

# The Oak Leaves

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## 'Lil' Sibs' Visit Older Siblings on MU's Campus

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Someone new to Manchester may have been unsure if they were truly on a college campus this past weekend, as MAC hosted its annual Lil' Sibs Weekend.

The term "lil sib" is used loosely; students could bring along any family member or friend aged 5 – 12. Sophomore Kaylene Davila had two visitors for the weekend, her 11-year-old brother Matthew and her 9-year-old cousin Ian. Davila hosted the two boys last year as well, and was excited to get another chance. Sophomore Brandi Ciriello also hosted two visitors, her 9-year-old sister Chloe, and Noah, a 7-year-old that she babysits. This was also Ciriello's second year participating in Lil' Sibs Weekend.

Youngsters arrived on campus Friday evening and were greeted with a "Super Sib" t-shirt and coordinating canvas bag. After eating dinner with their big sib, they enjoyed activities in the Upper Union. They could take a silly picture with their sibs, complete with props and Manchester foam fingers. Afterwards, they could decorate a picture frame to put it in. A cake walk had the kids trying to win a prize. Then, it was off to Cordier Auditorium for a showing of the movie "Frozen," which was Ciriello's favorite part.



**BIG SIB?** MU student Chelsie Fisher (center) poses for a photo with her younger siblings during Lil' Sibs Weekend. The event, hosted annually by Manchester Activities Council (MAC), was held on campus last weekend. Siblings, both old and young, took part in several different activities throughout the event, such as arts and crafts, life-sized chess and a showing of the movie "Frozen."

Photo by Savannah Riley

"That movie is fantastic!" she said.

After the film, the students split up and had free time to spend. Many took their sibs to their dorm and played pool, ping pong, or watched TV and played video games in the lobby. Davila took her "sibs" to her room and spent time playing games and watching movies, just like they would spend any

normal Friday night.

Saturday contained the majority of the planned activities for the kids. In the Academic Center, they could make bracelets and play games, such as giant chess. There were also temporary tattoos. "Those were a good idea," Ciriello said. "Noah got a spider with a skull head on it and Chloe got a rose that wrapped around

her arm." Davila and her sibs also got tattoos, and they showed them off (lions and a scorpion) as they took a lunch break before heading to the Perc for the Inflatables, which Matthew said "were better than last year." The troupe also waited in line to get their faces painted.

Keeping kids entertained can be a difficult task. "It's fun hanging out

with them, but they're a bit rambunctious," Davila said. A trip to the park, although not on the official itinerary, was a great way to spend some time outside in the beautiful weather. The boys were too excited to climb on the rock; they talked about it the whole way to the park.

Manchester provided many other ways to keep everyone busy, in-

cluding swimming at the aquatic center; Ciriello and her sibs took advantage of the latter option.

The weekend provided a perfect opportunity for Manchester students to have time to spend with their younger siblings. "I don't get to see them very often since I'm at school," Davila said. "Having them here gives me a chance to hang out with them and show them around."

Everyone had a different reason why they like participating in this annual event. "I like that they can see what it's like to be in college," Ciriello said, explaining how her sibs reacted with surprise when they had to keep going from building to building, like college students do on a daily basis. "My favorite part was the food!" said Davila's cousin, Ian. He also raved about all the piggyback rides he talked his "big sib" into.

In the end, it isn't about the games, the face painting, or the bounce-houses. Lil' Sibs Weekend is about getting precious time to spend with the people you care about.

## Spring Break Community Service Project: MU Students, Faculty Volunteer with 'Habitat for Humanity' in Georgia

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Every year, members of the Manchester University chapter of Habitat for Humanity use their Spring Break to help others. From March 15 to 22, a group of volunteers drove over 11 hours down to northeastern Georgia and helped build homes for the less fortunate.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller. According to their website's mission statement, the organization believes that "every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. [They] build and repair houses all over the world using volunteer labor and donations."

The MU volunteer group included Professors Brad Yoder and Susan Klein along with 13 students. Some, like first year English major Jessica Klemm, spent their first Spring Break with Habitat for Humanity. "I was asked if I was doing anything for Spring Break by my roommate," Klemm said. "I said no, and was handed a piece of paper saying 'Sign me.'"

This was also Professor Klein's first Spring Break trip with the MU branch of Habitat for Humanity. She has had previ-



**VOLUNTEERS OF "ABILITY AND CONVICTION"** MU students, faculty and other volunteers pause for a quick photo while working on a community service project with Habitat for Humanity in northeastern Georgia over Spring Break. The volunteer group from Manchester, which included 13 students along with Professors Brad Yoder and Susan Klein, helped build homes for the less fortunate during their trip.

Photo courtesy of Jessica Klemm

ous experience with Habitat for Humanity during her years as a college student.

Many that went found the overall experience gratifying. "The most rewarding aspect was getting to do work with the families that we are building for," Yoder said. "We can help give them a place

that is safe, warm and comfortable—a place they can call home."

Klemm shares Yoder's sentiment. "The most satisfying part of the whole trip was being able to help provide a family in need with a home," she said.

Professor Yoder appreciated the time spent

with the students as well. "I enjoy the experience of working and living with students who choose to spend Spring Break helping others," he said.

However, the group did manage to take a small amount of time to enjoy the Georgian landscape. On one free day,

they enjoyed a hike in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. The forest has nearly 867,000 acres of trails, streams and various flora stretching across 26 counties in Georgia. "The nature walk was so much fun," Klemm said. "At the end of the trail there was a ladder of tree

roots, and if you climbed it, you could see the first drop of a waterfall."

Any person wishing to join Habitat for Humanity, but feels hesitant due to lack of construction skills, need not worry. "Students don't need construction experience," Yoder said. "We will teach whatever they need to know."

This year marks the University's 28th Habitat for Humanity trip. Professor Yoder has participated in 26 of these trips.

The other volunteers that traveled to Georgia were Kaylene Davila, Ellen Fortin, Luran Gady, Alexander Herber, Nykole McGuire, Caleb Murray, Taylor Price, Katie Sewell, Jessica Small, Austin Todd, Kirsten Wilibey and Caitlin Yoder.

Those wishing to know more about Habitat for Humanity may visit the organization's website at <http://www.habitat.org/>.



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# Around Campus



## Transgender Activist Julia Serano Visits MU

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Dr. Julia Serano, biologist, writer, spoken-word performer and transgender activist, spoke in the Upper Union last Monday. She has written two books, including: "Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman on Sexism and the Scapegoating of Femininity," and "Excluded: Making Feminist and Queer Movements More Inclusive." Her work has appeared in queer and feminist magazines, such as "LiP" and "Transgender Tapestry." Serano shares her experiences as a transgender woman by speaking with colleges and organizations across the country about gender and how we label people according to how we perceive their gender.

"In a store, I'll have one person come up to me and address me as ma'am, and a minute later someone else call me sir," she said. "It's really difficult in restaurants or stores where we still use that formal speech and talk to each other that way."

Serano spoke about her transitioning process from male to female, and how little things seemed to be made into much bigger issues. "Everyone says, 'Oh,



**A TRANSITIONAL TALK** Julia Serano, a biologist, an author of two books, a spoken-word performer and a transgender activist, came to Manchester University's campus on Monday, March 31, to present a VIA. She spoke on her transitioning process from male to female, and the misconceptions that go along with transgenders. Serano is also a musician, and plays guitar in her band, Bitesize.

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you get to see your body change, it must be such a wonderful experience! And then I say, 'you went

through puberty, right? Was that a magical, wonderful experience?' After transitioning,

Serano was able to pick up on little differences in the way men and women are treated.

"Men don't normally just smile at each other," Serano said. "Women will smile at other women



they've never met and men will smile at other women. It's just not something you see men do, walking down the street, see another man and smile."

Serano spoke about her band, Bitesize, and how reactions to her work suddenly changed once she transitioned.

"I would describe my guitar-playing skills as adequate," Serano said. "No one complimented my playing or said anything about it until after I transitioned. Then suddenly, I was the best guitar-player ever. No one said what they really meant, which was 'girls can't play guitar, and you kind of can, so you're great.'"

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## Brauch Helps Develop Indiana Math Standards

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Mathematics Professor Tim Brauch has been appointed to help develop Indiana's new state standards since the state has decided to withdraw from the national Common Core State Standards.

Before all of this, Brauch was a graduate student at the University of Louisville, where he was involved in a fellowship through the National Science Foundation. "We were trying to implement new ways of teaching math in fourth and fifth grade," he said. "We were using an early version of what eventually became the common core."

The Common Core State Standards that were developed in 2009 were written by teachers and superintendents from 48 states. Many states, including Indiana, decided to use the national standards as their state standards. Brauch was involved in helping to implement this Common Core into Indiana's state standards.

"The common core was supposed to be the 'core' of standards and then every state was supposed to add their own changes to it," he said. "In 2009, the Indiana Department of Education contacted me at Manchester and, along with other Indiana teachers and professors, wanted us to think about how we could take this national set of common core and transform that, using those ideas, to come up with Indiana standards."

Because of public backlash, Indiana decided to get out of the common core. "To get out, they needed to come up with a new set of standards," Brauch said.



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The federal law says that if a state chooses not to use the common core, the state must come up with new standards that are justified as college and career ready in order to receive federal money for education. "Indiana was the first state to back out of the common core," Brauch said. "So we're sort of on our own trying to figure out how to do this."

To justify the standards, the state is having a group of professors and business professions come together and review the new standards. "They have to sign off and say these are acceptable standards," Brauch said.

Brauch thinks he was appointed to help with the standards because between 2009 and 2014, he was still involved with the state working on education through the new teacher licensing exams. He also said that Professor Heather Schilling recommended

him to some people at Purdue who were going to be involved in the standardization process. "I'm guessing [my appointment] was a combination of the two."

The process of developing new standards is tedious and can be somewhat frustrating. "The phase we are at right now is going through all of the standards and deciding what needs to be kept, what needs to be adjusted and what needs to go away," Brauch said. "One of the pushbacks is the feedback we are getting from the public. They say we are asking them to do the same things the common core asked us to do."

"And it's true, but that's because there are developmentally appropriate skills that a student needs to learn," he continued. "We are spending a lot of time, a lot of work, writing these new standards and the end result is not going to be much different than what we were already doing."

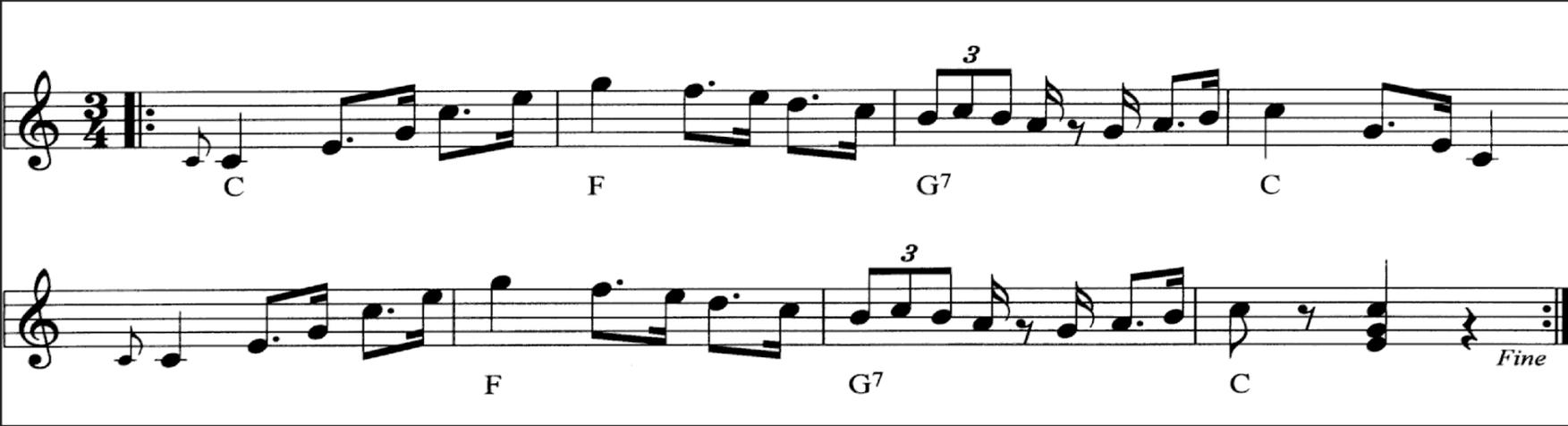
Brauch explained that the new standards should be available in their final edition on April 28 of this year and will be taught in August.



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## MU Music Majors To Perform Senior Recitals



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Imagine completing one part of your senior comprehensive exam by performing multiple songs on a stage in front of an audience composed of your family and friends. For senior music majors, their music recital is an event they have been preparing for all year.

Over the next five weeks four senior music majors will be performing their senior recitals in Wine Recital Hall—Kelly Iler, Jeremiah Sanders, Sarah Leininger and Miriam Zielinski. The senior music recitals are open to anyone wanting to attend.

Kelly Iler, senior vocal performance major, found a love for music when she was a young. "I always told my parents I was going to be a singer," she said. "I was always

involved in music; it's an adrenaline rush for me." After graduation, Iler will be attending the University of Northern Colorado for a Master's degree in Vocal Performance. "I just found out about grad school," Iler said. "I'm really excited."

The recitals are at least an hour long and the students have been practicing their music all year. To prepare for her recital, Iler has been memorizing songs and practicing several hours a week. One of her favorite pieces is by Mozart, which she will be singing Saturday April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Wine Recital Hall. She chose her music with the help of her advisor, Dr. Debra Lynn. "I'm really excited about my recital," Iler said. "It's going to be great."

In the future, Iler intends to continue performing. "I'd love to end up singing opera somewhere,"

she said. "But for right now, I'm just going with the flow." Iler will leave for Colorado in August to begin graduate school.

Sarah Leininger, triple major in music, mathematics and bio-chem, has been involved with music for the past 10 years, playing the clarinet. "I enjoy the tone quality of them," she said. "They can do just about anything because clarinets have such a wide range and can play many diverse styles."

Being a triple major keeps Leininger very busy and music is something that gives her a chance to decompress. "What I enjoy most about music is that it is relaxing for me," she said. "It's much different than math and science." Leininger is planning on attending graduate school for a Ph.D. program in chemistry.

Leininger's recital

is on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Wine Recital. She will be playing four pieces that she has been practicing for years. "I've done quite a bit of playing in front of large groups, so I'm not too nervous yet," she said. She plans on her recital taking a little over an hour to complete. "I might pull a muscle in my hand," she joked.

Miriam Zielinski, who plays the tenor saxophone, will hold her recital on May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Wine Recital Hall. She's played the sax since she was a freshman in high school and loves the quality of its tone. "The range is in the middle of my comfort zone," she said.

Joining Zielinski for her final number will be three musicians to form a sax quartet. Professor Scott Humphries will play the soprano sax, former Manchester High School band director Terry McK-

ee will play alto sax, and sophomore Amber Tharp will play baritone sax.

Jeremiah Sanders, a senior vocal performance major, sings baritone and has been singing for as long as he can remember. "I used to sing in my great-grandmother's church choir when I was in elementary school," he said. "I remember when I was in first grade that I wanted to be a singer when I grew up, and then I scored my first solo in fourth grade." Music is a large part of Sanders's life, and it is one reason why he chose it as his major at Manchester. "Singing is a natural part of me and it has always been part of my identity, so it just felt right to study it," he said. "I know singing will always be a part of me and I will continue to do it forever."

Sanders has been working hard for his recital

by making sure to practice his repertoire daily. He chose many of his songs for his recital last fall and they include many of his favorite composers such as: Brahms, Ives, Rossini, Poulenc, Adams and Mozart. "Each composer presents a different challenge," he said. "It will be truly riveting for me during each song, so they are all my favorite." His recital is May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Wine.

Sanders most enjoys the connection that music makes with people. "Music in general connects with the human emotion. It adds to our quality of life," he said. "Music is a key that opens so many doors—I have been able to connect with so many people because of music."

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## MU Mock Trial Finishes Impressive Season

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Manchester University's Mock Trial team recently completed its season with its first trip to the American Mock Trial Association's (AMTA) Opening Round Championship Series Tournament (ORCS) in over 10 years with a sixth-place finish in the regional round at Notre Dame on February 22–23. Competing against teams such as host Notre Dame, Michigan State and Wisconsin with prestigious law schools and a much larger pool of students to draw from, Professor Leonard Williams was extremely proud of the students and their efforts. "They did a fantastic job of competing and preparing for the tournaments," he said.

Being a part of only a handful of teams from Manchester to advance past the regional round was something that members will not soon forget. "The team was jumping up and down in excitement when we learned that we were advancing to the next step, and the fact that we got sixth out of so many teams was just icing on the cake," said Gaius Webb with excitement. "It meant that we were closer to nationals and our hard work had paid off!"

James Harry agreed with his teammate. "Moving on past regionals was a huge success



**TRIAL; NO TRIBULATION** Manchester University's Mock Trial team capped off a strong year with their first appearance in over 10 years in the American Mock Trial Association's penultimate competition, the Opening Round Championship Series Tournament, which took place in mid-March.

Picture by Vivien Carter

for us," he said. "We have worked so hard this year to push everyone in mock trial to be the best that they could be. We expected a lot from each other and it paid off."

Allison Weber had a feeling this year's team would do well. "It was unreal to have made it past regionals this year," she said. "I almost expected us to move on as we had all put so much work into it this year. We practiced every single day for hours on the weeks leading up to the regional tournament, and we ensured that everyone

was participating in a way where their strengths were highlighted."

Being one of the smallest schools in the tournament and competing against much larger schools, advancing out of the regionals was what members were most proud of. "It is a big motivator to go against some of the bigger schools out there," Zach Pitts said. "In our regional, our only loss was to the University of Wisconsin, a Division I institution with over 40,000 students. We were the only Division III school to advance out of

our regional."

Harry discussed how Manchester compared to the students at the bigger colleges. "It's very intimidating going up against schools that are 20-30 times our school's size," he said. "That's why we worked so hard to get ready to be a competitive team. While schools like Notre Dame are notorious for putting together a well-developed team, you can't be shy or intimidated when it comes time to compete. They have students just like us who are learning the case just like us. We

usually tell each other to treat them like we would any other team—stick to what we know."

The team competed at the ORCs in Waukegan, Ill. from March 14–16 and while they didn't advance to nationals, two students won prizes. Alex Pierce and Weber both earned Outstanding Witness Awards. The team also won the Spirit of AMTA Award at an invitational in January, given to the team that demonstrates the best sportsmanship.

The mock process follows the procedures of

an actual trial with students taking on the roles of lawyers and witnesses giving testimony and arguments to a panel of judges. They are scored on the quality of their evidence and arguments, public speaking and acting. Williams compares it to debate. "The emphasis on convincing the judges with acting and speaking is important to mock trial," he said.

There is no major requirement to be a part of the mock trial team, although some are political science or pre-law majors with an interest in becoming a lawyer. "I got involved in mock trial because I had interest in going to law school," Harry said. "When I came to Manchester, Professor Williams encouraged me to join and see if I liked it. I liked it a lot and it has turned out to be a great experience. It is a ton of work, but I really enjoy it because it is competitive, rewarding, and I got to practice something that I am interested in doing the rest of my life."

Teammate Webb has a similar passion for becoming a lawyer. "It's always been a dream of mine to become a district attorney so I can protect the community from criminals," he said. "I want to protect those that I care about, and I believe that becoming an attorney is one of the best ways I can do that."

### UPCOMING VIA PROGRAMS

Literary Film Society presents Alfred Hitchcock's *Rear Window* - TONIGHT - 6:30 p.m. - Cordier Auditorium

Joel Feldman, *A Father Speaks: End Distracted Driving* - Tuesday, April 15 - 3:30 p.m. - Cordier Auditorium

*An Evening with Danzy Senna, author* - Thursday, April 24 - 7 p.m. - Upper Union

Shawn Kirchner, *The Quest for Creativity* - Monday, April 28 - 7 p.m. - Upper Union

## Oak Leaves Wins Awards; No 'Joak'!



**STOKED OAKS** Members of the *Oak Leaves* staff celebrate notification of their Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA) awards. What did they win? Details next issue.

Photo by Katharine Ings

# Around Campus

## Spartan Softball Prepares For Long Road Trip

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Following a busy weekend, which saw four games take place in the span of two days, the Manchester University softball team looks to continue improving into the future.

Being able to get outside and play has been huge for the team, according to head coach Tracey Cromer. "We are finding our identity," Cromer said. "We're finally getting to play, and be outside, I think we are learning some areas that we need to improve in, such as adjusting our swings just a bit."

Although the Spartans' season has started slowly, Cromer is optimistic about the rest of the season. "We've had a rough start, from a win-loss perspective," Cromer said. "It's still really early, and we are just starting conference play this week, so hopefully we will find some highlights coming up."

Sophomore Ashley Stahl agreed with Cromer's perspective. "As a team, we have learned to never give up and keep fighting through a game, no matter what the score," she said. "Also, we learned



**LOADING BASES** Manchester's softball team looks to improve on their current 6-14 record as the weather begins to allow consistent outdoor practices. The Spartans, who are 3-5 in conference, have the opportunity to increase their win total as they make two long road trips this weekend, traveling for doubleheaders at both Transylvania and Mt. St. Joseph.

Photo by Vivien Carter

how to rely on each other by playing for the name on the front of the jersey, not on the back."

Throughout the course of the season so far, Cromer has seen the team make improvements. "I think, for sure, our improvements have come in

developing consistency," Cromer said. "When we arrived in Florida, we didn't play consistently in any area of the game." In terms of consistency, Cromer has seen the team improve.

In terms of developing improvement in the future, Cromer knows

what to do. "I think continuing to develop consistency is key," she stated. "We've talked about needing to do more of the small things right throughout a game, whether it is getting clutch two out hits, making the extra defensive play, and a continued improvement in

the pitching as well."

Cromer stated that the weather has played a significant role in how the season has taken shape. "We want to be outside, but we've been moving back inside," she said. "We are getting into a part of the season where we have to

continue to get repetition in every facet of the game."

The weather has also played a role in games, as a number of games have already been canceled. "It's been a rough spring," Cromer said. "We've already lost twelve games at this point, but we hope to make up at least half of those."

Stahl has had similar views on the weather. "The weather has been a struggle," she said. "Between the rain and the occasional snowfall, it has been difficult to get games in, but we are still playing tough and taking on whatever mother-nature throws our way."

Following four games on April 5 and April 6, which saw the Manchester University softball team go 2-2, the Spartans played two games at home on April 9 against Defiance. The Spartans split the doubleheader, losing the first game 9-2 and winning the second 6-3.

On April 12 and April 13, Manchester will square off against Transylvania in two games on Saturday, and two more against Mt. Saint Joseph on Sunday.

## Manchester To Host 'Relay for Life' in Town

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Later this month, Manchester University will once again host the Relay for Life, an event not only to raise awareness for cancer and to celebrate the survivors, but also to remember the ones who lost their battle.

Although Manchester is the host, Relay for Life will not take place on campus. Instead, it will be held in downtown North Manchester's Market Square. A "track" has been created in the open space on Market Street between

Main and Second. On April 26, the "track" will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the relay teams to walk.

MU's involvement in this local community event stems from the classroom. "Students from my Health Promotions class decided to rekindle the university-community partnership with the American Cancer Society to provide a service to the Relay for Life," said Dr. Kim Duchane, professor of exercise and sport science. "Two [of my] ESS students, Corey Birchmeier and Mikayla Munn, are serving as chair of the Survivor Committee

and 11 other health education students are putting on the Cancer Survivor Reception and a Survivor lap." Birchmeier and Munn are also using this opportunity as an internship.

Birchmeier is looking forward to the relay. "There are two goals for this event: first is to raise money for the American Cancer Society, which can go to things like cancer research, but also other causes to help cancer victims such as free rides to and from their treatment sessions and many other programs as well," he said. "We secondly want to celebrate with the survivors and remember those who have passed away."

The Relay for Life will have many different opportunities for people to sit back and enjoy their time. Throughout the day, most of the 20 teams will have

activities occurring at their respective tents, ranging from hosting games to selling food. "There will be entertainment going on all day, including live bands and many other performers; there will also be a silent auction," Birchmeier said.

Also, there will be opportunity to exercise while you're supporting the cure. "There will be walking, volleyball and dodgeball all day long," Munn said.

One of the main events of the night will be the Luminaria ceremony, which starts at 8 p.m. and focuses on remembering those who have died from cancer. Family and friends will be able to light candles in bags, illuminating the track. "People can buy and decorate the lanterns all day long," Birchmeier said. To add a little creative fun

to the event, people will have the chance to dress as their favorite television character. "Almost every hour there will be a theme lap where people will have the opportunity to compete in things like the best dressed Duck Dynasty character and the best 80s character," Birchmeier said.

Sponsorships are very important for the success of this event. "I am on the sponsorship committee and we have over 10 sponsors, including Wildman Uniform and Linen, who is giving us the goodie bags to stuff with gifts for the survivors," Birchmeier said. "Main View is donating food, Manchester Green House is giving us flowers for the survivors and then we have 30 other sponsors that have donated money or some kind of supplies we need."

So far there are 131 participants and 18 teams who have raised around \$4,882 dollars, 51 survivors have signed up and more could be on the way.

"After losing my grandma to cancer, it is important for me that we have events like these to raise awareness about cancer, collect funds to research and find a cure to all cancer, and so far this has been an incredibly touching experience for me and it's something I will never forget," Birchmeier said.

Munn is recruiting for the event. "We would love more participants. We want all to come to Lumenaria at 8 p.m.; it is a beautiful experience, so please come and support. Any questions email Corey or me, and we will be glad to help," she said.

### April Athletic Training Student of the Month



#### Jillian Bower

**Hometown:** Kokomo, IN

**Future Plans:** Attend graduate school with graduate assistantship

**Campus Activities:** Member of the women's tennis team, President of MUATC

**Current Preceptor Assignment:** Softball

## Serano Visits *cont'd from page 2*

Serano's talk was intended to get people to ask questions.

"I basically want people to really start thinking about how we see the world and how we gender people and recognize that even though we might not be consciously seeing and treating people differently, we are," she said. "Also, I'd like to start a dialogue with people so that they can work on how they gender people."

The reaction to Serano's visit was well received, with the Upper-Union full of attentive listeners.

"Usually when I speak at schools it goes pretty well because usually someone or a group of people at the school have invited me out and have a welcoming base there," Serano said. "I have in the past done random outreach

or transgender one-on-one talks to groups where I've had people push back or there were some people in the audience who were more skeptical. Those crowds are more difficult. I try to win over the people that I can and there are always going to be some people who refuse to budge, so I try to get to people whose minds are open."

Serano says there is no one way to help out the Trans\* community or work to become an activist.

"Some people will get involved in their local communities or organizations," she said. "And others can just have conversations with their friends or families and change people's minds that way. I think there's no one particular way, there are many different ways that this conversation can happen."

#### Spartan Sports - Weekend Events

Friday, April 11

**Baseball**  
at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

**Men's Golf**  
at Defiance Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

**Men's Tennis**  
at Rose-Hulman, 10 a.m.

**Men's Outdoor Track & Field**  
at Indiana Division III Championships, 11 a.m.

**Baseball**  
at Franklin, 12 p.m.  
at Franklin, 3 p.m.

**Softball**  
at Transylvania, 1 p.m.  
at Transylvania, 3 p.m.

**Women's Outdoor Track & Field**  
at Indiana Division III Championships, 3 p.m.  
Sunday, April 13

**Men's Golf**  
at Defiance Invitational

**Softball**  
at Mount Saint Joseph, 2 p.m.  
at Mount Saint Joseph, 4 p.m.



# Spartan Sports



## Baseball Resumes Winning Ways after Slump

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Staff Writer

The Manchester baseball team is on quite the winning streak, having accomplished eight uninterrupted wins since March 29. These wins against Heartland Collegiate Athletics Conference (HCAC) opponents Bluffton, Anderson, Rose-Hulman and Defiance have placed MU at the top of the conference with a record of 15-9 (9-2 in conference).

The first of these wins was a 6-1 victory over Bluffton University at Gratz Field on Saturday, March 29.

On the following day, the Spartans defeated Bluffton twice during a double header. The offense led the way in the first game with three doubles and three homeruns. These contributed to the 5-3 win. Senior pitchers Dylan Padgett and Josh Copp allowed only seven hits, striking out 10, and not allowing a single earned run. The Spartans gained the lead with an RBI by senior designated hitter Dan Maringer and an error early in the game. The Bluffton Beavers remained at a disadvantage until the eighth when they scored a run to tie the game. Junior shortstop Trevor Kimm made a double play to curtail the Beaver's momentum. After a Bluffton error, the Spartans regained the lead to win the game.

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**CROWDING THE PLATE** Junior outfielder Kyle Norris awaits the next pitch during Manchester's home game against Defiance College on Tuesday, April 8. The Spartans crushed the Yellow Jackets, winning the contest by a final score of 19-9. Manchester is currently first in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) standings with a 9-2 record in conference play. This weekend, the Spartans will travel to Franklin College for a three-game series against the Grizzlies. The first game of the series will be played this afternoon at 4 p.m.

Photo by Vivien Carter

game, Bluffton, possibly fired up from their earlier loss, came out strong, scoring four runs in the first three innings. MU pushed back, raking in 10 runs in the next four innings to eventually defeat the Beavers 12-9. Key players included first-year pitcher Mason Neuman, junior outfielder Kyle Norris, and Maringer.

Manchester's winning streak continued with their away game against Anderson on April 1. In his second collegiate start, first-year Cory Ferguson allowed only two earned runs and five hits in the six and two-thirds innings. Senior Josh Copp took over the helm shutout the Ravens with only two hits over the final innings. Despite

this tremendous effort, Anderson managed to take the lead in the seventh inning, and maintained it with three runs in the eighth. All appeared lost for the Spartans, until an error provided juniors Logan Hug, second baseman, and Trevor Kimm, shortstop, with the opportunity to score an RBI triple. Junior outfielder Justin Miller put the final nail

in the win with the last run of the game. This marked their fourth straight win as they headed into a weekend series at home against conference competitor Rose-Hulman.

As the games began at Gratz field Friday, April 5, the team knew what it was going into. The weather was fair, the crowd was present in numbers of

more than 100 and Rose had been, up until this point, undefeated in conference. Knowing these variables, the Spartans put on a good show for their spectators. Senior pitcher Temujin Sery opened the first game of the double header properly with five strikeouts and allowing only three runs off 12 hits over eight innings. Rose managed to take the lead in the first and second innings, maintaining it until the Spartans managed six runs over five innings, adding the deciding two runs in the eighth off of first year Tailur Szarenski's RBI double.

The Spartans won the first game 6-4, and headed into the night game that played out similarly. The Fightin' Engineers took an early lead, only to have a late push by the Spartans to take over and eventually win 4-2.

Manchester ended the weekend series in a positive way, decisively defeating Rose-Hulman 8-1 on Sunday, April 6. Following the sweep over Rose-Hulman, Manchester hosted the Defiance Yellow Jackets at Gratz Field on Tuesday, April 8. The Spartans cruised to a 19-9 victory in the contest.

The Spartans continue their season with another weekend series at Franklin University on Friday April 11 and Saturday April 12.

## MU Track and Field Relishes Warmer Weather

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For MU's track and field team, the question is "weather" or not they should train outside.

"The weather yesterday was decent," said Andrea Keller, a senior pole vault competitor. "The sun was out which was a big change from last week, but it was still pretty windy and cold. Overall, the weather was much better than it has been though."

For Shay Aator, a first year hammer, discus and occasional shot put thrower, it was a good day to throw. "The weather was perfect for throwing," she said. "There wasn't too much wind and the sun was out. It was a really great day."

As their indoor season came to a close, Manchester University's Track and Field team were excited to be outdoors, especially the throwers on the team.

"Well I am excited to finally started competing outdoors!" Aator said. "Outdoor season is my favorite part of track season because there are more throwing events to compete in and we can actually get outside and practice!"

Keller welcomes the warmer weather. "This outdoor track season has been interesting," Keller said. "Yesterday was the first meet I pole vaulted at because, due to the rain, pole vault was cancelled at the Hanover meet last weekend. Vaulting outside is definitely a lot different than vaulting inside because of unpredictable weather, so that is something we are getting used



**THROW UP?** Junior Stephen Coble (left) competes in the shot put event and sophomore Luke Scheel (right) awaits his turn in the javelin throw event during the Huntington Invitational on April 5. At the meet, the men's team finished in third while the women's team placed seventh. Both teams performed well in the field events; the men had runner-up finishes in the triple jump (Austin Finley), discus and shot put (Coble), while the women's team won the hammer throw (Barinex Aator) and placed second in the triple jump (Bridgette Rowe) and pole vault (Andrea Keller). Photos by Savannah Riley

to again. However, I vaulted better than I expected to yesterday for it being my first time vaulting outside this season."

Both Aator and Keller were ecstatic about their performance on Saturday in Huntington, Indiana. Aator placed first in hammer for the women and sixth in discus. Stephen Coble, a junior discus, shot put and hammer thrower, also had a great performance at Huntington.

"I did well yesterday; I took second in shot and discus, and third in hammer," Coble said. "It was my first time throwing

discus and hammer this season, and I threw a season PR in shot."

With their stellar performances, the Manchester University's throwers and jumpers seem to stand a good chance to do well in conference. Keller said that individually, her pole vaulting conference is going to be tough. She is going to have to stay focused and perform to her best ability.

Aator is confident in her place so far. "Well right now I am ranked second in conference in hammer for the women and third in conference in



discus." Aator said. "Overall, as a throwing team, we are looking great. Stephen Coble is one of the top returning men in hammer and discus and Alissa Niswonger is one of the top returning women in javelin."

"Kara Olson, Ashley Kann, Sam Mccallugh, Patrick Shafer and Donny Campbell all also placed well in conference," Aator continued. "So as a team we are doing really well this year. We have a new teammate, Cole Seller, who is an amazing discus thrower. His best in high school was 160 feet. We are super glad that he has joined our

team; not just because he is a great thrower but because he is a great person to be around."

Goble also has high hopes for the season. "As a team, we are looking to have a solid showing at conference; we are usually one of the few teams who moves up in the outdoor conference meet as opposed to indoor conference," Coble said. "For me personally, I am looking to compete for an individual championship in both hammer and disc, and also make a good showing by placing in the shot put."

Team chemistry

also seems to be working for this year's track and field team. Students on campus may see many of them eating together or running together throughout the day. They never seem to be apart from each other due to their bonds.

"We have a real good group of athletes on both the men's and women's teams," Coble stated. "There is a good chemistry between all of the event groups that is good for the team."

Keller agreed "This year the team has been great" she said. "Everyone has been really positive and encouraging to each other. I think we have definitely become a lot more supportive of each other and invested in our teammates. We all want each other to perform well and that has made it a really exciting season."

Aator says she loves being a part of the team. "Coming in as a freshman and not knowing anyone I was very thankful to have met Kara, Ashley, Sam, and Alissa," she said. "They were really welcoming and showed me the ropes. The sprinters, jumpers and long distance runners are very supportive of the throwers and we support them too. It makes for a great team atmosphere."

"Everyone should come out and support the Manchester University men's and women's track and field team at our home invite on April 17 at 2:00 p.m.," Aator said. "Everyone has been working really hard and we would love it if you all came out and support us!"