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Leprechaun Thieves Infest Oakwood Hall

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Since early March, leprechauns have been causing trouble for the residents of Oakwood hall. Reports have been piling up of missing socks, undergarments and car keys, and officials have been discussing how best to deal with the unwelcome guests.

Danielle Maher, a third-floor resident, returned from lunch to find that her shoe had gone missing. "Those pesky leprechauns stole one of my favorite shoes!" she said. "I hope it turns up soon. The leprechaun clearly had been on my bed too: there were muddy footprints all over my covers and pillow cases." Maher reported the incident to Joseph Myers, a Resident Assistant (RA) for the third floor.

Myers has not had problems with the infestation since last week. "[It] hasn't been much of a problem for me since I accidentally sat on one," Myers said. "I think they steer clear of my room after that incident."

Other deterrents have been tested by the staff of Oakwood, including leading the leprechauns out with gold coins attached to a string – but no solution has been permanent. The leprechauns continue to find their way back into Oakwood.

Myers was able

to offer an explanation for the happenings associated with the leprechaun infestation. "I have an eighth

liked the items. Although I can't seem to find a reason the leprechauns would need brassieres, but they

and a nose ring.

The reports have been coming in not only to Myers, but to other RAs in

see them, but they move my stuff around," Johnson said. "I'm on to their tricks."

Attempts to re-

leprechaun strips, which work similar to fly strips, except that they are made of gold," Corsey said. MU was able to finance the leprechaun strips due to the discovery of gold in the tunnels underneath the campus. According to Corsey, a maintenance worker named Corny was the one to make the discovery when his flashlight glinted off of some gold in one of the tunnels.

The disappearances of personal belongings have made the infestation a top priority for Manchester officials, along with discussions of tuition rates and student parking. Corsey assures the residents of Oakwood that the infestation will be taken care of as soon as possible, and that the leprechauns will not be subjected to inhumane attempts to capture them. There have not been any reports of leprechauns in any of the other residence halls, and officials are working to keep the infestation from spreading.



ONCE YOU SEE IT... Michael Corsey, Oakwood Hall Director, discusses the recent problem the hall has been facing since early March. According to residents, leprechauns have been wreaking havoc in the building. One of the main complaints has been that the little green men have been stealing residents' belongings. Many Oakwood residents stand by this mythical claim despite the lack of any photo evidence of the intruders.

Photo by Emily Krabach

sense for talking to leprechauns," he said. "The let me know the disappearances are things they need to battle their dictator, He-who-shall-not-be-named – that, or they just

seem to be a hot theft item among the items reported." Reports have put the disappearances at 35 individual socks (one per matching pair), ten brassieres, three sets of keys

Oakwood. Aliyah Johnson, the other third-floor RA, has not seen the leprechauns, but has also taken reports from residents, as well as been a victim to their shenanigans. "I never

move the leprechauns have been unsuccessful, but Hall Director Michael Corsey has a plan that could successfully eradicate the infestation. "They've been hanging out

Knitted Monster Feet Swarm Campus



THE POLES HAVE TOES The MU community survived an invasion of monster feet on April 1. The hand-knit feet—107 in all—were installed around poles and bench legs inside and outside buildings. They were knit over a six-week period by faculty members Susan Klein, Doris Stephenson and Kathy Davis, and by science majors Emily Eherding, Miranda DeHart, Kaitlyn Schmidt, Kelsey Knuth and Macie Price. "We all knit together socially in the evenings," Klein said. "We often knit for charity, but wanted to try a yarn-bombing project." Braden Julian assisted in the installation, which took place Sunday evening at 10 p.m., when most of the knitters, dressed in black and armed with a yarn needle and scissors, stitched the monster feet around the poles.

Photo by Emily Krabach

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Around Campus

Chef to Open 'Cozy' Tea Room in Basement

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Cozy Tea Room and Movie Salon will produce a new chapter in Fogerty's life and that of se-

hart, chef, recalls Fogerty offering samples of the tea

Coleman, first year, will not go try the new tea room

Carson Pursifull, first year, is willing to give it a try saying, "It sounds pretty awesome." Pursifull also believes that with the right type of PR Fogerty's new adventure will be very successful.

Staff members of Chartwells are sad to see Fogerty leave. Patty Cox, cashier, will miss his jolliness. However, Cox believes he will be successful because "he is open and friendly to the young people."

Not only will the staff members miss Fogerty, but also the students. Jessica Small, first year, will miss his food the most. However, Donnie Watkins, first year, will miss his friendliness.

Fogerty wants everyone to remember that he will always be a Spartan at heart and even though he will not be here every day the Manchester Campus will get a lot of visits from their favorite chef.

Look out for Fogerty next school year! He will be walking around with a letter board advertising his Cozy Tea Room and Movie Salon and trying to get students, faculty, and staff to come try it out.

At the April 1 Chartwells meeting, Chef Chris Fogerty announced his last day at Manchester will be May 19.

Fogerty who has been Head Chef for over eight years is leaving to open his own tea room in his basement named Cozy Tea and Movie Salon and will be open no later than Monday, May 20, 2013. It will be filled with couches, bean bags, and a 75' flat screen television with surround sound.

"The newest trend for staying healthy is tea," said Fogerty. "There is green tea for weight loss, red tea to relax, and black tea to wake one up in the morning." He thought that since there was so many different flavors of tea, he could find a way to incorporate his love of energy drinks into a new flavor. So, began working in his basement and developed "AMP," a green energy tea.

Though, he does not want to leave Manchester, but he feels it is time to start something new; and he hopes for success, because when he becomes a hermit in his basement, he wants to have some company.

Each week, The



TIME FOR TEA Chef Chris Fogerty poses for a photo with a mug and several tea bags, the products of his new business opening on May 20 in his basement. Following his final day as Head Chef at Manchester, Chef will open his Cozy Tea and Movie Salon to the public.

Photo by Emily Krabach

new genre of movies for customers to watch while drinking their tea and eating their scones. Opening-week movies will be coming-of-age stories, since

niors beginning a life outside of Manchester. "The Graduate" will be the first of many movies to be seen at this great new attraction.

Mercedes Lock-

at a meeting and she said it tasted like Ginger.

However, there are some mixed reviews on students wanting to try out this new attraction. Simon

because it is in Chef Fogerty's basement. "I won't go because it's a dark room with no windows," Coleman said. "That's how horror movies start."

Manchester Plans to Become a 'Yurt'iversity

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To continue Manchester's efforts to "go green," another new addition will be made to campus this summer. The school has decided to purchase more land located behind the tennis courts and football field to extend student housing, however, these new homes for students will be unlike any ever seen at MU. Instead of one building with a plethora of students, Manchester has decided to build small yurts big enough for three to four students.

A yurt consists of a circular frame with a felt cover, which aides in the "green" idea that has been circulating throughout campus. Students have done their part to keep campus clean and environmentally friendly, so now it is the schools turn to further the idea. "I'm just so excited that the school is taking the act of "going green" seriously," said student Rachel Ulrich. "Just recycling isn't enough to be sustainable. I'm glad that the college is finally recognizing the need to bring sustainability to residential living—at least in some shape or form."

Making the campus more energy efficient and environmentally friendly is hard and expensive work. The school is taking on as many new projects as possible that relate to the cause. "Hopefully, at some point, we will take measures to make the dorms more sustainable too—in ways that would fit the needs and preferences of most students," Ulrich said.

There are some downfalls to the new project that have to be overlooked for the greater good of the schools needs. Plumbing

was one of the main issues. For now students living in the yurts do not have indoor plumbing or running water. Students do however have the right to use whatever dorm restrooms they are most comfortable with for the time being.

Ulrich explained that it was a small price to pay for such a unique college experience. "I mean, what other college students can say they wake up in a yurt every morning," she said. "I have been telling all the high school students I know back home that they should definitely come to Manchester because they get to live in a yurt!"

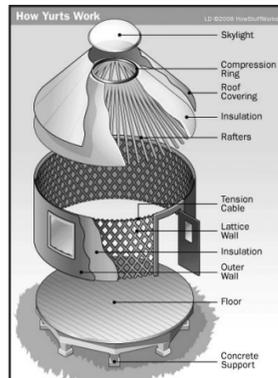
Manchester is hoping that the pros outweigh the cons enough for students to want to live in the new additions. It is one way for students to connect with nature pointed out Ulrich. "You wake up...hear birds chirping...it's great!" she said. "And it's such a relief to know that my living habits are having such a less negative impact on the environment."

Students are accepted into the yurts on a first come, first serve basis. The students who apply first are selected for the new housing. Though this may seem unfair, hopefully it will be of use in deciding which students want to be there the most. Ulrich stated that she thought the policy was reasonable.

"The only downside is that it makes it difficult for incoming first-year students to get spots in the yurts, although, it might be helpful for most first-years to have a more traditional residential setting the first year anyway," she said. This is the hope of the school as well, once first-years have a handle on classes and their GPA,

and then they can have a little more freedom to do what they would like. The policy is designed to keep students that have a "slack-ing" habit from being so far away from the rest of campus and further away from focus and structure.

Students must also keep their GPA at a certain level to be able to maintain their living situation. If it drops, students will be asked to return to the more structured and supervised living situation of a dorm. There will be a waiting list of students to fill spots of those that are moved if necessary, so if students do not get a yurt at the beginning of the school year, they may have the opportunity later on in the year.



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Around Campus

Incoming Students Tattooed With MU Pride

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A Manchester University education is permanently etched on students' characters and resumes, which has sparked the school's progressive, trend-setting leaders to implement a new CORE requirement that literally brands its scholars. All incoming first-year students will be inked with a visible, MU-inspired tattoo during Welcome Week 2013 in order to promote loyalty to their future alma mater.

University leaders are excited about this change that will go into effect on Aug. 24. "We think that this will be a terrific way to welcome students into our community," said Dr. Glenn Sharfman, MU vice president and dean for academic affairs. "There is a choice for designs. Our art department—with Professor Diesburg and Professor Oke—has designed various logos. We've got the Spartan head and various black and gold scripts of the MU logo, which have been quite popular."

For those overly-enthusiastic first-years, more design options are available. "We have select tattoos that cost extra," Sharfman said. "The basic tattoo comes with the tuition price. However, if you wanted a tattoo of President Switzer's face, that would cost extra, and a few people have opted for that. Although I have to say, it's not as popular as I thought it would be."

Along with spirited students, faculty and staff members are prepared to handle hesitant, young Spartans who are nervous about being inked. "We have an excellent athletic training and healthcare staff that will be there," said Dr. Mark Huntington, asso-

ciate dean of academic affairs, chair of exercise and sport sciences and director of graduate programs. "The department of counseling through student development will also be present to assist these individuals who are having trouble."

A select group of 20 new Spartans will even be tattooed by Sharfman and Huntington themselves. "We're using a fishbowl technique, which is standard procedure in research," Huntington said. "All of the incoming first-years' names will be put in the lottery, and Dr. Sharfman and I will each tattoo ten students."

Huntington is confident in his and Sharfman's tattooing abilities, and does not feel like new students should be nervous. He appeared shocked when Sharfman would not comment on the rumored existence of the duo's underground tattoo parlor, Studyz. "I can understand his reticence," he said. "He's always been more of the 'silent partner,' although he is an excellent tattoo artist."

Their history in the tattooing profession goes way back. "Dr. Sharfman and I met outside of academe many years ago," Huntington said. "We were both in the merchant marine. In fact we both got our first tattoos together in a parlor at the Port of Marseilles, France. That was 1978. We went our own ways after our time in the merchant marine, but it's a small world. We both came back together in academe, and here we are working together."

Those who refuse to be tattooed by these skilled educators and artists will have to face repercussions. "By coming to Manchester, they have chosen to abide by our val-

ues, mission, ability and conviction," Sharfman said. "We allow choice of where the tattoo can be located as long as it is visible, but students do not have a choice whether to get it or not. No tattoo, no diploma. It is intense, but we think that it will help separate us from other schools like us."

Although this may be shocking to incoming first-years, Sharfman said that current students appear to be excited about getting branded. "Current students are not required to get the tattoos," he said. "We can't make it retroactive, but they have the choice."

Students even have the opportunity to become top-notch tattoo artists. "That is something we are trying to teach our students in some of our art courses," Sharfman said. "It's not easy. There are certain designs that only certain people can do."

MU leaders and professors have even jumped on the tattooing bandwagon. "The Faculty Executive Committee is still debating whether to make this mandatory for faculty as well," Huntington said. "Right now it's optional, and about 30% of them have the tattoo."

However, some of these prominent campus figures' motives are being questioned. "The tattoos are very popular for the tenure-track faculty," Sharfman said. "I don't know if it helps them think they are going to get tenure if they get a tattoo—and frankly it may—so they seem to opt for it."

Nonetheless, even some of the veteran professors are reflecting their Spartan spirit. "I did talk to Professor Planer the other day, and he is contemplating getting the tattoo on his bicep now that he's work-



MANCHESTER INK An example of an MU-inspired tattoo design is displayed on the right arm of an incoming first-year student that wishes to remain anonymous until he arrives on campus in the fall. Manchester has implemented tattoo designs like the one above as a CORE requirement for all incoming first-year students beginning in Fall 2013.

Photo courtesy of <http://tattoosidea.com/wp-content/uploads/tribal-arm-tattoo-designs.jpg>

ing out," Sharfman said. "This might be a good way not only to show MU loyalty, but also to draw attention to his guns."

Sharfman is also considering getting a tattoo of his own. "If everyone shows up to every class in the fall, I will get the full-face MU tattoo," he said.

Huntington, who would only reveal that his tattoo is located in the

"gluteal region" because faculty members over age 55 are exempt from the visible tattoo rule, appeared astounded upon hearing Sharfman's deal. "That is interesting because he went through so much difficulty to have his first tattoo on his face removed when he entered academe," he said, refusing to elaborate on the tattoo's "inappropriate" design. "I'm sur-

prised he'd be willing to go through it again."

His alleged experiences with tattooing have made Sharfman confident in the new CORE requirement. "Students should not have to worry that their tattoos will not be anything but professional," he said.

Motorized Vehicles Banned from MU Next Fall

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Manchester University has decided to take the next step in making the campus eco-friendly: no motorized vehicles.

Starting the fall semester of 2013, Manchester will put its ban on cars, motorcycles and anything else that burns fossil fuels in hopes to make the environment a cleaner place and inspire physical fitness across campus.

This environmentally sound decision joins Manchester's pre-existing eco-conscious programs like reusable lunch trays and recycling across campus. Instead of driving everywhere, Manchester's administration wants to see the students and faculty resort to creative ways of traveling around including biking, roller skating and, if the weather permits it, skiing (although the school will continue to prohibit the use of certain methods of transportation like long boarding). Not only will this create a healthy atmosphere but also a healthier student body.

For some members of Manchester University's community, this new policy is not going to cause

issues. Professor Andy Rich said that he will get around "the same way I always have... body power. I bike, walk, or ski, depending on the weather."

Others are not so ready to adapt to the new Manchester University. "I think it is completely unfair for the campus to make such a huge decision that has such an impact on all," said junior Christina Gonzalez. "Without a car, I am not going to be able to travel off campus or have the luxury of going home when I want to go home," she said. "Now I have to rely on my parents to come and pick me up. It is like I am in high school again."

Although it has been anticipated that the new ban on vehicles would incite a bit of an uproar, the new policy does make sense. "If people can't smoke on campus, why should they be allowed to pollute the air by driving on campus?" Rich asked.

Because of the elimination of vehicles on campus, this does pose a new issue for Manchester University: what will we do with the now unnecessary parking lots?

Ideas that have been tossed around include playground areas

and four-square courts, but in efforts to get everyone on campus excited about the new and improved school, suggestions are appreciated.

As for faculty and students that commute from a reasonable distance, plans of transportation are still in the process of being worked out. While biking is always an option, discussions and plans are underway for shuttle services.

Although a pioneer in this type of environmentally conscious school improvement, Manchester University hopes it will be well received come fall and potentially inspire surrounding universities to follow suit. Banning cars may become the new trend on college campuses!



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Around Campus

Implanted Microchip to Improve Student Life

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Pet owners know the value of implanting a microchip in their dog to make sure it doesn't get lost. Manchester University knows the value of implanting a microchip into the palm of each student, to keep that student on track to academic success.

The microchip functions will be basic yet useful: they will replace keys for the residence halls or enable students to check out books from the library, for instance. A student's medical records will be stored on this chip as well. Then, when the chip senses something is wrong with the student's body, whether the student is going into diabetic shock, breaking a limb, or catching a cold, campus security would be notified and sent to the location to help out.

There are virtually no drawbacks to this new system. President Switzer calls the initial two weeks her Palm Pilot phase, during which students will adjust to the MU logo-shaped microchip embedded in their palm. "There is the small issue of privacy, but students probably won't

mind that," she said.

Students will have their financial account and flex dollars located on this chip, thus reducing the amount of change they need to carry around for laundry, vending machines and so on. Manchester will transfer to an A La Carte system where students will be charged per item. In addition, meal plans will transfer to bulk sums placed on the chip, so when a student walks into Chartwells, he or she will be charged.

One of the more useful aspects of the chip is the GPS locator. Professors will be able to track their students' whereabouts on their classroom computers so students will be less likely to get lost on the way to class. The trek from the Science Center to the new Academic Center is especially treacherous, with two parallel paths, both heading in the same direction, which causes students a great deal of confusion. Professors will be able to send out scouts to tell the students to take either path; they both lead to their destination.

Dr. Allen Machielson, associate dean of Residential Life, anticipates another use of the GPS. "A

professor would be able to pull up the GPS of a student who is absent in class claiming to have a medical

prone to skip on their way to class, perhaps on one of those two paths mentioned above.

President Switzer also noted that she is building a CENTER where she will be able to read, via the mi-

her about their impending actions. There will be no penalties for thinking about alcohol; the technology will simply be used to divert students from the drinks.

All in all, these chips are a massive step forward, reducing the need of excessive wallets, purses, backpacks, ID cards and keys. They will decrease costs, increase productivity and aid in medical issues. Not to mention they will leave a stylish implant of the MU shield on everyone's hand. There will be an extra charge for the chip itself, however, the applications will be implemented will be funded by the government. "The microchips will save students a fortune in fees because we will be able to eliminate lots of paperwork and file cabinets," President Switzer said. "That will very likely reduce tuition because information that used to take lots of people, offices, furniture, and utilities to follow will now be on one file." This will help draw more students in by having lower tuition costs and help those who already attend by reducing the amount of money that they will have to pay back after graduation.



THE MARK OF THE FUTURE An anonymous student reveals the first prototype of the microchip that will soon be embedded in all MU students' hands. The microchip will benefit students from regulating their health and safety to storing their financial accounts.

Photo courtesy of Caleb Noffsinger

problem," he said. "However when the professor looks them up and finds that they are at the PERC, they know that the student is just skipping." So students will now be more

The last application and possibly the most significant is a Blood Alcohol Content reader. It will trigger an alarm when a student is on campus and has a BAC of above .00.

crochip technology, when a student is even having a thought of ingesting alcohol. A staff member or an RA would be alerted and sent to that student's location to warn him or

Robotic Professors Appearing in Class Soon

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Beware Manchester students and staff! Many Manchester professors will soon be dismissed for electronic replacements. Robotic professors called "Robo Profs" will be brought into Manchester's academic program beginning in the fall of 2013 and there are mixed emotions about this change.

Manchester has been secretly preparing to incorporate the robotic professors into next year's curriculum. This will allow the most updated education that can be offered because the robots are updated each summer with the newest technology of the field. "This is a different outlook on how to educate young adults" Kaitlin Jines said. "I think it will be more straightforward without the bias that professors might add into their lectures." The first programs that the robots will be teaching are communications, psychology, and biology.

As other colleges and universities adopt Robo

Profs it will become easier for students to transfer credits between universities because they will be learning from the exact same programs which will include the same curriculum. Manchester hopes that this will make it a more marketable school and will increase enrollment.

Some current students are unsure how to feel. "I think students would be really confused" Wayne Robertson said. He argues that since students have learned to understand human educators this will be difficult to adjust to. Mandy Toney says "I think replacing human professors with robots will be a little weird since they don't really have emotions and they probably wouldn't accept sick notes and things like that." Both students said they would be more likely to do things such as text and sleep in class and would pay less attention to a monotone robot than a professor with character and emotions.

These robot professors will eventually be more cost effective than current professors because they are solar powered with the backup ability to run on electricity. The downside to powering Robo's with electricity is

that they cost approximately \$50 an hour to run. Jines pointed out that "if the cost of tuition goes up because of this, it might decrease enrollment."

Students will be able to interact with the Robo Profs just as if they were human. For example, if one is asked a question that it does not have the answer to, it has the ability to "Google it." "I feel like we could just take online classes if that was the case" Toney said. She pointed out that one of the reasons she came to Manchester was because of its professors.

One concern there is with the Robo Profs is the possibility of them being hacked. "You know how every first day, they put bubbles in the water fountain?" Toney asked "It could be like every first day of the school year the Robo Profs would be hacked to say inappropriate things or to tell jokes."

The Robo Profs will cost \$5 million per robot but Manchester has a buy one, get one free coupon to be used for up to four robots. It is estimated that the robots will be paid off in 50 years.

New Grass on Campus Mall a Deadly Threat

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The lawn between the Academic Center and Science Building, called "the Mall" by Manchester students, has been off limits since the beginning of fall classes in August, not really because students could damage the lawn before it takes root but for the secret reason that the grass is an extremely dangerous form of tall fescue turf with the capacity to eat people.

The carnivorous grass began with the repair of a tunnel beneath the Mall and the construction of the Academic Center, both completed just in time for the 2012 fall semester. The passage of heavy construction equipment over the grass and the upheaval of the ground around the tunnel almost completely destroyed the lawn, so a new one was in order.

Seymour's Landscaping Service, a local lawn care and landscaping company, was promptly contracted to replant the Mall with a new grass that would be more resistant to

being walked on or "foot traffic."

A miscommunication occurred when Jack Gochenaur, Vice President of Financial Affairs, ordered the new grass for the lawn. According to Gochenaur, he requested from Seymour's Landscaping, "a strong grass that would survive student traffic." What he got was possibly the most resilient turf in history. The grass even cuts down on foot traffic, unfortunately by eliminating the feet that stamp on it.

Gochenaur claims he was unaware of the grass's true nature until after the instillation was complete. To the best of his knowledge, it was just a sturdy seed.

David Good, Grounds Coordinator, says that Seymour's Landscaping was responsible for instillation and that he was not directly involved. He had not noticed anything odd about the grass, and until recently believed it was tall fescue grass, a popular and fast-growing lawn grass that will in fact not grow to be very tall or

eat people. The grass is almost indistinguishable from the variety that covers

to having no knowledge of any incident involving the Mall.

the grass. The snowman, however, was corroded overtime by the ravenous

exact nature of the grass, but the death of the snowman is proof enough of its lethal potential.

It has been hinted that the Mall will be accessible by the upcoming Peace Week Concert in August, when the steps to the Funderburg Library become a stage for performers and the audience gathers on the grass. Gochenaur says that the grass will be quietly taken care of by the time the ropes come down.



EAT YOUR GREENS? OR GREENS EAT YOU? Despite the love they once had for this grassy bit of land, Manchester students have been steering clear of the campus Mall since it was revealed that the species of turf recently planted has an appetite for human flesh.

Photo by Emily Krabach

Manchester's other lawns until it swallows someone.

So far Gochenaur is pleased with the new grass. The Mall appears to be thriving and he admits

Once, a group of students walked onto the Mall to make a snowman and were miraculously saved by the layer of snow between them and

grass's acid and slowly devoured over the course of a week.

Gochenaur said that a live victim will be necessary to ascertain the

Around Campus

Otho Winger Experience Plans Massive Tour

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Due to worldwide demand, and even a few sparse and mostly nonviolent riots, your prayers have been answered; The Otho Winger Experience is back, and bigger than ever. With a few small tours under their belt, "OWE" (what the cool kids refer to them as these days) has stepped up to the plate and scheduled "The Experience At The End Of The World; A Semester Abroad" tour, visiting the majority of the United States as well as stops in Canada, England, and even a small tavern in Iceland.

"We are very excited about touring in support of our new album, 'All Time L-OWE: The Best of the Otho Winger Experience,'" said bassist Mark Bryant, who dabbles in teaching various levels of college chemistry during his downtime. "We will be playing new hits that also appear on the cd, including 'Skype Me Maybe' and 'We Are Never Ever Getting The Thrift Shop Suit & Tie (Hangman Style), as well as our older hits like 'You Can't Always Get What You Ordered', and 'Holding Out For A Hero Sandwich'."

Bryant seems very excited about the future of the band, which has grown exponentially in popularity over the years as they move forward from simply being a VIA event. "Things are really looking



ROCK LOBSTER? The Ikettes and Friends coordinate their choreography for the World Tour, working in a few lobster-catching skills along the way. The Otho Winger Experience heads out this summer for its expedition toward musical dominance. They may or may not be back in time for class.

up for the band," Bryant said. "Our last YouTube video has more than 200 views! In addition, we have been added to the newest James Bond movie, Live and Let Die Another Day of Quantum Theory," Bryant added, seeming excited about the opportunity. "We are also trying to attract a younger audience, so we are filming our next music video for 'Zombiotopia' on the rooftop of the Admin Building."

But Bryant is not the only member excited

about the opportunities that have arisen due to the success of the band. Dr. Jonathan Watson, who plays guitar for OWE, looks forward to the chance to play in Reykjavik, the capital of beautiful Iceland as they headline at "Gaukur á Stöng."

"It's a cool atmosphere, and translates to 'Puffin on a Pole'," Watson said, reminiscing. "Also, it's the tavern where Bjork got her start."

But guitar and biology aficionado Dr. David

Hicks looks most forward to the gig in England, where OWE are slated to play on the Pyramid Stage during the Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts, where they will be among current billboard charters, such as Mumford and Sons and Arctic Monkeys. But what makes Hicks the most excited is playing prior to a group of legends.

"Glastonbury is exciting because of the opportunity to open up for The Rolling Stones," said

Photo courtesy of Deb Hustin

Hicks, showing his excitement.

Dr. Katharine Ings, though, has been preparing for a trip home to Canada, as well as some plans for their off-days in her native land.

"I can't wait to teach the band to catch lobsters off the coast of Prince Edward Island," Ings said. "We're scheduled to perform at the Potato Blossom Festival as well, where the Ikettes will be crowned honorary Queens of the Furrows for

plowing a field in style. No Botox needed for these furrows!" said Ings with a laugh.

But one of the biggest nights of the tour will take place in New York, as OWE headlines the famous Apollo Theater in Harlem. While most of the band has been preparing for the concert by working with their instruments, Ings and the other Ikettes have been going at a different angle.

"The Ikettes and I have been taking a Master Class in Stage Diving at Jack Black's School of Rock," said Ings with a most serious demeanor about her. "At the Apollo we'll be caught by rejected American Idol contestants who are trying to remain in the public eye."

Punk rocker and history professor, Dr. Mark Angelos, may have had the most interesting take on the tour.

"Have you ever been 'Experienced'?" asked the typically long-winded Angelos with a stone cold expression. "I have," he answered, abruptly ending the conversation.

Safe to say, these shows will leave quite the impressions on students and non-students alike, although only students will be eligible to receive VIA credit from the events.

MU Implements 'Senior and Chef for a Week'

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"Senior and Chef for a Week," a new program that allows seniors students to run the kitchen of the Union for an entire week, is ready to get cooking.

As Chef Chris Fogerty just announced, he is handing over the reins of the Manchester University kitchen to go and accomplish his big dream, opening his own tea room. However, before leaving, Fogerty had already planned a solution, so not to leave hundreds of starving stomachs on campus. "Indeed, the original idea was to keep the kitchen of the Union running without hiring a new Chef; this is how I had the idea of this program," Fogerty said.

The concept is simple: every week a different senior will become Manchester University Chef. To entice the students to participate in this program, Dean Glenn Sharfman agreed to make this program a requirement in order to graduate. Thus, every senior that does not agree to plan meals for a whole week and cook for his fellows will not be able to graduate next spring.

To add some logic to this concept, Fogerty also

added some rules, like cooking vegetables. "In order to keep meals healthy, we insist that students cook vegetables every day," he said. "However, they must only use vegetables that start with the first letter of their first name". The main point of the Vegetables rule is that, it will force them to use vegetables that they will not necessarily be using otherwise. Thus, students will be discovering new flavors, thanks to their peers' name.

Simon Katz, senior in computer science, thought about a whole menu based on salsify. "I think salsify is not present enough in our everyday life, and I think it deserves more attention, this is why I decided to honor it," Katz said.

Alyce Bayingana, senior and majoring in biology and chemistry, decided to cook green asparagus. "I decided to prepare asparagus with a soup of butter, so it won't be too green," Bayingana said. Regarding proteins, she plans to cook chicken with a vodka sauce, her specialty apparently.

Unfortunately, the students under 21 will not be allowed to try Bayingana's chicken. To answer parents' concerns about having free alcohol access in the Union, the Administration took drastic measures.

Campus Safety will be posted outside the Union, to verify identity cards of the students who want to go inside to have lunch or dinner. "We agree on the fact that the safety employees will not ask for I.D. for breakfast, because I swore not to serve my famous chicken on mornings," Bayingana said.

Jeries Khayyat, junior, already knows what he is going to cook when he will participate in the "Senior and Chef for a Week" program. "I'm planning on making roasted donkey and camel meat, the whole topped with some catnip," Khayyat said. "That will be so good, I can't wait for next year."

To push the candidates to be even more creative, several voting machines have been implemented in the Union, to allow the students to grade their peers. A ranking system has been established and the elected winner of "Senior and Chef for a Week" program will be awarded a scholarship to pursue his studies in a graduate school, as well as a life Chartwells pass.

There's No Penguins in Alaska...

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With Spring Break behind us, an overwhelming want for warm weather and sunshine has been instilled in the minds of the student body. Those with a seemingly renegade mindset of keeping the cold have found their place among those residing in Schwalm for the simple reason of an addition to be expected after a vote taken during a hall council meeting approved the use of hall improvement funds to aid in the protection of Magellanic penguins.

The protection of one of the six endangered penguin species comes not in a donation, but the recreation of their environment in within the hall along with an adoption of not one, but two Magel-

lenic penguins. "I think having an animal in the building will be therapeutic to for the residents," said junior Kaitlin Jines. "It's like what MAC did during finals week with the dog but year round."

The therapeutic nature of the penguins also comes with an additional benefit. While animals have been a policy violation and not allowed in the halls, the basis of this decision has been based on the overwhelming amount of allergies to pet dander. "Having penguins in the hall will provide a wonderful environment for our residents free of allergens," junior A.J. McKee said. "No one is allergic to penguins. We're also keeping them from the disastrous effects of global warming. Besides, they look like they're wearing

suits."

If those reasons were not enough, there's also the educational aspect of owning a penguin to consider. "From a biological standpoint, it's definitely a benefit to use them for a class and in labs to study animal behavior," said sophomore Lucas Lebbin. "A live specimen to study will help us learn more."

The two Magellanic penguins were purchased with the remaining funds allocated for hall improvement, but if the purchasing of two penguins is not enough, the company agreed to throw in a puffin as a thank-you for protecting such a rare species. "It's such a good deal, we couldn't pass it up," said McKee. "We also have to take into account the number of residents the pen-

guins would interact with. One penguin just wouldn't cut it with the amount of residents in the building. The addition of the puffin only helps that student-animal ratio."

After seeing the penguins, a vote was taken during Schwalm's hall council to name the puffin "Lloyd" and the penguins "Günter" and "Gunter" (pronounced gun-ter). The naming of the penguins came from the popular cartoon Adventure Time. "All of the penguins that appear on the show are all named 'Gunter', but they're all pronounced differently so you can still tell them apart," said Jines.

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Around Campus

Track Plans Gump-esque Run to California

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The song and movie "Forrest Gump" have inspired Manchester University's track team to go on a long run—but not toward a box of chocolates. In order to bond as a team, the runners have decided to make a cross-country run to San Francisco, California.

The trip, which is more than 2,000 miles, will take place shortly after school gets out. Beginning from Manchester's campus, the runners will hoof it through roughly eight states from start to finish. Each day, they will attempt to devote ten hours a day to the run, resting whenever they feel necessary. "I think we will learn to work as a whole rather than individually," said Junior Andrea Keller. "For example, the distance part of the team will have to be patient with the sprint part of the team and the sprint part of the team is going to have to work hard to pull their weight."

Sophomore Megan Taylor will be running with a full backpack. "I will have water, maybe some gum, and some sweet sunglasses," she said. The team also decided to take



RUN, FORREST, RUN Forrest Gump, tired from running with Manchester's track team, heads to Chartwell's to load up on shrimp and chocolate, washed down with Dr. Pepper, before joining them on their trek to California. He has been training the runners in endurance, as well as the art of facial hair growth, which will protect the runners from sunburn and bugs.

on the challenge of using "barefoot" running shoes on the trip. Taylor said she was not an advocate of the shoes because they create a potential for the team to get their feet cut or stuck by thorns. She notes, howev-

er, that the shoes supposedly help to keep a natural stride, which was taken into consideration when deciding what to wear for the trip.

The song "Forrest Gump" by Frank Ocean

was one of the runners' two main inspirations. After Ocean's performance of the song at the Grammys on Feb. 10, Coach Cashdollar carefully mapped out a route for the safety of the runners, which will include

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various sights to see in each state along the way.

The movie, being one of the team's favorites to watch, also was part of how the team decided to take on this running challenge. Gump's character

has a famous run across the country. In the movie Gump said: "Now you wouldn't believe me if I told you, but I could run like the wind blows. From that day on, if I was ever going somewhere, I was running!" Then the track team decided to run everywhere they go and they're going to California!

Preparation for the run is one of the main concerns for the runners overall. Taylor said that the distance of the run is the most intimidating part and she will prepare by running close to 100 miles a week. Oppositely, the team is looking forward to seeing all of the sites throughout their trip and is making a point to come across attractions throughout their route.

Taylor said one of the other parts she is looking most forward to is reaching California because she will be able to stop running.

"We will stop every 10 days and have the opportunity to participate in field events," Keller said. "So I am looking forward to that since I am a pole vaulter. Also, not being a runner, I am looking forward to the end of the race and being able to say I completed it."

... But There's Penguins in Schwalm *cont.*

Aside from their names, the personalities of the penguins also differ. "One penguin is playful and the other is quite bashful," Lebbin said. "The bashful penguin has a white spot on the bottom of his left foot and he's self-conscious about it. That's why he's so bashful."

The room to be converted will include simulated tundra complete with pools they can swim in and a slide they can use to entertain themselves. The nurturing of the penguins was an initial concern, as the penguins had been exposed to the movie Madagascar and were prone to stealing spoons in an attempt to escape, but the sheer amount of people they would get to interact with would

keep them intellectually active. "The penguins and puffins love music and we saw several clips of them dancing and laughing to it," Jines said. "Lloyd especially loves Timeflies; his beak gets colorful when his favorite song "Turn It Up" comes on. With the release of their newest song, "I Choose U", Lloyd has been especially colorful."

The initial rush to view the penguins has been anticipated. "We plan to sell tickets and add a pool so we can swim with the penguins," Lebbin said. "Everyone is going to want to see them so creating the hours and keeping the lines short will be a challenge. The money will go towards the upkeep of the animals. They have to

have a pool with fish in it because our penguins are classy penguins."

The anticipation of the penguins shows no bounds as sessions watching the Gunters and Lloyd grow are held in the Schwalm lobby every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The best part of the deal is the skills each animal comes with. "Lloyd plays a mean game of chess," Jines said; "Günter plays a mean game of sand volleyball," Lebbin said. "I think Gunter is nationally ranked or something at Candyland," McKee said. "No one ever seems to win against him."

College of Pharmacy Introduces 'FARMacy'

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One challenge that Manchester faced with its new pharmacy school was the incoming faculty and students, often from Big-City backgrounds. How you gonna keep 'em down on the Pharm?

With a real farm, of course.

On April 1, 2013, Dave McFadden, dean of MU's College of Pharmacy, announced the success of Manchester's first minor in FARMacy, which brings students out of their labs into corrals, kennels and barns to learn how to medicate farm animals. "Most programs focus on rural pharmacy, so we thought we'd take it a step further," McFadden said. "Amazingly, no one else is doing FARMacy, so we thought we'd give it a shot.

And although pharmacists are usually skilled at giving "shots," this time, McFadden explains, they're using a different method of delivery. "Our students learn during lab how to make suppositories as one option for medication dosing," he said. "We've gotten some larger molds for cows and smaller ones for chickens and next need to figure out how to administer them safely."

Attire will be one

concern for these FARMacists as they venture into the muck to supposedly insert suppositories. Dave Fuentes, chair of the pharmacy practice department and a Chicago native who knows more than JT about

zy suits, the FARMacy students and faculty have gone to great lengths. The faculty holds all students to a strict diet of all organic foods, grown in the school's own fields, which are located several miles

comment. However, many students on MU's campus support those away in Fort Wayne. "The FARM program is rigorous and tough," said senior Heather Talley. "They really plow the information into you."

FARMacy students' welcome. "We induct the students into the program in a special White Overalls Ceremony we hold out back in the barn," said Michael DeBisschop, executive associate dean for Academic

milk the program for all it's worth. "The schooling helps everyone stop being couch potatoes, and helps provide the ample opportunities that our students deserve," he said.

And the students are responding well, though some had initial misgivings. "Our students from Southern California are the most skeptical," McFadden said. "Some had never seen a chicken anywhere but in a sandwich or McNugget. Come to think of it, though, some of the chickens seem pretty skeptical, too."

Fuentes agrees. "Students do report liking their work with animals more than our quizzes, so we are moving in the right direction," he said.

And what's not to like? The faculty will never have to eat their words, as FARMacy has a built-in safety net, courtesy of McFadden's thrifty thinking. "Unlike when we work with human patients, we can eat most of the mistakes in the FARMacy program," he said. "We started scheduling a regular Friday breakfast that's become fairly popular. We call it Farmwells."

McFadden is always happy to field any questions from any prospective FARMacists.



OLD MAN CHESTER HAD A FARM In hopes of increasing intellectual diversity, Dave McFadden, dean of MU's College of Pharmacy, announced the creation of Manchester's first minor in FARMacy. This minor was created to bring current students, both in the Pharmacy program and in other disciplines, out of their labs and classrooms and into the "field."

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a suit and tie, has a plan. "We've found ways to develop a line of clothing that will weather the elements in the outside environment, while allowing us to continue looking fabulous," he said. "We've developed them into two-and-three-piece styles, as well as elegant suits for women, with our top priority remaining as functionality and fit."

So that they will continue to fit in their snaz-

outside of Fort Wayne, just off Interstate 69 toward Indianapolis. Students tend to the fields in pairs—two per day, one at night and one in the evening. To boost morale among these students, a slogan is being developed for the minor: FARMacy students are outstanding in their field.

All their field work understandably makes the students constantly busy, and thus unavailable for

And she's right, as the required reading includes "Animal Farm" by George Orwell. The minor also requires the students to have an in-depth understanding of Grant Wood's painting "American Gothic," as it is essential to evoking a proper FARMtastic demeanor.

The solemnity evident in Wood's painting echoes the feeling of gravity that surrounds the

Affairs. "The white overalls have long been a symbol of the honor and professionalism of this vocation. At our first ceremony, there were literally tears in the eyes of our students and families, they were so proud. Either that or someone didn't clean out the horse stalls so good."

Josh Busenbark, a first-year student on the North Manchester campus, feels that students should