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NHL Sportscaster and MC Graduate Mike 'Doc' Emrick Speaks at Convo

Chaz Bellman Staff Writer

He has announced over 3,000 hockey games in a thirty-eight year broadcasting career and has one very shiny New Jersey Devil diamond championship ring, along with possibly the most noticeable voice in all of broadcasting. Not only is Mike "Doc" Emrick in the NHL hall of fame, an Olympic announcer and an Emmy award winner he is also a 1968 Manchester College graduate.

On Sept. 7 he returned to Manchester College, 42 years after his graduation, to speak to present students on his many achievements, where his career began and the many places and stories it has led him to. "Broadcasting is great, you get in [games] free, have great seats, and watch some of the greatest athletes in the world," said Emrick. As early as fourth grade Emrick knew he

wanted to be a sportscaster, and when he arrived as a Manchester student he could be seen sitting beyond the baseball field fence, changing the scoreboard with a personal recorder in hand. Over the years at Manchester Emof personal recordings. For Emrick, Manchester College gave chances to make mistakes as a broadcaster. He sent all his personal recordings to every minor league hockey team; he then created a folder of all

rick compiled a collection the polite rejection letters from each team. Emrick knew hockey was a sport that was much better live than on television or radio so he wanted to bring it to life for viewers and listeners. His first big break

came when he landed a job

with the Port Huron, Michigan Flags a minor league hockey team, for \$160 a week. His pay would increase significantly over the years. "Getting in is your first big break," Emrick said. He did not imagine that several years down the road, he would have the chance to announce games of greats like Bobby Orr, Gordie Howe and Wayne Gretzky and announce Sidney Crosby's game-winning goal in the most recent Winter Olympic Games, along with several seasons

with the Philadelphia Flyers and later the New Jersey Devils who he continues to announce for today. He would also be asked to join a committee that selected the 50 best players in hockey history; Orr, Howe and Gretzky were the top three.

Although he has achieved more than most could ever dream of, Emrick is humble enough to remember those who helped him and to remind students to thank those who have educated them and made a difference in their life. Students seemed to be infatuated with Emrick's wisdom and stories. "It was awesome to listen to someone I had heard and seen on TV," said junior marketing major Chuck Wilk. "I was amazed to learn that he had graduated from Manchester and it is awesome to know Manchester has been giving students the grounds for success for so many years, and to see a real life example of where a degree from here can take you." His lively personal-

ity and humorous wit it have contributed to his success in NHL and Olympic television and radio. What brings him back to broadcasting year after year? A big grin came across his face and he simply replied: "It's fun."

Mold Discovery in Holl 100 Relocates Classes



THE DOC IS IN

William Rhudy Staff Writer

One of the hottest sum-

locate during the past two weekds, adding to the early that at least 60 percent of semester whirlwind. Lila people have some form of Hammer, College Registrar, mold allergies. Although stated that the closing of Holl-Kintner 100 would not be a hindrance on an organizational level. "We have plenty of rooms," she stated via email. Holl-Kintner 100 is, however, a particularly valuable classroom given its ground level location and size. Students with ambulatory challenges may have difficulty reaching the other large lecture halls, Wampler Auditorium in the Administration building and Flory Auditorium on the second floor of the Science Center. This isn't the first time mold has appeared at Manchester College. A few years ago a similar problem was found in several showers in East Hall. The mold was cleaned, but doing so proved to be very expensive and replacement of damaged material was no easy task. Garber hopes the mold in Holl-Kintner 100 will be a much easier fix. "We cleaned all visible traces of mold inside Holl-Kitner 100 the day we were informed," he said. Although the results from the air-quality tests are known, a full assessment will still be done to determine if the room is safe for classes to resume.

Photo by Julia Largent

It is estimated not all mold allergies are severe, it is too dangerous to speculate on unknown individual tolerances. "Safety is our number one concern," Garber stated. Holl-Kintner 100 was built in 1959 and is named for two former Manchester College science professors, Dr. Carl W. Holl, chemistry; and Dr. Edward Kintner, biology. This mold will certainly add to the list of talking points regarding the building's anticipated renovation in the near future. According to Garber, any investment requires capital and at this point the funds have not been raised. "It all comes down to money," Garber said candidly. While the assessments are being completed, classes have been to adapting to their new rooms. Polando is optimistic; her 9 a.m. class that discovered the mold was moved to the PERC. As it is quite a short commute from the breakfast table, the space has proven to be accommodating and sufficient. Polando leaned back in her chair said with a smile: "at least it's a bit brighter for class."

Mike "Doc" Emrick speaks behind the podium that was used by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during his visit in 1968, a convoacation that Emrick himself attended in his senior year. Since then, Emrick has made a name for himself as a sports broadcaster, specializing in hockey. Emrick not only spoke at convocation, but also met and conversed with the staff members of WBKE, which he co-founded while he was a student, and bears his initial "E."



MOLDY CLASSROOM Holl-Kintner 100, one of the biggest lecture classrooms on campus, was closed due to the discovery of mold on the first day of classes. All mold has since been disposed of, and upon an evaluation of air quality, will reopen, allowing displaced classes to return to their assigned room. Photo by Julia Largent

mers on record and a faulty vent are to blame for the mold found in Holl-Kintner 100 on Sept. 1, the first day of classes, rendering the large classroom unusable. "The vent is designed to open and close in order to maintain proper room temperature, in this case it failed to close," said Chris Garber, associate vice president of financial affairs and director of operations. Outside heavy, humid air flowed in and festered: creating perfect conditions for mold to grow.

Dr. Rachel Polando's 9 a.m. biology class initially discovered the mold. "Several students approached me informing me of mold on the wooden desks and ceiling," Polando said. Mold was also found on the audio-visual controls. As a result Holl-Kintner 100 has been closed until tests can be conducted to assess the air quality. "We are bringing in an outside company that will test the air inside Holl-Kintner 100 as well as several other class rooms around campus that will act as control samples," Garber said. The tests were scheduled for 9 Sept. 9. In a Sept 14 email, Garber reported that there was not a mold spore problem in Holl Kintner 100. "The tests were in the acceptable range," he said. All classes sched-

uled in Holl-Kintner 100 have been forced to re-

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Residential Students Gain Freedom from Wires



LOOK MA, NO WIRES!! East Hall as well as the other four residence halls on campus now have wireless routers set up to allow residents to have completely wireless internet access in their dorm rooms. Students are now able to free their computers from their desks and use them in whatever areas they choose around campus. Photo by Erin Cole

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> All five Manchester College residence halls now have wireless. With this new feature, students can now roam their halls as need be completely wire free. Using wireless doesn't tie students to their rooms or computer labs anymore to work on assignments and leisurely surf the web.

Michael Case, director of Information Technology Service (ITS), has been trying to get wireless in all the halls for years, finally achieving it last spring. The department gave an estimated \$50,000- \$70,000 to purchase the access points and set up the system. "We had a company come in to show us where exactly the best place to put the access points up," Case said. "They showed us floor plans that had concentric circles that helped us get the best signal possible in all five halls." All that work paid off, with an increase of approximately 400 more devices using the wireless than last year. With this being

such a big step in technology at Manchester, there are also a few bugs that are not yet worked out. Students reported problems such as slow service and disconnectivity. Many are shying away from using the wireless and opting to go back to an Ethernet cord. Junior Aaron Flenar is one of those people. "Yes, I do use an Ethernet cord," he said with a smirk. "I play World of Warcraft and the connection is so much faster. I would still use it even if I didn't play, mainly because the wireless cuts in and out in my dorm room."

Yet there are still students that think the wireless is a better option than being wired in. Firstyear Miro Arguijo enjoys the cord-free usage. "I can take my laptop anywhere on campus and connect to the Wifi," he said. "I could be outside if I wanted to. Randomly I'll be disconnected,

but that's like once every four days. That's something I really don't mind.

Within the next few weeks a consultant will be coming to Manchester College to fine tune any problems and fix any bugs popping up in the system. "Manchester is happy to provide wireless for its residents," Case said with a grin. ITS would also like to mention that if any students are using their own wireless network to please turn it off. 85 individual networks are in use around campus, and this causes some of the problems such as low signal strength and interrupts the signal. "Anytime you use a wireless network and there is another wireless network close by, it leaves it prone to interfirence," Case said. "The hardware we have is efficient, we are just asking them to please be kind and turn them off."

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Orientation Refocuses on Student Comfort

Sarah Plew Staff Writer

Smiling first-year students littering the Manchester campus have much to be excited about: anticipation of the upcoming college years, the beginning of classes and the base of relationships created during a new orientation program.

Several changes were made this year to the first-year orientation in hopes of creating a solid foundation at Manchester for incoming students. One major addition included a student/faculty/staff dinner during which members of faculty and staff hosted groups of first-years in their homes for a meal at the end of orientation.

"We wanted to give students and faculty an opportunity to get to know outside of the classroom," says Shanon Fawbush, director of student activities and orientation. "We were looking for new traditions that would be meaningful and have an impact on first-year students."

This change has been met with a warm response from Dean Glenn Sharfman, who was among the faculty to host students in his home. "I really feel strongly that it's what makes MC special," he says of the unique orientation events this year.

Another positive aspect Dean Sharfman says the dinner gives incoming first-year is the confirmation that "[the faculy and staff] are regular people with regular homes." This early comfort with the faculty and staff may help students feel more at ease at Manchester, which, Dean Sharfman says makes learning in the classroom better.

Student orientation leaders (SOL) were involved with the dinner as well, from communicating and planning with the faculty in advance to joining the conversation during dinner. "It gave [the first-year students] a chance to get closer with the group and relax with the professors," says Kristina Faudree, junior at MC and SOL the past two years. She also stresses the importance of the feeling of welcome the faculty and staff can give the incoming first-years: "It's nice to know that the professors think about us."

First-year student Taylor Judt has a have similar opinion regarding the dinner. "It made me feel like they care," she says. A member of her orientation group, Josh Dukehart, agrees. His favorite part of the faculty dinner was "being able to meet the staff early."

SOL Ali Hagen also agrees. "The dinner showed how Manchester really is a personable and giving school where a professor or staff member would invite fifteen strange kids into their house and feed them," she remarks. "It really showed the validity of Manchester's promise to care about each student."

Other changes made to this year's orientation included a schedule adjustment in which students were given a day off before classes began. "We decided to do this based on feedback we've received from first-years in the past," Fawbush says. "[The extra time] was for getting their lives in order before classes because orientation is so busy."

Through the addition of the faculty/staff dinner during orientation and the free day before the start of classes, Fawbush and the rest of the MC community hope to make students feel more comfortable and welcome at Manchester.



Meal Plan Changes Include New 'Lifestyle' Plan

Lynette Griffin Staff Writer

Many new and improved changes have been made to your dining services in Chartwells for this fall semester. After working hard this summer to achieve his goal, Chris Yeadon, Director of Dining Services, says with a smile: "A little change is good for everyone." Yeadon and his

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team strive to enhance their customers' dining program. There are five major changes to the program for this fall. These include:

Baker's crust in the Oaks or meal transfer, pizza to-go, the new late night menu at the Outtakes, Webtrition and the new lifestyle meal plan option. You may have noticed the e-mail or flyers about these new changes, but do you understand them? Yeadon helps to break these down. Baker's Crust in the Oaks is now the new meal transfer option. It will (1) increase the variety of offerings for meal transfer, (2) provide customizable made to order menu items, (3) increase health and wellness, and (4) allow us to offer a lower pricing.

Pizza to-go is offered when you swipe into the Haist Commons for lunch or dinner, Monday through Friday. For just one swipe and \$14.99 flex dollars, you get an extra-large 16" pizza with toppings, one large salad container and two canned sodas. The new late night

menu at the Outtakes is designed so you can enjoy a rotating menu of hot appetizers such as mozzarella sticks, onion rings and wings, in addition to pizza subs and Chet sticks. This option is available to use with your flex dollars or cash. When you're not in the mood for the snack food in your room, the new late night menu is open. Webtrition is the

new menu management

system that will help promote health and wellness on campus. This is a computer program, not a public website, that analyzes the components for nutritional information. This upgrade will allow information such as calories, fat, carbohydrates and protein counts for the menu items. You will notice this change in the Haist Commons. Beside each food item will be a card that includes this information along with the name of the item.

The new Lifestyle meal plan option now provides more flexibility for residents. It offers things such as (1) swiping multiple times during a meal period; (2) late night meal swipes; (3) meal exchange at Outtakes; (4) increased flex dollars per semester; (5) using meal swipes for a friend. This new plan allows for first-years to have a choice for the first time ever. While some stu-

dents welcome the en-



MEAL ON THE RUN Busy students wait in line to receive their meal exchange at the Oaks. This year, students can use their regular meal plans for meal transfer at the Oaks as opposed to the Outtakes as it was last year. Photo by Erin Cole

hanced nutritional information, others worry about timing. "If both the Outtakes and the Oaks were open for meal transfer, it would split up the amount of kids

so people have a chance for lunch," said Kelsey Collins, junior. She finds that it or concerns. He and his takes too long and students will be late for classes that are only 15 minutes apart.

Students should contact Yeadon with compliments team are happy to listen.

Brelje's Sr. Art Show Opens MC Sees Influx of Transfers

Holly Pawlak Staff Writer

Making the switch from walking a half hour to class or scrambling to find a quiet study spot in the library to waking up ten minutes before class (and making it with time to spare!) and making plans for a game of ultimate frisbee on the mall has caught the attention of many students at other colleges, who are now enrolled at Manchester. A recent jump in the number of students wanting to transfer has put the admissions staff to the test as they collaborate with other offices to ensure each transfer student has their class schedule, orientation schedule and residential life accommodations squared away. Greg Hetrick, associate director of recruitment and transfer admissions coordinator, has helped 39 students "find their place" at Manchester, which was a jump from

the 29 transfer students accounted for last year. Even though there is a difference between the numbers of students transferring, the process of accepting and welcoming them into the college has stayed the same. The process of transferring credits and even visiting the college is simple and there is always help just an email away. As with first-year students, the students who have decided to transfer to Manchester are welcomed with a different sort of orientation. They have had some expe-

the students find the small community to be more comfortable. Another reason students transfer is financial. Manchester College makes it easier to attend this private college than a bigger state school such as Purdue or Indiana University. The financial aid a student can get, paired with a scholarship from the school, oftentimes lifts the financial burden that students attain while attending classes at a bigger school.

Because of the small, friendly hometown feel of Manchester, the great financial aid, and so they "know where to go even the welcoming atmosphere the admissions office exudes, many students looking for a college that fits them better have found Manchester College to be their home away from home.

Kelsey Collins Staff Writer

Kate Brelje, a graduating art major, opened her senior art exhibit Friday, September 10, 2010 in the Link Gallery. The atmosphere was that of contentment and pleasantry. She had many different art styles for the eye to enjoy, but drawings were the main display of her show.

Thelma Rohrer, chair of the art department said: "Kate is a very gifted artist." She explained that Brelje was exposed to different forms of art media which helped her fall in love with drawing. "Kate

Elliot expressed artist. his joy for Brelje's figure drawing. "Kate is able to capture the individual and their personality," he said.

One section of Brelje's artwork involved making her journals into paintings. She had studied abroad in Japan and her journals about that time were insightful and colorful. "They are so intense

because they are just me being me," Brelje said of her journals. She also said that the students were asked to write journals on their experience in another country, but she decided to draw hers. "Drawing makes sense," she said. Brelje's show-

case is open to the public until Oct. 21.



and who to see if they need something," Hetrick said. For those transferring, the reasons are as numerous as the individuals. A slight trend was noted by Hetrick, who has seen a lot of students start at campuses much bigger than Manchester. The campus oftentimes feels too big and when transferring here,

rience with the college life,

constantly has a pen in her hand and believes in practice, practice," Rohrer said. Jason Elliot, Brelje's roommate and friend, was in attendance. "I've seen her evolve and take many challenges during her college career," he said. Hearing this statement makes an onlooker pay more attention to the growth of an

Senior Kate Brelje stands with one **INSIGHTFUL ARTIST** of the many pieces she is showing in her senior art exhibit. Her showcase can be seen in the Link Gallery until Oct. 21. Photo by Briana Bass

PERC Renovations Complete for Fall Athletics

Kelsey Barta Staff Writer

You no longer have to listen to the construction on East St. early in the morning. Renovations to the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC) due to increased enrollment and inadequate equipment were completed this summer.

The \$1.5 million that was spent went to a state-of-the-art locker room, additional classrooms, refurbished gym floor and an updated athletic training room. Administrators hope that the new PERC addition will add to its student enrollment. For instance, when the Science Center was built, Manchester saw an increase in science majors. "The remodeling will help the way the Science Center did," said Executive Vice President Dave McFadden "It gives us the facilities that match the programs."

Walking into the locker room feels like you've stumbled into a professional team's facilities. Before the expansion, locker rooms



NEW PERKS TO THE PERC The newest addition to the Physical Education and Recreation Center houses not only new-and-improved locker and athletic training rooms, but also new "smart" classrooms. The renovation was started during the 2009-2010 school year and was completed in time for fall sports to make full use of the new facilities. Photo by Erin Cole

had to be shared among various sports teams. The football team was even divided up before games. "Having the new locker room allows the whole team to be together," said sophomore wide receiver Kurt Monix. "It creates better team chemistry." If necessary, the locker room can be separated into two locker rooms for smaller teams.

The additions don't just focus on athletes. The classrooms come new equipped with smart boards which takes teaching and learning to a whole new level. With more chalk dust flying around the room, this feature enables the professor to walk around the room and continue writing on the board from the handheld device. Students

also get a break by not having to get up to participate and instead also writing on the board from the device. The two rooms can be turned into one with the wall being retractable. This is useful for either meetings or a larger class. Fans won't be dis-

appointed when they set eyes on the new gym floor. The Spartan head painted at mid court exemplifies the school spirit at Manchester. The out-of-bounds lines are now thicker with "Manchester" and "Spartans" painted on opposite ends. With fewer lines for intramural activities, the floor is not as busy, which allows for a fresh look. The most techno-

logically advanced element is the athletic training room.

A room that started with just three tables and four taping tables has turned into eight tables and six taping tables decorated with a Spartan head logo. "It's a great addition to Manchester athletics," said Ryan McKee, a junior linebacker. "The space allows for everyone to get through in a timely fashion. It also helps recruit athletes to come to MC because it looks respectable."

With an added traction table, an increase in ice machines, a new whirlpool, and a new rehab room, Spartan athletes are kept healthy while athletic training students obtain more hands-on experience. "If you are an athletic training student, it's exciting to actually apply what you're learning," said Christ Peden, a senior athletic training major and volleyball player. With these new expansions to the already breathtaking facility, it is now an awe-inspiring building. This is the second major remodeling since the PERC was built in 1982.



MC's Ishola Discovers Cat Contraceptives

Laura Gladfelter Staff Writer

For Manchester senior Adey Ishola, what started out as frantic scramble for a summer internship might end in financial security and prestigious honor in the scientific community. Ishola spent her summer in the research labs at the University of Virginia attempting to uncover a solution to the growing cat population. Working among the other interns and scientists, it was Ishola's task to research the sequence of a gene contributing to the reproduction in felines.

Ishola's research opportunity did not just fall straight into her hands. It took much time and patience to find an available internship. "I began by typing medical research internships into Google," Ishola says. After applying to a multitude of programs, Ishola received rejections from every place but one. The University of Virginia had not acknowledged her application, so she took initiative by looking up contact information and firing off an email. The University replied they were waiting to see if they would receive grant money. "I called every single week after [the email] to check on the status of the grant and check in with the director," she said.

After a few weeks of the waiting game, Ishola was offered a position from Jun. 1 to Aug. 22 paying, \$400 a week. Although unclear of the specifics,

Ishola immediately agreed.

Practicing techniques such as PCR copying, electrophoresis and gel extraction in the lab, Ishola gained valuable experience before medical school that she wouldn't have been able to at Manchester. "There was no regular schedule," she said. "I sometimes worked 10-12 hours at a time." Weekly meetings

weekly meetings with the director allowed Ishola to explore knowledge outside of science, and build lasting relationships. She and her peers were given a series of books to read in addition to their research. "It felt like I was in summer school and work at the same time," she said. The director even

arranged for the interns to

meet one of the authors of the books they read, Dr. Strauss. Ishola found his book, "New Frontiers in Contraceptive Research," engaging but noted she was more enthused that he was the dean of Medical Virginia Commonwealth, a nearby medical school. After sharing dinner with the dean, the students were given personal invites to apply to the school, an enormous gesture many striving applicants would give their appendages for.

In the long run, it might be the dean who had the privilege of meeting Ishola. While doing lab research, she discovered the gene sequence in a cat for the SAS1R gene, a daunting accomplishment for the even the most brilliant scientists. The gene can be used to control certain reproductive functions of the cat. Now that the gene sequence is distinguished, a contraceptive can be created.

Overpopulation of the cat community is a growing problem that could be solved with a simple contraceptive. Going to the vet for a cat to be spaded is a hassle for many feline lovers because it is costly and risky for their pets. If a cheap contraceptive could be administered, owners wouldn't have to worry about surgery complications or high expenses.

The lab is completing a series of tests to validate the sequence discovery, but if all pans out the sequence will be officially accepted into the gene bank. An even more obvious reward for the non-science minded is the 25 million-dollar prize the lab will receive for the discovery. Ishola is grateful

for her undergrad experience and never expected to be the one to discover such a significant finding. She thinks it's amazing where her initial scramble for internships landed. She advises MC students to "be proactive and don't sit back, because the [internship] you want could easily be given to someone else." Her persistence will certainly pay off as she is applying for medical schools this year and hoping to become an OBGYN in the future.

MC Welcomes New Biology Professor Costello

Eddie Shei Staff Writer

When you first walk into the office of Dr. Aron Costello, the new Biology, the first thing that comes to mind is that he really hasn't been here that long. There are a few boxes still to unpack, things to put away on shelves and in drawers.

Costello, just finished his dissertation on August 2 and graduated with a Ph.D. in zoology from Miami University on August 20. He received a Bachelor's of Science and a Master's of Science, both in biology, from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Biology has always

been an interest of Costello's, starting while growing up in Brush Valley, Pa. He uate ecology class. "It was Kin Selection Theory that really got me interested," Costello said. Kin Selection Theory states that genetically related organisms will choose to help each other more than non-genetically related organisms in order to help insure the continuation of the common genes. During his Master's program, Costello tested this theory with German cockroaches. Later in his studies, his experiment moved to male mate selection in mice based upon select qualities. These qualities included the female's ability to care for pups, her nestbuilding ability as well as other. His study was interesting because there are very few studies that focus on male mate selection.

mon ones to hear around campus. "I like the small town feel and the atmosphere," Costello said. He enjoys that the smaller classes make it easier for the professor to get to know the students and interact with them more. Costello also said he likes the college's focus on making sure the students succeed, "The students aren't just numbers, like they would be at a large school," he said. "And the professors focus not only on making sure the students succeed, but that the other professors do as well." With his recent move he especially appreciates this as the other faculty have been very helpful to him as he gets settled in.

His hope as a professor is to continue to help ects published. Costello has co-authored one published paper and is the co-author of another whose publication is currently pending. He wants to be able to advise students with their research proposals as well. Several of the students he has helped with proposals in the past have gone on to attend medical school and other professional programs. Others have gotten Ph.D.s. His hope is that he will be able to make sure students are more familiar with the research process.

When he is not at work, Costello enjoys playing both disc golf and regular golf, watching and playing football, kayaking, and hiking. He also enjoys playing basketball and baseball on occasion.



didn't realize what he wanted to focus his studies on until he took an undergrad-

His reasons for choosing to come to Manchester College are comundergraduate students in their projects and in getting their findings from the proj-

New-Age Video Games Considered Works of Art

Martin Yohn Staff Writer

In such a diversely expressive culture, it is curious how some forms of media are favored for their artistic qualities over others. A prime example being the video game.

The modern day videogame is a far cry from the blurry black and white cubes that were for so long associated with the hobby, and has in turn evolved in to a form that requires as much time and budget as any Hollywood movie. Yet even with its modern incarnation it is still regarded as a child's game or simply a time killer when in fact some of these programs are so intensely cerebral that they feel more like a Rubix cube or a game of chess than just a toy. And with advance-

ments in computer-generated imaging, the graphic aspects alone deserve some appreciation. The eerily lifelike characters that are rendered in game had to be drawn by a programmer. All the graphically astounding images or horrifying creatures have to be conceptualized and then translated into a digital form. This is already accepted as complementary in the film industry, but for video games it is the entire experience. But none the less, no single game has yet to be considered as comparable to a work of film, book, or graphic art. There seems to be something about the artistic world that either fails to understand or simply hasn't attempted to analyze video games according to their own critical standards. In all fairness, many

of the games released in the mainstream tend to be rather shallow, failing to provide either a compelling plotline or any interesting mechanics. Many act like forgettable Hollywood movies, focused on simple action, sex and violence.

While these of course have their place, they make a bad name for the occasional work produced with as much care and attention to detail as any novel or movie. These rarities invoke questions about humanity and society, often referencing history, philosophy, art and religion.

Not only are they an emotional experience, but video games provide some-

thing that other mediums of art simply fail to provide. And that is a direct interaction with the work itself. All video games (even the simplest title) require an interaction that changes the conditions of the game for some form of reward and outcome. So unlike most art that is simply appreciated externally, video games are engaging, often requiring intense problem-solving skills and sometimes even math. It seems only nat-

ural then, that because of their engaging nature and creative approach to entertainment that they should be at least considered as a form of art. After all, critics reserve the right to say what is good and what isn't, but it seems that even the bad stuff is still art. So why not appreciate the years of work require to publish a game and at least consider it for review? Maybe 60 years from now there will be famous game designers unveiling their latest brainchild for review at a chic gallery in New York, only to be auctioned off to the highest most prestigious publisher. But until then, we can only guess.

The High Five Takes On The Fist Bump

Lisa Stojanovich Staff Writer

There are thousands of ways people can express joy, excitement or success. One of the simplest, yet highly effective, is sharing a high five. However, the slapping of two palms together is a national sign that is facing a fierce competitor: the fist bump. Though it has not been around as long as the high five, it is taking the country by storm. I am a definite fan

of the high five. They are quite easy to execute and a

bit more audible than the fist bump. Little kids love high fives, as well as the folks on the other end of the age spectrum. Fist bumps can prove painful, especially if one person is wearing a ring. Junior Brittani Bush

is a huge high five supporter. "For me a high five is a motivational factor," she said. It brightens my day to give one or receive one."

Sophomore John Zickmund believes in a world where both can live harmoniously together. "I think fist bumps are more for sports and high fives are more casual," Zickmund said. His roommate Sam Ott, also a sophomore, feels more comfortable with the tried and true. "I would prefer to get a high five," Ott said. The creation of the

high five is rather of suspect. Some claim it was first witnessed by two men on a baseball diamond, while yet another story suggests it was a variation on a greeting used by a very specific platoon in the Vietnam war.

Although the origins of the high five are up for debate, the recognizable movement does not seem to be going anywhere soon. In fact, according nationalhighfiveday.com, April 15, 2010 was a day to give and receive high fives. The unofficial holiday falls on the third Thursday in April every year. No matter who was the first to high five, I can say that I am glad that he or she existed. Most people I asked tended to be in support of the high five. I think it has to do with the tradition, but also that high fives are more fun than fist bumps. Sophomore Laura Lichauer agrees. "High Fives rock!" she said. "Fist bumps are lame sauce," Lichauer said.

I did find one person who was Team Fist Bump - Mike Allsop, a junior at Purdue University visiting a friend at Manchester. "I feel like [fist bumps] signify the male bond better than a high five," Allsop said. Whatever that means. I never thought of a high five as a necessarily feminine expression. No matter which you prefer, high five or fist bump, it's clear that both will be around for a while. There is something mysterious about the high fives that will keep them around for a long time. But there is also a new fascination with the fist bump.

Although when asked, most people I spoke with stated they prefer high fives, I have still seen plenty of fist bumps since beginning this piece. Whether you agree that high fives are better than fist bumps, or you believe that fist bumps are the future, for now we will have to keep ourselves open to the possibility of receiving either one.



Women's Soccer Overcomes Adversity to Win

Shelby Covington Staff Writer

After completing a drama-filled season last year, the lady Spartan soccer team has dropped its inner-team rivalry and switched its focus to being a more cohesive team in order to achieve victory.

The lack of unity during the previous season affected the team's performance on the field. Keeping this in mind, team captains Kaitlin Hutchinson, Jenny Smith and Laura Jenkins have been working hard to minimize team segregation and create a unified squad. "I try to be a positive leader by leading by example whenever possible and acting as a mediator," said Jenny Smith, a junior. "This year, we started all over as a team, and everyone has been bonding really well."

Evidence of how the team's togetherness positively affects its performance can be seen by the victory over Trine on Sept. 4. The lady Spartans ended the game with a triumphant score of 5-1. Three of these goals can be attributed to first-year Lauren Edgington. Borrowing a term from hockey, scoring three

goals is a rare achievement called a hat trick. "I was pretty excited about scoring three goals because I have always been a defender and have never had the chance to be an offender," Edgington said. "We worked as a team to move the ball up the field, and I just tried to do my job and put the ball in the net."

Along with working together, the women's soccer team has designed new strategies to help them win. One of these new strategies is a defensive tactic called a flat back. Four defenders form a straight line in order to zone mark as opposed to man mark. This has boosted the team's defense.

also experimenting with offensive tactics to help control the ball and move more quickly. In addition, the team pursues better performances by learning from their mistakes. "Every game we have progressively gotten better," Smith said. "Whatever we mess up on at one game, we fix for the next game. We are definitely moving forward."

Before each game, the players motivate themselves by individually listening to music of their

choice on their iPods. This pumps them up for victory. Also, the team captains share motivating words to create a positive mindset for each player. The team further

prepared itself for the season by returning to Manchester two weeks before classes began. This allowed the team to spend more time bonding together and gave the players an opportunity to focus solely on soccer without worrying about school. The allotted time also provided the team with more practices and fitness sessions. The team was able to reenter the routine of playing soccer. Preseason went well The players are with no major injuries.

> The team's current record result is 1-4. Coach Andrew Stout said: "We've got a really hard working team, and I think they are going to do well if they continue that work rate. The team is improving, and I'm happy with the progress so far this season. I hope that we can keep it up all season long."

> The lady Spartans will face the Wittenburg Tigers tonight at 7 in Springfield, Ohio.



TEAMWORK TO WIN Junior Paige Whiney dribbles the ball and first-year Christabelle Kozlik watches as they make their way down the field. The Spartans (won/lost) their home game against Olivet on Sept. 15.

Photo by Erin Cole



Spartan Volleyball Team **Plays in California Sun**

Katie Majka Staff Writer

back of losing the tourna- it would have been if we ment, it was still a good hadn't gotten into the carexperience for the girls, a pool lane - I don't think first-time trip that had been achieved with diligence and hard work, and ultimately resulted in a good time. "It was our first extended trip," said head coach Kendra Marlowe. "The girls worked hard over the past three years to be able to take the trip. It was an experience that was more than volleyball, so of course we wanted to make it the best overall trip that we could." Peden attested to this. "We went to the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno," Downtown Disneyland, the Jazz Cafe," she said with a smile. "We had to rent three vans once we got there, and it was really hard to keep sight of them all when we were on

Despite the set- the road. I don't know how

DEFENDING THE GOAL Olivet player on Sept. 15.

Sophomore Bailey Carpenter defends the goal against an

tember with books and syllabi in North Manchester with the rest of their classmates, the volleyball team kicked off the school year with a tournament in California.

Instead of beginning Sep-

The tournament consisted of two games on Friday and two on Saturday at Pomona Pitzer against the University of Redlands, Chapman University and others. MC's team did not, however, leave California victorious.

"We didn't play too bad," said senior player Christa Peden. "We had a lot of unforced errors in hitting and serving. We have a lot of talent and athleticism on the team. We just have to stick with it, which can be the toughest part, but we have to be optimistic."

we have those in Indiana.'

After a trip filled with hard work, disappointments successes and fun, the team is setting their sights on the future of this season. "It's pretty early or

in the season, but one of our goals is to make it to the HCAC Tournament,' Marlowe said, "and the girls have to keep an overall GPA of 3.3 for us to get there and to remain eligible.' "We still have the

rest of the season ahead of us," Peden said determinedly. "Coach is always stressing that we have to be consistent. We have a lot going for us, just as long as we keep at it.'

Women's XC a Favorite in HCAC Conference

Elizabeth Hauger Staff Writer

Cross country is a sport that is not as well known as football or track and field and consequently may be underestimated, but Manchester has two teams that are proving otherwise. Although the season has only just begun, both teams are off to a great start.

The women's team has finally begun to realize just how good they can be after last year's season. "The women's team is without a doubt the most focused

and determined women's team I have coached in the 12 years of coaching," said head coach Brian Cashdollar. Help keeping the focus and determination are the three senior captains for the team: Jen Beakas, Jessica Bremer and Megan Miller.

"The season is going really well this year," Miller said. "The women's team is the favorite in the conference this year." The women's team therefore has much higher goals, such as winning the conference and qualifying for nationals. The men's team is

looking forward as well. "After finishing 26th in the nation last year and losing two seniors from the National Qualifying Top 7, the men's team doesn't seem to have missed a step with the addition of some great first years and the returners who have really stepped up their running," Cashdollar said. The team this year is led by senior captain Cole Jackson and junior captain Alec Womboldt.

Both teams have been practicing continuously awaiting the time when they can finally compete.

They had their first opportunity at the Ohio Wesleyan Invitational on Saturday, September 11. The men's team took fifth place out of the 14 teams that were there, and the women's team took ninth overall.

Out of the 204 runners that competed in the men's race, Brandon Nelson led the team with a ninth place finish in 26 minutes flat. Alec Womboldt placed 17th in 26:23, followed by Chris Lafree in 31st with a time of 26:50, Cole Jackson in 32nd with a 26:51, and Curtis Kent rounding

out the top five with a time of 27:04 finishing in 37th.

Out of the 230 runners that competed in the women's race, Megan Miller led the team with a time of 19:27 landing her in 21st place, followed by Jessie Bremer, who took 27th in 19:36. Ashley Kopla was 69th with a time of 20:22; Meredith Cors was 84th in 20:43 time. Jen Beakas rounded out the top five with an 85th finish in 20:46 time.

The rest of the season looks promising for the teams. "Our sights are always set on conference and regionals, but the way these teams are focused and working, I would say the outlook is pretty good," Cashdollar said.

There are five meets left in the season, not including Nationals. "We're just like any other sport; we love to see people come and support us," Wombolt said. The only home meet during the season is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16 starting at 10 a.m. with the men running first. **Oak Leaves**

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MC Football Looks Forward to Winning Season

Carson McFadden Staff Writer

Despite a season-opening loss to Trine University, Manchester College's football team is looking to have a great year. The Spartans began their year against a nationallyranked opponent in Trine, but are hoping to show their resilience through the rest of the season. Head coach Shan-

non Griffith is in his seventh year at Manchester, although he acknowledges this year may be different than those previous. "The last two seasons we've been an older football team," Griffith said. "You go from a lot of experience on both sides of the ball to guys who have little experience at the college level. Now it's their opportunity. Now we have to look for improvement week to week."

After graduating 20 seniors, the team is largely different. But just because this year's team seems to suffer from a dearth of seniors doesn't mean there isn't senior (and other) leadership.

According to sophomore Kurt Monix, the senior leaders on this year's squad are as strong as ever. "Chase Estepp, Zach Washington and Wes Johnson are all big leaders," Monix said. "They lead by example. They demonstrate what everyone else needs to be doing and they're extremely helpful to the underclassmen with every-



CHOP CHOP CHOP Sophomore quarterback Kurt Monix looks down the field after the snap as fellow sophomore running back Josh Homrich eyes the defender that is advancing on them. The JV Spartans lost their game against Trine despite an early lead.

thing- on and off the field." Griffith shares Monix's optimism about this year's crop of seniors. "I require our seniors to step up and be leaders-and it isn't easy," Griffith said. "They're the ones who need to keep the guys in a positive spin and get the younger guys to know the importance of doing the little things right. Going to class, participating in discussions and doing well in and out of the classroom are all important. We want to be recognized

as a first-class program and represent Manchester as a first-class school."

However, even as a sophomore, Monix feels that he too needs to work to fill the void. "It's just a bit different this year," Monix said. "Even as a sophomore, I need to step up into a leadership role. We all do."

Though this scenario may seem to give the team a negative outlook, Griffith remains upbeat. During training camp, the seniors presented the rest of the team with a set of goals. So far, these goals are still attainable, including winning all home games, having a winning road record and retaining the Bronze Ball.

The Bronze Ball is the trophy given to the winner of one of Manchester's biggest rivalry match-ups: Manchester vs. Anderson. With Manchester having won the trophy for the past two years, Griffith and the team are definitely hoping to hold Photo by Kristen Wilhite

onto it for a third season. Though most of the

team goals are achieved on the field of play, the primary goal is taken care of in the classroom. The seniors wanted a team GPA of 2.8 or higher.

"We have a fondness for the game, and while winning and losing is important, it doesn't override the importance of guys getting a degree and a great education," Griffith said. "Moms and dads are investing in an education and we as coaches want to make sure that our guys meet their goals firstly in the classroom and secondly on the field."

Griffith also thought it was telling that the number-one team goal was their academic performance. Griffith's primary goal is to graduate players, and his seniors are on the right track. "We want to see

guys go through four years and get that degree- and that's why I coach," Griffith said. Griffith and the rest of his coaching staff love to see their players do well in the classroom, and they believe that has something to do with their on-field performance. "The better we do in

the classroom, the better we do on the field," Griffith said. "When I came, the overall team GPA was a 2.1- which isn't very good. The past two years it's been a 2.75 or higher with a few guys with 4.0s and a large portion over a 3.0- and that's with over a hundred guys."

"Lila Hammer said that last year's GPA was the highest she's ever recalled. Now compare that with our season last year with a 5-2 conference record and having a chance to play for the championship."

With good grades and a strong group of leaders, Manchester football is hoping to have a great season.

Men's Soccer Aims for HCAC Tournament



SOCCER IN THE SUN Junior John Lash makes his way down the field in the game against Albion Sept. 7. The Spartans lost 1-0.

Photo by Stephanie Barras

Jeremy Walters Staff Writer

Since Manchester College men's soccer program joined the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, they have made the postseason tournament nine out of 12 times. 2009 was not one of those nine. Even with the disappointing end to last season, coaches and players alike have a very optimistic outlook for 2010.

The soccer team ended the '09 season in fifth place in the conference, one short of making the postseason. The '09 team overcame a plague of injuries and off-field circumstances all season long; not once all season was their starting lineup the same in back-toback games. But this is a brand-new season, and the head coach thinks that this year will be a different story.

Dave Good, in his 30th year head coaching the men's soccer team, said he had a very positive feel for this year. "We have a strong core nucleus of players returning," Good said. "In spite of the results last year, I think we are all optimistic."

The Spartans have two very strong junior captains in Corey Brueggeman and Carson McFadden. The two team seniors, J.B. Schwartz and Garrett Fredrick, add leadership and motivational support for the many younger players. This year the goal,

as it is every year, is to make the conference tournament. "We are looking for a major turnaround," Good said. In order to do so the team will have to play well against some of the toughest opponents in the conference, including University, Transylvania Anderson University, Hanover College, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Earlham College, who is in their first year in the HCAC. Manchester will travel to Transylvania, Anderson and Earlham, but have a home-field advantage game against both Ha-

nover and Rose-Hulman. The coaching staff is looking to add depth by developing some of its many younger players. With nine sophomores and 13 firstyears on the team, several underclassmen are seeing significant playing time.

Through Tuesday, September 14, the Spartans have a record of 1-3-1. Even with a middleof-the-pack record, the Spartans have only been outscored 5-4, with both Corey Brueggeman and Dian Radev leading the way with two goals apiece, placing them in a five-way tie for third place among all goal scorers in the conference. Goalkeeper Grant

Noaks is leading the conference in saves, with 39 saves compared to only 20 saves by the second place goalkeeper from Defiance College.

The Spartans are in second place in the conference in shot percentage, making 17.9 percent of their shots. Only the Franklin College Grizzlies have a better shot percentage at 20 percent.