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Campus Receives Make-Over With New Signs

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Entering its 125 year, Manchester University went under the knife for some necessary cosmetic procedures. New campus maps, building labels and direction markers highlight the new face of the North Manchester campus.

Chris Garber, director of Operations, has been holding the scalpel since Manchester made the name change from college to university. "I led a team that knew we had to respond and make strategic changes as well," Garber said. "We needed to update because the signs were almost 20 years old, and they were dated."

In addition to the main signs on State Road 13, as well as on the corner of College Avenue and Wayne Street, the campus now boasts two campus maps, several direction markers and building labels. All signs are adorned with an asymmetrical side that highlights the school's gold-and-black main colors and silver accents. "Our job was to make the signs usable and attractive," Garber explained. "We made an early decision that all our designs would be shared. They are theme that runs through the campus. They are very practical and very

attractive but not flamboyant."

The signs have proved popular among the student body. "I love the

think the signs reflect our inherent pride as students. They are very helpful for visitors and give our campus a modern professional

signs positively reflect the transformation from college to university," she said.

Taylor Judt, senior

signs represent what the word 'university' means to me," she said. "I like how the signs use our school colors and the modern feel

member, has a personal tie to campus appearance. "The signs make campus look sharp and clean that is also reflective of the grounds work," she said. "Before the signs I thought the campus looked a little boring with nothing spectacular. Because of the signs, people are more drawn to Manchester. I feel as though we fit in with bigger schools, and from what I have heard, the student body really likes them."

Garber welcomes feedback on the new signs, from what people like to what could be improved. He can be reached in the Maintenance office or via e-mail.



YOU ARE HERE Located between the Union and the Safety House on East Street is one of the two new campus maps that have been added to Manchester's campus. These maps, along with the the two signs on Wayne Street and by Route 13 and building labels, are part of the many changes to campus since Manchester became a University. Each of the new signs all follow the same theme and give campus a fresh and professional look.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

new signs!" said Jenée Schneider, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major. "I

touch." Schneider also felt that Garber's design team achieved its goal. "The

criminal justice and sociology double major, agreed with Schneider. "The new

from it." Judt, who works as a student grounds crew

Library Makes Room For Studying Students Renovations Offer More Study Space, New 'Wilbur's Cafe'

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The quaint and cozy "fishbowl" of Funderburg Library is now a "tank." The glass walls were transformed over the summer from a computer lab to a café and now enclose a more modernized space, one designed to increase student comfort.

This new spot on campus is suitable for a variety of purposes. Library Director Jill Lichtsinn describes the space as a "productive place for academics and in part a social gathering space too." Students will now find a new cybercafé and social-study lounge furnished with a few "bars" of computers along the walls, comfy and colorful chairs, sleek new flooring and a welcoming new atmosphere.

Wilbur's Café is named after donor and Manchester alumnus Dr. Wilbur McFadden. He has strong ties to Manchester, which can be seen by the four generations of McFaddens to pass through the university. McFadden graduated in 1953 with a major in chemistry, and soon set off for medical school at the University of Illinois.

Upon graduating medical school, McFadden spent the next ten years in places such as Puerto Rico, California and Indonesia practicing medicine. He served the North Manchester community as a family physician for 30 years, and is now continu-

ing to serve many classes of Manchester University students with his donation. According to Susan Sharfman of Alumni Relations, McFadden is an example of a person with the ability

den, Wilbur's son, and executive vice president of Manchester University as well as the dean of the pharmacy school. "He is always wanting to learn new things. He is the kind

are available, along with healthier options such as salads, yogurts, wraps and sandwiches. But the biggest treat beckons near the register.

Chocolatey browns,

yogurt covered pretzels, Peach Rings and at least nine more delicious delicacies.

Donations like this new cybercafé are more than just candy shops or

experience," Dave McFadden said.

A dedication ceremony will be held for McFadden Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. at the library. The addition of Wilbur's Café is not the only renovation that took place in Funderburg, however, says Lichtsinn emphatically.

The computer lab previously adjoined to the fishbowl has been relocated to the lower level of the library. The lab is now home to 30 new computers—with 20 more laptops on the way—and has evicted the spacious and boxy power-towers beneath the keyboard, so students will no longer fear kicking over their computers—or bruising their feet. The lab is now available to students during regular library hours, but students with computer troubles need not fret.

The library has adopted a new overnight-loan policy that allows students to have access to laptops after library hours, provided that the computers do not leave the library.



TRANSFORMATION CENTRAL The former "fishbowl" of Funderburg Library underwent many changes during the summer and now offers students a new place to study that also offers the comforts of food and coffee. Wilbur's Cafe, named after donor and MU alumnus Dr. Wilbur McFadden, hosts a variety of food and drink choices to meet the hunger needs of any Manchester student while the adjoining cybercafé and study lounge provides a place to focus on academics.

Photo by Alexah Parnin

and conviction that Manchester students strive to attain.

While it's been many years since McFadden last attended school, the learning process still continues for him. "My dad has an insatiable curiosity," said Dave McFad-

of guy that would want to sit down at a café and talk to the students about how they got to Manchester."

The stash of food in a dorm doesn't compare to the variety of options at Wilbur's. Snacks such as chips, sodas, Pop Tarts, cereals and Easy Mac

glistening green gummies, and more excite the senses, recalling an old-time candy shop. Chartwells staff members stand ready to scoop from large "fishbowls" of sweets and stuff bags with sour gummy worms, Mike & Ike's, malted milk balls,

study lounges, however. "Wilbur's is an example or a marker of how many people have deep roots at Manchester, and, for students, this is important to recognize how many people are committed to their success and want them to have a wonderful

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Around Campus

East Street Apts. Renovated Inside, Out

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Manchester University had many new renovations for this school year. East Street Apartments underwent renovations this summer for both functional and cosmetic purposes.

"There were multiple problems," said Chris Garber, director of Operations. "On the exterior of the building, the back concrete deck had deteriorated to a point that it could not be fixed and below that were boilers (fuel burning container for heating water) that were not being protected from the leaking structure. The roof also needed to be replaced, and the stucco (plaster used for coating) between the exterior windows needed to be replaced."

The interior of the apartments were in a similar condition. "On the interior, the bathrooms were not in good shape, particularly the tubs," Garber said. "The kitchens needed an update and all rooms needed to be painted with new carpet."

Now that the news has spread about the new renovations, students are finding out how nice these apartments are. They may even wonder whether their

own rooms will be renovated. "We continue to try and improve the halls, although the improvements have not been necessarily in the rooms," Garber said. "First we updated the lobby of East and its west wing bathrooms. Then we replaced all of the plumbing in Garver, along with working on the showers and plumbing in Schwalm."

These improvements are all very expensive work, however some students would not even notice because of the "invisibility" of the changes.



MORE THAN A COAT OF PAINT Students moving into the East Street Apartments were pleasantly surprised to find that the 'Sixth Hall' has been renovated during the summer to improve both the functionality and the appearance of the building and its rooms. The concrete deck, stucco and roof were all replaced while the interior rooms were updated and painted.

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PERC Basketball Court Repaired this Summer

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The Manchester University basketball court is now as professional as any court in the country. The basketball floor was updated over a six-week period this summer, operated on by a top class organization. Foster Specialty Flooring is highly regarded in the field, and also worked on Michigan State University's court this year.

"After the renovation the floor is bouncy, consistent, the way a court is meant to be," said head men's basketball coach Brad Nadborne.

The floor was replaced this summer because ripples were developing in the court. This was considered to be too risky for athletes, and Manchester made the decision to modernize the floor.

The basketball floor was dug down to its base for this restoration. Foster Specialty Flooring modernized the surface with the newest and greatest suspension. The floor is in fact even in better shape than an NBA court, considering the professional courts have to be able to be torn apart on several oc-

casions.

"The new floor feels so much better to play on," said MU women's basketball player Abby Lang. "Our joints are taking less of a pounding when we run on the new floor since it's more supportive." Lang is also ecstatic about the new color on the courts, as well as the 'University' printed on the baseline.

"It's probably one of the best in the league now," said men's basketball player Keith Berry of the new court. "The old floor had dead spots and didn't have as much grip."

Women's head basketball coach Josh Dzurick is also ecstatic about the renovation. "We've had a lot of injury problems; hips of female players became misaligned," he said. "The floor was so hard before that it would be hurting our players." In fact, the athletes were practically running on cement. The old court was placed on top of thin boards that covered concrete. With the update, the boards covering the concrete have much more of an elastic quality. On top of those boards is now a layer of plywood.

"The give in the floor is now around 50%,

as opposed to the 20% that was estimated before," said Dzurick with a grin. The give, or force reduction value, of the old floor would come out to about 22%. The new force reduction value is calculated at 56%.

With this court renovation, more than just one change took place. There are now updated lines and the new name of Manchester is represented.

Women's college basketball players used to shoot from a three-point line closer than the men's line. In 2011, though, the women began shooting from the same line as the men. "The previous floor had the old three-point line on it although we shoot from a farther line," Lang said.

The old floor was referred to as Mastic-Cushion, and it worked well for ball bounce and uniformity. The new system, called Bio-Channel Classic, is "twice as soft" as the court before the renovation.



PLAY BALL The newly repaired basketball court floor is now gleaming and ready for action. After ripples began forming on the original court, the floor needed to be updated during a six-week long process this summer.

Photo by Emily Krabach

Around Campus

Artwork for Social Change Hangs in ACEN

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Staff Writer

When the new Academic Center was completed, Professor Ejenobo Oke knew she had an opportunity to add an artistic touch to the building that symbolized Manchester's change from a "college" to "university."

The Coordinator of Galleries at Manchester University saw a perfect venue to display art for the whole campus and North Manchester community, not just people interested in art or art students. "When I first walked through the new halls of the ACEN, I was struck by how perfect a venue they would be to display art," Oke said. "Not only were they in perfect condition to allow the art to stand out, but they are also in a perfect location."

Oke wanted to take advantage of the 500 plus people that walk through the Academic Center every day. "We have never even come close to that number with all our other galleries combined," she said. Instead of trying to get people to come to galleries, the hallways of the Academic Center allows for "the art to come to them," as Oke put it.

Oke wanted to connect the art with each of the different themes of each

floor of the Academic Center. For the second floor, which houses peace studies, sociology, social work, and gender studies, the artwork being displayed is by Ricardo Levins Morales, a Puerto Rican graphic artist who was in charge of the Northland Poster Collective for 30 years before its closing in 2009. Northland was a major contributor to labor arts and was nationally renowned. Morales's main work has been promoting social change and that fits in perfectly with the second floor hallway. "He speaks 'for the people' in a medium that itself is democratic," Oke said.

She thanks Katy Gray Brown, associate professor of philosophy and peace studies, for planting the idea of having Morales's work displayed. "It made sense that I coordinate the artwork with themes and ideas that speak to their interests, focus, goals, etc." Oke said. "She had known of him for a long time and mentioned him to me."

While most people think that art is something pretty to look at, Morales's work puts that in another perspective. Oke wants the Manchester University community to look beyond the art. "His works have a direct message is something different," she said.

"Art can highlight injustice and suffering, in such a way that it inspires us to change our world for the better."

You won't have to worry about rushing in to see the exhibit either. "Morales will be featured all year long," Oke said. With a large collection of items that were sent in by Morales, they will switch up the prints midway through the school year, but Oke assures that you will be changed by all his work. "I really can't wait to meet him in person," she said. "If he is this inspiring from across the miles, just imagine the effect he will have on our campus when he's here!" Gray Brown and her are working on getting Morales as a guest speaker for a VIA later this fall.



OPEN MINDED Work by the Puerto Rican artist Ricardo Levins Morales now hangs on the second floor of the Academic Center. In an attempt to echo the missions of the departments located on that floor of the building, Morales' artwork promotes the need for social change in many facets of society.

Photo by Alexah Parnin-Choisne

Opinion: Activities Fair Is a Student Success

Jacob Sweet
Staff Writer

The activities fair is the number-one recruiting tool for all of the clubs on campus and I think it is a great event for clubs to meet new people and gain new members. I have been a student here for a little over a year now and I enjoyed it my first year. When I became involved with it my sophomore year, I then realized it is a useful way to get your club's name to people.

According to the director of Student Activities, Shanon Fawbush, this was the biggest activity fair ever, with 87 clubs along with local businesses and churches. Fawbush and the local Chamber of Commerce have been working closely together to include the local businesses. Senior Marcus Wyatt observed the changes in the activities fair. "I noticed more community members this year and that they started doing a spring fair too," he said.

The activities fair has helped me to decide what clubs I wanted to get involved with because there are so many on campus. A lot of the clubs at the fair can really get you ready for the real world. First-year Chris Knight agrees. "I joined the Pre Professional Club because it helps with interviews and internships," he said. Knight and fellow classmate Myles Curry both agreed; they chose clubs that sounded fun and went well with their majors.

Fawbush has no doubt that the activities fair is an effective way to get information on new clubs. "I think there are definitely some people that attend the activities fair simply to receive all of the free items that are handed out by the various clubs and organizations," she said. "But I firmly believe that the majority of people that attend the fair are looking for ways to get involved on campus."

There is no doubt that the clubs at the activities fair hand out a lot of free things including candy. I sometimes find myself going to every table and just wanting to

get candy from them, which is a great way to get people's attention. "I primarily went to the tables that had food and the Chemistry table that had root beer floats," said senior Jon Caffarelli.

Many students get caught signing up for a club because they went to their table for food. Senior Sarah Carman is very involved in the activities fair where she works at different club's tables and goes to see her friends that are working. "The last few years it seemed to me that there were a lot of students only interested in free stuff or just putting their names on sign-up sheets," she said.

The activities fair comes around twice a year, one in the fall and again in the spring. Just like in the fall, a lot of the clubs will be in the upper Union advertising their club to you.

MUIA Plans for Full Year of Activities, Events



MAKE YOUR MOVE The Science Center Lobby was filled by students at Manchester University International Association's Welcome Back Dance Sept. 6, the first of many events planned by the university club for the upcoming school year.

Photo by Maia Marusak

Cody Goble
Staff Writer

For some international students it can be difficult adjusting to the culture and traditions of Manchester University. However, whether a new or returning international student, the Manchester University

International Association (MUIA) can help with the transition.

The MUIA creates a more comfortable setting for international students through the creation of various events. In recent years, the organization has sponsored such events as the International Buf-

fet and the International Fashion Show. There has also been the popular Valentine's Day Formal Dance which is one of their largest events. According to the director of intercultural services, Michael Dixon, last year's Valentine's Day Formal probably had more than a hundred students

come by.

This year the MUIA has already been hard at work, putting on the Welcome Back Dance, which occurred on Friday, Sept. 6. However, the MUIA constantly strives to give students experiences they may not get the chance to experience otherwise.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, MUIA and ASA members will travel to Sandusky, Ohio, to enjoy the many attractions at Cedar Point Amusement Park, location of 16 roller-coasters including the Corkscrew and the Gemini. "They love going to Cedar Point, Kings Island, one of the big theme parks," Dixon said. "Many times they don't get to go to theme parks and it's a new experience for many of them."

The MUIA will travel to Indianapolis on Nov. 23 to visit the Indy International Festival. The Festival will feature over 50 ethnic groups sharing and celebrating various aspects of their cultures. Over 20 vendors will be present preparing cuisine

from various cultures and traditional dancers will be present to showcase a diversity of styles.

The MUIA also tries to expand the entire student body's awareness of varying ethnic group's struggles within the United States. On Oct. 8, the Office of Multicultural Affairs will sponsor a showing of the documentary "Vincent Who?" The film discusses the 1982 homicide of Chinese-American Vincent Chin. His killers, two white autoworkers, received a \$3000 fine and 30 days probation. Neither served any jail time. These events united Asian-Americans across the nation and would ultimately lead to, among other things, an expansion of federal civil rights protection. After the film, a discussion will occur, led by the documentary's writer and producer Curtis Chin (no relation).

The MUIA meets every Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Intercultural Center. During a recent meeting, attendees were treated to a night of games focused

on international themes and music from international sources.

All international students are eligible for the MUIA as well as other students who express serious interest in intercultural affairs.

Those wishing to find out more about the Manchester University Intercultural Association may visit the Manchester University website or follow the MUIA via their page on Facebook.

Around Campus

Beaumont Fills Oakwood Hall Director Position

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Rachael Beaumont is the new hall director of Oakwood Hall. This is a full-time staff position at MU that requires her to live where she works.

Beaumont knew that she wanted to work with the student body, and working with resident life is a stepping stone for what she would like to do in the future – to direct student development and activities.

Beaumont started her undergrad at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, where she was born and raised. There she studied theater history, culture and society. She then traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska, to obtain her masters degree in education at University of Nebraska Lincoln. Both of these cities are in the top ten largest cities in the United States. "I was not prepared for the size of North Manchester," she said with a laugh. "It is a very lovely town though."

Adjusting to MU has been a little difficult for

her. She says that the biggest challenge is being 10 hours away from her family. She also misses some big-city luxuries. "I was disappointed I had to go to another town for Chinese food, but I'm pretty sure I can survive that," Beaumont said. Even though she may have to travel for diverse food options, she is grateful that MU faculty and students have made her feel very welcome.

Beaumont enjoys the change in scenery from big city to small-town USA. She likes the atmosphere and the sense of community that a small town provides. Specifically, she believes MU does an exceptional job at really being involved with the students. "MU challenges students, but provides a lot of support in dealing with these challenges," Beaumont said.

Some of her duties of being a hall director are to talk to students, supervise the RA's, and address issues. "We hall directors get to talk to them [students] sort of judicially," Beaumont said. She is

actually the secondary advisor of the RHA group on campus. While her office hours can be a bit strange, due to different incidents like a fire drill, Beaumont genuinely loves her job. "I get to socialize with many of the students and RA's," she says, "It becomes sort of a tight knit family after a while"

Transitioning from being a student and to being in the career world have been her biggest challenge in her work, along with learning MU's traditions, rules and policies. Beaumont loves working and getting to know the students and RA's, and she cares deeply for them. "Not being able to help a student efficiently due to policies is always sad," she said. However, she yearns to understand better what goes into the job and improve upon herself.

While Beaumont didn't get to pick what hall she was placed in, she was very happy to move to Oakwood and into her own little apartment. She says the 24-hour quiet hours at Oakwood are very ben-

eficial to the students. "It's not to say no one talks or watches television," she says, "but it's an understanding of the level of appropriateness of noise levels."

When Beaumont is not at work, she enjoys working out and watching movies. She tries to run three times a week, and she works out in the mornings. "I like collecting my thoughts in the mornings," she said. She is also a huge movie buff and adores going to the movies, particularly Sci-fi and Fantasy films. "The Hobbit," "The Lord of the Rings," and "Warm Bodies" offers her a little escapism from the world around her.

She has really enjoyed the community areas on campus, and being able to go to the Union for meals. Beaumont is very excited to attend some theater productions at MU. She might get involved since she started her undergrad as a performance major, but her position at Oakwood comes first.

Beaumont used to work at a multicultural



NOT IN KANSAS ANY MORE Hailing from Lawrence, Kansas, Rachel Beaumont arrives to Manchester as the new hall director for Oakwood Hall.

Photo courtesy of Jessica Hickerson

center, in LGBT groups, academic groups and theater performance at her previous schools. She is excited to connect with students that are doing similar things, but she is also excited to expose herself to new adventures.

Manchester Students, Faculty Adjust to D2L

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Among the many changes at Manchester over the summer, the virtual course system D2L, Desire to Learn, might be considered the most confusing. Library Director Jill Lichtsinn and Director of Instructional Technologies Stan Pittman are hoping to make the transition from Angel to D2L smooth for students and instructors.

Lichtsinn and Pittman are the D2L contact people, which mean that they are here to answer your questions and confusions about D2L.

As busy people on campus, they created an email address for instructors and students to direct their questions. "We do our best," Lichtsinn said. "We don't know if there's a problem if you don't tell us. We like to hear the good stories, too."

One of the biggest complaints from students is the email set-up, as students and faculty alike have to set their D2L email to transfer to their Spartan email boxes. "My only annoyance [with D2L] is the email settings," said sophomore Landen Hughes. Senior Emilie Hunt agrees. "My only problem is the email settings," she said. "I liked having an email system that actually works."

Lichtsinn understands the frustrations that students have with the email settings. "I call the email settings D2L's Achilles' tendon," she said. "We couldn't set

it as a default. But it needs to be set just once to make the changes." Lichtsinn explained that the D2L team did everything they could to make students aware of how to change their settings so that a copy of their D2L email gets sent to their Spartan email. She noted that they will be better able to help first-years next year. "We will have the first-years change their settings during orientation," Lichtsinn said.

Sophomore Sara Anderson highlighted another confusing element of D2L. "It's difficult to find things," she said.

Lichtsinn offers advice for this navigational challenge. "If you can't find the course you need listed on the front page," she said, "look at the black toolbar at the top of the page and there is a selection box that says 'select a course.' All your courses should be listed there."

The courses that are listed on the front page of D2L are only the last six to 12 courses you have accessed. The rest can be found in the selection box.

Manchester switched to D2L because it had to. "We didn't change it up just because we thought it would be fun," Lichtsinn emphasized. "Angel was bought by another company named Blackboard, so Angel would have been changing anyway. Our contract was up and we didn't have a choice. Our decision to choose D2L was a combination of cost and features."

There are good things that come with D2L. "I

used D2L in Jan Term," Anderson said, "and I liked the chat feature."

D2L is also organized in a familiar way. "Everybody knows how to use folder systems," Hunt said. "Nobody likes change. We just need more time then everybody will know how to use it."

Lichtsinn explained that more questions come from the instructors. "They have a lot to lay out," she said. "Grade books, quizzes, dropboxes, surveys. Professors are not required to use D2L, but they are encouraged to. Students sometimes urge instructors to use the grade book. Many students like to see the progression of their grades."

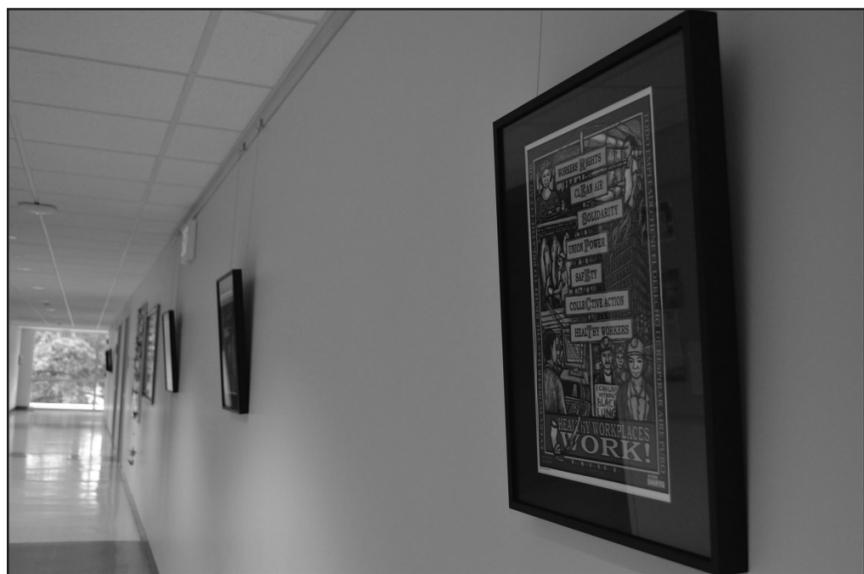
Brad Yoder, professor of social work and sociology, is adjusting to D2L. "The things I've done I've been able to figure out," he said. "I prefer face-to-face interaction, so I probably won't be using all of the features."

Any problems or confusions can be directed to d2lhelp@manchester.edu. "We try to keep our eyes on things," Lichtsinn said. "Getting instructors comfortable, advising them when they need help, helping students."

The one thing that D2L help cannot do is help with password problems. Any password problems will be directed to ITS (helpdesk@manchester.edu).

"We hope to make a difference in helping to transition and D2L Help is here to assist," Lichtsinn said with a smile. "And I enjoy helping."

Artwork Featured Across Manchester Campus



ART ON DISPLAY Adorning the walls of the second floor of the Academic Center is one of the many different displays of artwork on campus. There are several galleries on campus including Gallery G, which will be hosting a new exhibit on Sept. 16.

Photo by Emily Krabach

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Did you know that you have access to an art gallery that features award-winning artwork? And did you know that it is 100% free to enter? Gallery G,

located in the upper Union across from the Success Center, is open to all and ready to host some amazing displays of art.

Gallery G is open from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 12-3

p.m. when classes are in session. Associate Professor Ejenobo "Jena" Oke, who has been at Manchester for seven years, coordinates the gallery and, in fact, is in charge of the artwork on displays across campus.

Beginning Sept. 16 a new exhibit will be on display in Gallery G, titled "Utopia and Apocalypse Seven Decades Re-Imagined," featuring the artwork of Manchester alumnus Kevin L. Miller. The show will not only encompass his newer works, but also some of the art that he displayed as a Manchester College student.

The art department has organized a Meet-the-Artist Reception for Miller from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4. Along with the reception, there will be a signing for the book "Blind Curves," written by Manchester alumna Linda Crill and illustrated by Miller.

On Thursday, Oct. 3, Miller will deliver his Values, Ideas and the Arts presentation entitled "Tolerating Creativity: A Profit and Loss Analysis." Included with this VIA is a conversational tour of his exhibit in Gallery G.

Gallery G finished hosting the show "No Strings Attached" on Sept.

4, which featured fiber arts from seven regional and one international artist: Betty Barry, Casey Drudge, Joel Fremion, Elua Keluar, Ronia Krieg, Eunice Scully, Diana Williams and Christi Ziebarth. Several of the artists have been officially recognized by groups such as the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, some have won several art shows, and one even has solo exhibitions in several European nations.

This show was very aesthetically charming, and captivated senior art major Abby Birnell. She found it "very interesting." As a student, Birnell found that "the color really brings people in." She thinks the elaborate designs keep people gazing into the maze of color. "You can look at a piece and see something new every time," she said while being engaged by a particular work.

Gallery G moves its way through roughly three exhibits a year — a "homecoming" show from

September through December, a show from December to March, and a show from April through the summer. The amount of artwork on display ranges from an astounding 50 pieces to a minimalistic seven. Pieces are arranged, according to Oke, in such a way that "you shouldn't notice there was any arranging at all." She also said that placement is very important, ensuring that the brightest, most attractively colored artworks are in the best line of sight to draw people in, though they must be, as Oke says, "indicative of the show."

Two official galleries exist on campus; Gallery G in the upper Union and Link Gallery in Otho Winger Hall. Oke considers the halls in the Academic Center to be "Hall Gallery One and Hall Gallery Two." Gallery G features art from regional artists and Manchester alumni, and Link Gallery as well as the halls in the Academic Center host artwork from students as well as local artists.



Spartan Sports



Men's Soccer Aims For Successful Season

Sara Collazo Romay
Staff Writer

Manchester University's men's soccer team is starting this season more energized than ever. With their long-standing coach Dave Good, Corey Brueggeman, a former MU football player, as the new assistant coach, promising new players and a new opportunity to win conference, this year's lineup irradiates positivism and team spirit. "I know we can do better than what the pre-season polls tell us, and we are going to prove it," said team member Simon Coleman.

Coach Good, who is also MU's Grounds Coordinator, gasped when he had to remember how long he has been coaching Manchester's team, "Since 1980, can you believe it!" he said with genial disbelief. "I enjoy what I do; I tell people I'm still doing what I loved when I was three years old and growing up in Nigeria. I played in the dirt on one of my yards and played soccer on the other, now I get to do it here every day. I am lucky." Always smiling, Good revealed his optimism about the team's opportunities this year. "We have some good new first years who are starting and other players who



GET TO THE GOAL! A Manchester men's soccer player advances downfield with the ball during the team's home game last Saturday against Kentucky Christian. The Spartans won the game 2-0. Currently, the team holds a record of 1-2-1. Manchester plays its next two games this weekend at Trine University. The Spartans will face Adrian this afternoon at 4 p.m. and they will play against Trine tomorrow at 4 p.m.

are adding a lot of depth to our team," he said. "We feel like we have players at every position who can challenge the guys ahead of them."

Good also shared his opinion about the team's new assistant coach, MU alum Corey Brueggeman, who started

coaching the Spartans in January 2013, "Corey was an excellent player who always acted like a coach on the field," he said. "He is a great guy with a great soccer mind and always has a positive attitude; he also has a good connection with the guys on the team." Players agree that

the experience of Coach Good and the young soccer mind of Brueggeman will make an explosive combination for this year's season. "I have been excited about the season since last semester because of the new incoming coach assistant," Loic Youth said. "I can't wait to see our new

training method with a new formation that I think will be a lot better than what we have had before."

First-year Ola Ladapo also brings new excitement to the team. "My objective is to score some goals and make an impact to the team," he said. Team members

agree that this year's lineup has great chemistry; they have developed some traditions that have brought the team together such as listening to music before every game or eating a meal together every time they have a game on a Saturday. Coach Good believes that these traditions help maintain a "team smile." "I constantly remind my players that I don't like to be around grumpy people," he said. "The soccer field should be a place to enjoy each other's company and leave all your worries behind."

It is important not to forget however, that the team has reached quite a few triumphs outside the soccer field. They have set a goal of academic achievement for which the soccer association has recognized them for a number of years. Also, the team spreads MU's values of humanity and service everywhere they go, during this year's Jan Term, Coach Good will be taking the team members to Jamaica where they will be working on building a school for deaf children and helping some areas that were devastated during Hurricane Sandy.

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Cross Country Teams Set High Expectations

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The Manchester University cross-country team has been extremely successful for the past five years and from the looks of it, this year will be no different. The Spartans have a talented coach and a promising group of runners that are just as motivated as the previous successful teams.

Coach Brian Cashdollar and his men and women's cross-country team have been picked once again to win conference for the fifth year in a row. And Cashdollar believes the hype. "We are on par to do that with both teams," he said. With the season now under away, the cross-country team is distinguishing itself. "The teams are unique to each other in terms of the men's team that has a lot of seniors who have national experience, and on the women's side we are being led with first-years, sophomores and juniors," Cashdollar said. So the team is going to have some differences in adversity.

"Their challenges are going to be different as they go through their season," Cashdollar continued,

"but I'm excited to see where we are at!"

His expectations for the team are the same year in and year out. "We try to get the most out of each athlete so that each athlete can develop to the level that they are capable of being at," he said. Cashdollar says that if they perform to those expectations, then winning Conference, placing high in regionals, getting to nationals and placing high in nationals will come into play.

Michael Stocker, a senior captain on the men's cross-country team, has been a part of the greatness that this program has brought to Manchester for the past four years. He speaks for the team and also his senior class when he talks of his expectations for this year. "Like any team, the goal is always to exceed the previous year's achievements," he said. "This senior class especially would like to leave our mark in a 5th straight HCAC title, but more importantly to finish higher than any Manchester cross-country team before us in the Regional and National meets."

Manchester has been successful throughout Stocker's four years and believes some of that is due to their team mantra – "We may not out-talent anyone,

but we will out-work everyone." The success Stocker has been a part of and the grueling hard work spent day in and day out has not only been noticed by others, but by himself. "I can safely say for myself, this program and my teammates have taken me far beyond where I thought I'd be at this point when I was a high school senior," he said.

Briana Martinez, a junior captain on the women's team has serious expectations for her team. "We will take care of business on and off the field by eating right, sleeping right, staying out of trouble and giving it our all in workouts and races," she said. This year's women's team is led by many, however, just not by the experience of seniors. "I expect the underclassmen to learn a lot this year to be big contributors for us down the stretch this season and in years to come," Martinez added.

The Manchester cross-country team has let everyone know that their presence is definitely at a championship level. This program works extremely hard to get to and stay at this championship level that they have stayed at for the last four years. Their next meet is on Sept. 14 at the Calvin Knights Invitational.

Women's Soccer Shows Plenty of Promise

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Women's soccer coach Andy Stout has been leading the Spartans for six years now, and once again gives a team that shows promise.

Last year the lady Spartans were able to secure fourth place in the conference tournament. The team looks to push further toward victory this year by making the necessary steps to secure a championship. "I think we have the ability to go far if we work and play hard as a team" said junior Amber Oster.

Of 23 members of the team 17 are returners. And of the six first-years three have already seen playing time this year in Gettysburg. Only one returner is a senior, Alyson Harper, who ties her cleats for the fourth time on Spartan soil with great intentions.

The team captains consist of three crucial

members. Junior Emily Wilman has been a captain for the past three years and made All-Conference last year. In the past Wilman has been a keystone to Spartan success. Due to Wilman's efforts at goal, the Spartans were able to host numerous shutouts last year.

Likewise, Katelyn Barta has been a three-year starter at the forward position. She has been elevated to the position of captain due to her hard work and excellence on the field. Barta was the highest scoring Spartan last year and continued to do so in the recent game against Trine.

Sophie Tzortzines, the third captain, distinguishes herself through her hard work.

Although skilled, the captains are not alone in talent. This will be the third year that Amber Oster is starting midfielder. Oster has been playing the game for nearly 14 years and has even spent time

playing overseas. Like Oster, Diane McAfee returns to play midfielder for a third year joined by Tzortzines.

As a team the Spartans have showcased their skills in the little time allotted already. On a team trip to the Pennsylvania the Spartans tested themselves against Gettysburg and Alvernia. Either team would be a suitable test to show where the girls stood since both opponents are nationally ranked. Against Alvernia the Spartans fell 2 to 0; however against Gettysburg the Spartans were able to force a draw with neither team scoring. "I believe Gettysburg was the better team, we just didn't play as well against Alvernia," Oster said. "We should be really good if we continue to play like we did against them."

More recently the Spartans made a great spectacle against a non-conference rival Trine. Manchester had lost to Trine for the past two years but this year proved dif-



WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PRACTICE Members of the Manchester women's soccer team scrimmage during a recent team practice. Although the season is young, the team has shown plenty of promise in its first games. At the time of publication, the Spartans had a record of 3-1-1. Next on the agenda for the Spartans is a home game on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. against Thomas More.

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ferent. The lady Spartans were able to match their opponent at a goal each during the first half. It was during the second half that

the Spartans scored the second goal to place the nail in the coffin.

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record of 3-1-1. The team faces Thomas More in its next game at home on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m.



Spartan Sports



Spartan Football Plans to Achieve Success

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The Manchester Spartans are underway as football season is in full swing. They have been going at it on the gridiron during practice and are looking to have a strong season after coming off of a winning season last year.

Led by senior quarterback Nick Williams, the Spartans seek to improve their 6-4 overall record and 6-2 HCAC conference play from last year. Last season, Williams made second team all HCAC averaging just under 90-yards-per-game rushing (83.4) and better than 120-yards-per-game passing (121.6). He accounted for 21 combined rushing and passing touchdowns.

Junior wide receiver Collin Huffine thinks the team can better its record. "We want to win conference, win the bronze ball in the rivalry game versus Anderson, to make a 2.8 team GPA and just to be 1-0 every week," he said. "I want to make 50 catches for 750 yards, 8-8 in touchdowns and make first team all-conference". If those numbers materialize, the Spar-



STARING CONTEST Senior defensive lineman Don Campbell lines up across from Trine's center during Manchester's season-opener at home against the Thunder last Thursday. The Spartans fell to Trine by a score of 19-3. Despite the loss, the team looks to improve its record from last season (6-4 overall, 6-2 HCAC). The Spartans will take the field again tomorrow afternoon at home against Kalamazoo. Kick off is set for 1:30 p.m.

Photo by Savannah Riley

tans are going to come up big this season.

Last season, Huffine was the second-leading receiver for the Spartans during his sophomore sea-

son, making 21 receptions for 193 yards which averaged a little more than 9 yards a catch.

Junior quarterback Randy Fredrick is also

looking forward to the season. "I plan to help the team out by making them better in practice," he said. Sept. 5 marked the first game of the season against the

Division 3 non-conference rivals, Trine University Thunder. Trine prevailed, winning by a score of 19-3.

Head Coach Shannon Griffith looks forward to

this season and coaching this group of young men. He has high expectations for them on and off the field. "Success in the game of football is just not an Aug. - Nov. proposition; it requires year round dedication in order to achieve success," he said. "That would include classroom success as well. Each of our players is individually responsible to do the work that is expected of them on and off the field year round."

Griffith also looked toward future games. "The most important thing is to be sound in all three phases of the game," he inquires. "The team who eliminates critical mistakes in the first game usually wins." He lets his players handle their own mental preparation. "It is the responsibility of the individual player to prepare himself. We utilize practice to work on things we will see each given game. Players have to commit to watching video, taking care of their bodies, and preparing their minds for us to be successful."

MU Tennis Teams Strive For Strong Seasons

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Coming off a tightly contested loss in the HCAC conference tourney to Transylvania University that came down to the final match, Manchester University Tennis coach Eric Christiansen is hoping for different results this fall. "We want to do better than we did last year," Christiansen said, adding that the conference is wide open this year. "The top 6 is up for grabs," he said.

With six returners from last year's squad and the addition of two first-years and senior Jillian Bower returning to the team, the season looks bright. Highlighted by the return of seniors Kara Gilley and Brandy Leeper, the Spartans have a formidable combination manning the top two singles spots and the top doubles team. Christiansen relies on their leadership along with fellow seniors Abby Berry and Bower, "They know what to do and what I expect of them," he said.

Going in to their second year of playing together as the top doubles pair, Gilley and Leeper have high expectations after going 7-7 a year ago. "We have more knowledge of each other," Gilley said. "We know each other's strengths and weaknesses and can cover each other. Our chemistry is great because we are friends off the court."

Leeper agreed. "Our mental game is stronger and we can pull each other up," she said.

The senior duo wants to end their careers on a high note, by winning the conference title and tournament, while having a close knit team. "I want to be a good role model for the team," said Gilley with a smile.

As for the men's team, the expectations are higher than they have been in a decade, with seven returners and looking to build off a seventh place finish last spring. With five first-years coming in, Christiansen expects there to be a lot of competition. "I expect them to push for spots, there are going to be some exciting battles," he said. The

senior duo of Bobby Swaby and Miro Arguijo and junior Kyle Lahman are the returners to watch this fall, with Lahman playing number one, and Swaby and Arguijo at numbers two and three respectively. The finish last spring was the best one in a decade for Christiansen's squad and they look to use their fall season as a springboard to the main season starting in April.

Seniors Arguijo and Swaby know the fall is an important time for everyone. "The season is both prep for spring and for fun," Arguijo said. "We have no pressure on ourselves, however, we compete against each other and see the work that has been done over the summer."

Swaby agreed with his teammate. "It helps us figure out the chemistry of the team," he said.

While coaching two teams with no assistants is a difficult job, it is one that Christiansen says he is used to and loves coaching both.

Spartan Volleyball Sets Sights On HCAC Title

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The Spartan volleyball team, coached by Kendra Marlowe, is ready to go in for the kill this season. Just as a player "kills" a ball to gain a point from an opponent, this year's team of Lady Spartans is deliberately preparing for victory.

After its first Invitational on Aug. 30, the team has become aware of its strengths and ready to work on its weaknesses in order to make this season a winning one. The girls practice nearly every day (that is, when they are not competing), fortifying skills such as serving, bumping and spiking in order to thrive. Their levels of intensity and competitiveness rise with each practice, readying them to succeed.

Senior Makenna Hamilton anxiously awaits further games this season. "I'm excited for us to fulfill the potential that we know we have," Hamilton said. "The Invitational showed us where we are; it showed us that we can play! And we have lots of time to further improve." Hamilton is not worried about the season, only eager for her team to prove what it is made of. Her expectation this season is to compete in the



PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE Members of the Spartan volleyball team participate in drills during a recent practice. Currently, the team has an overall record of 1-6 after playing in two tournaments to start its season. Manchester will host five other teams this weekend in the Pizza Hut Invitational tournament. The Spartans face Ohio Wesleyan tonight at 7 p.m., followed by two more matches on Saturday against Adrian and Capital.

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HCAC (Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference).

Junior Morgan Yoder also has high anticipations this year. "We play together well," she said. "We have the potential to win conference." The team consists mostly of underclassmen, but only four are new. Even though the team is young, there are still many returners who have

familiarity with the game, the competition and each other.

Junior Mallory Kirkwood looks positively at the amount of underclassmen on the team. "I think it can be advantageous," Kirkwood said. Overall she has high expectations of this season. "We have nothing to lose," she added. "I am not too worried about the

competition this year, although I am sure we will be playing some tough teams. As long as we do our jobs on our side of the net I know we have the ability to have a successful season."

Coach Marlowe has a lot on her plate, balancing the positions of head coach of the women's volleyball team, assistant director of Athletics/senior

women's administrator and Assistant Professor of ESS, on top of being a new mother. Although she admits that this season began with a few hurdles, Marlowe knows they can be overcome, and the team can return better than ever. The team has more experience and the players are constantly improving their communication, two vital

components for triumph. "Volleyball is a super-exciting game," Marlowe said. She encourages students to attend. "Be on the lookout for themed nights and even the chance to win prizes," she said with enthusiasm.

Manchester University, being a DIII school, has connections with the Special Olympics. The goal of this partnership is to create bonds and mutual learning experiences for players of both the Special Olympics and DIII teams. On Sept. 17, there will be a home game featuring Special Olympics athletes. These players will be attending the game, and will be recognized and given free admission as well as popcorn and other concessions. "They will be announced with the team, do the pregame handshake and team cheer," Marlowe said.

The next steps on the Lady Spartan's journey to HCAC will be on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. against Ohio Wesleyan, and on Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. against Adrian. Both games will be held at Manchester. Attending volleyball games is free for students.