

# The Oak Leaves

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## Schwalm Wins Annual 'Battle of the Buildings'

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On typical Monday nights, students can be found studying in the library at the start of a busy week.

However, on Monday, Sept. 16, students were taking a break from the books and moving toward battle. Specifically, they were enjoying free food and events at the kickoff party for Battle of the Buildings hosted by the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

Battle of the Buildings is a three-day competition where students from each residence hall compete against each other to determine the "best hall" on campus. Last year, Schwalm claimed the title and this year students rose to the challenge of reclaiming that award.

The smell of popcorn and cotton candy wafted through the mall on Monday evening which drew many passersbys to stop and grab bags of freshly popped popcorn. Loud, upbeat music blasted through the mall and some students could be seen dancing.

Students from different residence halls were competing against each other in a corn hole and a water pong tournament. Every couple of minutes, a voice would boom through the loudspeaker and announce the next winner in the raffle. Prizes included gift cards from iTunes and McDonald's as well as a movie basket which con-



**WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER** Residents of Schwalm Hall pose with their trophy after winning this year's "Battle of the Buildings" competition. Schwalm won the title of "best hall" for the second straight year, while Helman took second place. East and Oakwood finished with a tie for third place and Garver placed fourth. Photo by Vivien Carter

tained snacks and a DVD.

Megan Bishop, a junior history major and secretary for RHA, noticed a difference in the number of students who attended the kickoff party. "Last year it was held in Wampler because of rain, and there was not a big turnout," Bishop said. "This year we've had a lot more people come out."

Andrew Sparger, a junior accounting major and R.A. in Schwalm liked seeing students at the kick-

off party. "There's a lot of people having fun and it's a great start to battle of the buildings," he said.

Competitors stormed the mall on Tuesday evening for relay rumble. Students participated in relay races such as grabbing filled water balloons from under each other's chins, finding pennies hidden in a plate of flour, and drinking a cup of "mystery" drink and attempting to flip it over once it was empty. Schwalm pulled together

as a team and took the lead with 500 points at the end of the various relays.

Thursday night was a little less active and required more brain power. Movie trivia was held in Flory auditorium and students were racking their brains for the correct answers to various movie questions. Schwalm was once again ahead of the other halls, taking the lead this time with 900 points.

Saturday, the final day of Battle of the Build-

ings, was the day of champions. Students rushed to the Union lawn to participate in volleyball, a water balloon toss, an obstacle course, bungee run, human bowling, tug of war, a watermelon eating contest, and the "mystery event," which was human jousting.

The warm sunshine and cool breeze made for a pleasant afternoon for those competing in the events. "I had a lot of fun," said Stephanie Wheeler, a first-year

biology-chemistry major on team Oakwood. "I was surprised how well we all played together, for never practicing and not knowing each other. There was definitely a sense of companionship with people from the same dorm."

Schwalm hall director Jessica Hickerson wears her building's triumph with pride. "The win was exhilarating!" she said. "We pulled out a few first-place wins in the volleyball tournament and water-balloon toss, and then a few second places in the obstacle course relay and watermelon-eating contest."

"I was impressed by the performances of Mariah Jones and Artie Shidler in the water-balloon toss since it came down to between Schwalm and Oakwood and looked as if we'd chalk up another second place," Hickerson continued. "Schwalm is innately a very competitive hall, so I'm proud of the residents' performances and sportsmanship."

For the second year in a row, Schwalm won "best hall." Helman took second place, East and Oakwood tied for third and Garver finished fourth.

## MU Students Defeat Faculty, Staff in Softball

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Last Friday the students of Manchester University were placed "first" once again; however not in the sense the light pole banners around campus suggest.

At 5 p.m. the faculty and students gathered on the baseball diamond to determine the softball victor in their annual contest. Traditionally the students had taken home the trophy without much of a fight, but this year seemed different.

Matt Burlingame, wrestling coach, laughed when considering whether the team stood a good chance of winning. "Usually the students begin crushing us and then near the end we begin to score, so I don't know if they're letting up or if we're getting better," he said.

However this year something seemed different, as if the faculty had a secret weapon. "This year we practiced," said team manager Glenn Sharfman.

Knowing that the faculty had actually practiced beforehand combined with the increasingly gloomy weather signaled a slow-coming doom for the students. But the students would not hear of any negativity as they entered the dugout. Each player was vibrant with energy.



**"HEY BATT BATT SWING!"** Senior Miro Arguijo drops his bat and runs toward first base after making contact during last Friday's annual Faculty/Staff vs. Students Softball Game at Gratz Field. Although the faculty/staff were more competitive than in recent games and kept the contest close, the students prevailed once again in the end, keeping their winning streak alive. Photo by Felicia Nichols

The game began with friendly heckling between both teams. Not an inning passed without a well-placed joke by either side. "I think it's a lot of fun," said Professor Jerry Sweeten. "It's good interaction between faculty and students."

As the rain came down the game went on, and some of the students, including Hannah Schutter and Janelle Moss, preferred to remain in the dugout. The duo cheered on their team with a mix of British accents and Spice Girl songs as the skies

drizzled. Meanwhile members like Christopher Kowalski, Jamahl Jones, and Eric Purcell were making critical plays in the field.

The game was close throughout every inning. Each side had hit a single home run which proved pivotal at crucial

points in the game. In the last inning Professor Justin Lasser uttered words of encouragement as he took the field. "We're gonna win. Here we go," she said.

The efforts by either side were entertaining to say the least, but in the end the students' positiv-

ity proved too much for the faculty/staff. The student winning streak is still alive, but came with a warning. "This is the closest we've come in the last four years and next year we're going to win," said Sharfman with a smile. "I'm proud of my team," he said after the game. "They played well. It was a good stand."

Jones was also charitable. "The faculty gave us a good run, but as usual the students won," he said. "It's like the school says, 'Students First.'"

Jones was not the only player to notice the improvement of the faculty. Both Kowalski and Purcell mentioned that the faculty had proved to be a much worthier opponent this year.

As the two teams gathered for pictures, the gold trophy stood over five feet tall, shining in the wind and rain. As the trophy was lifted off the field by the victors, the remaining players covered field, leaving no trace of the competition that was present only moments before.

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# Around Campus

## Students Enjoy Fun, Service at Camp Mack

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Manchester students enjoyed a brisk but sunny day for their outing to Camp Mack this Sunday. The day began with a drive to Milford, IN, to Camp Alexander Mack, located on Lake Waubee. Established in 1925, Camp Mack continues to serve as a place for children, teens and even adults to develop leadership skills and help form/strengthen their personal faith.

There was a solid combination of returning campers and first-timers this year. "I went last year and had a good time so I wanted to go again," said sophomore Riley Bannon. Upon arrival, the group of approximately 15 Spartans anxiously piled out of vans and went right to work on a service project. Students split into small teams, working intently washing sailboats, cleaning floor mats, wiping out cabinets, moving tables, mopping floors...really cleaning everything but the kitchen sink! Actually, that was probably cleaned, too. "It felt good to do something for someone," said first-year Paige Swary.

After the service project, more Spartans

began to arrive, bringing the total to about 40, and the day continued with many different activities. Groups formed and

purpose room, which was full of students sprawled over couches and the floor. Some students played Frisbee while others went

pairs of Spartans joined in a canoe race, putting their skills to the test as they paddled around a buoy and back to shore. Junior

After wishing the others good luck, the students shoved off and the winners were juniors Lucas Lebbin and Peter Bauson.

said campus pastor Walt Wiltschek.

As the group made its way back to the building from the beach, the smell of grilled chicken could be detected wafting through the room. Spartans know how difficult it is to obtain a nice Sunday dinner; the group gratefully indulged in the meal, complete with mashed potatoes, mixed veggies and lemon cake.

After dinner, the day came to a close with a bit of worship, during which students gathered in a circle and sang a few songs, reflected over their week and shared some stories. It was a peaceful time, a break from the chaos of the week that allowed students to tune out any negativities and rejuvenate for the weeks to come.

As the group began piling back into cars and vans to head back to campus, first-year Ruth Ritchey-Moore thought about the day. "I liked the ending" she said. "It gave me a chance to stop and think about things."

This day trip to Camp Mack has taken place "for decades," according to Wiltschek. "I thought we had a great day this year, with great weather and lots of good activities."



**REACHING THE TOP** MU Students Deanna Beckner, Marie Stump, Lucas Lebin, Peter Bauson and Anna Roberts sit victoriously atop a rock wall at Camp Mack on Sunday, Sept. 22. Along with rock-climbing, students were also able to participate in other fun events like canoe races, Euchre tournaments and frisbee. The outing to Camp Mack also provided students with a chance to work on a service project that ultimately helped improve the camp's condition.

*Photo courtesy of Deanna Beckner*

spread all around, playing card games from Go Fish to Killer Bunnies. (No one was harmed while playing this game.) Piano music

filtered through the multi-

to a climbing wall and took turns trying to make it to the top.

As teams assembled to begin an intense Euchre tournament, other

Deanna Beckner enjoyed this part of the day the most. "My favorite part was the canoeing; it was fun!" she said. "I don't get a lot of chances to go boating."

The winners of the Euchre Tournament are yet to be determined. "We ran out of time up at Camp Mack, so we'll complete it soon on campus,"

## Manchester Celebrates Hispanic History Month

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Hispanos Unidos kicked off its fourth annual Hispanic History Month celebration on Sunday, Sept. 15. A fiesta was held in the Student Activities Center, involving food, games and friendship.

The Hispanic Month Kick-off event hosted 27 people, despite a dreary, rain-filled day. While the sky was a typical Indiana dark gray cloud of rain, the SAC was full of vibrant colors that filled the room with warmth. The smell of tamales flooded the air, and the sound of socialization removed any notion of silence. There were games such as Pin the Tail on the Donkey and Musical Chairs to help build a sense of community and friendship among the students in attendance.

Jasmine Espino-Muniz, president of Hispanos Unidos (HU), opened the event talking about the upcoming HU trip to Chicago. On Saturday Sept. 28, HU will be going to Chicago Illinois to visit "Calle 26," or road 26, which is "like Chinatown but Mexican," Espino-Muniz said, as well as Navy Pier and Millennium Park for visiting and relaxation. After visiting these, the itinerary leads to Colombia Chicago College, where there will be a comedy act featuring numerous comedians who will talk about and joke at their Hispanic heritage. All that is necessary to go on this trip is a \$5 deposit that will be returned upon departure that morning. The trip will leave at 7 a.m. Saturday and will return later in the evening.

Hispanic Heritage Month occurs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 every year. "It is similar to Black His-

tory Month in February," said Espino-Muniz. She mentioned that Hispanic Heritage Month starts on Sept. 15 because the date is Mexico's Independence Day as well as Costa Rica's Independence Day. This month is celebrated nationwide.

For the rest of Hispanic Heritage Month, Hispanos Unidos plan to teach "necessity Spanish words," Espino-Muniz said. "This would be useful if you were to get lost in an area where everyone spoke Spanish. Teaching students the linguistics is necessary to know how to get from here to there in Spanish."

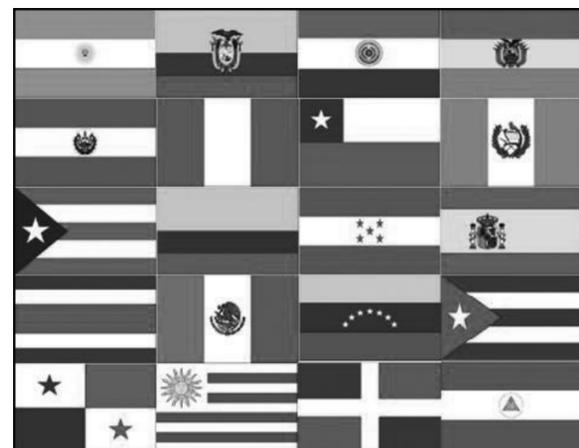
HU also intends to get a guest speaker such as Professor Yanez to discuss their Hispanic heritage as well as what the month means to them.

This year marks Espino-Muniz's fourth time celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, and to her knowledge is also its fourth year of celebration at Manchester.

Hispanos Unidos is comprised entirely of students. Espino-Muniz is president, Martin Garcia holds the office of vice-president, Alejandro Vargas is the director of Mem-

bership, Sara Cruz is the treasurer and Erik Nakjima is secretary. Anyone that wants to get involved with HU should contact any of the board members, or can contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs. They also put up posters around campus advertising events and have a Facebook page.

The goals of Hispanos Unidos include teaching Hispanic and Latino culture in what Espino-Muniz calls "an educational yet fun way." HU holds its meetings on Mondays at 9 p.m. in the Intercultural Center unless stated otherwise. Annual activities include Hispanic Heritage Month, Dia De Los Muertos (the Day of the Dead), and occasional lessons in Salsa dancing.



*Photo courtesy of <http://energy.gov/articles/celebrating-national-hispanic-heritage-month>*

# Around Campus

## Second Amendment Discussed at Recent VIA

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Manchester celebrated Constitution Day with guest speaker Dr. Robert Spitzer and his VIA discussion titled "The Second Amendment and Guns in America."

Students filled the Speicher Room in the Upper Union where the discussion was held. Silence followed Professor Leonard Williams to the podium as he introduced Spitzer, listing all of his academic qualifications and achievements.

Spitzer is a political scientist and author of 14 books. He is a professor at the College at Cortland in New York.

Spitzer started his discussion by talking about the recent tragedy at the Naval Yard in Washington, D.C., and how it ties in with other mass shootings. He listed several mass shooting characteristics that are common to most of these tragic occurrences. "Mass shootings are rare, statistically speaking," Spitzer said. "Crime has been declining for the past 20 years."

Some characteristics Spitzer noted are the shooters are male in their

30s to 40s, with clear, diagnosable problems. They shoot strangers and typically do so alone.

Spitzer's main argument was about a well-documented court case, *The District of Columbia v. Heller*, from 2008. "[The Court ruled] the Second Amendment does confer personal rights to own a hand gun for personal protection," Spitzer said.

The Second Amendment states: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms should not be abridged."

In order to lay out his argument, Spitzer had to identify the differences between two ways to interpret the Constitution. Constitutional Originalism is interpreting based on the original intent of the founders. The Living Constitution View is the belief that the Constitution must adapt to modern society.

To get across his main point, Spitzer interpreted the Second Amendment using the Originalism point-of-view. He came to the conclusion that the Second Amendment originally intended to that the people have the right to

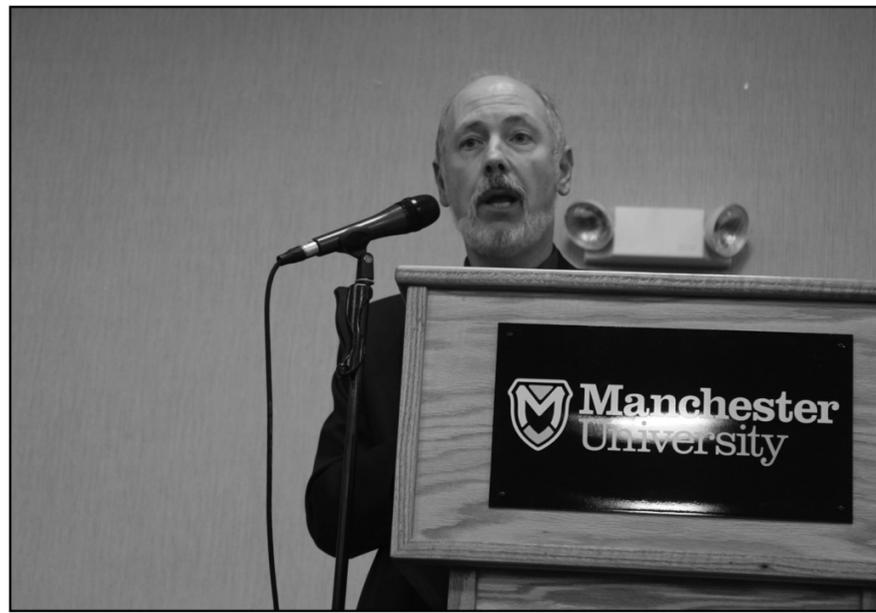
regulate a militia and have bear arms according to that militia.

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who wrote the majority opinion in the *Heller* case, claimed to use an Originalism interpretation of the Second Amendment in the case. Spitzer argued that Scalia was not using Originalism. "Original reading leads you to a militia view," he said, "not an individual view."

Scalia's claim relies heavily on history by assertion "[The decision] is based on historical analysis if readers are standing on their head," Spitzer said.

While Originalism is more a conservative point-of-view, the Living Constitutional approach is liberal. "Scalia is conservative, behaving like a Living Constitutionalist," Spitzer said. "Though he would never admit it, the best argument would be to take a Living Constitutionalism view."

Spitzer's discussion contained many facts about the history of gun laws and was difficult to follow at some points. However, the student reactions seemed to be good overall. First-year Jena Karras reflects on her opin-



**LOADED WORDS** Dr. Robert Spitzer addresses the meaning of the Second Amendment at the recent VIA titled "The Second Amendment and Guns in America" held on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Spitzer's argument focused on the need to analyze the Amendment in the context in which it had originally been written.

Photo by Alexah Parnin

ion of the discussion. "He kind of bounced around a lot, which confused me a bit," she said. "But he always went back to what he initially started with."

Sophomore Tyler Tinsley expressed good feelings about the discussion. "I thought it was wonderful," he said. "I loved all the points he raised. The best presentation about gun control I've ever heard."

Spitzer bolstered his arguments with an extensive array of historical background. These ideas may have influenced how students thought about gun control in America.

"He reinforced my idea entirely," Tinsley said. "And it gave me a whole lot of historical background for my point-of-view."

Sophomore Kyle Carothers agreed. "It gave me more support basically

for what I already know" he said.

Spitzer talked a lot about what people might not know or have misunderstandings about and cleared them up.

"It opened up my views to the different parallels of the topic," Karras said. "But mainly I still feel like we should be able to have our own personal protection."

## Tibetan Monks Visit MU, Celebrate Culture



**IN A HAIRY SITUATION** A Tibetan monk dressed as a farmer attempts to appease the snow lion (performed by two other monks) with his flute during the performance held on Thursday, Sept. 19. Here on behalf of the Labrang Tashi Kyil Monastery in eastern Tibet, the visiting monks arrived to inform MU about the religion and culture of Tibet.

Photo by Maia Marusak

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There was a panda bear, a snow lion and a yak. There were also seven Tibetan monks, dressed in orange-and-yellow tunics, chanting songs to evoke good luck,

happiness and peace. This is what the Monks of Tashi Kyil Monastery brought to Manchester University on Thursday, Sept. 19.

The seven monks came on behalf of the Labrang Tashi Kyil Monastery, which is located in east-

ern Tibet and serves as a wellspring of the Buddhist teachings. The monastery

was destroyed during the Cultural Revolution and in 1967, refugee monks were re-established in Clement Town, India. The monks are traveling the United

States to inform people about the culture and religion of Tibet, as well as to raise money to better the monastery.

The night started with an offering to the Dalai Lama (Mandala Offering), which enhances positive energy and purifies all negative influences. According to Tibetan traditions, if His Holiness the Dalai Lama is not present, his portrait must be present to symbolize that he is, and will always be the Chief Guest. Following the offering, three monks came to stage, with their eyes closed and deep calmness they started chanting "Om Mani Padme Hum." By reciting this mantra, the monks ceased their straggles and cast aside any feeling of arrogance or pride.

The event rapidly changed moods when the Tashi Shoelpa Dance began. Moving to the sound of percussion instruments, the dancers wore white-beard masks and color-

ful clothing while moving with large motions, injecting the whole room with a dose of high energy. The purpose of the dance is to bring good luck and good omens and it is specially performed on big occasions such as the opening of a new monastery. However, the monks had a couple more surprises for the Manchester public. As a way to raise awareness of the panda's critical situation in Asia, a monk dressed as a Panda bear wandered around Wine Hall, hugging people and asking for tummy rubs. The audience kept laughing and petting the panda-monk until he ran away with a white flag demanding animal rights.

The animal theme lasted for a while, however, when the monks performed the "Snow Lion Dance," which symbolizes fearlessness, unconditional cheerfulness, the East and the Earth element. On the Tibetan flag, a pair of Snow

Lions holds the Three Jewels (Buddha, Dharma, and the Sangya.) During this performance, a monk dressed as a farmer played the flute to "the snow lion," which consisted of two monks dressed on a lion suit and moving with mastered coordination. After the lion-monk left the stage, a monk dressed in furs entered with a yak (two monks dressed up as a yak), an animal that symbolizes the Tibetan spirit of rugged strength and playfulness. The monk wrestled the yak on scene until it gave up and let the monk pet him.

The Tashi Kyil Monastery monks performed a variety of dances and songs with which they reached their goal of bringing happiness and peace to Manchester. They created an atmosphere of friendliness and spirituality and were very grateful to share their culture and religion with the people of Manchester.

## Opinion: Seeing MU as Athletic 'Melting Pot'

Tyler Stevenson  
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With football season in full swing, baseball season winding down, and basketball and hockey seasons fast approaching, now is the perfect time to be a sports fan. And while you sit down with your friends to watch your favorite sport, you might notice something about everyone: they all cheer for different teams. With students from all over Indiana as well as the Midwest and even around the United States and the world, many wear the colors of their favorite teams on their sleeves all year long. Walk around campus on any given day and you can see dozens of loyal fans strutting jerseys, shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and other apparel everywhere.

Being surrounded by four different states, you will see some unique fans. I am from Valparaiso, IN, which lies in the northwest part of Indiana also known as "the Region," but my favorites teams are all from Chicago. You will see a lot of fans at Manchester that are from Indiana, but root for teams from other states. You see it a lot with people from southern Indiana, who will root for the home state Colts and Pacers, but love the Reds from Cincinnati.

Or if you are from northeastern Indiana, you'll

find a lot of Detroit Red Wings, Tigers, and Lions fans. People from northwest Indiana will root for the Cubs, Bears, White Sox, Blackhawks, and Bulls. You also see Green Bay Packers whose reside is in northern Indiana. College teams are just as diverse, with Purdue, Notre Dame, Indiana, Michigan State, Ohio State and Michigan just to name a few. Oh, and I can't forget about the school we all attend; never a day goes by where you don't see Manchester University apparel being worn, whether it be football, baseball, softball, tennis, wrestling, etc.

Even if you don't have a favorite sports team, Manchester can help you with that. With major professional sports cities such as Indianapolis, Detroit and Chicago, college towns South Bend and Ann Arbor, MI, all within a four-hour drive and Fort Wayne being under an hour, you can cheer for your any number of teams in your dorm room or even take a trip to see them in person.

And if you don't want to develop a serious interest in any particular one, Fort Wayne has many options and is considered the premier minor league sports city in the United States. You can catch the Tin Caps play ball in beautiful Parkview Field right smack in the middle of the city, watch the Mad Ants light up the nets behind the arc and shake the rafters with earthquake-like dunks, or watch the Komets blade through the ice in the War Memorial Coliseum.

With so many unique fan bases on campus, you are brought back to why college is such an important and fun time in many people's lives. We have students from all around the country and the world who bring a unique perspective to sports and life in general. Being able to interact and learn from each other will truly help all of us in our future careers as well as the rest of our lives.



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# Around Campus

## Webster Twins Represent MU, Trine on Field

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Their faces may look similar, but they sport different jerseys each football season. Senior right tackle Tommy Webster wears black and gold gear for Manchester while his twin brother Andy wears navy blue and gold for Trine University.

The pair is north-east Indiana's own version of the Harbaugh brothers, who coached rival Super-bowl teams in 2013. "No one ever believes me when I say that I have a twin brother who plays football at Trine," Tommy said. Both brothers started playing football at 10 and were teammates at North Side High School in Fort Wayne. "When we got to college that was first time we haven't played on the same team," Tommy said. "In high school we played right next to each other be-

cause I was an offensive tackle and he was a guard. We had lockers right next to each other and would even walk up to the line and just talk and had great chemistry because we knew each other so well."

Born 10 minutes before his twin, Tommy joked that there is constant competition in their house. "It is really competitive between us," he said. "We compete in the weight room, on the field, you name it. My whole family is that way."

"We argue all the time and even talk about things from high school," he continued. "We both hate losing." The first time the brothers clashed on the football field Tommy claimed that he earned a sack against his brother. "I got two sacks against Trine in that game," he said. "One of those was against Andy even though he'd never admit it," Web-

ster added with a grin.

Growing up together, Tommy remembers how they were polar opposites. "Having a twin wasn't very different for us," he said. "We look similar but you can't really tell that we are twins unless we tell you. I get on my brother's nerves a lot. I'm definitely the more outgoing and annoying one. He is very quiet and doesn't really talk unless someone goes up to him and talks first." Tommy also talked about how his family deals with the two opposing brother's schools. "My family will normally sit on the home side whenever we play each other," he said. "My sister actually made shirts that are half Manchester and half Trine with both of our numbers on the shirts so that they can stay equal."

The Manchester and Trine season-opener marked the brothers' last

competitive football game against each other. "That game was very bitter-sweet," Tommy explained. "We were both captains for that game so we got to walk up towards each other and say good luck." Tommy explained that he wished he could have brought home a win. "We talked to each other after the game and shook hands," he said. "We don't really talk about the games we play against each other a lot because we will both argue and get mad."

Tommy also said that if people were to sit in on a Webster family dinner they would see the competitiveness between the two brothers. "It would basically be both of us saying that we are better than each other and trying to one-up each other," she said. "It never changes or dies down."



**FAMILY TIES** MU student Thomas Webster stands with his father Curt Webster and his twin brother, Trine student Andy Webster, after a game where the two faced each other on the gridiron. At MU's season-opening game, the brothers played against each other for the last time of their collegiate career as senior captains.

*Photo courtesy of Thomas Webster*

## Nubani Brings 'Threading' Skills to Campus

Alexandria Spillman  
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For sophomore Salwa Nubani, cotton threads do more than hold pieces of fabric together—they remove unwanted hair as well. For more than five years, Nubani has used a "threading" technique to groom upper lips, eyebrows, legs and more.

According to Sarah Siddons on the Discovery Health website, "the art of threading likely originated from the Middle East and South Asia. The practice of threading has been popular in Indian and Pakistani neighborhoods of the United States for years, but these days it is becoming a lot more mainstream." Indeed, threading can be found in cities from New York to Fort Wayne, and now on Manchester's campus.

When learning to thread, some will practice on a piece of eyebrow-shaped velvet, but not Nubani. After

watching the women in her family for years in Pakistan, she picked up her first thread and began experimenting. "In my culture, you're expected to keep up with facial hair," she said. "It's inevitable that you'll learn how to thread."

Nubani did not learn overnight, however. "I practiced on my upper lip at first, then moved to eyebrows. It took me about a year to master doing eyebrows because they're not as flat of a surface as the upper lip," she explained.

She didn't just practice in front of the bathroom mirror, however. "We used to get bored in school," she said, "and we would pull out an extra thread in our uniforms, and start doing each other's mustaches in class," she recalled, laughing.

The threading industry, according to Siddons, has grown as many immigrant owners open their own threading boutiques after being unable to find any other

quality places that offered the service nearby.

Though women may be the majority of patrons, threading is not strictly a technique for females. Men, too, can be groomed with a long strand of cotton. "I've never used thread on a male before," Nubani says, "but men can also get their beards threaded so they can get the completely clean, straight look that you sometimes can't get with a razor or tweezers alone."

Nubani has threaded at least 10 pairs of eyebrows on campus at least 40 times, including those belonging to her roommate and her best friend, but she was unable to give an approximation for the number of times her own eyebrows have seen a knotted thread. "Sometimes I just focus on a single hair that shouldn't be there, and I get obsessed with taking it off," she says. "It's a good thing I'm a Bio-Chem major and have work to do all the time, or I would never leave my eyebrows alone," she added.

## Win Returns From Year-Long Stay in China



**KEEP YOUR MIND OPEN** Senior Khin Win arrives at Manchester for her final year with fresh memories from studying abroad at Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in Dalian, Liaoning Province, China.

*Photo by Alexah Parnin*

Ayana Ishiyama  
Staff Writer

A senior-year student resumed her study at Manchester after the year-long

experience of studying abroad at Dongbei University of Finance and Economics, in Dalian, Liaoning Province, China.

Twenty-one-year-

old Khin Win is a business management major from Fort Wayne, Ind. She was originally born in Thailand, where her parents were refugees from Myanmar.

When she was seven years old, she and her parents immigrated to the United States.

Win entered Manchester because she knew Manchester has a good study-abroad program. Win decided to go to China because she wanted to learn a completely different language and use her business major. "Many people think that China is going to be a new powerhouse in the business world, and Chinese is going to be one of those languages that people need to know at some point of time," she said.

Win had to learn Chinese very quickly because few people spoke English. Although she had never studied Chinese before going to China, her Chinese is now good enough to lead a daily life. "When I was in China, I

could walk around on my own to buy own things and express myself in Chinese," she said. "But I wouldn't be able to talk about more specific subjects, like business or science."

According to Win, the way the Chinese to talk each other and their mannerisms are completely different from Americans'. "Keep your mind open and don't judge," she said. "If you don't do these things, the Chinese culture will shock you very much."

Her best memory of China was a little moment that she spent with her friends. She and her friends celebrated all of their birthdays, Christmas and the New Year together because they didn't want to feel alone on the holidays when no one was home. Win remembers another time when she

and her Japanese friend sat together and had a conversation, which she described as "weird" because of their poor language skills. "We tried to get emotion across and talked about life and what we wanted to do in the future," she said. "Moments like that are monumental to me," she said.

The experience inspired her in a way she never thought of. "I'm sure if I had never gone to Dalian in China, I would not have met those people who are from completely different areas," she said. Win emphasized the importance of 'opportunities' to get to know people even for all Manchester students. "It's not just for studying abroad," she said. "Take every opportunity that is given to make a bond."

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## Woods Journeys to Japan, Basks in Culture

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Staff Writer

Alia Woods, now a senior at Manchester, studied abroad in Japan, in the city of Sapporo, during her junior year. She had the experience of a lifetime.

Woods' fascination with the Japanese culture started when she was eight years old. "It started with anime, but it eventually evolved into learning about the culture, language and food since then," she said. These were all factors that helped her with her decision to study in Japan.

It was hard for Woods to pick just one favorite experience. "My favorite thing was probably being able to do and try whatever I wanted to for so long," she said. She was longing to try sushi, among other Japanese delicacies, that were authentic. There was one food, however, that she was not fond of trying while traveling. "When I

tried Nato for the first time, (fermented soy beans usually served with rice and raw eggs for breakfast), I decided I would stick to cooked foods in the morning," she said with a sour look on her face.

Woods missed her family and friends while she was away, but there was also something else she missed—a person who was able to understand what she was saying in English. "The only one that could understand me from my host family was the mother, and she only knew what radio taught her," she said.

Living with a different family was no easy feat. Although Woods is a friendly person, she still found herself as somewhat of a stranger in her new home. "It was like when you stay at a friend's house where their parents' rules are completely different from your parents'," she said. It was a quick adjustment for Woods, though, because she wanted to make this immersion a positive experience.

Woods got to participate in most of the things she wanted to do, but she did not get to do everything. Although she was in Tokyo, she never experienced the big city. "We never got to walk around Tokyo except to get on the Chikatetsu (Japanese subway system)," she said. When comparing Tokyo to Sapporo she used the comparison of Tokyo being New York City while Sapporo would be comparable to Fort Wayne.

One of the biggest shockers discovered while traveling around Japan was the American culture. "Around every corner was a KFC, a Subway or McDonalds," she said with a smirk. "One of the only bad things was the fact that the burgers in Japan were the size of a dollar burger, but the price of a Big Mac."

Woods already has dreams of returning to Japan and has been looking for a way to get back. She has been filling out numerous applications for scholarships as well as trying to find an internship.



# Spartan Sports

## Spartan Football Prepares for Rose-Hulman

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The Manchester University football team is off to a rocky start for the 2013 season with two games against Trine and Kalamazoo that both ended in a loss.

With three games over, Head Coach Shannon Griffith thinks the team has not yet met its potential. "We really have not played the way we were capable," he said. "[We] had chances to find ways to win but came up short. Guys were really pressing and I think that contributed to our lack of success." Junior Jared Taylor believes they just made too many mistakes their first two games. "[We] had a disappointing start; [we need] to learn from our mistakes," he said.

The offense and defense are made up of a lot of young talent, but also consists of the upper-classman leadership. Senior offensive lineman Eric Courter believes that the bond is strong. "[There is]

a lot of leadership across the board, also if someone goes down the next man is ready," he said. "Every day

Campbell contributes the improvement to the guidance of the upper classmen. "We have a lot of

year right tackle Tommy Webster believes that the season is still young. "The season is still early, but we

tant part of the season is just around the corner—the start of conference play. The Spartans fin-

opened up conference play against in-state rival Franklin last week, losing 48-7 to the Grizzlies.

Rose-Hulman will come to town this weekend. Playing Rose has always been an exciting game, according to Griffith. "Rose has been a team we have had great battles against, but they had our number the last couple of years," he said. "They have a quarterback that can make plays throwing the ball and their defense is very similar to Kalamazoo; they fly around."

The conference season is long, but many of the players are confident because of their run last year. "[We] feel like we had a few rough starts with the first two games, but now we're playing faster and more physical," Courter said.



**LINE OF SCRIMMAGE** The Spartans football team practices in preparation for their game against Rose-Hulman tomorrow afternoon. The team anticipates its first victory of the season in the HCAC match-up. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. at Burt Field.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

we [are] getting better and the receiving core [have] improved."

Senior Donny

experience on both sides of the ball," he said. Even though the team is winless so far this season, first-

know what we want to do." With all the talk about the offensive and defense,

The most impor-

ished runner-up in the conference a season ago and are looking for the similar success this season. They

## MU Spartan Soccer Nears First HCAC Games

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MU soccer coach Dave Good gives the scoop on the men's soccer team's activities for the past two weeks. "It's been one of our open weeks, so it's allowed us to spend a little extra time working on rearranging some stuff out there on the field," said Good. An "open week" is a week without a game, so the team focuses on going over mistakes they may have made during the previous game and ironing them out.

The Spartans started out their season with a weak entrance. "We're in what we feel is the spot we weren't looking to be in," said Good. "We're at one win, four losses and one tie." Good described last week as a "wakeup call" for the team. "We should have been able to win a few of those games that we lost but that didn't happen," said Good. "Those are the kind of things we practice on during the week to try to get better results the next time."

Unfortunately, the team lost their game last Saturday to Albion, Mich. According to the MU Spartans website, "Manchester University's offense finished with

six shots on goal and a goal as part of a 6-1 non-conference loss to Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member Albion."

The team dealt with this loss like any other: they went over mistakes and ran drills to smooth out any rough patches. However, the hardest part of dealing with a loss is not physical. "With any loss that we have, we're going to try to figure out what went wrong and how we could have done better," said Good. "The main thing we have to focus on is keeping everybody's head in it. Nobody likes losing, so it's just a matter of figuring out what everyone can do to make the whole team situation better."

The time and effort put into last week has seemed to pay off. "The guys have made the adjustments throughout this week and we finished...fairly well I think, with improvement, and we're looking forward to the next game," said Good.

The Spartans were able to take their refined skills and minds to Andrews on Tuesday to an intense match and tied 2-2 in double overtime.

According to Good, the games have been having a good turn-out of "a loud core group of fans." The

team is looking forward to playing some home games and seeing some more friendly face to cheer them on.

The next home game is against Ohio Northern this Saturday, Sept. 28. After that, the team opens up conference play as a home versus Hannover on homecoming.

The Spartans meet daily from 3:30-5:30 to hone their skills. During the season, the team likes to work out on the field as much as possible, but if they get rained out or "feel like [they] need to take a break from pounding each other's legs," they might take a trip to the PERC and work out in the fitness room.

During practice, Coach Good has the team do fitness work, core, agility, individual skill development, scrimmage time and tries to coordinate the team as a whole. Whenever Coach Good isn't pushing students to do better on the field, he is manicuring it. Good is also the grounds coordinator for the university. "We do anything outdoors. Trees, shrubs, landscaping, athletic field care. All of it," Good said.

Good encourages anyone who enjoys soccer to come support the team as much as they can as they work to turn around their record.

### August Athletic Training Student of the Month



**Adrien Brudvig**

**Hometown:** Chesterfield, MI

**Future Plans:** Become an ATC for a high school

**Activities:** MUATC

**Current Assignment:** Manchester High School

## Op Ed: Benefits of Intramurals

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Are you interested in being active and being competitive while playing some of your favorite sports? Are you often bored and want to hang out more with your friends? Have you ever wanted to try a new sport but never knew where to start?

That's what intramurals are for.

Intramurals are a great way to incorporate being active and competitive, hanging out more with friends and trying new sports. With intramurals, you would be able to have that benefit of an active and healthy lifestyle. You could also enhance your physical and mental well-being while coming up with strategies to beat your opponents.

Finally, intramurals is just another way that Manchester University has come up with for you to have fun and be so-

cial. This activity is a good way for students to make friends and to get closer to the ones they already have.

Also it is a way for you to keep playing the game you love.

To me, intramurals are always interesting to watch and play in. I like playing different sports that I don't play on a regular basis. It gets me interested and makes me feel good knowing that I have a variety of sports that I can choose to play. I personally have met some of my friends from playing and even watching intramurals. I believe it's a nice way to bring the MU community together especially when you are just playing for fun.

Intramurals, in my opinion can help build self-esteem when playing. When watching intramurals, sometimes it gets so intense you would think this was an actual college game. The way people

change when they play sports is mind-blowing because they become a totally different person.

Also I often find out that some kids are really good and I wonder to myself, "why in the world aren't you playing for our school?"

I also see games that are sometimes get out of hand physically but that's part of the game in my opinion. It wouldn't be as entertaining without a couple of bruises. Playing intramurals is a different story especially when you don't like to lose. In some ways it's like playing in an actual college game. You have your adrenaline pumping, you have to think on your feet and make smart decisions.

It makes me feel good when I make an important play that helps my team win. Getting more people to participate would make playing even better because you would have different types of competi-

tion to play.

Intramurals would be nothing without some officials and supervisors running the program. Juniors Ashlea Nash and Brittney Vervynckt play an important role in intramurals. Nash supervises the touch football games and Vervynckt supervises the sand volleyball games. "I am doing it for my practicum and it looks good on my resume" Nash says.

Apparently the job is not as easy as it seems according to Vervynckt. "There is a lot of miscommunication with teams such as forfeiting without letting me know and not knowing when they play," she said.

Although there might be a few problems behind the scenes, intramurals are can really get people involved in the Manchester community and bring us all closer together.

### Win in China cont. from pg. 4

After graduating from Manchester, Win wants to go back to China to work for two or three years in order to develop her Chinese

skills. Her goal is to open up a business in Myanmar and work with Myanmar, Thailand, China and America in the economic field to

make the country greater for its citizens to get a job and feel safer. She believes that she can reach the goal with her English

and Chinese because the country has a strong connection with China through the business transaction.



# Spartan Sports



## Volleyball Looks Ahead at HCAC Schedule

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With the conference schedule beginning last Friday, the Manchester University volleyball team looks to keep improving following a two-game win streak over Indiana University Northwest and Earlham College. Conference play continues on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Franklin College in Franklin, Ind. Coach Kendra Marlowe refers to this time as "Phase two." "It is the start of conference play, and where we turn consistency into wins," she said.

One of the team's goals this season was to work together well as a team. "I feel like this is one of the goals we accomplished so far that we set out to achieve at the beginning of the season," Marlowe said. "We want to have good relationships on and off of the court, as well as working well together."

Junior Morgan Yoder, a defensive specialist from Goshen, Ind., feels the same about the team's cohesiveness. "We are picking up intensity in practice and we are working on communication and consistency on the court," she



**ROUND OF APPLAUSE** In recognition of the Wabash County Special Olympics, the Olympians are introduced alongside the Manchester volleyball team prior to its home match against IU-Northwest on Sept. 17. The Spartans prevailed, defeating the RedHawks in three games by scores of 25-7, 25-13 and 25-10. Tomorrow, the team faces Franklin and IU-Kokomo at the Spurlock Center in Franklin, Ind.

Photo by Vivien Carter

said. As the team continues to bond and grow stronger as a unit, they hope that the hard work being put in will have an end result of more wins.

As the season has progressed, there has been some very hard-fought matches of which the team

has come up on the losing end. Heather Racine, a defensive specialist and setter from Evansville Ind., believes wholeheartedly that they are a better team than their record shows. "This season has not gone exactly as planned," she said. "Although our record

doesn't show it, we are a really good team."

To Racine, one of the losses emulates her belief in the team. "I think my highlight of the year is when we went to five games with Saint Mary University," she said. "Even though we didn't win, it

was the best the team has ever played, and I know we learned a lot from the situation."

There has been many people on the squad that have contributed this season so far, according to Coach Marlowe. "The freshmen on the squad

have made a positive impact," Marlowe said. "Also, Makenna Hamilton, the only senior on the squad, is a hard worker, a vocal leader, and helps bring the team together." Hamilton, a defensive specialist from Medaryville, Ind., serves as the team captain, sharing the duties with Morgan Yoder. In 2012, she played in 17 matches, averaging more than a dig per game.

The season is just getting ready to heat up. Following a match against St. Mary's College of Indiana, a 5-13 team, Manchester will look to improve its conference record in a match against the Franklin College Grizzlies. Franklin College's record is at 7-13 on the year. This match will be followed by another match against the Indiana University-Kokomo Cougars, a 17-4 squad.

Farther down the road, Manchester plays two games in two days during homecoming week against the Hanover College Panthers on Saturday, Oct. 5, then against the Transylvania Pioneers, an 11-7 club, on Sunday, Oct. 6.

## MU Tennis Teams Set Goals for the Season

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With the second month of the new academic year already fast approaching, coach Eric Christiansen and the Manchester tennis teams prepare for another exciting season.

According to the NCAA guidelines, the tennis season is limited to 19 weeks, split between the fall and the spring. The women's conference takes place in fall and the men's conference primarily occupies the spring.

The women's tennis conference season began Aug 21. As of Sept. 22, they have a 3-2 record with wins against Earlham College, Defiance and Indiana University-East. The two losses are against Transylvania and Adrian College. This year, Christiansen has high hopes for the women's team. "Our goal is to win a conference championship this fall," he said. "We finished fourth in the conference last season, and there is a lot of parity among the top six teams in the conference, with Franklin, Rose-Hulman, Transylvania, Hanover, Anderson and Manches-

ter all having a lot of close matches last year."

While the men's conference occurs primarily in the spring, about 4 to 5 weeks of their season are played in the fall. As of Sept. 22, the men's team has a record of 0-2. These losses occurred against Adrian University and Indiana University-East. Despite the men's team's current record, the coach and the players remain optimistic. "Our goal with the men's team is to finish in the top 6 in conference for the first time in over a decade," Christiansen said. "I think we have the team to do it this year, and I know the guys are talking about a top four finish."

Kyle Lahman, currently in his 2nd year playing for Manchester, concurs. "I'm just focused on competing for a conference championship, which seems realistic," he said. "We have everybody back from last year on the guys' side and...we have a couple good freshman, in fact more than a couple. We have five."

Lahman is out for the fall season with a broken leg. He plans on returning to tennis in the spring.

Even with the many hours of practice and the

competitive drive of the athletes, Christiansen does not just focus on the wins and the losses. "My philosophy as a coach is to make it a good experience for the student athletes," he said. "We work hard, but I believe it is important for them to enjoy what they are doing. It's cliché, but we work hard, and we play hard."

Lahman shares this sentiment. "It's a really good group of people," he said. "It's a really good atmosphere; it's fun to travel and practice together."

Christiansen was hired to coach tennis at Manchester in 2007 with his first season in the spring of 2008. Prior to that, he was the head boys' and girls' coach at Manchester High School from 1997-2007. He also works as managing editor of the North Manchester News-Journal.

The next tennis match will occur on Sept. 28. The women's tennis team will play at home against Rose-Hulman.

## Cross Country Places High at Bloomington

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The Manchester University cross country teams have been conference champions for four years in a row. This year, the teams have come out of the gates strong yet again. Last Friday, they travelled to Bloomington for the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships.

The men's team placed third amongst the NCAA DII, DIII and NIAA schools. Manchester men came behind only Wabash and the University of Indianapolis. The top runner for Manchester was Jon Cafarelli, with a time of 26:17.22. Cafarelli ranked 29th overall. Right behind Cafarelli was Michael Stocker, ranking 35th with a time of 26:29.83. Curtis Nordmann came in at 45th, rounding off the Manchester men in the top 50. However, just outside was MU first-year Blake Harris, who placed 52nd with a time of 27:08.16.

The women's team placed fourth with a total of 174 points, beating out conference rival Hanover. Sophomore Anna McGowen finished 63rd overall. Also in the top 100 for the women was Mariah Jordan



**RUNNING IN CIRCLES** Members of the Manchester men's and women's cross country teams run laps around the track during a recent practice. Last Friday at the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships, the men's team placed third and the women's team placed fourth. On Oct. 5 both teams will compete in the Division III Pre-National Meet at Hanover College.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

at 83rd and Brianna Martinez at 93rd.

It is vital when taking this result into consideration that the Manchester teams only had six days of rest.

"With a longer rest period we would expect ourselves to beat Wabash," said sophomore Logan

Rayl. He also noted that the Manchester men did considerably well to push themselves in the final stages of the race, at one point he estimated nine Wabash runners ahead of Manchester's first.

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference honored two Manches-

ter University runners last week, when Curtis Nordmann and Mariah Jordan both received Player of the Week honors. Nordmann clocked a career-best time of 25:27.1 at the Calvin College Knight Invitational.

"To be recognized as one of the top runners in the conference is a great

honor," Nordmann said. "As a team, we are advancing well and will hopefully keep moving up through the ranks." Nordmann is full of confidence in the team, and is aiming high for his last year of collegiate cross country.

"We are shooting to win conference, win region-

als, and place in the top 20 at nationals," he continued. "Being an All-American would be an amazing way to end my cross career."

First-year Mariah Jordan clocked a 18:59 5k at the Calvin College Knight Invitational. "I feel very honored to be Runner of the Week," she said. "I was very proud, because my talent was shown and hard work paid off." Jordan has felt confident about her performances so far in her first season, and wants Manchester to be fifth time conference champions. She also has personal goals, though.

"I want to be top three at conference with a goal time of 23:15," she said. "At regionals, I want to be top 30."

The Manchester cross country teams now have two weeks to prepare for Division III Pre-Nationals. This competition will take place at Hanover College on Oct. 5.