

# The Oak Leaves

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## Jo Young Switzer's Legacy at Manchester President Reflects on Her Time at MU as a Student, Faculty Member

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Before her legacy as president, Jo Young Switzer's story began as Jody Young, a student of ability and conviction at Manchester College.

Although it ended up being the perfect place for her, Switzer does not remember why she chose Manchester for college.

"I remember I had it down to two schools, Oberlin [College, in Ohio] and Manchester," she said. "They would have given me different lives. If I had gone to Oberlin, I would have majored in something different because they were really strong in government and international relations."

Whatever the underlying, unconscious force that drew Switzer was, she came to Manchester in 1966 and majored in English, a stark difference from her potential future in government.

"I think English is the best major in the world," said Switzer with a laugh. "It's versatile."

Switzer had a very busy college life. She created her own Fast Forward program (it had not yet been established) and graduated in three years.

"My dad said he would pay for the first two years of our college and after that we were responsible for paying our own way," she said. "So I made maximum use of the first two years and I only had to pay for one."

Needless to say, Switzer did not have a lot of free time. The time she had her first year was taken up by her campus job, studying, the "Oak Leaves," and attending music events with her music-major roommate.

"My first year, my least favorite part would have been my job on campus, which was in the dish room," Switzer said. "I don't think I need to explain why that was an unpleasant job: steam and garbage."

"It does show that if you study hard and you major in English, you don't have to work in a dish room your whole life," she added.

Students studied a lot more than they do now, Switzer explained. They didn't have distractions like television, video games, and cell phones. There also were not a lot of recreation on campus; the Manchester Activities Council did not exist. The serious politics of the time also made for a more serious mood on campus. However, studying seemed to be very important from Switzer's experience.

"The class I remember most vividly is Shakespeare," she said. "But I'm not sure I remembered it because it was my most favorite, but it was the one that caused me the most terror. The professor was very, very demanding; her tests were killers."

Switzer reassured



**MAKING HER MARK AT MU** Before president Jo Young Switzer (pictured above at her presidential inauguration in 2004) retires at the end of June, she reflects with the Oak Leaves on her time as a student, academic dean and president on MU's campus. Switzer recalls several events, such as having lunch with Dr. Martin Luther King (pictured below) that influenced her during her time on campus.

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that the class should not cause as much terror now. "It wasn't because of the subject matter, it was because of the professor," she said. "Dr. Erickson is on a different planet than Dr. Garey was."

Of course some of the things we remember the most are from negative, or terrifying, experiences. However, people who change the way we think usually tend to stick out, as well.

"Dr. Paul Keller taught a course called Language and Thought," Switzer said. "He really forced us to think about how we think about things. And to this day, I remember things that he taught us and I still try to put them into practice."

Another big influence on Switzer was the day Martin Luther King Jr. and Andrew Young visited campus.

"It was such an intense day because there was a lot of fear and worry about what might happen," she said. "His speech was long, it went way over time and he spoke the whole time, no Power Points, nothing."

"It was really powerful," she continued. "King didn't water down the message or dumb it down for college students. It was a very intense speech."

Because Switzer was the editor of the "Oak Leaves" at the time, she was invited to the lunch that was prepared for Dr. King and Andrew Young. "That was just unbelievable," she said. "Although I remember we were all so awed by being in their presence that none of us talked very much."

When Andrew Young returned to Manchester years later to receive an honorary degree, he recalled their awestruck silence and how he and Dr. King had to get them to talk.

Switzer described the Manchester campus in her college days as having tensions about racial

issues. There were some African American students, but not as many as there are now.

"It was tough time to be in a small racial minority in a town that's not accustomed to African American presence," she said. "The friends of mine that were African American had a much different college experience than I did because they were so visible and vulnerable in ways that whites weren't."

After three influential years at Manchester, Switzer taught high school English for four years in Michigan and Illinois. Coming from a long family line of teachers, she knew that that was the path she wanted to take. She started teaching at the college level while she was a doctoral candidate at the University of Kansas. She taught there for three years and then started teaching at In-

her to take the position.

"I had just gotten tenure at Purdue, and once you get tenure, you don't want to give it up right away," Switzer said. "I thought, 'what if I don't like it? Then I won't have tenure or a job.' So I took it on an interim basis and then really did enjoy it."

Once the school formally posted the job nationally, Switzer applied for the position and then was chosen to be the real dean. She explained that the job is to oversee the academic and athletics programs and the library.

"It was a great job," Switzer said. "It mostly is working with faculty to ensure the academics here are strong and that we're doing what we say we're doing. I tried to bring in a more participatory way of doing things to the office. Our faculty were great at helping me learn how to be

When the college did a national search for president, Switzer applied and was offered the position. "The jobs are really different," she said. "It's been fun for me because I was dean for eleven years or so and this one now for ten. I loved them both, but for different reasons and I'm glad I had both experiences."

Some of the differences Switzer noticed between the two positions were the amount of meetings and the focus on students.

"I think the biggest thing that I noticed is that the dean has to go to millions of meetings," she said. "What the president spends that meeting time doing is meeting with donors and doing things related to fundraising. I spend a lot of time looking externally from campus now, in terms of town-gown



diana Purdue Fort Wayne (IPFW). That is where her next Manchester chapter began.

Switzer saw Manchester's president, Dr. Robinson, at a baseball game where he told her that he would like to give her a call. The next day, he called Switzer and told her that he was in need of a new academic dean because his had just resigned. Robinson told Switzer that she knew the faculty, the institution and the mission and he wanted

a dean and coming up with good solutions for Manchester.

"The place where I had the steepest learning curve was athletics," she continued. "It was really a great education for me. I'm very proud of our athletic program because it follows the Division III philosophy of focusing on the student athlete and ensuring that the focus of the program is on the students' experience and not on the spectacle that we provide for the audience."

relationships, working with donors to support the campus, but also working with groups that can help open doors for students.

"I guess in that way the jobs are the same," she added. "They both focus on the students. The dean works on student learning while the president works on student opportunities to go to college, afford to stay in college, and have a rich experience when they're here."

Switzer said that the presidency is more of

a 24/7 job than the dean assignment was. "I rarely have a weekend where I don't have some university event on both days," she said. "So when I retire, I am going to re-discover weekends."

The hardest part of any university president's job, according to Switzer, is keeping private higher education available to everyone. "We have always attracted students from all kinds of socioeconomic levels, and I think we're better because of that," she said. "And I know that students' lives are better because of that. The challenge is to keep these kinds of places thriving so that even people from disadvantages homes can have the benefit of the small student-faculty ratio, getting to know their professors, and all those good things."

"That just motivates me every day," she added. "That's the hardest part of the job and probably the most important."

Switzer is proud that students, faculty, staff, and alumni are genuinely proud of Manchester. "I don't mean proud in the negative sense of the term," she said. "I mean really pleased that this organization exists because it opens doors for students and lives are changed here all the time."

When the Board of Trustees announced that the Union is going to be renamed to honor her, Switzer was shocked. "I couldn't believe," she said. "They had a picture of what the Union would look like with my name on it, and that's when it hit me. It's just amazing to me. I never ever thought that something like that would happen."

"I love it that it's a building where the students gather," she continued. "I meant the whole thing is about students', why would we be here except for them? So that made me very good." Not surprisingly, the students are what Switzer is going to miss the most. "I think there is something so energizing about running around young people," she said.

There are columns in the upper Jo Young Switzer enter that celebrate Switzer's life throughout her career. "She's the pillars of the institution" said Professor Beate Gilliar. "That is represented in the student home that is named after her."

The biggest lesson that Switzer learned during her life at Manchester is to stay true to yourself. "I think to be a good leader, you just need to be yourself, be who you are," she said.

Although President Switzer is retiring, her legacy will be carried on in the major place where students, her biggest motivation, gather.

**Inside: Switzer Retirement Features, Danzy Senna, Softball**

# Around Campus

## President Switzer's Résumé Includes Editing...

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Staff Writer

It's hard to believe that President Jo Young Switzer, an award-winning, honored, determined and accomplished woman in every aspect, was once a student struggling to make deadlines on her very own articles for "The Oak Leaves." However, even as a student journalist, President Switzer was able to do extraordinary things. She remembers meeting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Barry Goldwater.

"It was unbelievable," she said. "Because I was editor of 'The Oak Leaves,' I got invited to the luncheon that he attended and I was so intimidated. I think there were three of us students there, and we were all so intimidated that we didn't say very much at all," she said with a laugh. "We had this opportunity to ask these great questions and we were all so star-struck."

Martin Luther King, Jr. is known as one of the greatest public speakers in history, and that talent came through during his visit to Manchester.

"He was terrific and he was a very good conversationalist," President Switzer said. "The

speech was the amazing part. It was a very long speech, but people were just hanging on every word, because it was so profound and such a good challenge."

President Switzer explained that her initial goal was not to become editor of "The Oak Leaves."

"It was kind of like, 'I don't want to do it, do you want to do it?' until it finally landed with me," she said.

President Switzer did not take the position blindly. She had previous experience with a newspaper from her high school.

"I was editor of my high school paper, which was South Side High School in Fort Wayne and the publication was called 'The South Side Times,'" she said. "At that time, it was the largest high school paper in the country, eight pages every Friday. I did that for a year and I loved it, so I caught the journalism bug." After a short pause, she continued: "I think as I look back on my decisions about my life that journalism has hung in there for a while."

Before the days of emailing assignments to students, the editors and staff of "The Oak Leaves" would meet once a week to discuss who take each



**OAK LEAVES EDITOR** President Jo Young Switzer, or Jody Young as she was known in this photo, was the editor of "The Oak Leaves" as a student at Manchester College. She graduated in 1969 with an English degree.

*Photo courtesy of Jeri Kornegay*

story for the week.

"One of the things I remember most is that we had editorial board meetings where the editors and staff met every week to decide what we would put in the editorial and what position we would take on

it, and I remember those being really good and interesting discussions," she said.

President Switzer emphasized how much easier it is to edit articles with computers than it was with typewriters. However,

journalism had been going on for centuries before the 1960s when she was an editor, and while typewriters seem outdated to millennials, they were not pioneers of the subject.

"We didn't have computers, but we also didn't have covered wagons, it was somewhere in-between," she said. "So everything was typed and then it went to a typesetter."

President Switzer recalls trouble with "town/gown" issues. "The Oak Leaves" was printed at the local newspaper, and the owner's views would sometimes clash with the content of "The Oak Leaves."

"The person who printed 'The Oak Leaves' then owned the local paper—it's got a totally different ownership now— but he was very, very narrow in his views," she said. "A few times when we had letters to the editor from somebody who was very progressive on something, sometimes those letters would get cut off, or parts would disappear when it was published. It was challenging to work with him on those issues and also be polite. One time when that happened, a professor of peace studies had written a very eloquent letter, but when it appeared in the

paper it wasn't how he had sent it; it was cut off. We asked the printer to rerun it the next week and he was not happy, but he did that." President Switzer spoke about how her time working at a newspaper taught her time management skills that she would use for the rest of her life.

"I think the notion of setting goals, even if they're not big life goals, but setting deadlines and working toward deadlines to accomplish tasks," she said. "It's interesting, right before you came in I was sitting at my desk doing that very thing. I have too many things to get finished in the time that I have, so how do I finish what has to get finished on time? There's nothing better than newspaper production to teach you that."

To students planning to pursue journalism, whether on "The Oak Leaves" or elsewhere, President Switzer offers this advice: "Try not to write as a student writer, but try to write as a writer. When you write like real reporters and real professionals; it comes across."

## ... and an Impressive Set of Italian Culinary Skills

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President Jo Young Switzer is known for her many accomplishments while serving as president of Manchester, but a lesser-known fact is that she and her husband David (Dave) are also classically trained Italian cooks. On two separate occasions, the couple traveled to Italy to take lessons in cooking from the best in the business. As a result, the Switzers are among the finest Italian chefs in Indiana. They are unique in that not only do they cook Italian food well; but also they make it a point to include the culture and heritage of Italy into every dish.

President Switzer's love for Italian food comes from deep within the past. "I have probably loved it ever since I ate my first Spaghetti-o," she said with a grin.

While she loved Italian food as a child, Switzer never had much experience cooking. "I grew up in a family where my mother did not make cooking a top priority," she said. "We always ate together, every meal, and my mother knew every possible way to turn a pound of hamburger into a meal for a family. My mother was not a particularly good cook; she just was not interested in cooking, so I had none of that growing up."

After she married Dave, she became much more interested in cooking. It all started in 1997 for Dave's birthday. "He had a special birthday, and he always said he wanted to go to some kind of cooking class, so for his 50th birthday present, I arranged for us to go to a 12-day cooking class in

Tuscany, Italy," she said. "We worked with a travel agent who found a school for us. It is no longer operating, because the chef is quite a bit older now, but it was like finding a diamond in this little tiny town called Lari, Italy. It was class all day, and we had a fabulous time and learned a ton."

Because the Switzers are curious people, they returned to the same villa in 1998 to take a more advanced course in cooking that also taught them the culture of that region of Italy. "There are interesting little things [about the culture]," Switzer said. "They eat their food more slowly than we do, which is very healthy and great for conversation. They tend to eat their food in courses, which also slows you down."

The cultural aspect President Switzer found most interesting was the "old grandmas' fascination with upset stomachs. "In Italy, the 'old grandmas' are always worried about people having upset stomachs, so they have all sorts of little things within Italian cooking to make sure you do not get a stomach ache," she said. "You eat the salad at the end of the meal, and salad usually has vinaigrette dressing, which is a digestivo that helps your stomach settle down. Wine with the meal is a digestivo."

President Switzer also sees some Italian traditions beginning to surface in American culture. "A lot of what we learned about Italian cooking is happening now in this country with farm-to-fork," she said. "Trying to know where the food grew, whether it's plants or animals, trying to buy close to where you live and then cook it. That's what they do

in Italy and that's what we are doing more and more in this country."

As anyone who has traveled knows all too well, fun stories come out of tourists' ignorance of local customs. President Switzer has a favorite that she enjoys to tell at parties. "We were in Italy in August one year and the vegetables, especially tomatoes, were gorgeous beyond description," she said. "We had done some travel one day and went into a neighborhood restaurant and when we went in, we noticed that the tomatoes were gorgeous, so I thought 'I'm going to get a salad with tomatoes'. We went in, Dave ordered bruschetta, which is bread with chopped tomatoes on top, and the tomatoes were fabulous so I knew I was going to order this. So I ordered an ensalada palmadora (tomato salad) and whatever else I ordered for the meal. Dave said 'you know, these tomatoes are so good on the bruschetta; I think I'll order a tomato salad too.' We had our main entree, and then they brought our salads. I am not kidding; I had a bowl with probably two quarts of fresh tomatoes chopped up, and Dave had a bowl with two quarts. That is like half a gallon of milk. It was this humongous amount, and all we could picture was the people in the kitchen laughing at the stupid Americans out there who did not know how to order right."

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# Around Campus

## Author Danzy Senna Visits Manchester Campus

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On April 24, students and professors met in the Upper Union to enjoy that night's VIA event, "An Evening with Danzy Senna." An award-winning author, Ms. Senna is perhaps most famous for her first novel "Caucasia," a work which explores the concept of biracial identity in American culture.

That evening, Senna read selections from her 2010 memoir "Where Did You Sleep Last Night," many of which delighted many audience members with their honesty and occasional humor.

"I really enjoyed the flow of the segments she read," said sophomore Ben Dixon. "They painted a great image of someone's quirky but still wholesome adventures with her family."

One such segment included the time, when Senna was 12, that she pretended to be her father's 18-year-old, Puerto Rican wife who spoke no English, all so that she and her siblings could get a free video camera, offered by sellers as an enticement to buy a timeshare. Senna and her father had no intention of actually buying a timeshare, and the scam failed to fool the sales person in the end. They



**SENNA READS** Danzy Senna, acclaimed author of "Caucasia" and numerous other works, spoke at a VIA on April 24 in the Upper Union. In addition to reading excerpts from her 2010 memoir "Where Did You Sleep Last Night," Senna engaged the audience with a flurry of questions that helped to highlight the varied background that members of the audience had come from. Following her presentation, Senna also signed books and answered questions from students and faculty alike.

*Photo by Savannah Riley*

still got the camera, but it never worked. Still, she remembers it as a moment when father and daughter laughed together.

Following the reading, Senna answered questions from the audience about her work and discussed some of her writing habits. The author said that she often goes

to public places when writing, like cafés and libraries, because she does not like to be alone with her own work. She prefers the white noise of the surrounding public.

To her, when one writes about what makes one different, "you find connections to the rest of the world."

But even before reading any of the stories, Senna had the attention of her audience. Within minutes of taking the podium, Senna had a majority out of their seats, asking those present to stand if they had a mixed-race heritage, if they were the first of their generation to attend college or if they had ever

pretended to be something they are not.

She asked other such questions, all with a similar element: identity, a common theme in her writing. Senna allowed every audience member to see the variance of experience and background among them, causing whispered conversations as they

again took their seats.

"The questions were very insightful," said sophomore Caleb Noffsinger. "They opened up and let us see into a creative mind that we would not have seen otherwise."

To some, Senna's creative mind serves as an example of a role model. "Danzy Senna is living proof that authors can be young, hip and intelligent," said senior Xuny Haley. "Any young intellectual should aspire to be someone like her."

Senna is also the author of the novel "Symptomatic" a psychological thriller about a college graduate, recently moved into New York City, who must deal with the rigors of a new job, feelings of displacement, and an older woman's obsessive interest in her. Senna's latest work is "You Are Free," a collection of eight short stories dealing with identity and how it influences our lives.

Senna graduated from Stanford University and received her Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from the University of California, Irvine. Currently, she lives in Los Angeles with her husband, the novelist Percival Everett, and their sons, Miles and Henry.

## Oak Leaves Wins 'Big' in ICPA Competition



**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS** Annually, the *Oak Leaves* submits its strongest stories and photographs from the previous year into a state-wide competition held by the Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA). In this year's competition, the *Oak Leaves* was very successful, as the publication received a total of six awards, including two first-place awards. Senior Matt Harter (pictured far right) took first and third place in the "Best Sports Column" category. Meanwhile, senior Eric Purcell (pictured far left) received the top prize for "Best News Photo." As for the rest of the awards, junior Andrew Ellam (pictured middle left) earned second place for "Best Breaking News Reporting," senior Kaitie Kemper received third place in the "Best Entertainment Story" category and the *Oak Leaves* staff as a whole took third-place honors for "Best Special Issue."

*Photos by Katharine Ings*

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Switzer's experiences in Italy translate to fine Italian cooking for their guests. The couple hosts Italian dinner parties about once a month, as they take a lot of work. "If we're cooking for a large group, like a

group of students, then it takes all day Saturday and all day Sunday just to get it all ready," Switzer said. "If it were a small group, like six people, it would take the day."

Both Dave and

Jo Switzer have their favorite components of the meal to cook. "Dave loves the meat," Switzer said. "I would say his favorite is osso bucco. It's kind of like a fancy pot roast that is just delicious." President Swit-

zer enjoys everything else. "The things I like to do are called the contorni, which are the side dishes," she said. "I love the word they use: 'contorni,' it's like our word for contour. It's like the contour of the meal.

Think of something filling in around the meal. Dave can cook the meat; I like the filling in around the edges."

Like any good chefs, the Switzers enjoy working the dish by taste. "Neither one of us fol-

low recipes too closely," Switzer said, adding with a smile, "[Our cooking] is pretty much the same, but he makes a bigger mess. We work together on the cleanup, so it's all fair. "

# Around Campus

## Otho Winger Experience Set to Rock Cordier

Louise Magiera  
Staff Writer

Picture this: your fellow Manchester faculty and staff members are part of a band, rocking on-stage, all while you are receiving VIA credit. Does this sound too good to be true? The Otho Winger Experience, the faculty staff band that plays once every two years in Cordier, hopes to fill the auditorium on Tuesday, May 6 at 3:30. Students will receive VIA credit for attending the 90-minute concert.

Associate professor of communication studies, Dr. Judd Case, has been a guitarist and vocalist for the band since fall 2009. Case has played the guitar on and off since high school, and started up again by coincidence. "My wife picked up a guitar from a garage sale a few years ago, and I was just starting to play again," he said. "So I just jumped right in to playing in the band."

This show will be Case's third performance. His favorite part of playing in the band is how the campus changes prior to the show. "The atmosphere on campus the week before and the week after the show is alive," he



**GET A TASTE OF THE EXPERIENCE** After the customary year-long hiatus, the campus' acclaimed Otho Winger Experience will retake the stage May 6 in Cordier Auditorium for a 90-minute concert. The show, put on by Manchester University faculty and staff members, will also be the final opportunity for a VIA credit this semester.

said. "It's really fun."

The performance is typically no longer than an hour and a half, and they play around 15 songs. The band does not release their setlist, but they generally play classic rock songs from the '80s, '90's and a few recent hits. "We always play a couple

songs that we think you won't know, but you should know," Case joked. "We're always the teachers. But there will not be a test after the concert."

Associate professor of English and Gender Studies, Dr. Katharine Ings, joined the band about three concerts ago. Ings

sings, dances and choreographs for the Ikettes, a group of female back-up dancers and singers. This year, they have a new performance strategy.

"The Ikettes and I are focusing on what to wear, in the tradition of current pop-stars," Ings commented. "We're not re-

*Photo courtesy of Deb Hustin*

hearsing our vocals." The members of the Ikettes include associate professor of religion Dr. Kate Eisenbise Crell, and associate professor of art Dr. Jena Oke.

The Ikettes have expanded to include three male members, which they fondly call "The Ik-

ettes and Friends," that include Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs Michael Dixon, visiting professor of philosophy, Dr. Anthony Cashio and assistant professor of religion and philosophy, Dr. Justin Lasser.

"I think what surprises students the most about the show is that the majority of us are not musicians or involved in the music department," Ings said. "Students do not know what to expect."

Faculty and staff have been practicing once a week since the beginning of spring semester and practices will increase as the show becomes closer.

Practicing brings the band close and friendships form during rehearsals. "I get to know other professors and staff members in ways I wouldn't otherwise," Case said. "You play music together and learn about somebody in that way."

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## International Fair Serves Up Cultural Delicacies

Brad Reuille  
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On a Sunday, April 13, a plethora of visitors flowed into the PERC to try food from different countries, listen to cultural music and celebrate the diverse tradition at the 2014 Manchester University International Fair.

While visitors to the fair got to listen to music from a variety of different musical acts, including the Salaam Band from Indianapolis, which performed North African/Middle Eastern music, they were also treated to a variety of different cultural foods from countries such as Greece, Lebanon, Vietnam and many more.

Michael Dixon, the Director of Intercultural Services at Manchester, described the International Fair as a "celebration of culture."

"There are so many people here who are interested in internationalism; from the people who are displaying the food, to others who have businesses that are internationally themed," he said.

As the advisor for all the cultural organizations on the campus, Dixon has had the chance to sample many of the foods that were prepared for the fair. "The samosas from Uganda are really tasty, and the rice from Japan is as well because it has soy sauce as one of the toppings," he said.

MU student Katrin Muser, who is from Stuttgart, Germany, enjoyed cooking and sharing the food from her homeland. "I love to cook, I love to share my food, and I love food in general," she said. "I also love trying everyone else's food." Muser served homemade egg noodles



**DINNER IS SERVED** Senior Sports Management student Katrin Muser served homemade egg noodles along with a lentil stew during the International Fair on April 13. The event was held in the PERC and was open to all students as an option for a Sunday dinner. Muser hails from Stuttgart, Germany.

*Photo by Vivien Carter*

with a lentil stew, which she described as very "Swabian," which is a region in the southwest part of Germany.

MU student Selamawit Nicolai, who is from Ethiopia, shared a similar opinion to that of Muser. "I've enjoyed introducing people to my culture, and the foods associated with my culture," she said. "I also enjoyed helping other people out with their different cultural foods, and learning how to make their cultural foods."

Sophomore Jacob Archambault believes that the most important aspect of the International Fair is bringing many different cultures together. "Here, we are celebrating our differences, rather than having them pull us apart." Nicolai also believes that the International Fair helps to bring the different cultures in Manchester

together. "It gives people a chance to say that we are here," Nicolai said. "Nobody would really think this many international students are in North Manchester, let alone Manchester University." The International Fair, as Nicolai put it, allows students to show where they come from to people who may not know about those cultures.

Muser stated that through the International Fair, people move more outside of their comfort zone, and try new things that they usually wouldn't do. "I think that there are a lot of people that grew up really sheltered and don't really go outside their comfort zone, so I hope that the International Fair helps people to try new things," she said.

## Riege's Artwork a Product of Inspiration



**RAWR** Pictured above is Kyle Riege's "Wolf Man" and right is his "No Time For Change."

*Photo above by Vivien Carter  
Photo right courtesy of Aaron Lloyd*

Jacob Sweet  
Staff Writer

Senior Kyle Riege was recently given the opportunity to display his artwork for the whole campus to see. "A lot of my artwork is based on myth," Riege said. As you make your way through the hall, you notice a lot of religious-based art. "I've always had an interest in religion and I wanted to base some of my art on that so people can understand different faiths."

Riege hopes to have a future in the art industry. "Art is my major, but it has always been a hobby and I hope to some day turn it into a career," Riege said.

All of his art has a meaning or reason behind it. "Most of the time I get inspired by the things around me and I just want to recreate it," he said.

Riege uses a lot of different techniques to create his art works. "[I have made] a lot of wood work, ceramics, textiles, metal work, paintings and drawings," he said. "Most pieces take around four to 20 hours to complete. One of Riege's more famous pieces of art took around 50 hours. Riege's exhibit opened on March 27 and he was very happy with how it went. "It is a little scarier than most, but once you find the meaning behind it, it all comes clear," he said.



# Around Campus

## Spartan Baseball Looks to Clinch HCAC Title



**PUT ME IN, COACH** First-year outfielder/first-baseman Tailur Szarenski talks with Coach Rick Espeset during a home game loss against Indiana Tech on April 29. The Spartans are 23-13 overall, and their 17-5 record in conference has them in first place with three conference games remaining. Manchester will face Transylvania University over May Day Weekend, playing one game on Friday, followed by a doubleheader on Saturday. A home series sweep clinches the regular-season HCAC title for the Spartans. Currently, Anderson trails with a conference record of 15-7, and will play Earlham in a three-game series this weekend; Manchester and Anderson have split their season series. The top four teams in the conference will make the HCAC Conference Tournament, and the tournament winner moves onto the Mideast Regional Championships.

Photo by Savannah Riley

## Otho Winger Experience cont. from Page 4

ings also enjoys the friendships she makes at rehearsals. "You get to know the other faculty members from the other disciplines," she said.

History Professor Mark Angelos is preparing for his fifth performance this year. A little known fact is that Angelos named the band "The Otho Winger Experience" after one of Manchester's former presidents. The name stuck, and the band decided to perform only when the mood strikes; typically, every two years.

Angelos plays trumpet and occasionally

sings in the band. "It's so much fun," he said. "It's the kind of thing you can do here at Manchester, and we've always had terrific support." Angelos has been playing the trumpet since high school and also performs with the Fort Wayne Community Band.

There has been a rumor that this could be the Otho Winger Experience's last show. "You can't have a comeback tour unless you've had a last show," Angelos said.

ings made a similar comment. "We should go out while we're still on top," she said. "This might

be the end."

Otho Winger Experience musicians include Dr. Greg Clark, associate professor of physics, on guitar, drums, vocals; Dr. David Hicks, head of the biology department, on guitar and vocals; Dr. Tim Reed, assistant professor of music, on drums; Dan Chudzynski, director of marketing, on keyboard and vocals; Dr. Mark Bryant, professor of chemistry, on bass and piano; and Dr. Jonathan Watson, associate professor of English, on guitar.



**ROCK OUT** Professors Jonathan Watson and Dave Hicks play along with the choir during the Otho Winger Experience's concert in 2012.

Photo courtesy of Manchester University Facebook page

### May 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

### Upcoming VIA Opportunities

*The Mikado,*

as performed by Manchester University and community members.

Sunday, May 4 - 3 p.m. at Cordier Auditorium

*The Otho Winger Experience,*

as performed by Manchester University faculty and staff members.

Tuesday, May 6 - 3:30 p.m. at Cordier Auditorium

The Oak Leaves  
would like to  
warmly welcome...



#### Emily Barrand

as its next co-editor for the 2014-2015 academic year!



# Spartan Sports



## Track and Field Teams Complete Busy Month

Tyler Stevenson  
Staff Writer

The Manchester University men's and women's track and field teams have had a busy April with three meets the previous three weekends. On April 12, the teams traveled to Greencastle, Ind. to compete in the Indiana Division III Championships at DePauw University. Both teams had strong performances, with the men placing fifth and the women earning fourth.

The individual performances were even more impressive. On the women's field side, junior Bridgette Rowe continued her dominance from the indoor season in the jumps, winning the triple and high jump. She set a new program standard for the triple jump with a mark of 11.04 meters, adding her name to more record books. First-year thrower Shay Aator won the hammer throw with a toss of 41.16 meters. On the men's side, junior Stephen Coble finished second in the hammer throw with a toss of 47.54 meters, putting him with the second best mark in school history.

On the track the long distance runners ruled the day with senior Curtis Nordmann and first-year Mariah Jordan each win-

ning the 5,000 meter run with times of 15:52.08 and 19:27.17, respectively. Junior Brianna Martinez finished second in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 12:12.06. "This is only the third time I've run it," Martinez said. "I wasn't as smooth as I wanted to be, but I'm happy with the result."

In the annual Spartan Classic on April 17, the teams put forth their best effort in their final tune-up before the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Championships and they did not disappoint. Coble swept the throws competition, winning the discus, shot put, and setting a new record for the hammer throw with a toss of 50.34 meters and beating the competition by almost seven meters. Coble attributed his success to the changing of the seasons. "Getting to throw outside every day has helped a lot," he said. "I've been able to get into a good rhythm and feel the throws. I'm hitting my stride for the conference meet."

Rowe smoked the competition in the jumps again, winning the high and triple jump with marks of 1.6 and 10.87 meters, respectively. Aator set a new personal record in the

hammer throw with a toss of 42.43 meters, good for third best in MU's program history.

Next up was the HCAC Championships, and Coble was determined that the Spartans would set the tone. "We're going to show up and surprise some people," he said. "We have the right mental focus and are going to shock some people."

Both teams finished in third place, better than last year's results, with several individuals winning titles. Nordmann won the 5,000 meters with a time of 15:14.51 and was joined on the podium by fellow senior Jon Caffarelli, who finished third. Senior Michael Stocker became Manchester's first steeplechase champion on the men's side with a time of 9:35.63 in the 3,000 meter. Coble won the discus and finished second in the hammer.

On the women's side, Martinez finished second in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, narrowly missing out on repeating as champion. Bridgette Rowe was the runner-up in the triple jump while her sister Allison finished third. Rowe came back on day two to win the high jump and finish second in the



**RUNNING START** Sophomore thrower and sprinter Eric Cupp prepares his javelin throw during the Huntington Invitational on April 5. At the event, the men's team placed third while the women's team finished in seventh place. Tomorrow afternoon, both teams will travel to Bloomington, Ind., in order to compete in the Billy Hayes Invitational.

Photo by Savannah Riley

long jump. Aator defended her top seed in the hammer throw with a throw of 42.13

meters.

Both teams continue their season on May 3 at

the Billy Hayes Invitational at Indiana University.

## Spartan Softball Wins Regular Season Finale

Emily Barrand  
Staff Writer

The Spartan softball team is almost ready to "run home" for summer, but not before bringing this season to a successful end. The team has recently won against Transylvania University, Mt. St. Joseph University, and Huntington University. The most recent win was this past Saturday, April 26, in Terre Haute against Rose-Hulman in a double header. The team was victorious in the second game, scoring 7 runs in the first inning, and increasing the lead to 11 runs in the first three innings. The girls beat the opposing team 15-7. The Lady Spartans did not fare as well in the first game, which ended with a score of 8-6. The players and Coach Tracy Cromer worked diligently to wrap the season up in high spirits. As this past week was the last of the regular season, the team ends at 11-23 overall and 7-9 in the HCAC.

One of the team's greatest strengths this season was offense. "We have seen our offense improve throughout the season," Cromer said. "We have had double digit hits in 10 out of our last 14 games."



**RUNNER ON THIRD** Sophomore MacKenzie Williams waits on third while junior Shannon Stephan is at-bat during last week's doubleheader against Huntington at home. Although the Spartans fell in the first contest 5-6, the team won the second game 3-2. Manchester finished its regular season with a split against Rose-Hulman on Saturday, April 26. The Fightin' Engineers prevailed in the first game 8-6, but the Spartans won game two 15-7.

Photo by Savannah Riley

With offense at a high, the team, consequently, was weaker in the field. The girls worked on these skills over the course of the season.

Perseverance continued to be a strong suit for the Lady Spartans throughout the course of the season. "I am happy that we

don't tend to give up when we get behind in games," Cromer said. "We have had some come-from-behind wins along with some exciting extra inning wins. It is disappointing, however, that we continue to let the same things happen to us game after game," she said. Recurring mistakes

pushed the girls to fight harder. "As a team we have never given up in a game," said sophomore first baseman MacKenzie Williams, who had three hits in the most recent game against Rose-Hulman. "We have to keep the fight going no matter the score," she said.

This season

brought opportunities for players to grow and act outside of their comfort zones. "Everyone has improved

throughout the season and we have had people step up and take roles they never thought they would have to," said senior third baseman Kylie Planck, who notched two RBIs, two doubles, and three runs against Rose-Hulman. "It has been really working out for the team this year." This newly found leadership allows the players to become comfortable trying new things, and gives them experience for when similar opportunities arise again. It is important for players to be able to rise to the occasion when something a bit out of the ordinary is expected of them.

The players agree that this season proved to be one they won't forget. "Every year this team gets closer and closer and builds so many memories," Planck said. The Lady Spartans graduate four seniors in the aforementioned Kylie Planck, first baseman/pitcher Janikka Tilotson, and infielders Kirby Glancy and Alicia Cleveland.

### Spartan Sports - Weekend Events

#### Friday, May 2

**Baseball**  
vs. Transylvania, 4:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 3

**Men's Golf**  
at 2014 HCAC Championships (Defiance, OH)

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

**Men's Outdoor Track & Field**  
at Billy Hayes Invitational (Bloomington, IN), 1 p.m.

**Women's Outdoor Track & Field**  
at Billy Hayes Invitational (Bloomington, IN), 1 p.m.

**Baseball**  
vs. Transylvania, 12 p.m.  
vs. Transylvania, 3 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 4

**Men's Golf**  
at 2014 HCAC Championships (Defiance, OH)

### May Day 2014 Schedule of Events

#### Thursday, May 1

Bonfire - 8:08 p.m. - Near Softball Fields

#### Friday, May 2

Trike Race - 5 p.m. - Garver U  
Airband - 9 p.m. - PERC

#### Saturday, May 3

Mud Volleyball - 10 a.m. - Volleyball Court (near the Observatory)