



The Oak Leaves



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Spartans Lose Heartbreaker after Strong Show

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Spartan spirit sprinkled campus this past weekend, giving MC students and fans a multitude of entertainment to choose from in honor of the homecoming football game. Pre-game festivities included a cook-out-style lunch replacing the traditional cafeteria-style grub, a Spartan carnival filled with inflatable, bouncy toys, and a vintage sale of old MC athletic gear. Fans flocked to the stands at 1:30 for the football game against Hanover. The home stands were so full, Spartan fans started to fill the opponent's bleachers. Five minutes into the game, Hanover picked up an early lead.

Junior quarterback Justin Minnich completed a 43-yard run for a touchdown to even the score and kicker, Kyle Evans' field goal bumped it up, giving MC a 10-7 lead.

In the second quarter Hanover scored another touchdown, but with nine seconds left till halftime, a touchdown from wide receiver, Bobby McClintock, made the lead 17-14.

Halftime was chock-full of events, beginning with the induction of alumni athletes into the Spartans Hall of Fame. Following the inductions was the introduction of homecoming court, naming seniors Alex Hall and Karla Conrad this year's king and queen.

The Spartan mascot, Spartacus, meandered through the masses of fans, causing faces of the youngest fans to break out in gap-toothed smiles. After a series of hugs and pats,



KEEP CHOPPING Junior Kurt Monix holds off a Hanover defender as he pushes forward towards the end zone. Although the Spartans rallied together after more than one interception to drive up the score, they fell to the Hanover Panthers 35-25.

Photo by Kristen Wilhite

Spartacus cautiously defied the number one mascot rule, no talking, to tell Oak Leaves that his favorite part of the job is seeing all the little kids dancing. "The older crowd needs to get more into it [the game] and show more spirit," he said.

Before the team returned to the field, the MC dance team performed to keep crowd spirit up by showcasing a flurry of kicks, flips, and twirls.

The third period

kicked off with Hanover scoring twice, reflecting a 28-17 lead over MC. There was a bunch of pushing, shoving and shouts from the Spartan fans fourth quarter as Hanover defense succeeded to make the offensive line move on a third down, causing offsides. "It was getting intense," said ball girl and cross country runner Ashley Koplá. "The Manchester bench was not accepting the official's decision."

Minnich scored in the fourth, but it wasn't enough to halt Hanover's offensive as they scored once more to end the game with a 35-25 win over Manchester. The score may have reflected a loss, however the game did offer some positives. "It was one of the better games we played as far as effort," said student coach Travis Alford. "Everybody did all they could and we never doubted their ef-

ports." Middle line backer David Hayden agrees: "We just need to go back into the 'keep chopping' philosophy," he said. "After the game coach said we were in a dark area and to just keep swinging and we would find the light."

Alford adds: "A key player this game was Brecken Kennedy and his three interceptions." Additional highlights were Dylan Snyder's 14 tackles, three

pass breakups by Kennedy, and Ryan McKee's seven tackles.

McKee had a whole cheering section of supporters who camped out in a trailer and grilled out after the game. Among the fans was his brother, Ricky, who played defensive line for the Spartans last year. "It's strange watching from above," he says. "I miss Manchester a lot because I never had to worry about anything serious." The alum is now coaching football at Elkhart Memorial High School.

Other alums attending the game were John and Alice Keller, grandparents of first-year, Andrea Keller. In addition to Andrea, the couple had three daughters that attended MC. The two met at school, where John was a Spartan football player and Alice was a cheerleader. "The [cheerleading] uniforms used to be pleated, wool, and down to my knees," Alice said. "There were only four of us, and we did old fashioned cheers, without music. I think cheer is why my knees are bad today."

John adds: "The football field itself looks the same as it did, but the seating used to be a big dirt mound." Homecoming was an exciting event for the alums. "We used to wake up to paint the streets at four or five in the morning and there was a parade," John said.

Traditions may have been different 50 years ago, but creative homecoming spirit and decorations are still present in resident hall lobbies.

Spirit Street Entertains Alumni, Students, Families

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Gray rain clouds cascaded the sky at Saturday's Homecoming football game, but this did not slash the spirits of fans. Instead of growing glum, supporters of the football team were uplifted as they walked toward the field. The path leading to the stadium greeted guests with several entertaining activities, dubbing this trail "Spirit Street."

Upon entering the gates before Spirit Street, fans were instantly embraced by the splash of color provided by the inflatable bounce house and obstacle course. Children and even some students enjoyed scrambling through the island-themed obstacle course as they faced inflated hills and beams. Others jumped to their hearts' content, leaping as high as they could in the bounce house. As one child exited the mesh outlet, he exclaimed, "This is my favorite thing about football!" These activities were geared towards the young and the young at heart.

A competitive corn hole tournament immediately followed the air-filled entertainment. Students and faculty battled in this heated competition to see who had a better knack for the backyard game.

The professors managed to prove their skills against the younger opponents by keeping up with them and often adding more points to the scoreboard.

Further along the path stood a large tent strung with white lantern lights. Football fans took refuge inside from the scattered showers while also grabbing a bite to eat. The food was a slight step up from the average cafeteria meal; caterers in black vests and bow ties offered grilled chicken and pulled pork served in shiny silver warmers. Fruit, baked beans, brownies, and cookies to support breast cancer awareness were available as well. Long tables cloaked in white table cloths offered a relaxing resting area and convenient place to eat.

The food did not stop there. Next down Spirit Street were teams of young alumni and current students wearing tall white chef hats. The two teams battled in The Third Annual Young Alumni Iron Chef Competition with Chef Chris Fogerty directing the event. Their objective was to create the best gourmet burger and grilled chicken sandwich by combining any of the provided ingredients, which included several types of seasonings, sauces, cheeses, toppings, and breads. Smells of

freshly grilled chicken and warm pita bread filled the air as the judges waited to taste the concoctions. They based their judgments mostly on the taste of the sandwiches, but also on presentation and originality. "I think the cook-off is a chance for current students and young alumni to create new friendships while they share a little friendly competition," said Fogerty.

Across the gravel trail from the cooking competition stood another tent. Instead of offering appetizing cuisine, special deals on athletic wear were granted to customers. Tables were piled with clothes ranging from basketball shorts and wrestling T-shirts to cheerleading skirts and baseball sweatshirts. Prices were as low as one dollar. Several sports fanatics took advantage of this money-saving opportunity.

The final tent set up on Spirit Street was filled with Manchester paraphernalia. First-year students could receive a golden T-shirt with the lyrics to the college's fight song printed upside down. (This way, students could look down at their shirts and read the lyrics.) A golden hand towel with the Manchester logo was given to any graduate from the year 2001-2011. If the graduates brought two other alumni to the tent,

they got an even better prize. These prizes consisted of magnets, mugs, shot

glasses, key chains, and baseball caps. "We like to entice them with free stuff,"

said one of the vendors.



GETTING IN THE SPIRIT A student paints a gold and black design on a young visitor to Spirit Street. Sponsored by RHA, Spirit Street hosted different activities from each residence hall to help cheer on the Spartans.

Photo by Erin Cole

Inside: Health Fair- Stan Hooley Midnite Madness

Around Campus

'Obstructed Dreams' Outlines College Dreams

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Everyone has dreams. For some the dream is to get a good job that pays well. For others that dream is simply to be able to go to college. With the DREAM Act, the dream to go to college can become a reality for many alien minors in the United States. There are nearly 65,000 alien minors who are unable to attend college each year due to their lack of documentation and the inability to afford college.

Last week the Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted several members of the Latino Youth Collective out of Indianapolis. The LYC is an organization that provides resources to the youth in communities to help the youth be able to achieve higher education by doing programs within the communities. One such program is the multitude of documentaries that are made by the LYC and the members of communities around the state and Indianapolis. One of these documentaries, called "Los Invisibles," was shown during VIA.

The documentary took a look at the lives of many of the alien minors in Indiana who are unable to attend college or find jobs because they don't have social security numbers or aren't citizens of the United States. Many of the students interviewed for the documentary spoke in Spanish and said that they were proud that they were undocumented. The



DREAMING TO ACT Students watch and listen intently to the presenter from the Latino Youth Collective (LYC) as he spoke about the possibility for immigrants to the country to attend college.

Photo by Julia Largent

majority of those students interviewed spoke almost entirely in Spanish, with several exceptions. There were also interviews with several parents of children who questioned if they had made the right decision to leave their homes and to bring their children to America. The video took a look at how old videos from the 1950s and 1960s showed how integrated the United States was and how every-

one was able to get an education and become a citizen. The subject of "vertical mobility" was brought up several times in the video.

After this there was a short period of time in which the members of the LYC were able to tell us about their lives since they had come to America. Most all of them struggled, or still may be struggling, to get their citizenship and their papers, though everything is

in line except for the money. In one case, one member's father had gotten the money together for his son and they had all the paperwork filled out, but he was still denied his citizenship because his father didn't have a large enough income.

The other members of the LYC all told stories similar to that. They went through high school and a parent told them from when they were young

that they would be able to go to college, but when it came time for them to apply to colleges, they couldn't since they were undocumented. They support the DREAM Act so that those minors who dream about going to college from the time they are kids can go.

"I brought this to campus for a couple reasons," said junior Kyle Grubbs, the student who organized the event. "First,

it really hit home with me because of my Latino background. Second, everyone should have a chance to further their education. The VIA provided a humanistic touch to take a look at the lives of illegal immigrants."

For more information on the DREAM Act go to <http://dreamact.info/students>.

Health Fair Helps Students Stay Healthy



MASSAGE AWAY THE STRESS Senior Kassie Seidenstucker enjoys a massage from the Manchester Chiropractic Center at the Health Fair, Oct. 14. Besides the massage tables, the fair included cancer screenings, canine therapy and various immunizations.

Photo by Erin Cole

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The Physical Education and Recreation Center, more simply known as the PERC, housed several businesses Thursday, October 14, at the annual Health Fair. Between 7 and 11 a.m. students, faculty, retirees and their immediate families came for all manner of health issues including flu vaccinations, health risk assessments and spinal screenings.

The Manchester Chiropractic center had thermal screenings available to detect the amount of strain attendee's backs were experiencing. A thermal gun was drawn along the base of the spine as well as the neck and a thermal reading indicated where stress was being applied to the back. On the printed version, green was good, yellow was normal, orange was a slight risk and red was simply not good. Celeste, the assistant explaining the reading, explained softly that the reading could sometimes be a little off, especially if you had slept in a funny position or had worked out, as Sam Ott, a sophomore, had before attending the Health Fair. Ott came for a massage, but stayed for a thermal scan. "It's a good idea, but is it really believable?" he wondered.

The thermal screenings were just one

of the many attractions and soon a line had formed in front of the coffee table for the massage therapist. Clearly, the three seats in front of the massage table were not going to be enough for the students who had formed the line.

A representative from a cancer screening center, who wanted to remain anonymous, advertised the need for breast and testicular cancer screenings. On December 9, 2010, screenings will be given to students and faculty who would like them. The representative encouraged everyone to leave time for the screening that day saying, with a smile, "The best protection is early detection."

All of the attention that was not focused on the massage booth was centered on two very special guests. Tyson, a Labrador Retriever, and Gus, a Boxer, were brought by their owners to educate about therapy dogs. Tyson and Gus were trained and registered to help relieve stress in those house or hospital bound by just doing what dogs love to do: be petted. Both dogs were lovable and made even the shyest smile students, staff, and faculty pet them. "The release Tyson and Gus give is the best medicine," said Tyson's owner. "Just having a dog in the room is one of the best comforts. They know that when their vest

is on, they have a job to do and that job is to love like everyone is their owner."

The wealth of information presented at the health fair was important for anyone to know as well as easy to access and understand. It's worth it if you want a massage, and who knows? Maybe you can learn a bit about your health while you're at it.



Around Campus



Rowling's 'Harry Potter' Will Not Corrupt Minds

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More than a decade has passed since J.K. Rowling's bestselling "Harry Potter" series hit bookshelves across the globe, but it would seem that no amount of time could dilute the opinion of many devout religious groups and individuals, who regard the books as nothing more than Satanic propaganda born of a desire to poison good Christian ideals.

You might think that – after ten years of insurmountable success and loving acceptance of the fictional, orphaned wizard – these groups would just give it a rest. No amount of protest or unfounded accusations have hindered the publication or success of Rowling's world, and it's

clear that many of these opinions that "Harry Potter" promotes Satanism originate from ignorance and pure lack of knowledge as to what the series is about. After researching a few anti-HP websites, it's obvious that none of these people have actually read the books, and the lengths to which these individuals go to to twist and besmirch Rowling's themes are astounding. One such page – www.exposingsatanism.org – takes a quote by Rowling and twists it to suit their fancy. The quote they chose reads as follows: "The idea that we could have a child who escapes from the confines of the adult world and goes somewhere where he has power – both literally and metaphorically – really appealed to me."

Their dissection of

the quote? "Note what she says about the child having power? What she is saying is that the child needs to have power and control over parents and also have the power of the occult."

"Harry Potter" fan and Manchester junior Nikki Glassley rolled her eyes at the website's assumptions. "Or maybe what she's saying is that he'll no longer have to live in a little cubby under the stairs," she said. Indeed, it would seem that what Rowling is saying is that after a decade of neglect and often cruelty at the hands of his aunt, uncle and cousin, Harry Potter is able to escape a life where he is neither loved nor appreciated for an existence where he is acknowledged, admired and, put simply, wanted.

Another article

posted by the same site is truly unbelievable in its absurdity and lack of credibility. In fact, it's quite easy to laugh and even tear up at the allegations and obvious ignorance of the writer, which most notably includes the following: Voldemort (aka Tom Riddle) is "clearly" symbolic of God and the Holy Trinity, while Harry Potter plays the part of the anti-Christ. According to the article, "Our Lord Tom" is unable to save the world from "Potter and his followers." Let's explore this, shall we? Voldemort murders and tortures for his gain or oftentimes pure amusement, advocates racism, classism, and is a symbol of oppression – indeed, he is reminiscent of several, very real dictators throughout history. Furthermore, "Har-

ry Potter" is not necessarily about magic, which is the only conceivable reason why some religious groups are so against it. If readers simply execute their abilities at close reading (or any reading at all, considering how painfully obvious it is that these people have done no more than research the books via Wikipedia), they will be able to see more than Hogwarts and the Wizarding world Rowling creates. "Harry Potter" is about the eternal battle of Good vs. Evil, the importance of friendship and loyalty, of bravery and overcoming obstacles in the face of adversity. It's about being courageous and fighting for what you believe in, no matter how many people are against you. It's about the great impact and difference that

loves makes, about standing up for your friends and sticking together. It's about far just a little faith can take you, and how good – no matter what – always has the potential to win. If these ideals are Satanic, it seems that Satanism has come a long way.

It would appear that J.K. Rowling – who incorporates parallels from real-life aspects of government to individual encounters with depression and the journey of Jesus Christ (as portrayed by Harry Potter himself), and all sorts of issues in between – did not put as much thought into the underlying messages of her books as certain religious groups have done. Which, if you can get past all the utter ridiculousness of the accusations, is really quite the impressive feat.

Midnite Madness Leads Way to Basketball Season

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The Manchester Spartans men's basketball season started off with a swish in the early morning of Friday, Oct. 15. The PERC arena was the site of Midnite Madness, the kick-off event for the 2010–2011 season.

The madness actually began at 11 p.m. the previous night, with games and other activities preced-

ing the Spartans' first practice of the season. Upon arrival, spectators were invited to shoot a three-point shot, with successful attempts earning a free Manchester Basketball T-shirt. The PERC was packed with supporters, cheerleaders and players, including junior fan Casey Vallier. "I thought Midnite Madness was great," Vallier said. "It was a lot of fun; I loved the Minute to Win it games, and

it definitely gave me good hopes for the season."

Attendees were picked at random to try their hand at events from Minute to Win it, a popular game show. This involved contestants herding eggs down the court with a pizza box, eating Oreo cookies from their own foreheads (without the use of hands), and dancing like crazy to evict ping pong balls from a tissue box attached to their waist.

In addition to these chaotic competitions, the winner was given the chance at a half-court shot with a monetary reward, and audience members played some basketball musical chairs. After one player's grandfather won \$10 with a lay-up, there was little doubt that it had been a unique appetizer to the season.

After some more practice, the team will be on its way to New Mexico for some pre-season action. On Nov. 6, the Spartans will tip-off against the University of New Mexico and former Manchester coach Steve Alford. Jason Spindler, a junior center, was particularly excited. "New Mexico should be an awesome beginning to the season," Spindler said. "We'll have some great competition

and we'll be down in the desert while everyone else is back here in the cold!" Though they'll be over 1300 miles away, the team could have some fans. "I'm definitely considering a road trip," Vallier said. "Gotta support the team everywhere they go!

As for the regular season, Spindler and company are optimistic. "We fully expect to compete for the conference championship," Spindler said. "With the guys we're bringing back as well as some incoming freshmen, there's no reason we can't take the conference title." The Spartans have all five of last season's starters returning, with Nathan Ferch and Jordan Moss leading the way. "Ferch and Moss are huge for us," Spindler said.

"They bring tremendous experience, leadership skills and they definitely know how to pump the team up."

As well the returners, Head Coach Brad Nadborne is back for his sixth season, bringing with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. "Nadborne's been in and around the game for a long time, and that is always helpful to us throughout the season," Spindler said. "He has experience at the Division I level, and it definitely shows."

While the fun and games were evident on the night of Oct. 14, at 12:01 a.m. on Oct. 15, the team entered the arena to a standing ovation to begin their first practice of what they predict to be a successful season.

Science Seminars Open to Everyone

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Almost every Monday around 4 p.m., Manchester College Science Department puts on a Science Seminar. The event takes place in Flory Auditorium, in the Science Center, and showcases one or more individuals and their works in the science field.

Started in 1993, there are roughly 25 seminars every year at Manchester. The average attendance is about 50, and there are some students who end up with a perfect record for attending all the year's seminars. The seminars are open to anyone, and you do not need to be enrolled in science courses to attend.

The seminars are designed to showcase science fields that may not be taught at Manchester, in the hopes of opening minds and doors to other exciting sciences. The seminars are recorded and put on the internet for any students who were unable to attend the live seminar.

Although most professors do not require attendance at the seminars, many offer extra credit to students who attend. "We want scientists to be thinking and learning and to

develop interests about different topics," Professor Jeff Osborne said. "There are so many more things to learn about than what we have in class."

Crystal Rodriguez, a sophomore at MC, goes to the seminars for the extra credit, but she also enjoys the many subjects covered by the speakers. "I like coming to the Science Seminar," Rodriguez said, "because we talk about issues we wouldn't normally learn about in class."

There are snacks at the beginning of each session, helping to draw in some students. Professor Andy Rich supplies attendees with a math problem of the week, and the first person to correctly solve the equation usually wins a candy bar.

The seminars are typically presented by students at MC. Many of them participate in summer research, lasting about ten weeks, and use this time to explain to other students what they accomplished during that time. Often there will be two students who present their research at one forum.

Some topics that have been talked about during the seminars are MRIs, astronomy research and the Eel River Project.

Homecoming weekend brought Richard Thompson, a 1990 Manchester College graduate, back to his old school, and he stayed to present the seminar that following Monday. Thompson earned a bachelor's of science degree in physics from Manchester, and then went to Notre Dame. He eventually left Notre Dame in pursuit of something more, and wound up at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Thompson now works at John Hopkins University in the Biostatistics Center. His presentation was titled "Biostatistics: What it is and why you might make it a career." Thompson used two examples, blood clots and radon exposure, to showcase how statistics can be applied to science. He explained that many of the conclusions that biostatistics come to often help people live safer and healthier lives.

The website where you can learn more about the science seminars can be accessed through the physics, biology, or chemistry homepages. There you can find a schedule of upcoming presentations, and also watch the available videos of previous seminars.

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Around Campus

Relationships Formed at Manchester Persist

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Through the roars and screams of the homecoming football game on Saturday, two women sit contentedly in a tent next to the bleachers, reminiscing about their past. Donna Brian and Ruth Peterson graduated in 1965 from Manchester College and their alumni name tags hold pictures of their younger selves. Although both women now look considerably changed from the curled bobs and thick-framed glasses on their twenty-year-old faces, their relationship appears unaltered. They laugh and talk effortlessly, Brian referring to her longtime friend as "Ruthie" and neither seeming to care about the football game taking place.

"It's nice to know things haven't changed," Peterson says with a laugh, gesturing to the excited fans and players. "It's been 45 years and things still haven't changed."

The women are at Manchester for the Homecoming weekend, this year hosting ten class reunions. Graduates from decades ago through last May came to support the football team, to visit the Alma Mater, and to reunite with old friends.

Although Brian and Peterson graduated 45 years ago and now live in different states, they are still close friends. The

women were roommates at Manchester and lived in the old Oakwood in what Brian playfully says was "the worst room in the building." Brian studied music and Peterson was an English major.

The friends declare that Manchester has not changed, but their stories portray a different world. During the time the women were at MC, there were no co-ed residence halls. Furthermore, female students had a curfew of 10 p.m. at the time even though male students didn't have a curfew. Sophomores had the last choice of housing, so most ended up living off campus. Marriage and engagement were far more common between students. Brian herself was married during her senior year at Manchester, an accepted and ordinary occurrence at the time. "When the guys got engaged, they were thrown in the fountain," Peterson recalls, smiling.

Both women say they never thought about any schooling past an undergraduate degree, living in the moment while they were young. However, after marrying her husband, Brian went on to earn a PhD. She works at the University of Tennessee now as a project director. Peterson earned a Master's degree in English and works both as an educator for a domestic violence shelter and as an adult ESL teacher.



WE ARE SPARTA While Spartacus boosts Spartan spirit during Homecoming, many alumni use the weekend to reconnect with old friends. Class of 2010 graduates Caleb Grimes and Josh Kapla reunited at the Homecoming football game. Class of 1985 graduates Donna Brian and Ruth Peterson also met up at the game.

Photo by Joseph Stuart

The women reflect on their past with a fond nostalgia. Peterson in particular admits how quickly life changes. "Four years later when you come back you don't know any students,"

she says. "Life goes on."

Recent 2010 graduate Caleb Grimes already feels the effects of the continuation of life without him at MC. "It was weird being back at Man-

chester and not knowing who everyone is," he says.

Grimes came back to the Homecoming football game to see friends, including his college roommate Josh Kapla. Although the two haven't been away from their college years as long as Brian and Peterson, they seem to remain as close of friends as they were when living at MC.

The friends were roommates in Schwalm during their sophomore and junior years and lived together off campus during their senior year. Grimes even admits that the majority of his college memories were with Kapla. One particularly fond memory occurred when Kapla helped Grimes escape trouble from an RA by jumping out of a window in Garver, a story Grimes recounts with a laugh.

The two were able to reminisce with other friends during the Homecoming football game and throughout the weekend.

"It was great being back at MC and seeing all the people that I've become so close with over the last few years," Kapla says. "It felt like I'd never left."

Kapla graduated with a degree in exercise science and is now a personal trainer in Michigan. Grimes graduated with a degree in English last May and is currently attending Valparaiso Law School.

Although Grimes

left Manchester with pleasant memories, he is thankful for his new, more glamorous life in law school. "You forget how uneventful Manchester can be when you only go back for the fun weekends," he says with a smirk.

Regardless of each pair of roommate's memories, experiences, or current lives, one thing is certain: the relationships formed at Manchester College persist. Whether it be months or decades after graduation, the friendships have held stable and meaningful.

Electro-acoustic Guitarist Snyder Plays for MC

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Wine Recital Hall was packed with students, the stage was dwarfed by the masses of pupils packing in on stairs and even standing outside the doors. The hall remained dark with the exception of the light that

shone on the stage. A white projector screen hung in the back drop which begged to be brought to life. In the right corner of the rather empty stage were four instruments that would bring the Oct. 13 night alive.

Mark Snyder, a composer and assistant professor at North Ala-

bama, has had his music played not only in the United States but across the world in countries such as Argentina, New Zealand and Taiwan. However, Snyder was able to bring his special form of composing, electro-acoustic music, to the Manchester student body.

To demonstrate electro-acoustic sound, Snyder would play one of the four instruments he brought, whether it be the tuba, clarinet or accordion, into a microphone. The sound traveled from the microphone to a computer where the sound came out as a mirrored distortion of the original. Not only did the computer conform to a new sound, but it also helped control the various pre-selected pictures

to glide across the screen with the flow of the music Snyder played. Each instrument was played in its own solo piece; never were two instruments played at the same time.

Not only is Snyder a composer and professor, he is also married and has children. His music comes from a variety of real life situations that inspire him to compose a piece. One of the first pieces he played was composed as result of "cleansing himself" after the brutal murder of a close friend and the difficult time he faced in finding closure.

During his MC performance, Snyder would stop between each piece and explain the title to his next work and where the piece found its inspiration.

He also helped students to understand the images behind each piece. One of the better examples of this was his piece "Messy" which was written for a friend whose mother was an abstract artist. His friend had always wondered why her mother painted messy things instead of realistic appealing pictures. The mother's artworks were displayed in a variety of twisting fashions as Snyder belted out a noise unfamiliar to most ears.

Snyder also hit the student body with his humor and laughed along with everyone as he explain his piece in which he titled "Pornography." The display pictures to this song did not match the title for several reasons. One was

MC's campus policy, and two was that the meaning behind the piece had nothing to do with sex at all. The piece was composed after watching the struggles his wife encountered trying to breast feed in public places. Although she was discrete, Snyder noticed the large amounts of stares of disapproval. He wrote this piece as a way to share acceptance of the human body and to help people realize a natural process of life.

Snyder has been claimed as "Thunderously good" by 9x Magazine and has continued on the road performing since he left Manchester. His upcoming performances can be seen at Western Illinois University and Florence, Alabama's Juke Joint.

September Athletic Training Student of the Month



Nick Salupo

Hometown: Indianapolis
Future Plans: Medical Physician in Sports Medicine
Activities: Chemistry, Cross Country, MCATC

William Rhudy
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Fall break has come and gone; leaves are falling and the temperature is dropping; cool breezes from the east bring quick mornings that fade all too fast. Hot coffee days in late October; rustling leaves frolic as the maintenance staff attempts to keep them in check; meanwhile, the student body utilized their break in a variety of ways; at the very least we appreciated the break from our typical routine.

Laura Ahnert, a junior English major, spent her fall break substitute teaching with the North Miami school system. "It

wasn't much of a break; I worked the entire time," she said. Even a break from school doesn't mean a break from reality. It's nice to take a short stop from the typical whirl-wind, but did it really feel like a break?

Annie Hernandez, a senior majoring in athletic training, spent her fall break with the Manchester College basketball team. "I would have liked a chance to catch my breath, but the college doesn't stop because the student body is on break," she said. It's typical to assume that a long weekend will provide a subtle reprieve from the monotony of scheduled classes, but for some students it was just business as usual.

Kyle Leffel, a senior from North Manchester, and several friends entered a chili cook-off in Wabash; their saucy blend of "Chet Chipotle" combined zesty flavor with some Manchester charisma; a tasty treat to be sure. "We didn't really have much to do...I mean, it's Manchester," he said with a smile, "but we just did some cooking together and had a blast. We ate so much chili that day."

Some students used their two extra days of vacation to visit family or friends across the country. Daniel Meyers-Bowman, a junior Music major, spent his break visiting friends in Iowa City, IA. "Sometimes you have to take a little trip,

get a change of scenery; Iowa City has good friends and good times," he said. Lauren Holbrook, a transfer student from Massachusetts went home for her break, "I don't see my family as much as I would like," she said. "I had a blast going home to visit."

Whether the break was boring or exciting, more of the same or something completely new, fall break 2010 has come and gone. While some students used it as a chance to recoup and prepare for the rest of the semester, some students worked hard to fulfill their particular responsibilities. The semester is half over, we are grooving; full steam ahead towards Christmas!

Students Reflect on Unusual Fall Break Experiences

Around Campus

Hooley Brings Iditarod Race to Manchester

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From Elkhart to North Manchester, through Indianapolis to Alaska, Manchester College welcomed back Iditarod executive director Stan Hooley to campus this past week. Aside from racing thousands of miles with his dog sled, he has traveled more than 3,700 miles to visit with old friends and to just see how things have changed.

Hooley is a 1980 graduate with a degree in business administration. He worked as an admissions counselor and assistant football coach at MC right after graduation. He then took a position at the National AAU Staff in Indianapolis for eight years. In early 1993, Hooley landed a job of his lifetime. He accepted the executive director of the Iditarod dog sled race.

Stan Hooley has been involved with sports, in some way, shape or form, all of his life. He always wanted to be on the business side of sports though. With his job in Indy, he traveled very frequently, coordinating events throughout the country. His job with the National AAU Staff was too demanding though. Through networking, he was able to put himself in the position he holds today.

"I don't look in my rear view mirror often, just enough to learn," Hooley said.

Being very young in age, Hooley was referred by one of his colleagues to the Iditarod Trail Committee. This committee was looking for a person with exceptional leadership and background of global even management. Hooley, having always dreamed of being in Alaska, was able to become the executive director of the Iditarod dog sled race. Here he is responsible for the overall event but, especially the fundraising and sponsorship development. "It's rewarding--a fit from personality to event," said Hooley about his job.

During the convocation, Hooley spoke a lot to the public about the most important things about your life and career. He emphasized that family is a very special part. Having traveled extensively with his job in Indy, he knew that his future career would be on in which he can stay close with his family. He also spoke about the Iditarod. Not many people know what this event is other than a bunch of dogs traveling many miles in the freezing cold weather.

Hooley carefully explained exactly what this event entails. Every year, on the first Saturday of March, teams of "four-legged athletes" and "two-legged athletes" take off for an adventure of a lifetime. These teams will race 1,500 miles across Alaska from Anchorage to Nome, stopping about every four to six hours to either eat or sleep. Hooley said that the experienced mushers will finish the race in about 10 days, as opposed to the rookies who normally finish in about 17 days. The mushers feel such an accomplishment just knowing they completed the race.

"They're not the average household pet; they're the most amazing creatures on the planet," said Hooley with a humble smile. "There is nothing more fascinating than getting behind a team of four-legged athletes and hearing nothing but panting and the jingling of their collars."

While on campus, Hooley was able to sit in on a couple of classes. Friday afternoon, 17 students sitting in black chairs arranged in a square, anxiously awaited to hear from Hooley on a personal level. Professor Mary Lahnman's public relations class was full of questions.

Hooley first told them about his time at Manchester. He stated how he lived in Schwalm, and that he needs to go visit his old room and take a picture to send to his roommate. He was very ex-

cited to be back.

Hooley told the class about the different aspects of how this large event is able to run so smoothly. One specific team is the communications team. This group of people works on the race execution and race updates. They arrange the air transportation for the event and the media relations. The staff works during the event on keeping internet updates and if possible, television updates running.

Hooley explained that many visitors, depending of their meaning of being there, will either witness the start or finish of the race. There are not many who come for the whole event. Or, there are the select few that will hire an air taxi operator and fly the entire trail. Hooley noted that this is very costly but such a great adventure.

The class had a discussion about the average Iditarod race fan. Hooley asked what the class thought was the average age, education level, sex and income of the fan was. The class decided the average race fan to be male, 35-45 years of age with a grad school degree, middle to upper income level. Hooley shocked the class though. The results of many studies say that in reality the average fan is female, 55 and older, higher-than-normal income with advanced degrees.

Not only did Hooley attend class, but he also had a very busy schedule. He had meals and coffee with old and new friends, a campus tour, a tour of the PERC and many interviews along the way.

"Alaska is a special place," Hooley said. "Being back to Manchester is like a walk down memory lane."



MUSH Executive Director of the Iditarod dog sled race Stan Hooley visited Manchester on Oct. 21. He spoke during VIA about his experiences in Alaska with the Iditarod and emphasized what is truly important to him--his family. A 1980 graduate of Manchester, Hooley was excited to be back on campus and interact with current students.

Photo by Julia Largent

Music Bridges Generation Gap at Homecoming

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On Oct. 22 Cordier Auditorium was full of life and song as the annual homecoming concert was in full swing. The concert entitled "Convergence" showcased both choir talents as well as the talents of Manchester band students. Cantabile, Jazz Ensemble, A Cappella Choir, and Symphonic Band members along with some alumni took the stage and entertained the crowd.

17 of Manchester's female vocalists took the stage and started the show. Cantabile, which means 'a cantabile passage or piece of music that flows in a smooth melodious style,' is conducted by Andrew Suhre and their pianist is Joanne Case. The women sang three songs: "I will Thank Thee, O Lord," "In that Great Getting up Morning" and "The 59th Street Bridge Song." Around the auditorium, friends and family applauded them.

Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Tim Reed, followed. A group



PLAY IT AGAIN, MC Current students and alumni join together for the Homecoming concert "Convergence" on Friday, October 22. The women's choir Cantabile, the Jazz Ensemble, the A Cappella Choir, and Symphonic Band were highlighted.

Photo by Derek Wells

of 18 students and a few alumni took the stage and had the crowd tapping their toes along to the swinging beat. They played three songs also: "Song for My Father," "Here's That Rainy Day" and "Big Noise from Winnetka." In those songs some of the students showcased their talents by having solos. "I love watching Scott play," said Debra

Fox about her son Scott Fox, sophomore. "Seeing him do his solo, I could just see how confident he was; it made it more enjoyable."

Between Jazz Ensemble and A Cappella Choir there was a 10 minute intermission where the lobby was full of people getting cookies and punch, all discussing the show and how well it was going.

A Cappella Choir took the stage next, with an astonishing 43 students and more alumni taking the stage. The young and old sang together in perfect harmony to six songs conducted by Debra Lynn: "Ave Maria," "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place," "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel," "I Got Shoes," "We Shall Overcome" and "The Lord

Bless You and Keep You." "We would learn a piece and not practice it again until the day of the show, but it worked well for us," said first year Kelly Iler with a smile. "We would always learn the most random pieces of the song first, but there is always method to Debra's madness. We also had a few practices within our group to smooth out

some things." Iler is also a part of Cantabile, and practiced on her own a lot to prepare herself for the show, as did other members.

Symphonic Band took the stage next, and filled it up with numerous students and alumni all sitting in nice rows with their shiny instruments. The conductor, Dr. Scott Humphries, waved his hands and conducted his band through two songs: "Short Essay" and "Esprit de Corps." The Symphonic Band stayed sitting after their songs, and A Cappella Choir joined them to perform some combined ensembles. Together they did two songs: "Behold Thy Brother Man" and "Ode to Joy."

Both band members and choir members alike performed for part of their class, and for a grade. "If we decided not to show up to the performance and we didn't have a very good reason for why we couldn't be there, it would've hurt our grade," Iler said. The same went for the band members, who all reported the same thing, "It's for a grade."



Spartan Sports

Volleyball Team Struggles in Conference Play



WHEN I SAY JUMP YOU SAY HOW HIGH Senior Christa Peden leaps into the air, aiming to send the ball back toward visiting Mt. St. Joseph while teammates junior Sarah Lauinger, first-year Kelsie Fieler and junior Amanda Dickman anticipate the return. Manchester lost to Mt. St. Joseph 3-0, and is now 8-18 for the year. The volleyball team's next game will be at Transylvania on Saturday, October 30, closing out the regular season. *Photo by Stephanie Barras*

Shoes Play Important Role for Cross Country

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Shoes are an everyday object that many people would probably take for granted. We put them on one foot at a time, carelessly tying the strings into imperfect knots. We do this every day, not thinking twice about it. For the Manchester Cross Country teams, though, shoes are an important asset to their success.

Let's face it, without shoes the cross country teams would have major difficulties. But, picking the right shoe (no pun intended) can be difficult. Not only are there all different types of running shoes, there are various brands to choose from, from Asics and Brooks to Saucony.

How do you go about choosing the perfect shoe? For senior Jen Beakas it's pretty simple. "I've had the same brand of shoe [Asics] for about four years," she said. "The guy at the running store suggested that I try it, and I've stuck with it every time."

For others, it's luck. "Mine [Asics] were the first brand I ever got,"

said senior Kerry Nielson. However, for some it's trial and error. "I originally had Mizuno's, but I was always getting injuries," said first year Brittany Shuler. "Finally, the guy at the running store recommended Brooks."

After buying shoes, it's time to put them to work. From practices and meets, the shoes go through some wear and tear. But how long can a running shoe really last before it's time to pitch it and get a new pair? The average amount of miles a shoe should last is from 300 to 500. That's not really the case for some of our runners though. "Including walking, I would say my shoes last about 900 miles," said first year Curtis Kent.

However, some runners' shoes don't make it to see that number. "My shoes can get about 300ish miles before I buy a new pair," said senior Megan Miller. "I usually get a new pair whenever my legs begin to start hurting."

Other numbers include anywhere from 400 to 700 miles before it's time to say goodbye. "Some runners may even reach 1,000

before they get a new pair," said senior Josh Kunkel.

Along with any other sport there are bound to be some sort of superstitions when it comes to races. "If we have racing chips [timers], I have to put it in my left shoe when I race," said Shuler. Kent likes to stick to traditional double knots with his laces. Also following the same superstition is senior Madi Gregory. "I have to have my laces tied a certain way, which some of the girls laugh at me about," she said with a laugh.

The shoes and the superstitions seemed to have been helpful for the teams during the Manchester Invitation on Oct. 16, 2010. The women's team ran away with the win. Meredith Cors finished second overall to lead Manchester with a time of 23 minutes and 5 seconds, the third best 6K time in school history. Megan Miller was next finishing fourth in 23:13, Jessi Bremer came in fifth in 23:21, Karla Madrigal was 12th in 24:18 and Katherine Pea rounded out the top five with a 15th place finish in 24:28.

Braden Nielson

led the men's team with a third place finish, running the 8K course in 25:36 as the men took second in the team standings. Curtis Kent was second on the team with a fourth place finish in 26:00, Alec Womboldt was fifth in 26:07, Chris Lafree was 10th in 26:33

and Zeth Baker rounded out the top five with a 16th place finish in 38th place and a time of 26:59.

Whether it's talent or a good pair of shoes, both teams have had a good year and it's not over yet. The women's and men's team will take part in

the HCAC Championship in Kentucky on Saturday, Oct. 30. And their running shoes are ready to defend their conference titles.



LOYAL TO THE END 28 cross country players exhibit their love for specific brands of sneakers. Some even have multiple pairs of shoes. (Oops and yes, we do know that Adidas is misspelled.) *Graphic courtesy of Elizabeth Hauger*

Injuries Force Women's Soccer Players to Quit

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Imagine loving playing soccer so much that you have dedicated the past 16 years of your life to it. Now picture that being taken away from you forever because of an injury.

Like many athletes nationwide, Meredith Howe, of the women's soccer team can relate. After suffering her seventh concussion of her lifetime, due to being kicked in the head during the game against

Trine on Sept. 4, she was unable to play, practice or even run. "I hate sitting around and not being able to work out," Howe said. "I've been active my whole life and being told I can't do what I love is stressful." She was sidelined until the Sept. 17 game at Wittenberg where she was concussed a second time this season due to landing on her head after a tackle.

Once again she was not able to play. The athletic trainers kept her off the field as a precaution

to further and permanent damage. She was released to practice and then take part in the Oct. 16 game against Rose Hulman. This is the last soccer game Meredith Howe will ever take place in. She experienced her ninth concussion due to flipping after a tackle that landed her on her head.

The soccer team's injuries don't just include Howe; Kendra Getz has been on the sideline since the Trine game after a bulging disk was found in her back. Not only does she

suffer from that, but she has undergone two surgeries for compartment syndrome. Compartment syndrome is where the muscle is too big for the compartment. As the muscle expands while running, feeling is lost in the feet. The first surgery was done on the wrong compartment.

Getz was told that if she wants to run when she is older, she has to stop playing soccer now. "I want to be able to be active when I'm older and run around with my kids,"

Getz said, "but at the same time I want to be able to play soccer right now with my friends." It is a lose-lose situation for Getz. She will be returning next season for her senior year.

The Spartans feel the loss of those players. "We were already a small team as it was at the start of the season and taking away four players is crucial," said Laura Jenkins, a sophomore co-captain, "It put a damper on the whole season. It severely hurt us." The team started out the year

with 19 players on the team and is currently at 14 girls who are left and not injured. This leaves them with only three subs on the sidelines.

The Spartans wrap up their season on Oct. 30 at noon with Senior Day. The lone senior, Kaitlin Hutchinson, will be honored before the game. Hutchinson has made the all Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) second team for the past three years.