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Faculty, Staff Upset Students in Softball Game

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The faculty-staff softball team earned its first victory in an upset against the students at this year's head-to-head match-up. This softball game has taken place on Manchester's Gratz Field four times, and never have the students been defeated before. The faculty-staff beat the students 4-3, with the first three of those runs happening after a hard hit into left field by assistant wrestling coach Chad Cook.

At the top of the 5th inning, the students were in the lead 2-0, but in the bottom of that inning Cook made his big move, bringing home English professor Katharine Ings, Spanish professor Arturo Yanez, and himself, putting the faculty-staff on the board with a score of 3-2.

In the 7th inning, junior Brad Whitt got on base and allowed sophomore Sydney Stratford to make it home, tying the game. Then, in the bottom of the 7th, Help Desk manager Travis Steele hit a double to bring Heidi Wieland, field experience and assessment coordinator, home, with the faculty-staff team regaining the lead.

First-year Nick Joyner signed up to play because he thought it was a good way to get involved in campus activities and meet new friends. Senior Jessica Henson agreed. "The best part was bond-



UNDERDOGS The faculty-staff team celebrates their victory in this year's softball game against the students with the Sharfman trophy, which will be on display in the Campus Store. Students, faculty and staff have competed in this game for four consecutive years, this year being the students' first defeat. Assistant wrestling coach Chad Cook and Help Desk manager Travis Steele both made hits to propel their team to a win of 4-3.

Photo courtesy of Shanon Fawbush

ing with the other students on my team that I might not have met otherwise," she said. "We had a lot of fun and I wish that I would've played in the previous years."

Katharine Ings, associate professor of English, did not actually know she'd be playing the game until moments before it began. "I came to watch the game, but Jonathan Watson, the captain, called me down from my seat in the bleachers as the team didn't have enough female players," she said. "The captain (aka my husband) had suggested I wear run-

ning shoes to the game, but I laughed off his words as I haven't swung a bat since elementary school." Ings found herself recovering with anti-inflammatories the next morning, but didn't mind. "The unexpected thrill of scoring the opening run was worth my fiery Achilles," she said.

Tami Hoagland, administrative assistant to the Department of Athletics and Exercise and Sport Sciences, served as umpire, and she received some heckling throughout the game from students in the stands. "I came into the game knowing that the

officials are often held to a standard based on which team a spectator wants to see win, not necessarily what call is right," she said. "I maintained composure knowing I went with what I saw and stood firm with my call."

Joyner genially questioned Hoagland's neutrality. "I think the umpire may have been paid by the faculty," he said after the game.

To clear any doubt, Hoagland assured: "All claims of accepting payment for calls were bogus, though if any faculty-staff team member would like

to buy me a coffee, I favor Caramel Macchiatos."

Some players were not expecting the athletic abilities of the faculty-staff. "I was surprised that Coach Cook could run as fast as he did," Joyner said.

Hoagland agreed. "Stereotypically wrestlers don't move fast, so when he hit a three-run inside-the-park homerun to give his team their first lead of the game, I think it is fair to say I was surprised," she said.

This was Cook's first time playing in the annual game, as he is new to Manchester. "I thought

it would be a great opportunity for me to get to know some faculty and staff members that I hadn't gotten the chance to meet yet," he said. "Also, I felt like if I was able to perform well in the event it would be a positive reflection on our wrestling program, and it would be a good example of the winning culture that I'm hoping to bring to the wrestling team this year." What surprised Cook the most during the game? "The diving play that Jeff Osborne made at 3rd base," he said. "That was an awesome play, and he is a really good athlete."

Even though the faculty-staff came into the game as the underdog, the results of the game did not come as a surprise at all to Steele. "After the close game last year, I thought we would be capable of winning," he said. "It was nice to put it all together this year and get the win."

Cook felt similarly. "The best part had to be showing those young whippersnappers that we old fgies still have it!" he said.

The five-foot-tall Sharfman trophy, named in honor of former team captain and dean Glenn Sharfman, will be on display in the Campus Store. It will be cared for under the watchful eye of shortstop Jennifer Fansher, whose blistering throws to Jonathan Watson at first base secured many crucial outs for the team.

University Hosts 'Walk Into My Future' Event

Manchester welcomes 2,500 local elementary students to campus for visit

Samantha Reynolds
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What do 2,500 elementary students look like on a small campus? In their color-coded t-shirts, they look like a rainbow sea of enthusiastic children waiting to learn about college life.

Manchester University welcomed Wabash and Whitley County elementary students on Friday, Sept. 26, 2014, for Walk Into My Future, an event that introduced the children to college and marked the opening of their college savings accounts. There were multiple stations for the students to experience, giving them a chance to interact with

Manchester students and faculty.

Students walked around the mall, engaging with different departments, including music, English and chemistry. They were able to participate in activities from writing the "world's longest poem," to taking a picture with the school mascot, to watching the music department play some instruments, and more.

Students were also taken on tours of campus, visiting both the Jo Switzer Young Center and the PERC. In addition, they went into a residence hall to see what it looks like from inside in the lobby area.

Walk Into My Fu-

ture was the first time most of the students had been to a college campus, or seen what a college campus looks like.

The students arrived in two groups—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. While the morning group was winding down their visit, both groups gathered together on the mall with their mentors to eat their sack lunches.

Before the afternoon students began their walk around the mall, there were four drawings for college savings that were added to the winning students' funds.

The event was sponsored by the Wabash County Promise.



FUTURE SPARTANS Dr. Tim Brauch, assistant professor of mathematics, entertains visiting students with a demonstration. Manchester hosted 2,500 elementary students on Sept. 26 to get them thinking about life after high school and to kick-start their college savings accounts. The visiting students participated in numerous activities across campus with the help of Manchester students, faculty and staff. They also took tours of the campus and ended the day with the symbolic "walk into their future" around the mall.

Photos by Savannah Riley



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Around Campus

MU Students Attend 'People's Climate March'

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On Sunday, Sept. 21, Manchester University peace studies students joined nearly 400,000 protesters to fill the streets of Manhattan, all demanding action on the issue of climate change.

Accompanied by Prof. Katy Gray Brown and Peace Studies Coordinator Phil Keim, the students departed from Manchester Saturday evening and returned just in time for class on Monday.

Among the students that attended were Kortney Jennings, Murray Hammond, Cheri Reiman, Sawyer Lei Stefanatos, Zander Willoughby, Sarandon Smith, Caitlin O'Quinn and Annika Harley.

The students endured an 11-hour bus ride in both directions, but got to spend a great deal of time in the streets of Manhattan. The march itself started at around 11:30 a.m., but the Manchester representatives did not begin moving until nearly a half hour after it began.

Annika Harley, a first-year peace studies and social work major, enjoyed the trip. Some of Harley's memorable parts of the march were the signs carried by attendees. "One of my favorites (signs) was 'Zero population growth'," Harley said. "I got my picture with him.



PEACEFULLY PROTESTING Professor Katy Gray Brown, director of the Peace Studies Institute at MU, walks with students during the People's Climate March held in New York City on Sunday, Sept. 21. The event, which was held in order to advocate global action against climate change, was the largest climate march in history, with nearly 400,000 participants filling the streets of Manhattan. Manchester student protesters left for NYC on Saturday night and arrived back on campus just before classes resumed on Monday morning.

Photo courtesy of Phil Keim

I took environmental science last year and one of the things I got from that was that one of the roots of the climate change issue is the growing population and that more and more people are consuming more and more.

"There were other signs that everyone could have like 'Mom's Clean Air Force is fighting for her kids' health,' and you could get ready-made signs by groups, or you could make your own," she said. "Mine said 'Hurting the Earth

= Remember, this is a Peaceful March'".

Also in attendance were such notable names as Leonardo DiCaprio, former Vice President Al Gore, United Nations General Secretary Ban Ki-Moon and Mayor Bill de

Blasio of New York. "There were different groups from everywhere; I know some of them that I saw were from different universities and international organizations," Harley said.

Perhaps Harley's favorite and most spiritual

experience of the trip happened at the very beginning of the march. "The moment of silence, which was two minutes where 400,000 people were completely silent, was an interesting experience," she said. "We were supposed to raise our hands, and some lady in front of me grabbed my hand. I did not even know her, but we held hands, and it was cute.

"Afterwards, we were supposed to be loud," she continued. We were at a street corner, and we could hear the noise starting behind the building and wrapping around it to get to us and we started yelling." New York City, a place known for large happenings, was not alone in its march on Sunday for the improvement of the climate. Demonstrations in large cities across the world, from Paris to Papua New Guinea, were held with the same purpose in mind: to save the climate of the planet, earth.



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Szabo Presents VIA on Substance Abuse

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On Sept. 22, Ross Szabo presented a VIA called "Mixed Drinks, Mixed Emotions, Alcohol Abuse & Mental Health" in Cordier Auditorium, during which he addressed the ties between substance abuse and mental health. The students reacted appropriately when Szabo told a joke or had a serious moment, filling the auditorium with laughter as Szabo made small jokes, but falling completely silent once he got serious as if the crowd could hear crickets.

Szabo discussed anxiety, depression, alcohol abuse and coping mechanisms, offering many great ideas on how to cope with depression that would not result in alcohol abuse. "Talking about emotions can be a challenge," he said. As Szabo talked about his brutally honest

experience with his mental health, he used a relatable and humorous approach to help the students feel at ease so they could confront the difficult topics.

He mentioned that one of the biggest factors affecting students is stress. Szabo said that students seem to have a competition over who has the most stress throughout the week, but emphasized that sleep is known to be the best coping mechanism for stress, so students need to make sure to get enough sleep at night.

Szabo shared his personal story with the Manchester students so they could understand his dedication to his topic. He was born in Bethlehem, PA. At a young age, he started drinking to cope with the pain of losing one of his best friends. He then turned to drinking for a lot of things. In high school, he was a football star and

a highly involved teenager, but when he was 16, he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder with anger control problems and psychotic features.

He ended up in a mental institution after trying to commit suicide and about 6 months later, he tried to go off to college. When after a couple weeks of being there, he didn't wake up for 22 hours after abusing alcohol, he realized he needed to change when he awoke, so he left college, joined the Peace Corps and worked in Botswana.

Szabo's goal when visiting Manchester University was to help students break down the stereotypes involving their expressions of emotions to help them function at their best level. Using personal history with a generous dose of humor, he did just that.



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MU Students, Volunteers Clean-up Eel River

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The Eel River proved last Saturday morning that it functions much like an antique store, with a bevy of random items, old and new, resting beneath the currents and the mud.

A group of intrepid river-cleaners comprised of MU students, professors and volunteers from the community ventured out into the river in waders in the hopes that after their visit, the Eel would be a little bit cleaner. Why? These individuals were participating in the annual Eel River Clean-up, organized by Terri Michaelis, Watershed Initiative Coordinator.

Michaelis, who has a degree in environmental science from Manchester, manages a \$1 million budget to clean the river and educate the community about the health of the Eel's water. Currently, the section of the Eel between North Manchester and Mexico, Ind., contains high amounts of bacteria and chemicals.

Before even setting foot into the river, the police department gave a short debriefing about the dangers of finding waste from meth labs in the river, which tends to serve as a popular disposal system for trash of all kinds. Volunteers had to wear thick gloves to protect their hands from the sharp metal that they would undoubtedly find, and their



EVERYBODY DO YOUR SHARE Volunteers attempt to dump out water from a damaged boat during the annual Eel River Clean-up held on Saturday, Sept. 20. A total of 22 volunteers, which included MU students, professors and members of nearby communities, helped dispose of waste from a 1.5 mile stretch of the river. The volunteers found many interesting items while cleaning, such as bricks, rusty piping and a sunken kayak. The clean-up was originally scheduled for an earlier weekend; however it was delayed until Sept. 20 because of rain.

Photo by Savannah Riley

waders included rubber boots that would protect their feet. The hazardous material was precisely what the volunteers were after, because other, less-prepared individuals could hurt themselves, and animals could get hurt as well.

"The river isn't just for MU," said Tabitha Sutton, sophomore. "Other

people fish here too."

Before the half-mile mark had passed, the force of 22 strong and six boats had uncovered several bricks, hefty metal barrels, rusty piping, and even a sunken kayak, that alone took most of the group to dig up using pickaxes, shovels and gloved hands. As harmless and mundane

as their discoveries seem, the metal rust pollutes the water, and the items provide tangible examples of the sort of things that might endanger animals.

"If we left it, the environment would get worse," said Courtney Smith, first-year. "Animal population would decrease."

After only a quarter of a mile, all of the boats overflowed with various junk the group had extracted from the waters of the Eel. One of the boats even started to sink, and many of the tires, and metal canisters found later during the journey were distributed among the oth-

er boats to retain as much of the "treasure" as possible. However, the trip itself was planned to be only 1.5 miles, so the group explored just a small section of the river's currents.

"Historically, this stretch used to be a dump," Michaelis said. "The river loses its power through here, so this is where it drops objects."

Because of rescheduling issues due to rain, the number of participants in this year's river-cleanup was relatively small compared to previous years. However, Michaelis did not let the amount of individuals willing to get their feet wet bother her.

"It's not always about the numbers," Michaelis said. "Maybe if the RA's made it into a team-building activity and the building staff tied it in with the mission statement, then it might draw in more people."

All numbers aside, after wading through muddy water and lush, overhanging trees, the group piled their finds into the back of dump trucks for free disposal. Rewarded with a boxed lunch for their efforts, the workers knew they had aided the wildlife around the river, as well as the people of North Manchester.

"By getting this stuff out of the water, we are no doubt helping the environment," said Amanda Basham, junior.

East Hall Experiences Electrical Fire



ANOTHER FIRE? In the early hours of the morning on Wednesday, Oct. 1, East Hall experienced an electrical fire caused by the light fixture in the southeast corner of the third floor (the female wing). While East Hall RAs were on duty, they noticed a burning smell on the third floor. Oakwood Hall Director Rachael Beaumont came over to assess the situation and when she flipped the light switch, the light sparked, flamed and started to smoke. As the RAs began to evacuate the floor, smoke began to fill the wing, which triggered the fire alarms at 1:10 a.m. The North Manchester Fire Department and Police Department responded within minutes to the emergency, even though the fire was not even severe enough to require extinguishing. After students evacuated the building, many of them were moved to the lobby in Garver Hall until they were allowed to return to their rooms at 2 a.m. Fans were placed in the hallways in order to clear out the smoke before the students returned. In the end, the light fixture and ballast will need to be replaced; however, there was no damage to any other part of the residence hall.

Photo courtesy of Emily Pleadwell

Around Campus

What Are You 'Yakking' About, MU Students?

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The app Yik Yak has taken the campus by storm, invoking strong faculty, staff and student responses.

A new social media trend available via iPhone and Android devices, Yik Yak combines the tracking of GPS with the posting of Twitter to make a unique community communication system with a twist: it's anonymous. "It'd be the exact same thing as Twitter if it wasn't anonymous," said first-year Aaron Lloyd. "So I'm happy it's anonymous."

Only a limited amount of recent posts are shown on the app, with posts being deleted permanently after five days. In terms of content, the posts are more centered on personal opinions and wonderings. "It's always fun just to see what people are thinking at weird hours of the night," said first-year Laura Dickey. Posts on Yik Yak have the option of being replied to or voted up/down. The resulting number is said to be the post's "Yakarma." "My Yaks usually get pretty high," Dickey



YAKKING UP A STORM Yik Yak, an app that allows users to post anonymous thoughts to the Internet, has been gaining popularity at Manchester. Both students and professors have taken interest in the app, using it not only for random daily thoughts but also for promoting activities taking place on campus.

Photo by Andrew Ellam

said. "I just got 30 on one of my Yaks!"

Students aren't the only ones taking an interest in Yik Yak. "By September 15, the faculty was starting to talk about it," said Dr. Tim Brauch of the

mathematics department. "Student chatting about the app had risen to the point where faculty knew what it was."

In terms of its usage by the student body, Brauch compared the app

to a virtual water cooler. "The employees [students] are standing around it complaining about their boss," he said. "Nothing is being necessarily done, but people are getting frustrations off their chests, which is something."

Brauch was not the only faculty member to comment. "The communication studies department tends to pay attention to new media technologies, apps, and whatnot, and this time Professor Calka clued us all in," said Dr. Judd Case. "I think it's too early to assess its effect on campus. The effect it has had on me, though, is to remind me of what it was like to be a twenty-year-old male who thought any number of things that a civilized person would never express. It has also had me thinking that it would be interesting if the faculty had its own, distinct Yik Yak. Oh, the things we would say!"

In terms of Yik Yak's potential, Case concluded: "Imagine what all the Yaks could do if they tried to help each other with both individual and collective problems. Not

only could we reach out as friends, but we could coordinate social and political activities. In the New Media class that I teach in the spring, I'll see if we can do just that."

Some advertising for activities has already been done on Yik Yak. Over the past few weeks, multiple events such as baseball scrimmages, dances and the SPAM/SPS/ACS Bonfire have been promoted by students. They interact by communicating when and where events are held.

In addition to noting activities on campus, other topics are brought up. The range consists of everything from hanging out on the weekends and shout outs to some students active in sports on campus to some issues in the realm of cyber-bullying. "During the first week or so Yik Yak was clearly negative," said President Dave McFadden. "Some of the people using it were taking advantage of the fact that they could post anonymously to tear other people down. I've been glad to see that people are speaking out against the

abusive posts. Some users obviously think they're still in junior high—the best advice I've seen is 'don't drink and yak'—but on the whole I'd say it's taken a positive turn."

Yik Yak usage has slowed down since its peak two weeks ago, going from a positive turn to perhaps just neutral. "Nothing really stands out to me as being the funniest, said sophomore Chris Raderstorf. "You see things, you read them, they make you laugh, and then you go on."



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MU to host Upcoming Career Expo at Cordier

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Do you know what you want to do when you graduate? If you don't—or even if you do—Manchester's Career Expo can give you some new ideas.

The Career Expo invites students to explore the options of different fields and careers. This year there are 40 professionals—70 percent of whom are Manchester alumni. There is also quite the variety so students can find different career choices that interest them,

ranging from accountant to teacher, from author to someone in the sports industry, and even a special agent of drugs and firearms. These professionals are then put into different categories based on the type of work place. If the career is more of an art career or a social career, then they will be placed under those categories.

For first-years, the Expo is a requirement for their FYS and they've all taken an interest inventory assessment so the results will be put to work during the Expo. The as-

essments tell the student what kind of careers would be a best fit and the type of working situations they would feel best in.

However, the Expo isn't just for first-years but is open to all students. "The Career Expo is a great place for juniors and seniors to go and start to network," said Liz Bushnell, director of Career Services. "I encourage students to follow up on the contacts that they have created!"

The Expo is made up of two parts. The first part is the Career Informa-

tion Fair, where students get to talk to the 40 professionals and practice their networking skills. It's held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Cordier Auditorium.

The second part of the Expo is a VIA with speaker Jon Vroman. He's an award-winning speaker who has been Campus Speaker of the year in 2012 and 2013. Vroman is a philanthropist and author of "Living College Life in the Front Row." He'll be talking about how and why students should take advantage of the college experience, and push them-

selves away from their comfort zones to pursue what is truly challenging, important, and meaningful. Vroman speaks directly after the Information Fair—from 7 to 8 p.m. at Cordier.

First-year students are looking forward to the Career Expo. Brittany Koehl, a graduate of 2018 and a Bio-Chem major says "I'm looking towards seeing the other possible opportunities in the pharmacy field and what all my major can do," said Brittany Koehl, a bio-chem major.

Nicole Osborn, an-

other first-year bio-chem major, is unsure what she is going to do after graduation. "I want to see what kind of information will be offered and see if it will help me in deciding what to do," she said. "Hopefully this will be able to give me a better idea after graduation."

So if you're slightly confused or don't know where to look for career options, Manchester has you covered. The Career Expo is a place to start the career search for all grades.

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Spartan Sports

Motivation, Enthusiasm Persists for MU Football

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Wins and losses can define a season. Passing yards, rushing yards, receiving yards, sacks and interceptions can define a career. These measurements—these proxies by

low many ESPN analysts to make a living. But for wide receiver Evan Rice, junior, and many of his Manchester University football teammates, there are certain components of the game that records and statistics cannot account for.

long time.”

Rice has a lot to be happy about. He scored his first college touchdown in the Spartan's win against Earlham on Sept. 20. Slipping inside a defender pressed up in coverage against him in the red zone, Rice was met

down was solidified in the books, a '1' now appearing below 'TD' on Rice's career stat sheet.

“I was excited we scored more than anything,” Rice said.

He admits that he hardly even noticed the significance of the touch-

nized by fans and family members, but a moment Rice didn't address until after the game.

Haston also recognizes that the team has a vibe that cannot be explained by X's and O's.

“I love this group of guys,” Haston said. “It is a group committed to winning, but more importantly, committed to each other.”

On the other side of the ball, the Spartan defensive lineman, Michael Hammer, senior, has a similar feeling.

“I wouldn't trade my teammates, the men I take the field with now, for any other group of guys,” Hammer said. “The bond is stronger than it has been in years past because we all want the same thing in winning the HCAC conference, and we will do anything to achieve that goal.”

He added: “We're a band of brothers and we all have each others' backs and would do anything for each other.”

During the first half of Saturday's game against Mount Saint Joe, the Spartans took the field with the same unwavering vibe that they displayed against Earlham. Big plays early in the game, including two fumble recoveries (one returned for a touchdown), gave the Spartans the lead at halftime. However, the second half told a different story.

“It was a tale of two halves,” Haston said. He noted that the team

came out flat in the second half “and paid the price for it.”

The 49–17 loss to Mount Saint Joe was not a pleasant mark in the record books. But a team un-defined by how other people tend to view success realized that the final score told yet another story.

“Regardless of the score, we still did some good things on both sides of the ball,” Haston said. “It is important for us to not get discouraged.”

With a tough Franklin College team on the schedule next week, Haston seems to have already put the loss to Mount Saint Joe behind him.

“We need to have better effort throughout this week of practice,” Haston said. “Tempo has become a vital asset for our offense. Give Mount [Saint Joe] a lot of credit; they did some good things that took us out of our rhythm. Hopefully we can get back on pace next week.”

Whether it's a pace, a vibe or a bond, Rice, Haston and Hammer believe the team has something that surpasses mere outward facing results. Some people would call it the “it” factor. Others would call it chemistry. But those others—the outsiders—can't possibly know what “it” really is.

“It's just the pure joy of playing the game,” Rice said.



TAKE 'EM DOWN Manchester's football team remains eager and driven to be victorious this season. Even after a loss to Mount Saint Joseph last Saturday, the players continue to have positive attitudes, credited both to previous wins and to the bonds they have created with their fellow teammates. The next game will take place at Manchester this Saturday, Oct. 4, at 1:30 p.m. against Franklin College.

Photo by Savannah Riley

which outsiders quantify success—can define the very nature of sports; there's no doubt they al-

“There's just a different vibe this year,” Rice said. “I haven't been excited for football like this in a

in the middle of his slant route with a strike from quarterback Logan Haston, junior. His first touch-

down. Putting weight on such achievements is an outsider's game; it's a milestone that was recog-

Upcoming VIAs

October 9

Terry Pettit: Language, Leadership and The River Merchant's Wife: A Letter
7 p.m.
Cordier Auditorium

October 13

Jon Vroman: Career Expo
Speaker
7 p.m.
Cordier Auditorium

October 16

Literary Film Series:
“The Lives of Others”
7 p.m.
Cordier Auditorium

Volleyball Prepares for Hanover, Transylvania



TAP IT Despite their hard work and dedication in the matches against Franklin College and Saint Mary's College, the Spartan volleyball team lost both of the games on Saturday, Sept. 27. For now, they maintain 4 wins and 13 losses. The first game, which took place at 1:00 p.m. in the Stauffer-Wolfe Arena, ended in a four-set decision with the opposing Franklin College coming out victorious 3-1. The game was part of the 2014 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC). Of conference wins, MU stands at 0-1 while Franklin maintains a strong 2-0. Afterward, at 5:30 p.m., the Spartans tackled Saint Mary's College in a gripping five-set decision, losing 3-2. The match against St. Francis which was scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 1 has been cancelled. Their next game will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Hanover, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. The game against Hanover will continue with HCAC as well as the game opposing Transylvania on Sunday.

Caption by Haylee Parrish, Photo by Clay Lomneth



Spartan Sports



Spartan Men's Soccer Defeats Illinois Tech

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The Spartan men's soccer team finished its non-conference schedule on Sept. 27 with a 2-1 victory against Illinois Tech.

First-year forward Travis Richardson described the game's first half. "We started off rather slow," he said. "We didn't pressure the ball too hard and our work rate wasn't the greatest. Then a player from the other team scored a great shot. Our captains, Mark Zinser and Josh Collier, gave us a very motivating half-time speech to get us ready for the second half."

That motivation paid off. Sophomore forward Ola Ladapo and senior forward Loic Youth each scored a goal within two minutes of the other in the second half, first tying, then overtaking Illinois Tech. First-year goalkeeper Brady Forman had eight saves against the Scarlet Hawks.

Even though the Sept. 24 game against Ohio Northern University ended in a 0-2 loss, the team and Coach David Good came away with positive reactions. "Wednesday's game was a good showing for our team," Good said. "We're disappointed in the loss, but it was 90 minutes of



BALL CONTROL Sophomore Ola Ladapo (7) looks to maintain possession of the ball during the men's soccer game at home against Illinois Tech on Saturday, Sept. 27. The Spartans won the contest 2-1, despite being down 0-1 at half-time. During the second half, the team scored two goals in less than two minutes. After Ladapo scored an unassisted goal in the 64th minute, Loic Youth responded with a goal of his own in the 66th minute (assisted by Ladapo). Tomorrow afternoon, the team will play in its conference opener at Transylvania. Manchester heads into HCAC play with an overall record of 4-5.

Photo by Clay Lomneth

hard-fought soccer against a top team in the region."

Richardson spoke highly of the team's performance. "We came out and played as hard as we possibly could, and our defense played phenomenally," he said. "We shut them down for the most part; we just needed a few more shots

on goal and it would have been a great game."

Junior midfielder Simon Coleman explained that the players are clicking this year. "The team this year is great," Coleman said. "Our main strength is positivity, we encourage each other with everything we do."

Richardson agreed. "Everyone's super friendly, and we're all pumped for this year, especially conference play," he said. "Just being friends on and off the field—this year everybody's really positive, so that's probably our biggest strength, positivity."

Constant improve-

ment is how the team plans to move forward. "We're just going to keep plugging away, trying to get better every day," Good said. "Improve our communication, keep our effort high, and count on good things happening as a result of working harder and smarter together and for each other."

Coleman is looking ahead to conference games. "The strategy is keep working hard defensively and putting goals in the net," he said. "We want to start conference with a couple wins."

Richardson has a similar focus. "Our next few games we have some really tough competition, so we're trying to keep up our same attitude that we had against Ohio Northern," he said. "We're going to play our hardest."

Coleman's view of the season is optimistic. "I absolutely love this season," he said. "I am enjoying every day of soccer. My goals are to keep working hard and help the team win some more games!"

Good is confident in his team's abilities. "If we can sustain the overall team improvement, we could be a fun team to watch throughout the rest of the season."

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Spartan Sports Weekend Events

Friday, October 3

Men's Golf

at University of St. Francis Fall Invitational

Women's Tennis

at Transylvania, 10 a.m.

Men's Soccer

at Transylvania, 3:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

at Transylvania, 1 p.m.

Men's Golf

at University of St. Francis Fall Invitational

Saturday, October 4

Men's and Women's Cross Country

at Earlham Invitational

Football

vs. Franklin, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 5

Volleyball

at Transylvania, 1 p.m.

Volleyball

at Hanover, 2 p.m.

MU Women's Soccer Awaits HCAC Opener



JUKE MOVE Senior Amber Kent (2) looks to get past a defender during the women's soccer game at home against Wilmington (Ohio) on Saturday, Sept. 27. The Spartans won big, defeating the Quakers by a final score of 4-1. The team exploded during the second half and scored three goals. In its most recent contest on Tuesday, Sept. 30, the team was shutout by Wittenberg 0-2. The Wittenberg contest marked the last nonconference matchup of the season for the women's soccer team. The Spartans will head into conference play with an overall record of 3-6. Tomorrow afternoon, Manchester will travel to Transylvania for its HCAC opener. Last year, the two teams met in an HCAC Tournament Semifinal at Manchester, where Transylvania prevailed 2-0 and ended the Spartans' 2013 season.

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