything that the students are doing," he said.

But he has further ambitions, too. "We are hoping if this model proves itself to be successful that we will enter a second phase where parents can actually be assigned as the roommate or suitemates of their children," Machielson added.

Danette Till, director of

Counseling Services, agrees that this new residential model has great potential. "Parents could fill in for their students as needed in classes or for clubs so students do not have to miss out on any activities or course work," she said. "This will be especially helpful for students who don't like to get up early for a class or find a particular course challenging or uninteresting. The parent can attend the class, assist with the work and ensure that the student learns the material.

"The Success Center may move to the all-parent residence hall," she continued, "since parents can serve as tutors, assist with writing skills, and they can make sure that students are prepared for the work world."

An additional feature of the Parentopticon is the new Round-the-Clock Registrar service, where the registrar will be available 24 hours a day to consult with parents about their students' class plans. Indeed, parents will have the privilege of changing their students' schedules, moving them out of a pre-pharmacy class into an English class, for instance.

But the registrar's office will handle more than just class enrollment. "We are committed to offering a complement of full-service options to Manchester students and their parents," said Lila Hammer, Registrar. "A coffee bar will be installed in our vault, and midnight snacks will be available from 11 p.m. - 2 a.m. Parents may request personalized wakeup calls to their students, and the registrar's office will serve as a laundry drop-off and pick-up site."

Students were not asked how they feel about their parents moving to campus because, well . . . "because I said so."

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## **Healthy Dining Location Opens on Campus**

#### Karen Kanyike Staff Writer

Recently, students have been complaining about the limited options for healthy food on campus. Many students want something other than pizza and sandwiches for their daily meals. So, how can they gain access to healthier food options at no extra cost? In order to cater to students' needs, Manchester University opened its fifth dining outlet on March 11.

The Green Bowl, located behind the Jo Young Switzer Center, serves fresh fruit and vegetable salads to students, faculty, staff and visitors. The exterior of the restaurant takes on the form of a green leaf-shaped salad bowl with a variety of colorful fruit and vegetables acting as the roof. The interior is plastered with large pictures of the different kinds of salads the restaurant serves.

The salad preparation area is split into two sections: the fruit prep station and the vegetable prep station and the lobby is filled with bright green and red booths. The restaurant servers are required to wear special costumes inspired by their respective areas of specialization, for instance, the people who work in the fruit prep station have to wear fruit costumes. The same is true for those working in the vegetable prep station. Donations from parents, alumni and well-wishers funded the building of the outlet.

Sambo Amaza, a sophomore economics major and information systems minor from Jos, Nigeria, will start working for the Green Bowl in fall 2016 and is quite excited about his new position. "I feel honored to be a part of the team promoting healthy living within the Manchester community," he said. "The foods served here are farmfresh, highly nutritious and delicious. I hope everyone gets a chance to try out what we have to offer." He will be working in the fruit prep station.

A few other students on campus do not share Amaza's view of the food. Curtis Stump, a sophomore pharmacy major from Boggstown, Ind., had mixed feelings about the restaurant and its food. "When I heard that there was a new dining outlet on campus, I was so excited," he said. "However, I was shocked to find that the outlet lacked sauces and the food itself was disgusting!" As you enter the restaurant, there is a large dry erase board bearing information about the weekly specials and right beside it is a suggestion box where customers can provide feedback and tips on how to improve the restaurant. The salads do not come with the usual condiments such as ranch sauce or other kinds of salad dressing as the outlet strives to serve just plain salad, a blaring deviation from what most restaurants do.

To celebrate its opening, the Green Bowl hosted a grand fruit and vegetable salad dinner on March 13. Students, faculty and staff were invited to be a part of the festivities, which ironically consisted of spoiled fruit and vegetable salads that were left over from earlier in the week.

Bolanle Oladokun, a junior Communication Studies major from Indianapolis, Ind., was one of the disappointed guests who attended the event. "I thought it was extremely horrid," she remarked. and healthy living!"

But unless students eat the fruit and veggies when they are fresh, their salads will contain such "spoilers."



GOING GREEN The Green Bowl serves up fresh fruit and veggies to hungry Spartans.

## **Puppies Bring Trouble to Manchester**

#### Keith Berry Staff Writer

Manchester University has become a part of a program called 4 Paws for Ability, where participants train puppies to become service dogs so that they can keep people with autism, mobility issues, and other various health problems company. Manchester University's job is to socialize the puppies so they are ready to use their new abilities in the real world. Each semester, the university gets two puppies that travel from class to class throughout the day to socialize with the students.

However, this semester's puppies seem to have gotten very comfortable around campus, acting as if they run things. There have been reports about the puppies, Danse and Figaro, getting out of control. Students have complained about the puppies biting at their ankles, chasing them across the Mall, pooping on the professors' lesson plans, and scaring the living daylights out of whomever isn't paying attention.

There have even been reports of students getting cornered by the puppies and not being released until they have issued a nice belly rub and a treat. If someone didn't have a treat, the puppies would leave them one . . . on their shoes.

"The fact that the puppies are left alone is beyond me!" said an anonymous student in fear that the puppies are out to get him or her.

This is when the puppies are together. Separately, they wreak just as much havoc.

Danse seems to be the worse of the two. Students at Manchester University have said that she has been peeing in their shoes, eating their homework (just because professors do not believe the age-old excuse), and even tying their shoelaces in a knot.

"I swear, one day she

sworn she winked at me too on the way to lunch."

Woodward is now seeing a counselor about his experience.

Landon Hughes, a senior Biology major and a victim of the dogs' act, said, "I've never felt so betrayed by man's best friend."

Needless to say, the puppies that caught everyone's eye at the beginning of the semester as adorable, precious angels have definitely turned for the worst. Even the dog handlers fear they can do nothing to save us. These puppies are smart and cunning and unpredictable all at the same time. Hopefully, they have had their fun and will transform into the loving dogs that Manchester University was anticipating.



barked, 'Gotchal' and then tripped me!" said Blake Woodward, a senior art major. "And I could've



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## New Course Teaches Proper Way to Identify, Examine, (Commit) Fraud

#### Caitlin Doyle Staff Writer

For all business majors interested in the less prestigious side of their jobs, Manchester is offering a new course: Fraud. This course will include several different versions of committing fraud, how to keep it a secret and (when it is no longer a secret) how to get away with it. Due to the uniqueness of the subject matter, it will be taught be an incoming adjunct instructor Bernie Madoff. He was chosen based on his history of committing what is considered the largest financial fraud in U.S. history. He was also chosen based on connections to many others with similar pasts.

Madoff is a former stockbroker and investment advisor, and was a non-executive chairman of the NASDAQ stock market. Due to various connections, the class will also entertain several guest speakers who will tell their personal stories and give students advice about where they went wrong. These guest speakers would include individuals such as Martha Stewart and Jordan Belfort. Coincidentally, the film "The Wolf of Wall Street" will also be shown in class as well as some episodes of "American Greed." These visual aids will help students see fraud from the more legal side and better way the mistakes of others.

In contrast to this class, there is also a fraud examination course. This course counters the new fraud course because it explains how to figure out an individual or company is committing fraud. According to professor Jennifer Simmers, "The purpose of a course like this is for students to understand how frauds are committed so that they are better equipped to find them. Ironically, many fraudsters end up being employed to fight fraud."

These courses may both be beneficial to business majors whether or not their moral compass points due north. Sophomore accounting major Jennifer Oldaker greatly looks forward to taking this class in the fall. "The fraud class sounds engaging and would help prepare students for a real business environment," Oldaker said. "The wide variety of guest speakers and the interactive class basis are what really drew me in."

Oldaker is already VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) certified to prepare other people's taxes and a class on fraud may help her to "cook the books" for a future employer or to identify others that are committing the fraud.

Another aspect of the course lies within the shared stories of the guest speakers. Several will be names that have been heard before in other courses and will go into more depth than what is readily shared to the public. For instance, the plot of "Wolf of Wall Street" is based on the real life fraudulent activity of speaker Jordan Belfort. This unique opportunity will allow students to delve into the logic behind one of the more recent fraud crimes and understand how he worked the system for money. In the fall, this course will be added to the curriculum; students better hurry and snag a seat because this course is a hot commodity.

Photo courtesy of MU Instagram



## **Upcoming VIAs**

Celebrity Thumb Wrestling: The Political Impact Friday, April 1, 2016, 4 a.m.

The "Too Tired" Lie: Why People Who Sleep Are Actually Just Lazy Wednesday, April 1, 2086, 12 a.m.

SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS Sunday, April 1, 2016, 7 a.m.

You Wore Pajamas Here? Tuesday, April 1, 1977, 11 p.m.

I Can See That You're on Yik Yak Which is Pretty Annoying Monday, April 1, 1208, 3 a.m.

#### "Wut"

Saturday, April 1, 2435, 1 p.m.





TAIL OF FEAR One of the campus squirrels avoids the serial squirrel catcher.

Photo by Emily Barrand

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### Theatre Professor Catches Squirrels

**Erin Fralick** Staff Writer

Kira Lace Hawkins, lecturer of theatre, was caught with three squirrels stowed in her purse on Tuesday, March 15. President McFadden was strolling the campus when he noticed Hawkins' odd behavior upon seeing the scotcheroos in her possession and approached her. He asked to check her bag, and was startled to find the creatures stashed away.

While this may be Hawkins' first time being caught, Hawkins is no stranger to catching squirrels. She has caught nearly 300 squirrels since she began teaching on Manchester's campus. Hawkins' motives for catching so many squir rels might be surprising. "I firmly

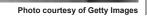
believe that I am reincarnated from a campus squirrel," she said.

Hawkins stated that she has been catching such a large number of squirrels in an attempt to reconnect with her past squirrel family. Hawkins believes that she may have found her awkward uncle, Earl the squirrel, but evidence was not conclusive.

Even campus squirrels are prone to skittering away when confronted by unknown sources, so Hawkins has a refined squirrel-catching technique. Her first step is to tap into the part of her soul that was once a squirrel. To do this, she begins to act like a squirrel herself and will sit at the base of any of the various trees on campus and stare at anyone who walks by. Hawof the squirrels, which then allows Hawkins to strike.

Despite her normally flawless technique, Hawkins recently made a grave mistake. The theatre lecturer got too into her role as a squirrel and let it overtake her better judgment. She approached the University president, Dave McFadden, and her suspicious behavior caused him to discover her secret pastime.

Hawkins claims that she may not be the only reincarnated campus squirrel on Manchester University's campus. "I think it's a thing that reincarnated squirrels gravitate here," Hawkins said. She explained that the campus gives off a home-like feeling towards reincarnated squirrels, and others could



kins claims that this gains the trust be lurking around campus.

## **MU Raises Tuition, Implements Mandatory Hairstyle**

#### **Carly Kwiecien** Staff Writer

Manchester University believes in providing its students with the best education possible, and also understands that college is a major investment in one's future. In addition, Manchester stresses the importance of students showing loyalty to their school. Therefore, in February, Manchester officials decided to increase the tuition by 2.57 percent, the smallest increase in several years. This slight tuition increase is necessary because it will provide all students, staff and faculty with mandatory matching hairstyles.

As of April 8, each student, staff and faculty member is required to have one black and one gold stripe in their hair to encourage school spirit. Anyone who refuses to get this new hairstyle will face consequences.

This new trend will be carried out by Director of Intercultural Affairs Michael Dixon, who will be the hairstylist in charge of the hair dyeing. Dixon's temporary salon will be held in his office, Intercultural Center 200. Dixon accepts walk-ins and is also available by appointment Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If interested in going the extra mile, Dixon can also shave the Manchester University crest onto one's head for a more distinct look. He has also welcomed the idea of shaving Manchester club logos onto someone's head. He is open to all Spartan-related suggestions.

"Diversity is over-rated," Dixon said. "We should all conform, and one way to do that (under the guise of 'school spirit') is for

us to color our hair black and gold. For some of us who have black hair. it would just require gold streaks."

"For those that have other colors of hair," he continued, "black and gold is regal and will allow you to be treated just like everyone else at Manchester. One less thing to worry about."

Junior Holly Beer is excited about the new style. "I think this is a really great way to promote school spirit," she said. "Everyone knows the university could use a small pick-me-up, and I really think mandatory black and gold hair is the way to go. Props to whoever thought of this great use of our tuition dollars."

Other universities in the area have experimented with ways to encourage school spirit. They have tried lowering the costs of school apparel and making sporting events more affordable; however, they have found mandatory hairstyles to be the most effective.

These gold and black hairstyles will also encourage more attendance at sporting events and other university functions.

Sophomore baseball player Austyn Rybicki believes that this new implementation will also be beneficial to Manchester athletes.

"Many teams seem to have their own competitive edge of spirit whether that is the bats they use, the way they wear their uniforms or the items they bring to a game," he said. "However, our school spirit trumps them all with our hair being dyed black and gold. No one can express more school spirit than our Manchester Spartans."



SHOW YOUR STRIPES Spartans will soon display black and gold streaks in their hair to demonstrate school spirit.

Photo Courtesy of MU Flickr



# Manchesters Unite

#### Aaron Lloyd Staff Writer

Jose Mourinho has been in the news quite a bit lately, with all media outlets pegging him as the next manager of the historic soccer club, Manchester United. Mourinho has been out of a job since being sacked by Chelsea in December, but it has now surfaced that Mourinho is a free agent no more. Mourinho has accepted a three-year deal with Manchester University last week, not the rumored Manchester United.

With Manchester United being a disappointment these last few seasons, the club is rumored to be parting ways with current manager, Louis Van Gaal. Mourinho has been the favorite to take over that position when it officially becomes open. Mourinho has spoken out that the English Premier League is his league of choice to coach because of the competition.

That is what was thought amongst all of the major news outlets for the last couple of months; however, as of last week, Mourinho announced that he will

Manchester University Spartans. The move comes as a surprise to everyone in the world of soccer. With the Spartans losing their coach of 38 years a couple of weeks ago, Mourinho quickly threw his name into the hat for a change of scenery. Corey Brueggeman was the assistant coach for the Spartans for the last few seasons and was also the favorite to take over the Spartans. "It is an honor to lose the job to someone with his experience," Brueggeman said. "Although he did terrible with Chelsea this season, I think that he could have great success at the collegiate level."

Mourinho has been famous for winning trophies no matter where he goes, at Inter Milan, Real Madrid, or Chelsea. This may be his biggest reason for taking his talents to North Manchester, IN. The Manchester University men's soccer team has only won one HCAC championship 13 years ago. He wants to start a winning tradition with the Spartans, as he did with his past jobs.

Players have mixed emotions about their new head coach, with some excited to learn underneath a decorated manager like Mourinho and others dreading to play for a coach who has been known to get under the skin of his players. Simon Coleman, a junior midfielder for the team is looking forward to see where Mourinho can take the team. "He is a decent coach with great experience," he said. "Hopefully he can put us in the conference tournament this year."

Sophomore defender Andy Giles also believes that Mourinho will lead the team to a conference tournament. "Being a Manchester City fan, it's hard for me to get along with a manager who was just sacked by Chelsea," he said. "Despite that and Mourinho's notoriety for being arrogant and self-centered, I believe that he will help us secure our first conference championship in years."

When asked about how he thinks the players will adjust to Mourinho's abrasive style of coaching, Brueggeman says that he hopes they will embrace it. "It's not all the time that you get your personal space taken over by one of the most prolific coaches in the world."



New head soccer coach Jose Mourinho, formerly of Manchester United.



CBS to Broadcast MU Intramural Basketball Championship

#### Kody Smith Staff Writer

The most exciting collegiate basketball experience takes over the CBS television network in late April. Following the conclusion of March Madness on April 4, basketball fans from around the entire United States will be enticed by the phenomenal play of the Manchester University intramural student-athletes. The University and the country's most-watched network agreed to terms to telecast the spring intramural basketball championship game live from Stauffer-Wolfe Arena. CBS has been known to broadcast some of the most illustrious events in all of sports, including the Super Bowl, the Masters and March Madness. However, in a new, groundbreaking campaign, the network has decided to host the biggest event in all of sports. Legendary broadcaster Greg Gumbel has called memorable moments on CBS from the NFL and the NCAA Division I basketball tournament, but is excited about his newest assignment. Joining Gumbel on the broadcast team will be NBA legends Kenny "The Jet" Smith and Charles Barkley. The trio is expected to arrive in North Manchester on April 17 to analyze the campus evaluate the talents on the floor. The three broadcasters as well as the camera crew will be housed in the empty rooms throughout East Hall, and receive meals through Chartwells, free of charge.

Manchester junior Dan Heim is a member of a team for the upcoming season, and he seems rather confident. The linebacker for the Spartans football team was outspoken when the news broke that the championship game would be televised, noting that this will not be the last time his face will be seen on screen.

"It is about time that my talents could be recognized on a national level," Heim said. "This will give the world its first glimpse at my all-around athletic ability. Following this performance, you will see me every Monday night in a wrestling ring following my basketball career."

SWEAT SHOP Students will no longer find workout equipment when they enter the PERC.

Photo by Jafet Garcia

## PERC Trades Equipment for 'Sew Pro' Sewing Machines

#### Zach Newcomer Staff Writer

When students arrive on campus next fall, they will notice a 'sweating' change in the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC). Manchester has chosen to remove all of the equipment in Brown Fitness Center and replace it with sewing machines used for the athletic departments and campus store.

The University and Campus Store will add 50 of the newest and most technologically advanced sewing machines available – the Sew Pro 2017. Each appliance comes with a touchpad screen that allows the user to create or upload an image, which will then be printed on the article of clothing. Having an easy-to-use machine will allow each worker to create more items, compared to having a manual sewing machine.

The items produced in the new sewing room will be shirts, sweatshirts and other items of clothing for the campus store; apparel and jerseys for Manchester's athletic teams will be created there as well.

The decision to sell the weight room equipment and use that money to purchase the Sew

shipping costs. According to the Campus Store manager Heather Gochenaur, making the apparel on campus will bring in savings close to, if not over, \$500. "The Campus Store came up with the creative idea to not only generate savings in shipping, but to also lower retail prices for students," Gochenaur said. "As always, 'Students First."" Community members and parents of students will still have to purchase items at the regular retail price; a discount is only offered to current students.

Pros came as a result of increased

Students will be able to apply for positions on Spartan Jobs, while 10 positions will be held for students who committed a campus violation and need to complete community restitution assigned from the conduct board.

Adding the sewing machines has brought alarming thoughts to Manchester students and faculty. "The Kenapocomoco Coalition is concerned that students are vulnerable to exploitation through market expansion," said Dr. Katy Gray Brown, associate professor of philosophy and peace studies and director of the Peace Studies Institute. "Production is limited to items for Manchester teams and the Campus Store, but it won't be long until there's a strategic initiative to add apparel production as an institutional revenue stream."

Many also feel the wage for the workers will be too low, compared to the other jobs on campus. Workers will need to sit behind the overheating machines in the confined quarters of the lower PERC up to six hours at a time. While the workers will be students, the job posts hazards that include getting fingers caught in the needles, fingers becoming caught while unwinding thread knots and facing exhaustion due to the overheating machines. The cost of living for a single adult in Wabash County is \$9.29 an hour, while a student worker on campus will make \$7.25. The dangers that occur from the job is too severe for the low wage for each worker.

"Peace studies students from Dr. Abby Fuller's Social Movements course have taken on an advisory role for the student workers, outlining a strategy of collective noncooperation," Gray Brown said.

When students and faculty want to work out free of charge, they will need to either swim in the Eel River or run stairs in the Academic Center. A plethora of Spartan students will partake in the upcoming intramural season, with only one compilation of students leaving Stauffer-Wolfe with the sacred t-shirts that each member of the team is bestowed if they are the last ones standing. "Those shirts would be the greatest achievement I have ever had in any athletic I have ever participated in," Heim said. "No team will stop us from climbing the ladder and retrieving the prize."

The event is expected to set an all-time attendance record inside the home of Spartan basketball. No official date has been announced for the championship game, so check back with the Sports Information office or www.muspartans.com as the intramural season progresses.



Photo courtesy of CBS