

## 'Rock the Vote' Helps Increase Voter Registration

Lynette Griffin Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 29 the Manchester Political Science Club, with support from Manchester Democrats and Manchester Republicans, hosted "Rock the Vote." Loud music, pizza, soda and t-shirts on a sunny, breezy afternoon attracted many students, faculty and community members to the campus mall.

This event is put on to help promote young adults to become involved in voting. In general, those eligible to vote can either register to vote or fill out a form for an absentee ballot. According to junior Spanish major, Kyle Grubbs, "it's an easy way for people to register to vote if they haven't yet."

Rock the Vote was originally held by the Political Science Club during the 2008 elections, and returned this year for the 2010 mid-term elections. "This event is very useful and helpful," said Leonard Williams, professor of political science and advisor of the Political Science Club. "It is generally a big turnout. In 2008, 75 to 100 people were registered at our event."

The last day for Indiana residents to register for the Nov. 2 election was Oct. 4. Seeing this deadline approach quickly, a group of Manchester students from different organizations worked hard behind the scenes to make this event possible. They met every Friday before the event to plan. "By offering to help register people to vote and fill out absentee ballot forms (5 days before the deadline on October 4) we had the responsibility of ensuring that everyone who wanted to fill out a form could, especially if they lived out of state, and that they were in the mail before Oct. 4," said William Kallas, Student Government Association president.

There are many positive aspects by registering to vote or filling out an absentee ballot during this event. Those hosting the event provided all the forms and were knowledgeable about filling them out. Once you filled the form, they took care of postage, getting it to the correct county, and making sure it made the deadline. This was done in hopes of getting more people to register. For those who are concerned about going green, there is an application online.

The group of students putting on this event thought that if other students saw peers involved with registering to vote, others would follow suit. Most

of the time, if your friends get involved with a group or event, their actions will influence yours.

Rock the vote is a non-partisan, no partisan campaigning or recruiting event. With this, both the Democrats and Republicans had representatives there to answer questions. "We did a good job this year by pulling in both Democrats and Republicans to the event," said Jason Rays, senior political science major, and president of the Political Science Club. "It really shows that differences can get together and have fun to encourage many people."

Nick Barbknecht, sophomore accounting major and chairman of MC Republicans believes in the cause. "Registering young people to vote because now more than ever the college electorate feels illrepresented and the more young people that are registered to vote, the more our voice will be heard," he said. Sophomore political science major and vice chair of the MC Republicans Veronica Schilb agrees. "Voting is an important civic responsibility; the earlier we can get people to realize that, the better our society will be off in the long run," she said.



SIGNING UP TO VOTE A students registers to vote at the "Rock the Vote" event sponsored by the Manchester Political Science Club. The event not only allowed students to register to vote, but also gave away prizes and played loud music on the mall.

Photo by Julia Largent

# **Circle K Members Attend Annual Conference**

Kelsey Collins Staff Writer

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Kiwanis family and is the largest collegiate service organization. The Manchester College Circle K participates in a number of service projects and fundraisers which include Trick-or Treat for UNICEF, Hunger and Homeless Week, volunteering at the neighborhood retirement homes and selling fruit baskets and stress balls.

From Oct. 1 through 3, the Circle K group had their annual Member Development and Education Conference (MDEC), held at Shiloh Camp, which 11 members from Manchester attended. The conference had a pirate theme, which seemed to be enjoyed by all the members that attended.

At the conference, the members from Manchester got to meet other Circle K members from various parts of Indiana. The conference held workshops, geared more toward the first year members. Workshops, ice breakers and development of leadership skills were held. Other schools that attended the MDEC conference were Rose-Hulman, Indiana University, Purdue University, University of Indianapolis, Indiana University-Purdue University and Ball State University. There was a total of fifty-two students involved who were getting to know one another during

Circle K is a branch of the was an awards ceremo- ceived prizes: Tom Blake

Manchester

Col- which is coming up in Feb- at 8 p.m. in the Union café.



CIRCLE K GOES PIRATE The group of Circle K students who attended the annual Member Development and Education Conference pose in their pirate gear. The conference allowed members to meet other students involved in Circle K all over the state. Photo Provided by Joi Harmon



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## **WBKE Taps into Potential, Debuts New Formats**

Kelsey Barta Staff Writer

Change is coming to "The WBKE Buzz." The first change starts with visiting instructor Megan Fetters, former WBKE broadcaster, being the new faculty advisor. Besides the usual music and athletic broadcasting that was offered in the past, this year WBKE plans to include interviews. as well as chapel services and choir and band performances. "Hopefully, we can combine our sports enthusiasts, our music lovers and individuals seeking some excellent experience to put on a resume," Fetters said. "WBKE has so much unlocked potential and so much opportunity to offer students it's really amazing." There is also hope for community involvement with the addition of high school sporting events, alumni interviews and town meetings.

They also hope to do shows at events such as Haunted Garver, Mud Volleyball, Battle of the Bands and other activities. Clubs are encouraged to have their events and meetings on air for the entire campus to participate. A returning DJ,

Matt Miller, is excited for the new year full of changes. After winning Best Freshman Show last year with his friends, James McIn-



WHAT'S THE BUZZ Taryn Parker and Casey Faricelli expertly work the equipment in the radio station while hosting their Tuesday night show. WBKE currently offers 16 student-run shows and also covers major sports events. The radio station is adding several new events this year, including coverage of chapel services, club events, and Haunted Garver.

tosh and David Schownir, Miller is looking forward to following up with a show that is just as successful. His reason for joining the WBKE cast is simple: he was always the one that played music for his will be her fourth year be-

friends so he figured he'd try to do his thing live for the whole campus to hear. Julia Largent, the station manager, considers their main goal to be back on top again the year. This

ing involved with the radio and she has seen it grow throughout the years. As a first-year, she saw the station move from the no-longer-standing Communications Center to where it is now in Winger. Each year Photo by Julia Largent

there has been a steady addition of DJs to WBKE. Last year marked

Manchester College's first WBKE-sponsored Chet Fest and after that successful experience, there will be another one held this year.

The first night is the Battle of the Bands for student and local bands with a follow-up the next night with the winner of the battle opening for a hired band. Largent hopes that with the involvement of the community and students this year will be even more successful.

It has been a great experience for Largent but not just for preparing for her future career. She said that there are students, professors, and alumni such as Doc Emrick that she never would have met without the station. She hopes for the station to prevail throughout the coming years. Being the station manager, she invests a good amount of time into the radio station. "Science majors live in the science center, Art majors live in 3rd floor Winger; I live in the radio station." Largent said. WBKE also plans

to have more contests. From Oct. 10 through 15, the station will be giving away three pairs of tickets to Bones Theatre in Columbia City. Listeners simply wait for a DJ to announce that Bones Theatre tickets are available, and the first person to physically get to the studio will receive them. The tickets can be used at any time, for any movie.

## **Collins New Visiting Assistant Professor**



### Elizabeth Hauger Staff Writer

Chris Collins is a visitassistant profesing sor in the department of philosophy and religion. Collins graduated from Bridgewater College, Virginia, with a B.A. in History and French, along with a minor in Philosophy & Religion. He then went on to graduate school at the University of Virginia, where he earned a PhD in philosophy from 2003 to 2009 thanks to a little advice from his history professor who suggested he look into some philosophy classes. "I found that philosophy was more fun than

history," said Collins with a chuckle. "I decided 'let's give it a shot,' and it's been really rewarding yet challenging, fun but difficult."

He spent his first four years of graduate school living in Charlottesville, where the university is located. In 2007-2008 he spent a year abroad living in Paris, at the École Normale Supérieure. While in France, Collins was doing his dissertation research French philosopher on Merleau-Ponty. Maurice "It was a wonderful experience," Collins said. During that year, Collins' girlfriend was offered a job working in Chi-"In philosophy, you cago.

don't have to be working in a lab or doing field work somewhere – you can take your books with you wherever you go," Collins said. "So I packed up all my books and moved to Chicago." Collins then spent the last two years of graduate school working on his dissertation in Chicago, corresponding with his dis-

ing one class and I only saw the students during that time," Collins said. "Here, I see the students all the time. I like the ability to get to know the students more. Also, the faculty has been really great. They are very supportive and helpful." Although he has

been very busy settling in and teaching classes, he

NEW TEACH ON THE BLOCK Chris Collins joins the philosophy and religion department as a visiting assistant professor. He attended Manchester's sister college, Bridgewater College, in Bridgewater, Va.

Photo by Briana Bass

sertation advisor mostly by e-mail and telephone.

During the end of his last year of graduate school, Collins was offered to temporarily fill a teaching position in the philosophy and religion department of MC, which he absolutely likes. "At the University of Virginia, I was only teachdoes try to find some free time. "My girlfriend and I have a Border collie named Inkling that takes up more of my time than I am willing to admit," he said with a laugh. Collins also likes to read a lot, watch movies and cook.

## George Orwell's '1984' Play Opens Tonight

Holly Pawlak Staff Writer

When the government enacts public mind control, pervasive surveillance and keeps its civilians in a state of perpetual war the setting for George Orwell's novel "Nineteen Eighty-Four" emerges. The novel, written in 1949, follows Winston Smith through his daily life altering historical records for the government. Smith has revolutionary thoughts and records them in a diary he bought in secret. Julia enters the story as Smith's lover and as their relationship develops, so does Smith's hate for the totalitarian society in which they are both trapped inside. The tension will fill

Wampler Auditorium tonight as the totalitarian society, Smith's hate and the love between Julia and Smith will be created in a performance based on Orwell's novel. The play, directed by Jane Frazier, will be performed tonight and tomorrow at 7 p.m. and will count as a VIA credit for Manchester College students. Senior citizens have an admission of \$5 and for everyone else, \$7. Tickets are free for Manchester students.



1984 ON STAGE Party-member characters Junior Ryne Hastings and Senior Katherine Pea have an in-depth conversation as Winston Smith, played by Junior Daniel Myers-Bowman looks on in this weekend's play, "1984." Photo by Erin Cole



## **International Fashion Show Premieres Tonight**

Laura Gladfelter Staff Writer

Open the window and listen carefully. Most likely chirping birds, oinking piglets, and the trickling of the Eel River are more audible than screeching tires, and chitter-chatty street vendors.

But strain a bit more and you might catch click-clacking stilettos, the clatter-clanging of jewelry chains, and zipping zippers. New York Fashion Week took place just a few weeks ago, and while MC might be splattered in the middle of cornfields instead of concrete, the melody of fashion is booming full blast tonight in the Upper Union.

Starting at 7 p.m., approximately 40 Manchester models will strut their style to the beat of international tunes and popular American hits during the International Fashion show 2010: America's True Colors. While most looks will be western-wear style, fashion from around the world will also be featured, spotlighting countries such as: Palestine, Cameroon, Vietnam, Cambodia, Africa and Mexico.

The night begins with casual and classroom clothes, and progresses to sports-wear, formal attire, and "MC Way," where mod-

els get to decorate a white tshirt fashioned in their own, personal style. Most of the models' clothing, especially that of the international students, comes straight out of their campus closets.

The fashion show staff and models have been hard at work the past few weeks to ensure a successful show. "We have had about three twohour practice sessions already," said organizer Kyle Grubbs earlier this week.

The runway list includes MC students, some faculty members including Rachel Polando and Abby Fuller, Chartwell's most cherished Patty, and senior citizens from loretirement cal homes.

The event is organized by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and will emphasize the theme of diversity. "Americans are not one color, size, or shape," Grubbs says. "The fashion show will show how Americans are part of the international community."

MC international model, Susie Youth, encourages MC students to come to the show. "It's a good opportunity to learn about other cultures," she said. Cookies, refreshments and a walk-off for a gift certificate during intermission also serve as incentive to go.

For more information and a promotional video previewing the show, check out the Facebook page linked on the Office of Multicultural Affairs Facebook group. "Everyone should be there and bring friends and family for a fun night of fashion and culture," Grubbs says.



Models Kourtney Reed, Chris Kimmel and Susie Youth strut their stuff STRIKE A POSE during rehearsals for the "True Colors" International Fashion Show premiering tonight at 7 p.m. in the Upper Union. Photo courtesy of Kyle Grubbs

# 'Marx in Soho' Thrills, **Educates on Marxism**

William Rhudy Staff Writer

Howard Zinn's play, "Marx

burned short, insight grew the perception of Marxism Twenty four hours after deeper behind Oakwood in the world. This play al-

with the late Howard Zinn. of Marxist ideals in Vietnam As the stogies all hindered and affected Hall. "I never saw Marx lows for Marx to speak for as a family man," said Ben himself, rather than allow others to manipulate his beliefs for their own agenda. Oakes enjoyed what he saw on stage and the personification of Marxism. "True Marxism has a better chance than any of the communistic derivations we have seen thus far," he said. The understanding we have of Marx is definitely skewed due to the abuse his ideals have suffered. When his ideas are manifested on stage his ideas become more than words on a dusty text book, they become alive and relevant. From living with the proletariat Marx had a carnal understanding of the injustices he so passionately demonized, and Marx in Soho brought that understanding to Manchester College.

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in Soho," was performed at Manchester College, three philosophers sat in the chilled night air, a copy of The MC Source Student Handbook and a print-out of Schopenhauer resting on the table behind Oakwood Hall. Two stogies are lit as they reminisce about the previous night's performance.

"Marx in Soho" was written in 1999 by Howard Zinn; the one-man show allows the audience to see and hear Marx's ideas, understand Marxist commentary on current events and glimpse into the personal life of a man history has only remembered for his intellect. Bob Weick's portrayal of Marx was especially intriguing. "He was very powerful on stage because he is so specialized in his role," said Quenton Oakes, a third year philosophy major. Specialization may be an understatement; Weick has performed this one-man play a total of 193 times and had a personal relationship

Madsen, a third year history major from South Bend, Ind. "In "Marx in Soho," the audience perceives Marx to be both a revolutionary and a father and husband." This was articulated on stage by Marx's discussions with his wife Jenny and the audience watches as Marx's infallibility is constructed out of a mutual discourse.

"What really struck me was the quality of the writing," Oakes said. "He incorporated Obama and other relevant details that brought the play to life." The play was written with a certain malleable quality that allows for Marx to speak directly to the present audience.

Marxism is quite possibly one of the least understood and most widely abused school of thought the world has ever encountered. The Bolshevik Revolution in 1917, Mao Zedongs massive industrialization of China beginning in 1949, and Ho Chi Minh's abuse

In the play's foreword Zinn writes, "My hope is that "Marx in Soho" illuminates not just that time, and Marx's place in it, but our time, and our place in it."



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break! Faculty and students

alike are worn out after

nearly a month of classes.

Whether one decides to

stay home and sleep in or

go to Camp Mack, the day

is a much-needed change

of pace. People can spend

the day at lovely Camp

Mack, or more than likely for

much of the student body,

spend the day catching up

on sleep and homework.

Camp Mack Day to a Satur-

day is a great solution: for

just not giving students a free day off. But at the same

time, if it were on a Wednes-

day, interested students would still go. Fall athletes

could make the trip as well

and the day would even be beneficial for students and

faculty not attending. That's

a win-win-win situation.

That's why Manchester should help everyone out

and return to a Wednes-

day Camp Mack Day!

Honestly, moving



## **Camp Mack Attendence to Improve if on Wed.**

Carson McFadden Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., I am sitting at my desk in Professor Watson's History of the English Language class. Though I thoroughly enjoy this class, there are a multitude of other things that I know I could be doing. Sleeping. Eating. Watching TV. Or attending Camp Mack Day! Camp Mack is a

Brethren Church Camp in Milford, Ind. In years past, class has been cancelled on a Wednesday and students are able to go to Camp Mack for the day. This is fine and dandy for most people and Camp Mack Day is indeed a lot of fun. However, there have always been a good portion of students who decide to stay back at school and this is a perfectly legitimate option. To discourage this, or in fact, to eliminate it entirely, Camp Mack Day was moved to a Saturday. While this format has its benefits, Camp Mack Day should definitely still take place on a Wednesday. A Saturday Camp

Mack Day is not a problem for most people. Actually, it opens up the possibility of spending the night at camp and allows for more activities. With so much more time at such a lovely

are many more things to do. Volleyball, canoe rac-

and fun-filled place, there and the women's team, I commission, whereas on is on a Saturday, it's very was on a road trip to Lexington, Ky., to play at Transyling, rock climbing, crafts, vania University. Not really

almost any other September Saturday, you'd have make it, even if matches many more fall athletes or events are at home.

difficult for any athletes to



**MORNING PRAYER** Students and faculty participate in the Sunday morning worship service at Camp Mack on Sunday, Sept. 26. Camp Mack was scheduled on a weekend this year instead of the traditional Wednesday, though McFadden argues that if it were to be changed back to its original Wednesday date, more in-season student athletes would attend.

Photo by Julia Largent

hiking, ultimate Frisbee, euchre, and hanging out around a campfire are all a lot of fun – but not if you're over 250 miles away! Along with the rest of the men's soccer team,

the ideal place to be if you want to attend Camp Mack Day. I'll admit that Sept. 25 was one of the best Saturdays to hold the event. Only the men's and women's soccer teams were out of away at sporting events. But really, any weekday would be better for athletes. Despite practices, we would all be able to attend for most of the day. When Camp Mack Day

Along with the fact that Manchester's fall athletes are occupied on most Saturdays, the remaining argument for holding Camp Mack Day on a Wednesday is that everyone needs a

## **Comedian Wendi Fox Teaches Drinking Deterrent**

Jeremy Walters Staff Writer

best medicine. Humor is said to be the best way to

those that are of legal drinking age to "Celebrate Safe" with the Sober Sitter Safety Laughter is said to be the program she endorses. Fox has visited noticed, as many people

The approach most Alcohol Awareness speakers take is the typical one: don't drink. Fox has thousands of colleges and have, that telling people not to do something is not going to convince them to change their habits and lifestyles. So Fox decided to take a completely different approach. She attempts to get college students to find something in their life that they enjoy more than just getting drunk all the time.

vited two students up onto stage, one to play the drunk person, and the other to play the sober sitter. Sophomore put on beer goggles and do a series of tests to simulate and portray a person under the influence. Junior Ashley Poe, the second chosen student, was simply asked to quide him along the way to serve as the sober sitter. King was first asked to walk in a straight line, wherein he stumbled and wobbled down the line and got close to where he was supposed to be. He was then given a toddler toy designed to

a rod in order from largest to smallest. He completed that task with relative ease, AACTION is "to identify the Jimmy King, was asked to though it did take longer needs of the area regardthan it should have. Lastly ing alcohol, tobacco and he was asked to catch a bird on a string that she flicked back and forth in front of his face. He failed to catch the bird through many attempts but did catch it in the end. To wrap it up, he was handed a jump rope, and the sober sitter promptly took it away from him.

help toddlers put rings on es, and Tobacco In Our Neighborhoods. The mission of Wabash County other drug use and abuse monitor programs which are recipients of Drug Free Indiana monies, and act as a resource in Wabash County for alcohol, tobacco and drug information," according to its website, www.aactionwabash.org

break the ice. Wendi Fox says stand-up is the best method to talk to college students around the nation about responsible drinking. A former high-

risk drinker herself, Fox now tours many colleges around the United States doing stand-up comedy routines. Her message to college students is to "Find the Buzz without the Booze" and to encourage universities, ranging all over North America, and she has been doing so for over 20 years. She is considered a trailblazer of public speakers and is "the first professional responsibility speaker in the collegiate arena to combine education, inspiration, and standup while still sending a strong Alcohol Awareness," according to her website, www.wendifox.com.

Fox also understands that demonstration is a great way to get attention of the students. She in-

Fox was sponsored by Wabash County AACTION, Against Alcohol, Controlled Substanc-

## Ban of 'Legal Marijuana' a Good Thing

### Shelby Covington Staff Writer

#### Manchester College Administration recently banned K2 on campus, and I cannot agree more with this decision. K2 is a botanical

and herbal blend advertised as incense and potpourri, intended for use during meditation. However, K2 sales have sky-rocketed as youth discovered its ability to get them high after smoking it, despite a label on the packaging that warns, "Not intended for human consumption. Burn in a well-ventilated area."

In a German toxicology report on the product, researchers found that there were "harmful effects of K2." These effects consist of anxiety, panic attacks, vomiting and seizures. The report concluded that it was "unclear what the actual plant ingredients were" and where the synthetic tocopherol (a chemical compound causing a marijuana-like

high) had come from. Other reports have shown that K2 has caused hospitalization due to rapid heart rate, dizziness and hallucinations. In addition, various fatalities have been reported nationwide due to the dangerous effects of K2. Countless have

succumbed to smoking K2 because of its easy access and availability. It's sold at convenience stores and head shops alike. Also, many say that the high from smoking K2 is similar to the high from smoking marijuana. Thus, smokers use K2 as an alternative to marijuana because it does not appear on a drug test.

Although it is widely accepted that the high of K2 mimics the high of marijuana, evidence points toward K2 being much worse. "When I smoked K2, I got this really weird out-ofbody experience," one student said. "When I smoke weed, I feel good. This, I hated. I hated everything about my life and every-

thing I thought about. I was really uncomfortable, and I just wanted it to go away."

Like numerous other students, I tried smoking K2 with a false understanding that it was a safe alternative to marijuana. Surrounded by close friends, I had never felt more uncomfortable in my life and encountered the same yearning to have the high disappear. That was my first and last time smoking synthetic marijuana. It is not a high worth experiencing.

Several legislatures are fighting to have K2 banned in their counties. Wabash County recently prohibited the use and sale of K2, with many others following suit. In lowa and Texas, parents of teens who have died from the use of K2 are striving for legislation to ban the product. Hopefully, the illegality of K2 becomes a reality across the nation.

Sellers of K2 market the product in a number of different forms and levels. The Original K2 contains the fewest ingredients and produces the weakest high. K2 Citron, the next level, contains citrus extract. Its scent causes a "mouth-watering" sensation according to a website advertising the product. K2 Blonde is marketed specifically toward women, producing a vanilla

scent with a subtle hint of nutmeg. Equally as potent is K2 Pink, yielding a strawberry candy fragrance. The strongest, most expensive form of the product is K2 Summit, containing extracts of rose and bay bean. It is said to be the most sensational and popular. Despite its variety

and intended use, sales of K2 are beginning to plummet as several counties ban the product. With all the negative reports I have read about as well as the evidence I have witnessed, I can only be thankful for the bannings. No good has come from K2 consumption.



K2, or as it's more commonly known, "legal marijuana," has be-LEGAL BUT IMMORAL? come an epidemic in many areas because of the recent discovery that it gives the smoker a high-like state. Although it is legal for the time being, many counties and states are petitioning to outlaw the substance. Photo from healthkey.com



## Women's Soccer Learns from Losses to Win

Sarah Plew Staff Writer

Last Saturday's win against Franklin College gave the women's soccer team a renewed confidence in their abilities. After a 0-2 loss against Capital University that Tuesday, the win against Franklin was a much-needed boost of confidence. With the recent loss lingering in the back of their minds and the gray rain clouds over their heads, the soccer team faced Saturday's game with a certain subdued mood. The 0-0 score at halftime did nothing to lift the spirits, but at some point the outlook changed. In the last ten minutes of the game, within about a minute and a half, Manchester scored two goals to win the game. The win was especially encouraging for junior midfielder Jenny Smith, who is injured this season. Her treatment schedule determines whether or not she plays, so Saturday was only her second conference game back since her injury. She didn't waste much time re-adjusting. In fact, she scored one of the two goals on Saturday.

"I think we were all just fed up with it being 0-0 so long," says Smith of her goal with a shrug. "I had other shots that I thought were more likely

Junior defender Paige Winey also remembers her frustrating during the game. "We were outshooting them by a lot so it was really annoying not to score," she says. She does, however, acknowledge the team's improvement since Tuesday's game. "We passed and moved the ball around a lot better [on Saturday]," she says. Junior midfielder Kayla Werbianskyj also attributes the win in part to their improved teamwork. "Our passing was a lot better than it was in previous games," she says. "I think we came to play on Saturday." The 2-0 win against Franklin moved the team's record to 3-8-0 in the season and 1-1-0 in the conference. But they do have some difficult games ahead. Tuesday, Oct. 4, the girls play Ohio Northern, a high-ranked team that is not in their conference. Then Saturday, Oct. 9, the girls play Hanover, a team that is ranked 2-0-0 in the conference. Facing the upcom-

to go in. It was lucky."

ing challenging games of the season, the girls are positive but level-headed. There are four teams in particular that the girls think may be difficult to beat, but that doesn't mean they anticipate easy wins with the rest. "We're worried



**ROUGH PLAY** Junior Kayla Werbianskyj fights off an Ohio Northern opponent on Tuesday's home game. Despite tough plays to get possession of the ball, the Spartans lost 4-1. Photo by Kristen Wilhite

about every team, really," says sophomore midfielder Sara Barker realistically. Despite the anticipation of these upcoming games, Werbianskyj re-

mains confident. "It's not impossible for us to make it into the tournament," she says. "It's very possible. It's just a matter of whether or not we come to play."

Winey is positive as well and looks ahead in anticipation. "We have a couple of games that we should win as long as we play well," she says.

"Balls to the wall!" Smith adds enthusiastically, smiling at Winey. "And you can quote me on that."

## Men's Soccer Shoots for Conference Title

Chaz Bellman Staff Writer

McFadden said. Since the ries. Corey Brueggeman, a lowed by an away game to against Mount Saint Joe. they welcomed in 12 firstteam's first win they have junior from Ohio, has come conference foe, Defiance. "Championship" is one team lost their first game to most influential players on the team will see a lot of bus wraps up three days later. the team, even though he is banged up. The team looks forward to the return of one of its best attackers in sophomore Dian Radev, who has been out due to a hamstring injury and is in the process of returning. He has been working with the trainers and doctors that visit weekly. His return could be vital to the team's chances in conference play and scoring goals. Sophomores Andrew Gray and Cody Freels have also been battling injuries, forcing them to miss practices. Senior JB Schwartz has been out for four weeks due to injury and is not looking to return to the field any time soon. The team has nine games remaining on the regular season schedule. The beginning of these nine games starts with three straight home games fol-

lost seven and tied two. The back and been one of the Following the home stretch ment begins on Nov. 3 and their championship journey. On their way there the team looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead and the opportunity to complete the goals they originally set out to achieve when

The HCAC tourna- year players and set out on

simple word that so many teams put on a pedestal at the beginning of the season. However, all teams in the HCAC seek a conference title and Manchester is no different. With conference play about to start, the men's soccer team has a conference championship and more in mind.

Not only do they want a conference title, but they also have other goals including scoring more goals than they concede and beating Transylvania. A start of the session 4-1 win in the second game against Moody Bible had the team headed in the right direction and aimed straight to the top of their goals. Since the win

against Moody the men's team has struggled a bit. "We just haven't been able to put the ball in the net of late," sophomore Carson

Transylvania 1-0 and will have to wait until the conference tournament to take another shot at them. Also in the slide the Spartans faced their toughest competition in Ohio Northern and lost 4-1. "Ohio Northern could sub out any player on the field with one just as good," McFadden said. "They were big, strong and physical."

Although the team was unable to beat Transylvania, positive aspects can be born from a loss. "There was a bit of a different atmosphere," McFadden said. The team has played with a fire since the tough loss and feels as if they are headed in the right direction with the majority of the conference play schedule yet to come.

The team has been faced with several injuries. At the moment there are five players either out with injuries or playing with injutime while traveling to away matches at Bluffton, Earlham and Anderson University. The men finish up the regular season with one last home and conference game



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT The men's soccer team scrimmages against teammates Wednesday. They hope to make it to the HCAC tournament despite a young team consisting of twelve first-years and less upper classmen.

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## Volleyball Hopes to Play in Conference Tournament

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The past two weeks have been busy for the Spartan volleyball team. They have traveled to different schools, won, lost and practiced until they hurt. You can find them every day in the gym at 3:30, ready to improve their skills through practice.

Coach Kendra Marlowe and her team hosted Defiance on Aug. 22, with a win of 3-2. "It was a super exciting match," Marlowe said. "It just kept going back and forth.' This win was the Spartan's first conference win in the season.

year is up for grabs," Marlowe said. "Some teams physically well; they just

have won games we never expected, some teams have lost games we didn't expect them to lose. Our goal this year is to get into the conference tournament."

To get into the tournament the team has been practicing every day. Around this time in their season, the team is focusing more on team oriented activities instead of individual skills. They are focusing a lot of the 'first ball kill'. This is when it's the other team's time to serve, the Spartans focus on getting the first point of that serve. "We all know what we are here for" Marlowe said.

On Aug. 28, the "Conference this Spartans traveled to Bluffton. "They performed

had a mental block or a hindrance," Marlowe said. They fell with a 3-0 loss.

Oct. 2 was a tough day for the girls. The Spartans traveled to Hanover for a tri-meet with them and Asbury. Their first game was a conference game against Hanover. Spartans fell to a 3-0 lose. Later on Saturday, Manchester fell to Asbury with a 3-1 match.

"They are a good bunch of girls," Marlowe said. This season is Marlowe's third year coaching the Spartan volleyball team. "We all love each other and support each other in everything we do," sophomore Kelsey Barta said. "It's more than being on a team; it's about being a family."

## **Turner Alone Bikes** 30 Miles to Camp Mack

Martin Yohn Staff Writer

Turner Ritchie was the only Manchester student to attend this year's bicycle ride to Camp Mack last weekend. In past years, groups of students and faculty could be seen gathering in the early morning fog outside the student Union, sipping coffee and yawning in preparation for the 30-mile ride ahead of them. Although the atten-

dance was notably lower compared to past years, Ritchie at least had a good time. Without a group of other riders to follow, he was able to ride at his own

pace and with the help of a print off from Google Maps and the bonus of great winds, he made it in no time.

"It was cold enough to get the sniffles but not cold enough to turn your hands blue" Ritchie says. But the ride posed no serious problems. Ritchie identifies himself as a very serious biker, who started cycling during his sophomore year of high school. "It is a great way to add variety in to your life," he says.

Last year Ritchie planned to ride his bicycle, fully loaded with camping gear, to Michigan but made it about 145 miles

before technical difficulties forced him to stop.

This was his first weather and favorable bike ride to Camp Mack and Ritchie expects to go next year, despite the turn out. He would certainly welcome all comers, and encourages other students and faculty to participate in future rides to Camp Mack, which in the past has been presented as a fun and alternative transportation to the camp Mac events.

"It's thrilling to be with other people on bikes, especially when you get a group that enjoys biking together," Ritchie says.



JUMP TO CHALLENGE Members of the Spartan volleyball team guard the net against an opponent from Rose Hulman. Despite their home court advantage, the Spartans fought but lost with a score of 3-1. Photo by Derek Wells

**Spartan Football Keeps Chopping to Homecoming** 

### Katie Majka Staff Writer

Students at Manchester College may have noticed some of their fellow classmates sporting ice packs or being aided by a set of crutches recently, whether at mealtimes or in between classes, and chances are they're members of the football team.

not to-"We're tally healthy as a team,' said head coach Shannon Griffith of the various injuries afflicting some of the players. "We're kind of banged up. There are a lot of nicks and bruises, nothing uncommon. It's part of the game."

Injuries aren't the only aspects of this contact sport, however; the team

has also earned their fair share of wins and losses so far this season.

"The season didn't start off the way we would have liked," said player Chase Estepp, "but we played a good team in Trine and we had a lot of questions still to answer going into the game. After losing to Trine we were able to go on the road and beat a Kalamazoo team that beat us last year."

"We've rebounded from our losses, especially since our home opener was a win," Griffith said. "As we go through the conference, the number one thing is that we want to win the home contests."

Estepp elaborated on the victory of the team's first home game. "It was also the first conference

game," he said. "We beat Earlham which gave us some momentum. Coming into the season, we knew the first five games would be tough because four of them were on the road."

The team has endured more than triumphs this season. They lost to Rose-Hulman on Oct. 2, the final score reading 10-7.

"Although we didn't play the greatest on offense, our defense played well and gave us an opportunity to win at the end of the game," Estepp said. "We had the ball at the oneyard line with seven seconds to go, but weren't able to score."

Despite the final score, Estepp and his teammates didn't walk away from the field with nothing.

"The one good thing that came out of the game is that even though we didn't play the way we wished, we still kept fighting and stuck together," he said. "We had a chance at the end of the game, and we know as a team that when you're given opportunities like that, you have to capitalize on them."

While disappointing and perhaps a bit discouraging, the recent loss to Rose-Hulman is not stopping the team from being confident about the remainder of their season, specifically about Manchester's homecoming game against Hanover.

"We were able to beat them [Hanover] last year 30-8," Estepp said, "so we know that we're going to get a

good battle from them when they travel here this year. They've been playing pretty well so far this year, too, so it should be a good game for the fans."

Griffith is also looking towards the rest of the season with optimism, taking it all one game at a time. "You never want to get too far ahead of yourself," he said. "General confidence is a matter of being resilient when adversity hits. Each week presents a different opportunity."

Some of the team's goals include finishing 4-0 at home, "because we fell as though we need to take advantage of our home field," Estepp said. The team is also aiming to win the Bronze Ball game against Anderson and to win at least three or

four away games in order for the team to achieve a winning record for away games.

"We're looking forward to the rest of the season," Griffith said. "We're just approaching them one game at a time, and see how we progress with that mentality."

Estepp shares the coach's confidence, but also understands that the team always has a lot of work to do in order to achieve the goals they have set for themselves. "We're young this year, but as a team we know that cannot be an excuse," he said. "We have to work hard every week and be prepared for every opponent."

## **Professors, Coaches, Alums Play**

### Eddie Shei Staff Writer

Walking into the PERC at noon on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, you may expect to see people heading to lunch. Instead, you'll see some former students, some coaches, and a few professors from various departments across campus giving each other a hard time playing some pretty hardcore basketball. You are witnessing the fastpaced, rough-and-tumble game of Noon Ball.

The game is pretty rough since they don't play by the rules most of us are

used to. "I'm a wrestler, so I don't get called for travelling, up and downs, or double dribbling," said Matt Burlingame, the head wrestling coach. "We don't call many fouls either."

The league, as it was referred to by a few players, gets players from more than just the athletic department, and draws about 18 regular players. "Noon Ball is good time for the new coaches on campus to get to know some of the professors and a good opportunity for all of us to get a good workout in," Burlingame said. "It's nice having other departments in-

volved in the game." Some of the professors you'll see are Dr. Jerry Sweeten from biology, Dr. Jonathan Watson from English and Dr. Jeff Osborne from chemistry. The coaches who play are Dan Sprunger, assistant baseball coach; Brian Cashdollar, head cross country coach; Brad Higginson, assistant football coach; and Maria Marche-Assistant softball sano, coach.

Originally started by Bill Robinson, former president of Manchester College, the game is closed to current students and is a half-court basketball game. The rules of the game, since it's not the typical game, were created by Kenny Cox, an alum and former assistant basketball coach. The rules are generally made or changed by the most senior player though. The games are generally 3-on-3 or 4-on-4.

After Robinson left, Rick Espeset took his place on the team. "Steve Alford always told me to know my place on the court," Espeset said. The noon-to-one basketball game three days a week has been a tradition ever since Robinson began it.

The Noon Ball

'Noon Ball'

league was "restarted" by "Commissioner" Josh Dzurich, who e-mails everyone in the league to get players there. "Eric 'Black hole' Dougal, the former commissioner kind of let it lapse a little," Dzurich said, kind of jokingly. "I felt I owed it to the legend to get it going again." The game is now getting record attendance and now includes "Full Court Fridays" in order to accommodate the number of people who play on a regular basis. "We need to get more seating for all of the fans who come to watch us," joked Sweeten during the warm-up.

added: Watson "With faculty rock band in an off-year, I figure I can afford a few jammed fingers."

By listening to the joking taunts that go back and forth across the court as the players warm up, you can tell there is a lot of good-natured competition in the game. "We're a little disappointed in our rookies this year," Dzurich said with a grin. "They are a little soft this season.'

At the end of the games, they go back to their departments and are the professors we see in class every day.