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Schwalm Hall Basement Lobby Catches on Fire

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Less than a week ago, the basement of Schwalm Hall had a lounge and recreation room where student residents could hangout, watch television, or play a game of Ping-Pong.

Today, the lounge is filled with soot, ash and debris.

At approximately 9:58 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, the fire alarms in Schwalm were triggered by a small fire in the lounge area. Mackenzie Mance, a Schwalm RA who was on-duty that night, initially thought that the alarms were responding to something much less serious. "At first, I thought it was just burnt popcorn like usual," she said.

While Mance and the rest of the Schwalm RAs began to check rooms as part of their protocol for fire drills, Schwalm Hall Director Jessica Sillaman checked the fire box in order to determine which alarms were triggered. She went to the basement lobby, where she discovered the actual fire. Sillaman informed the rest of the RAs immediately, and from there she notified Campus Safety and checked the rest of the rooms while the RAs exited the building and moved the students away from the parking lot.

The North Manchester Fire Department responded swiftly to the blaze, which MU President



THE AFTERMATH There was a small fire in the basement lobby of Schwalm Hall on Saturday, Sept. 20. The North Manchester Fire Department responded very quickly and was assisted by several other local fire departments. Residents were not allowed to return to their rooms for the night; however, the Red Cross delivered cots and blankets to the Helman Hall and Oakwood Hall great rooms for the displaced students. The residence hall re-opened at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21. The cause of it is still unknown and the case is under investigation.

Photo by Andrew Ellam

Dave McFadden found praiseworthy. "They arrived immediately," McFadden said. "They're part of the reason that this wasn't a bigger problem." Several other area fire departments assisted NMF, including the Chester Township Fire Department, Pleasant Township Fire Department and the Urbana Fire Department. The North Man-

chester Police Department and the Indiana State Police also helped.

While the fire fighters put out the blaze, the students were moved to the great rooms of Helman and Oakwood Hall in order to await further instructions. Just before midnight, it was determined by the fire department that the students could not return

to their rooms for the rest of the night and they would have to wait until the building was ruled safe for re-entry.

The students were not, however, left without a place to spend the night. The Red Cross delivered cots and blankets to the Great Rooms, while food and other amenities, such as toiletries from MU Con-

ference Services, were also provided for the students. In addition to Helman and Oakwood, other residence halls and houses off campus provided a place to stay for some of the displaced students.

In the end, nobody was seriously hurt by the fire, thanks to a rapid evacuation of the building. However, the cause of the fire

is still unknown, but is currently under investigation by state fire marshals. "We do know that [the fire] was not caused by any failure of the facility," McFadden said. "They're still interviewing whoever they can. They have a very clear idea of where it started, but how is a completely different question."

Schwalm was cleared for re-entry at 10 a.m. on Sunday by fire department personnel, pending needed repairs to the electrical and fire alarm systems. The electricity was turned back on and the cleanup process began around noon when Serv-Pro, a company specializing in fire clean-up, started mitigating smoke smell and soot from the building via ionization machines and air filtration systems.

At 3:30 p.m., students were allowed to return to Schwalm; however, the aftermath of the fire is still present in the dorm since the ionization machines will continue to run in the dorm's hallways throughout the remainder of the week. "The fans are pretty loud, and there is definitely a stench left from the fire depending on where in the building you are," Mance said.

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MU Students Rave at 'Day Glow Paint Party'

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A little splash of color never hurt anyone, especially the Manchester students whom attended the Day Glow Paint Party Friday, Sept. 19.

Hosted by the Manchester Activity Council (MAC), the Glow Paint Party rave started at 9 p.m. but anxious party-goers were in line way before the doors opened to receive their free swag. The first 150 people in line were given a free tank top and glow stick to remember the night.

Andrew Topp, sophomore, was initially skeptical about attending this event. "I didn't go to last year's party because I had to work at Wal-Mart back home in Monticello," he said. "I was actually surprised about how much fun I had."

His girlfriend Malory Applegate also enjoyed herself. "I had a blast!" she exclaimed, covered in an assortment of colors.

During the party there was loud music and dancing, some of which was too much for some participants. Mary Powell, a first year student who is 4'11, fell numerous times during the course of the dance. "Raves are not for short people," she said with a smile. "I have the bruises to prove it."

Senior Allisa



'SORRY FOR PARTY ROCKING' MU students dance the night away at the Day Glow Paint Party held on Friday, Sept. 19. The rave, which was hosted by the Manchester Activities Council, took place outside near the Mud Volleyball Court. At the rave, students danced and covered themselves in an assortment of paint colors. The first 150 people that were waiting in line for the event received a free tank top. Overall, the student response to the dance was very positive, as many had a great time.

Photo by Vivien Carter

Brown discovered her love for the color red after she came face to face with a water gun full of scarlet paint. "I saved so much money now I don't have to dye my hair," Brown joked as red paint dripped onto her white shoes.

Allison Foreman,

another first year, was excited before she left her residence hall that night of the party. "I'm just thankful we have events like this on campus" she said. Taking her shower even had an unexpected bonus. "I felt like I was being thrown up on by unicorns," she

said. Foreman and many others were drenched in paint by the time the event ended, surprisingly half an hour earlier than expected. "When people started leaving I got a little confused; I was having a great time and refused to leave until it ended," said Taylor Wil-

liams, clad in magenta paint.

Basketball player Chariti Hunt sauntered back into the residence halls with a blue circle around her eye that matched her damp blue afro. "They definitely should have this event next

year," Hunt said. "I'll wear warmer clothes."

Even though these Spartan students will be cleaning paint out of their ears until next week, they agreed that the event was worth it.

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Medvic Gives VIA Presentation on Politicians

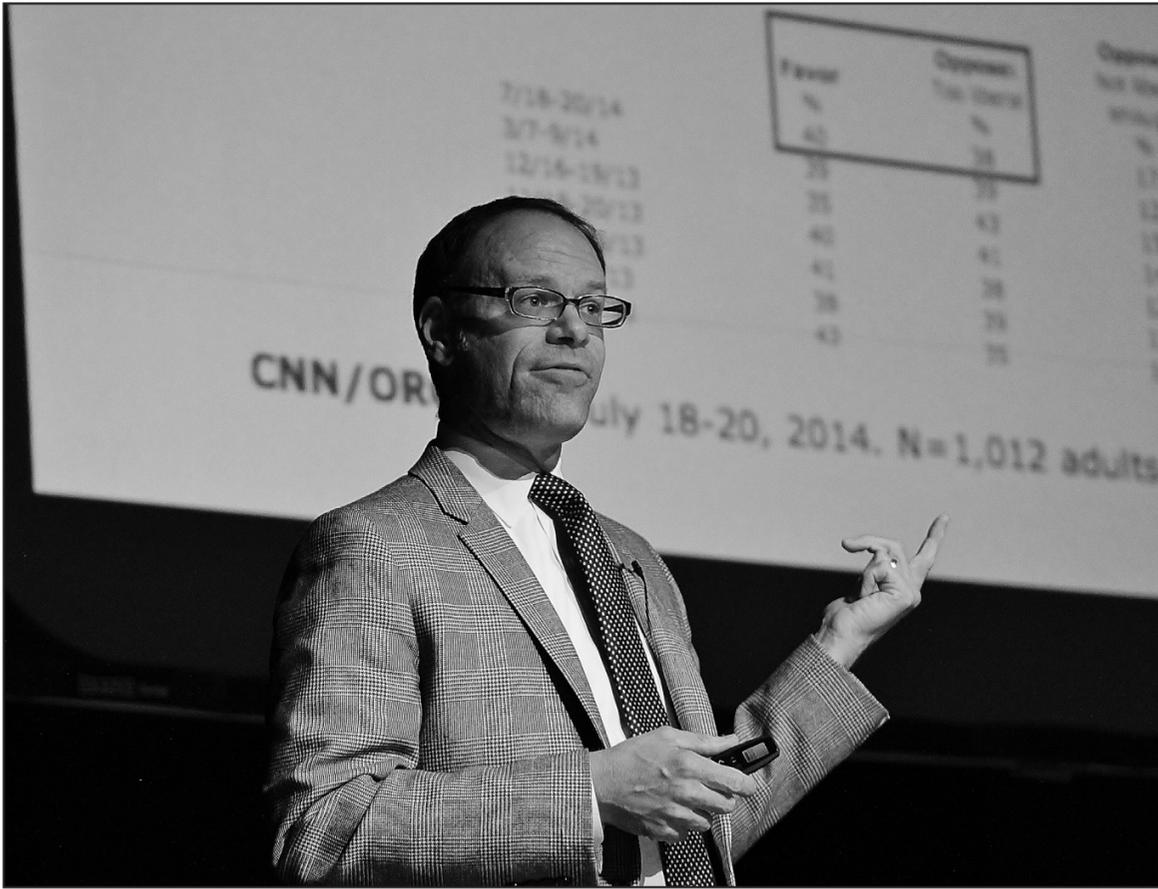
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Do Americans hate politicians? Should Americans hate politicians? On Thursday, Sept. 18, guest speaker Stephen Medvic attempted to answer those questions. Author and professor of government at Franklin and Marshall College, Medvic offered a VIA titled "Politicians, Elections, and the Constitution." In simpler terms, Medvic titled the presentation "Why Americans Hate Politicians But Shouldn't."

Medvic was welcomed to the Manchester University campus by Dr. Leonard Williams, professor of political science, and spoke in honor of Constitution Day, Wednesday, Sept. 17.

According to Medvic, Americans don't fully understand the system in which politicians work. He says that we would like to assume that we completely understand what politicians are going through, but in reality, we are probably the ones that are in the blue about their work. One struggle that politicians have is when they are constantly being forced to comply with what they have to do and what they feel is the right thing to do.

"We want politicians to be just like us," Medvic said. "We want them to be extraordinary, as well." Medvic further



DO YOU HATE POLITICIANS? Stephen Medvic, an author and a professor of government at Franklin and Marshall College, lectures during a VIA held on Thursday, Sept. 18, in Cordier Auditorium. In his presentation, he discussed how many Americans do not fully understand the political system or what exactly politicians go through, yet they are extremely judgmental and skeptical of many politicians. He also mentioned that Americans tend to want politicians to say only the things they want to hear, rather than the complete truth.

Photo by Savannah Riley

clarified this issue as being a part of the "expectations trap," which occurs when we hold politicians to a higher standard than we hold ourselves, but also want them to be just as we are.

Medvic also stated

that in any "complete society," there is going to be conflict because we don't like to agree, but we also don't like to argue. He did note that we can agree on the increase of minimum wage, certain type of gun-control laws, and the gen-

eral dissatisfaction with the government.

During the VIA, Medvic asked, "Why do we have elections so often?" and answered by saying, "We don't trust politicians." We insist on keeping politicians on their toes and

keeping them in line Medvic said, by making them run for office again. He also noted that Americans assume that politicians care too much about re-election and not what is "right." Making politicians be re-elected helps reas-

sure that they are doing their job and doing what is actually right.

While wrapping up the VIA, Medvic mentioned that people lie a lot, partly to be less boring. He said that we say that we want to hear the truth regardless of how much it hurts, but in reality, Medvic noted, we don't actually want the truth. On a larger scale, Americans want politicians to say what they want to hear, not the complete truth. If we were to get the truth about everything that would more than likely make us want to turn on another, including politicians.

Finally, Medvic suggested that Americans should be realistic and tolerant about politicians, because they are only trying to do their jobs. They are constantly trying to do what is right, or what they think is right, while trying not to lose their jobs by not doing following what their constituents want.

If Americans were considerate of what politicians are actually going through, he said, they might understand that maybe they should be a little more realistic. And if people were being realistic of what politicians are actually able to do and accept that politicians may not do everything that we want, then maybe we could be more tolerable of what they can actually do.

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First Years Adjust to Life on MU's Campus

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Moving away from the norm can be a difficult thing to accomplish. Some of the first years at Manchester University have been here longer than others because of sports or the new program, Quick Start. Many have probably had different ways of adapting to the new environment. How are Manchester University's first years making themselves at home?

"I'm settling in well," said Jose Medina. "I have found this place like a second home to me which is full of caring staff and amazing students." Medina moved in earlier than other students because he is a part of the men's soccer team. He came from a small town, Nappanee, which is a lot like North Manchester.

Shyan Fortuna had a longer journey to campus, traveling from the east coast. "At the beginning, it was fairly rough," she said. "I wasn't used to the culture

shock. Jersey to Indiana is a big transition. I wanted to leave within my first week and a half," she added. "Now though, a month in, I feel a part of the campus and like I belong here. The people are so welcoming and friendly that you feel a sense of community." She continued to explain that the professors are extremely helpful and are attentive to each student's individual needs and problems.

Eric Knepper also came from a small town a lot like Manchester called Bremen. Knepper was very nervous coming to Manchester and did not know what to expect. "I had no idea what the classes would be like or how I would get to know people," he said. "Now, as I am here and classes have started, I have settled in very well and have been getting to know more people every day." Knepper feels as if his dorm is his new home and he is not afraid or nervous anymore.

Jessica Beal has

been settling in really well. "I have made a lot of friends that I hope to keep for the rest of my life," she said. Her friends have made it easy for her to feel at home. The first night was kind of hard for her but since then, she hasn't had any problems. She has been able to stay busy, which has helped her a lot.

At first, it was hard for Delanie Jones to settle in. "Once I got through the awkward stages of not knowing anyone or where to go for classes, it got easier because the upperclassmen are cool and everyone is helpful," she said. Since Jones is a part of the women's soccer team, making friends and fitting in hasn't been a problem for her.

The first couple days or weeks may have been tough for various reasons- moving away from friends and family, adapting to a new environment, or trying to make new friends- these first years seem to be settling into college well.



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Students, Faculty, Staff Discuss Ferguson

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Sometimes history waits hundreds of years to repeat itself. In Ferguson, MI it waited only a few hours.

On August 9, 2014, Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager, reportedly held his hands up to the Missouri sky, indicating to a police officer that he was not carrying a weapon. He was shot six times and killed by Darren Wilson, a Ferguson, MI, police officer. In the days following Brown's death, protestors in Ferguson raised their hands to the same Missouri sky, chanting, "Hands up, don't shoot." They were met with rubber bullets, tear gas and military-grade weapons pointed in their direction by the police.

The latest narrative in America's disarray of police brutality and racial tension was the topic of discussion among Manchester University faculty and students at a convocation held Sunday, Sept. 14, in the Academic Center. Katy Gray Brown, associate professor of philosophy and peace studies, and Abby Fuller, associate professor of sociology, organized the panel that featured faculty members from various disciplines. Michael Dixon, director of Intercultural Services, was one of the speakers who offered his unique perspective on the issue.

Dixon stressed the importance of communicating in dealing with issues of racial prejudice.

"You have to have conversations," Dixon said. "I think the reason why people feel like certain groups are dangerous is because there's a record that gets played in their mind based on somebody's previous experience or an influential member's previous experi-



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ence gets passed down."

A collaborative effort among sociology, criminal justice, education, intercultural affairs and peace studies faculty members, the discussion was focused on explaining what happened in Ferguson, why it happened and what people who were not directly involved can do.

Dixon began the discussion with a timeline of the events that have taken place in Ferguson since Michael Brown's shooting on Aug. 9. Michael Slavkin, associate professor of education, brought the attendees one degree closer to the situation in Ferguson. A St. Louis native, Slavkin has family members who live near Ferguson. Brad Yoder, professor of sociology, social work, and criminal justice gave a brief history of the criminal justice system.

The meeting also featured Manchester University alumnus Brad

Thomas, a paralegal for the People's Law Firm in Chicago who Skyped into the discussion and offered his insights from a legal perspective. After the shooting of Michael Brown, Thomas went to Ferguson as a legal observer. He watched for human rights violations and offered legal advice to Ferguson citizens who needed it.

Embodying the way social media has brought distant communities closer to this issue, Thomas gave his first-hand account of the situation and answered questions from students.

Dixon explains that advances of social media have shaped the nation's reaction to this story. "People have to think about it now because it's in their face," he said. "That to me is so cool, how you can be one or two degrees separated from a situation now."

During Sunday's discussion on Ferguson,

Phil Keim, the peace studies coordinator, offered his thoughts on the over-militarization of the police force. He stated afterwards that he believed that most people in attendance knew about the events in Ferguson but were not aware of the police over-militarization problem.

"After we talked about the events of Ferguson we talked about the militarization of the police force in this country and how officers get the [military] weapons and the vehicles they use," Keim said. "I think that was the more shocking information for people rather than what they heard on the news already."

After the meeting, Dixon shared his opinions on Ferguson from a race-and-discrimination perspective. He argued that the events that transpired in Ferguson—the shooting of Michael Brown and the Ferguson police force's

response to riots and protests—were fueled by preconceived notions about black males.

"That underlying theme of black men being dangerous to our communities is just the underlying theme of all the stuff that's going on," Dixon said. "Until we can reverse that narrative, show black men doing positive things; show that not all black men are dangerous; show that even if they happen to be dressed a certain way, it does not necessarily make them dangerous, we're going to continue to have issues like this pop up."

Dixon and Keim both acknowledged that no one offered particularly compelling solutions to issues of racial tension and police brutality during the conversation. The discussion was meant to be informative and spark further conversation on campus.

"It has to start with awareness-raising and

education about the issue," Keim said. "That's why the forum was a good event—and we want to hold more events like that—because it's something that people are going to put out of their minds in a couple weeks if we don't keep talking about it."

Dixon asserted that this is a conversation that cannot be a "one and done."

"The essence of a liberal arts education is how things are inter-related," Dixon said. "The situation that happened in Ferguson is related to the situation of Eric Garner, who was choked out by the police in New York, which is related to the Trayvon Martin case, which is related to the Rodney King case, and the George Scott case, and all these other cases; things are related. It's a situation where we have to be more cognizant of what goes on in the world."

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Around Campus

MU Grad Continues Work in Peace Studies

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When recent MU graduate Phil Keim first entered the doors of Manchester as a student, he was pursuing an education in music with the bright prospect of becoming a musician. So how was it that he graduated this past spring with a degree in peace studies? Keim admits that he hadn't considered following peace studies as a major until he began studying it at MU.

"Growing up, I wanted to be a rock musician," he said. "I was really into blues and classic rock. I listened to bands like Led Zeppelin and The Beatles.

"As a freshman, I started majoring in music, but it was limited," he continued. "I wanted to do something more meaningful and impacting. It wasn't until I started learning about peace studies that I became passionate about it."

In his sophomore year, Keim started up the first chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) in the state of Indiana—an organization

with hundreds of chapters across the country as well as abroad. Considering his dream job is to work in drug policy reform, he's already taken massive steps toward making that goal a reality.

"I'm not sure exactly what I want to do in drug policy reform yet, but it has been the most important cause to me," he said adamantly. "I believe it will become more pertinent in our country in the future."

As the peace studies coordinator at MU, Keim is in charge of bringing speakers to events and organizing VIAs, meetings and other events on campus. When it comes to events off campus, he organizes trips to conferences and protests.

Keim recently attended the People's Climate March in New York City on Sunday, Sept. 21, just two days before the UN summit on climate change. An estimated 300,000 people attended to call attention to climate change and the need for environmental action.

Being as passionate as he is about peace and making the world a



PEACE BE WITH YOU MU continues to serve as a large influence on recent graduate Phil Keim. As MU's peace studies coordinator, Keim works to organize events on campus. Upon entering college, Keim had no idea that he'd change his choice of study from music to peace studies, graduating with a degree in the latter and using it as a stepping stone for opportunities such as participating in the People's Climate March in New York on Sept. 21. *Photo by Vivien Carter*

better place, Keim has had significant influences in his life. "A couple role models of mine have been Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., but my biggest role model

has been my mom," he said. "She was an elementary school counselor and instilled in me values like tolerance, cooperation and respect. She's the kind of

person I want to be like."

Though he graduated in peace studies, Keim hasn't given up his love for music. "I still play music in my spare time,"

he said. "I have a group of people I play with, but it's pretty unstructured," he added with a laugh.

Dr. Jack Wiley Finds Place At Manchester

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For new psychology professor Dr. Jack Wiley, coming to Manchester University is a bit like coming home.

Indeed, this area feels familiar to the Wash native. "It was here that I was raised, and these are the values that influenced my personal growth and development," Wiley said. "So while I'm not surprised, I'm very appreciative of how supportive and helpful and considerate people are, especially to someone who is new at this setting and place of work."

There's also an added benefit in living near campus: "Weather permitting, I can ride my motorcycle back and forth to work," Wiley said.

How has Wiley's Manchester experience been so far? "Multi-faceted," he said. "There's been

quite a bit of challenge in getting ready for teaching the classes, and at the same time a tremendous amount of support from my colleagues in the psychology department to help me be successful in this new role."

Speaking at Manchester last spring was an influencing factor in Wiley's decision to join the faculty this fall. "It was exciting to be back on a college campus and interacting with students who seemed genuinely interested in my message," he said. In fact, it seems like the opportunity came at a fortuitous time. "In my career I've been very fortunate to be at the right place at the right time and been able to take advantage of opportunities that were before me," Wiley said. "Coming to Manchester is one of those occasions."

Wiley's felt a bit like a first year during these first few weeks. "In-

terestingly enough, it's like going back to school," he said. "You're learning a new campus, you're learning your way around a new department, and the students who are majors within that department. There's just a different schedule and pace that you become familiar with as you're developing new routines."

With the addition of Wiley to the psychology department, the faculty have also introduced a concentration and minor in industrial-organizational psychology, which is Wiley's specialty. Wiley explained what exactly IO psychology—that's what the pros call it—is. "IO psychology is the application of scientific principles and research to solving problems in the work setting," he said. "IO psychologists help teams and organizations be successful by helping construct teams in the most effective way."

When he's not on

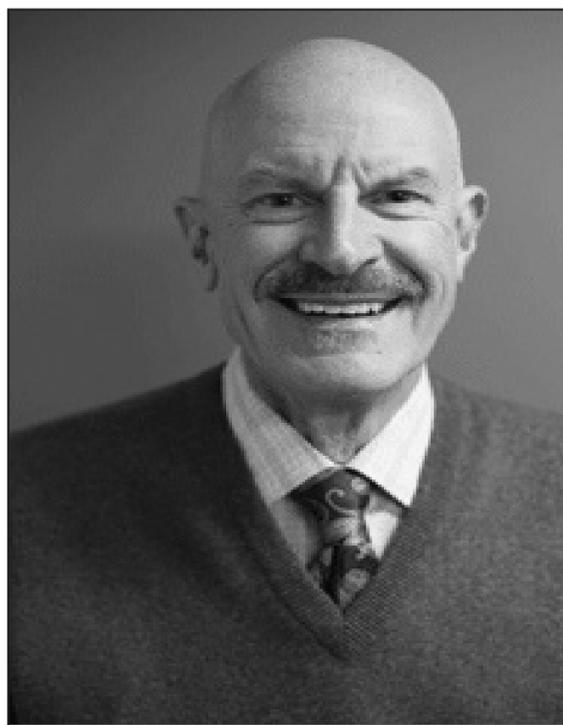


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campus or doing research, Wiley has a variety of things to keep him busy. "It's a pretty broad range

of activities including bible study, fishing, hunting, motorcycle riding and spending time with our two

dogs," he said.

At 6'4" "with shoes on," Wiley might seem a little intimidating, but he wants students to know that he remembers how tough school can be. "I can appreciate the challenges of keeping up with academic pressures and extracurricular activities," he said. "When I was an undergraduate at DePauw, I double majored and also played on the varsity basketball team, and was an officer on the student union."

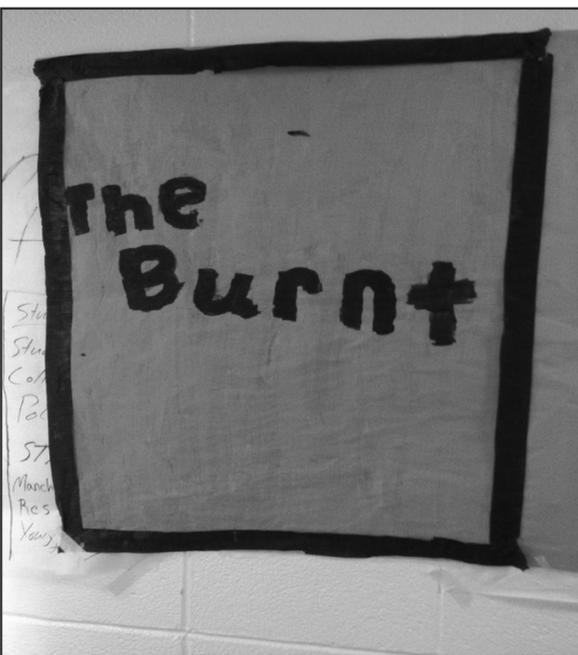
Wiley defines his greatest personal accomplishment as his "successful 40-year marriage that has produced a loving family with four children, with happy marriages, and four grandchildren, with two more on the way."

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Sillaman agreed. "Honestly, it doesn't feel much different," she said. "Except it's a little bit louder and a little bit colder because there is a lot of wind from the machines."

According to McFadden, the cost of damages has yet to be determined. "The lobby was destroyed," he said. "The smoke damage wasn't extensive, but it was concentrated in certain parts of the building. The rooms closest to the fire had more smoke damage." Serv-Pro's ionization machines are therefore concentrated in the basement as well as the first floor, especially the area directly above the basement lobby.

Mance is currently the only resident



REMNANTS Schwalm gains a new nickname due to last weekend's event. *Photo by Andrew Ellam*

of Schwalm that is still displaced because of the damages. "My room is located right above where the fire was located, so there's a lot of soot everywhere," she said. "The school placed me in a guest room in Helman."

McFadden is also unsure of how long it will take to clean up the damages. "Currently, we're focused on getting water off of the floor in the basement, as well as getting smoke and the smell of smoke out of the building," he said. "We're also wiping down the walls, hallways and rooms if they need it."

Despite the damages, Sillaman feels that this was the best possible outcome for the given situation. "Obviously, it's very unfortunate to have a fire,"

she said. "But it didn't affect any residents' rooms in terms of fire or water damage."

Although the fire was put out nearly a week ago, the university is still doing what it can to help students in need. "We've offered to help students relocate due to bothersome air and smoke," McFadden said. In Schwalm, students have been provided with special laundry detergent in order to get smoke out of their clothes.

In order to further assist the residents coping with the fire, Dr. Jeffrey Breese, vice president and dean for academic affairs, sent an e-mail to faculty members requesting that they extend due dates of assignments and exams for the displaced students,

since many of them left their phones, laptops, and other class-related materials behind in their rooms during the evacuation.

Oddly enough, Schwalm's history has nearly repeated itself since this was not the first fire to take place in its basement lobby. A decade ago in Oct. 2004, a fire in the lobby, which was ruled as arson, caused extensive damage to the basement as well as smoke damage to the rest of the floors in the building.



Spartan Sports



Spartan Volleyball Focused on 'ACE'

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After two strong wins in a row, the Manchester volleyball team settled for a split this weekend, Saturday, Sept. 20, at Oberlin.

"We have played competitive teams and we have done well against them," said Morgan Yoder, a senior player who is majoring in exercise science. "We continue to improve each day and make ourselves better. We have learned from each of the losses."

There they played against DePauw and Oberlin. The Spartans played well the first two games against DePauw, who is currently ranked 20th in the nation; however, they lost 3-0.

Oberlin was up next. The team's spirit was low and Oberlin was a decent team, but the Spartans took the win, 3-1. The players' attitude according to Chelsea Jones, the new assistant coach who played for University of Dubuque, has been very upbeat and relaxed. "They're playing the games, practicing hard, and getting better," she said. "They have a new fo-



GET SERVED Sophomore Courtney Chowning, outside hitter, prepares to serve to her opponent. The lady Spartans won against Oberlin 3-1, but lost to DePauw 3-0 on Saturday, Sept. 20. The team has recently been victorious in games against Ind. Northwest and Wilmington. To help the players set and reach goals, Coach Bryndon Paulsen is installing the term ACE, standing for adaptability, cohesion and execution. He hopes the acronym will provide a focus and a standard to strive toward. The team plays Franklin tomorrow at 1 p.m. and St. Mary's at 5 p.m. *Photo by Savannah Riley*

cus."

That focus is new Coach Paulsen's creation called ACE, which stands for adaptability, cohesion,

and execution. Those principles are the heart of the team, according to Yoder. "The team is having fun while playing, which

should make for some more wins," Jones said.

Devin Clark, a junior English major with a journalism minor, said:

"Coach Paulsen and Coach Jones are awesome coaches. They are both intense, but not over the top. They like to focus

on the simple things we need to work on. They always know what to say to fire us up when we are down."

Practices have been going well, according to Jones. Yoder said that the average practice holds a variety of drills geared towards what mistakes the team needs to fix from previous matches and what strategies that will be used against the next opponent.

"We always go 100 percent at each other because the harder we push each other the better we will be," Clark said. "We just need to bring what we do in practice, into game time."

"This season, like most seasons, has its up and down moments," she continued. "I believe Coach when he says during practice we have the best and second-best team in the conference."

The next match is against Franklin and St. Mary's on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Stauffer-Wolfe Arena at 1 p.m. and at 5 p.m.

Students Aim to Reclaim Title in Softball Game



READY THE FIELD Tonight, faculty-staff will face the students in an annual softball game. The event, which has occurred on campus for the past three years, began as a Camp Mack tradition, but now serves as an up-and-coming custom at Manchester. The faculty-staff team has not yet defeated the students, but all its members look toward doing so tonight. The winning team will receive "The Dean Sharfman Trophy," affectionately named in recognition of the previous years' pitcher, former dean Glenn Sharfman. *Photo*

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It's that time of year again; students, faculty and staff members alike will dust off their mitts and take out their bats in preparation for tonight's annual faculty-staff vs. students softball game!

According to Dr. Jonathan Watson who organized this year's game, it began as a Camp Mack tradition which eventually made its way to being a staple part of the Fall festivities on campus. "In those games, the faculty-

staff had the lion's share of the wins," Watson said. "Since the event has been at Gratz Field, three years I believe, the faculty-staff have gone 0-3. Score-wise . . . let's just say that last year's rain-soaked pitcher's duel was the closest: 5-3."

Definite details about the student lineup won't be known until the players are in the dugout ready to go. However, tonight's tentative roster on the faculty side consists of Heidi Wieland, Chad Cook, Walt Wiltschek, Michael Dixon, Travis Steele,

Justin Lasser, Elizabeth Wagner, Jennifer Maciejewski, Derrick Golden, Christer Watson, Jeffrey Osborne, Jerry Sweeten, Jonna Dunn, C. Arturo Yáñez, and Jonathan Watson. Several of these are returning competitors like Yáñez, J. Watson, Wagner and Sweeten, but a few other veterans will not be reappearing on the field for the match-up.

For instance, Tish Kalita who appeared on last year's roster is unable to help out due to maternity leave while the former dean, Glenn Sharfman,

has moved up in the ranks upon being "drafted" by the Oglethorpe University faculty as a new member of their lineup. "We're in a building year, having lost our pitcher and team historian Dean Sharfman," Watson said. "Glenn brought a lot of intensity to the event, the field and the dugout. We have named this year's trophy 'The Sharfman Trophy' in honor of his commitment to the event."

Without Sharfman on the mound some rearranging on the field had to take place. "Arturo Yáñez will be on the mound," Wat-

son said. "He's been our 'closer' for years, but he's now our starter." Watson will be off to the right, putting his impressive height and reach to its customary use at first base.

While the veteran faculty will have a better feel for things defensively, at the plate all eyes will be on the newer faculty. "We're really looking for our younger stars on faculty-staff to hit the long ball: Derrick Golden, Jennifer Maciejewski, Justin Lasser, Travis Steele," Watson said.

On a final note in

regard to tonight's match up, Watson had this to say: "We've heard that the trophy is bigger than ever, and we're ready to compete. An 0-4 record is just unacceptable at this point. That said, we've been a bit light on our scouting this year, so we're not quite sure how the student team will look. They're always a tough bunch, and seem to be about the same age each year. We age; they don't!"

Who will be taking home "The Sharfman Trophy" this evening? Although the students have a 3-0 winning streak going for them, the faculty have enough determination where an upset could be feasible. The answer will be revealed tonight at 5:30 P.M. on Gratz Field.

Upcoming VIAs

October 2

Mercedes Schneider: When Education Reform Becomes "Erroneous Ideology Well Funded"

7 p.m.
Cordier Auditorium

October 9

Terry Pettit: Language, Leadership and The River Merchant's Wife: A Letter

7 p.m.
Cordier Auditorium



Spartan Sports



MU Football Cruises to 55-7 Win over Earlham

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Off the field, they seem like any other college student, but when they step onto the football field, the Spartans transform into black and gold warriors bent on victory. But more importantly, the team is set for the season and to bring home hard-fought victories this year.

A few games into the season, the team already feels synergy among each other, which no doubt benefits them greatly on the field. When playing a team-oriented sport, performing as such tends to be equally as important.

"The team chemistry this year is the best it's been since my time here at Manchester," said Logan Haston, junior and varsity quarterback.

But team spirit does not just materialize as the season begins; it begins before classes even start during the summer at a football camp headed by the coaches.

There, the players go through extensive practice and team-building exercises meant to create bonds between each player and integrate incoming first years into the team.

"In camp we have a team competition where we have our seniors draft a team and then we have various competitions throughout camp," said



ON THE PROWL MU football players Daniel Heim (39), James Altherr III (46) and Michael Hammer (95) look to tackle Earlham running back Tre Stephens during the team's most recent home game on Saturday, Sept. 20. The Spartans clobbered the Quakers by a final score of 55-7. Currently, Manchester is 2-1 overall with a 1-0 record in conference play. Tomorrow afternoon, the Spartans will hit the road for the first time this season to take on the Mt. St. Joseph Lions in a conference matchup. Kick off is set for 1:30 p.m.

Photo by Savannah Riley

Head Coach Shannon Griffith. "Each team captain gets a chance to bring the first years into their team."

Despite the influx of new players, the team is

making strides toward cohesiveness. And no matter what experience the first years bring to the Spartans, the team as a whole supports them regardless,

and has full faith in their ability to play their position the best way they can.

"They are starting to adapt to our philosophies and concepts as a

football team and have begun to mesh well with not only each other, but the older guys as well," Haston said.

Even with the re-

cent defeat against Buffalo State, the Spartans performed admirably, and future improvement from watching the tapes of past games, and working harder during practice can only benefit the team.

"It was crucial for us to watch the film and learn from our mistakes as we move forward," Haston said.

And learn they did, as the Spartans went on to crush Earlham on Saturday, Sept. 20, with a final score of 55-7.

According to Griffith, the biggest necessary improvement simply requires the team to be wary of minor details, and to be conscious of their assignment during every play.

"I think every year you always looking to improve on different of your game. But it still comes down to attention to detail," Griffith said.

With the eagerness to jump on the field and get to tossing the pig skin around, dedicated Manchester Football fans can expect an action packed season with a team focused on victory.

"You can always count on our guys to play fast and play hard, no matter the circumstances," Haston said.

Women's Soccer Plans Ahead for Wilmington



THE CHASE First years Elena White (8) and Hayleigh Collett chase down an Otterbein player during a Spartan women's soccer game on Saturday, Sept. 20. Although the Spartans fought hard, they lost to the Cardinals by a final score of 2-1. Manchester is heading into its final nonconference games of the season with a 2-5 overall record. The team hosts Wilmington University tomorrow afternoon in a game scheduled to start at 1 p.m. Manchester wraps up its nonconference schedule at Wittenberg on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Photo by Vivien Carter

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The women's soccer team has played seven games so far this season, with two wins, but that's not enough to get anyone down.

"We are further ahead as a team, but we are playing much tough competition," said head coach Andy Stout. "So our record does not reflect some of the successes we are currently feeling."

The team has en-

hanced their defense, and they are starting to develop their ability to fight throughout the entire 90 minutes of a game. The one element that Stout thinks still needs to be improved is maintaining better possession of the ball. He notes that his handful of first-year players are starting to really learn a lot from the returning teammates, and while many have contributed during games, all first years have contributed during practice.

This week, the

team is preparing to play Wilmington University on Saturday at 1 p.m. At half-time, they will honor Missy Jensen (King), 2006, the first women's soccer player to be inducted to the MU Athletics Hall of Fame.

The team plans to bounce back this week after falling to Otterbein, with a final score of 2-1. "I was surprised at the way we lost the game," Stout said. "These things happen sometimes. We just have to respond this week as we

prepare for Wilmington."

However, Stout thinks the girls played with a lot of confidence, as well as won a lot of the 1v1 games. "We knew Otterbein would be a team that would look like the better teams in our conference so it was an important match for us," Stout said.

First-year midfielder Jenny Pudlo (Crown Point, Ind.) scored her first college goal last Saturday during the match against Otterbein. Senior goal-

keeper Emily Willmann (Montpelier, Ind.) kept Otterbein's offense from scoring, but the visitors (2-2-3) split through the Black and Gold defense with the game-tying score during the last few minutes of the game. About two minutes after, Otterbein got a free kick near the penalty box, leading them to the win.

Manchester meets Wilmington tomorrow, at 1 p.m.



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Spartan Sports Weekend Events

Friday, September 26

Women's Golf

at University of St. Francis Fall Invitational

Saturday, September 27

Men's and Women's Cross Country

at Pre-Regional/Pre-National Meet, 11 a.m.

Women's Golf

at University of St. Francis Invitational

Men's Golf

Manchester University Fall Invitational

Women's Tennis

vs. Hanover, 11 a.m.

Women's Soccer

vs. Wilmington (Ohio), 1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

vs. Franklin, 1 p.m.
vs. St. Mary's (Ind.), 5 p.m.

Football

at Mt. St. Joseph, 1:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer

vs. Illinois Tech, 3:30 p.m.