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Students Partake in 'May Day 2015' Festivities

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Ribs, music and mud marked the May Day 2015 festivities, where students relaxed and had fun before the final week of classes and exams while making long-lasting memories.

The Rib Cook Off started off May Day in the parking lot of the JYSC on Friday, May 1. A long line of students wrapped around the parking lot to the front door of Garver, waiting patiently to taste the competitors' ribs and declare who would take home the trophy. There were eight teams, all offering very different flavors of ribs, from insanely spicy to bitter-sweet. Duell Ginter created some lethal ribs; Chef Chris even went down the line of students warning them of how hot the ribs were. "Duell's ribs were the spiciest ribs," said Amanda Hendricks. She had only one bite and was defeated by them, gulping water down hastily. "They went over really well," Ginter said. "Even days after, people smiled, saying they liked them and that it took them by surprise!"

However, Devin Clark, Melinda Penrod, Alisha Paddock, RJ Wilson, Mark Sexton and Sammi Smalls took home the trophy. "It was a lot of fun participating in the cook off," Clark said. "We came in thinking it was going to be easier than it was. We didn't know how much

work went into cooking ribs and making our sauce. Our team name was Saucy lil' Porkers with a slogan of 'May the Sauce Be with You.'"

For the Air Band competition, a long-running tradition, there were three one-hit wonders and three bands. The bleachers in the PERC were filled to the brim, and late-arrivals had to sit on the side of the gym. Three judges oversaw the competition-- Michael Dixon, director of multicultural affairs, Professor Justin Lasser, and LuAnne Harley, an alumna who won the Air Band 25 years ago.

The performers used props of all kinds, from cups from Haist Commons while singing to "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone" to umbrellas for "It's Raining Men." Songs ranged from the early 80's to current music. One band even used the goat edition of Taylor Swift's YouTube video. They hid behind the stage and popped up whenever the sound of a screaming goat blasted through the speakers, making comical faces. "It was super fun to watch!" said sophomore Stephanie Wheeler. "I was just so impressed with how much people put into their performances and it was just a really good time."

The sound speakers at the performance, however, fell short of being perfect. The music would often be playing and then fall to a low level of sound

that wasn't very audible, then pick up to be extremely loud. The lack of music, though, didn't seem to faze the dancers as they still performed through the silence. When those silences happened, audience members would pick up the beat and sing the lyrics, which made the performance more interactive and more fun for everyone.

Mud Volleyball took place the following Saturday early in the morning to late in the day. The crowd, however, was quiet and was practically nonexistent. The court was more of a pool of dirty water than mud and was only ankle-deep compared to previous years being knee-deep. As the day went on, more and more players and fans wandered down to the mud court behind the baseball game. The fire truck came to fill the mud pit with water, which brought the mud to mid-calf and made it easier to get covered in the filth as players rolled in it and threw fellow members and friends into the pit.

Wheeler also participated in Mud Volleyball with her team BAE Watch. "It's a spoof on the movie 'Bay Watch,'" she said. "The girls in the film were lifeguards and the guys were swimmers."

On Saturday night, MU's United Sexualities Club hosted the 15th annual Drag Show in Wampler Auditorium. Current students, faculty and staff, as well as alumni and professional drag queens per-



GETTIN' DIRTY On Saturday, May 2, students participated in the Mud Volleyball tournament, which is arguably the biggest event of May Day weekend. Other events included the Rib Cook Off, the Trike Race, Air Band and the Drag Show.

Photo by Savannah Riley

formed. This year's theme was "Taste the Rainbow"; handmade lollipops and hard candies decorated the walls. A traditional component of the show is "tucking bucks" during which audience members can go up to the stage during a performance and show their

appreciation by slipping a dollar bill under the performer's waistband. All of the money collected during the show went to the charity #BornPerfect, a campaign to end conversion therapy. The Drag Show is the largest student-run event on campus, and this

year it raised \$1,562 to donate.

May Day makes so many long-lasting memories for Manchester students and helps them relax, if even for a little bit, in preparation for finals week.

MU Presents 'Small School, Big World' VIA

Three Manchester graduates speak to students about stress, success

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Filling the Lahman and Hoff rooms in the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center, Manchester University welcomed alumni David Moan, Jan Bledsoe Viehweg and Sam McFadden to speak at the "Small School, Big World" VIA last Tuesday evening. The three individuals spoke about stress and success during and after their time at Manchester.

David Moan, a 2009 Manchester graduate, spoke about the stress that he had when he switched to being a music major rather than going to law school. "I was sort of in it on my own," Moan said. He noted that his parents were not against him switching majors, but he recognized that they were not really able to help him because it was beyond what they knew.

Moan's big break was in 2012 in Detroit, Mich., when he joined the Michigan Opera Theatre. "I love my job, but it's hard," he said.

Upon finishing speaking, Moan challenged the audience to think about the reason why they are doing what they are doing. He iterated that it should not be because it would be an easy job to get or because of the money.



SPEAKING OF SUCCESS Sam McFadden, a 2008 Manchester graduate, speaks during the "Small School, Big World" VIA held in the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on Apr. 28. McFadden, along with 2009 graduate David Moan and 1983 graduate Jan Bledsoe Viehweg, spoke to students about overcoming stressful obstacles during their time as Manchester students in order to achieve success in the professional world.

Photo by Savannah Riley

Someone should do what they are doing because it is what they love; if there isn't happiness there, the job is not what is necessarily desired.

The second guest speaker, Jan Bledsoe Viehweg, graduated in 1983 from Manchester, and spoke about her life while being at college. "Manchester is a major character in my life story

in the big world," Viehweg said.

Viehweg told her story, describing the difficulties that she endured while being a student. She mentioned going through the difficulties of losing her father, her family's business catching on fire, and having surgery all while being in college.

Even though she went through these difficul-

ties, she still found coping methods that helped her, such as changing majors from science to communication studies, student development, residence life, Oakwood Hall, theatre and leadership.

Viehweg left the audience with a few words of wisdom that included "No decision is forever," "What about this situation can I control," "In a hun-

dred years..." and "You can have it all, but not all at once."

Finally, Sam McFadden, a 2008 Manchester graduate, spoke about stress and success, giving the audience a few bullet points to remember and take into consideration. "You need to be accountable to yourself and prepare yourself," McFadden said.

He also mentioned the importance of connections and networking. "You never know what connections will get you," he said.

Also, McFadden mentioned that we should be aware of our audience, know what you and do not want to do. Like Viehweg, McFadden also changed his major from science (biology-chemistry) to communication studies. "Manchester has prepared you for all that you need to do," McFadden said.

When dealing with stress, each individual had his or her own pieces of advice for when dealing with stress.

Moan emphasized the importance of preparation in order to avoid cramming. "The best way to deal with stress is to prepare ahead of time," he said.

Viehweg advised students to tread through tough situations, no matter how difficult they become. "Don't throw in the towel," she said. "Don't give up."

McFadden suggested that students should change their surroundings from time to time. "Get off campus a little bit," he said.

McFadden also underlined the importance of not overreacting to stressful situations. "R.E.L.A.X. Relax," he said.

Inside: Women's Impact Project, ICPA Winners, Men's Tennis

Around Campus

MU To Unveil 'Women's Impact Project'

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Manchester University is launching the Women's Impact Project: Conviction in Action, a quarterly series that will empower and educate working women.

Whitney Caudill, Manchester's Title IX Coordinator and vice president for university engagement, is excited about the impact the project has the possibility to have. "The series is a variation on the Women in Leadership program started by president Jo Young Switzer," she said.

"The current pro-

gram is designed to educate and empower women of northeast Indiana about ways to utilize their passions and leadership skills to make a difference in their businesses and communities," Caudill continued. "The program is designed in a way that accommodates a busy lifestyle – it begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. once every quarter."

The series' first speaker will be Carolene Mays-Medley, who is the current vice chair of the Indiana Regulatory Commission, as well as a former Indiana legislator and

television talk show host. Mays-Medley will speak on being "Empowered by Faith to Persevere Beyond the Bumps in the Road."

"She was chosen because of her inspiring and successful career," Caudill said. "Her experience is a perfect fit for our theme of Conviction in Action."

MU School of Pharmacy Vice President and Dean Raylene Rospond elaborated on how the event embodies elements of Manchester University's mission statement. "It is my hope that the series will help women

lead principled, productive and compassionate lives," she said. "This brings the Manchester mission alive in our community and provides women with inspiration and skills so that they can align their passions with the needs of our community. This is why we chose to name the series Conviction in Action."

Caudill spoke similarly, stressing the potential benefits for attendees and the university as a whole. "I hope the series will be a resource for women to gain new information, skills, and/or ideas to grow personally and profession-

ally to become their best selves," she said. "Ultimately, I hope the series is a demonstration of the Manchester mission to show our community ability and conviction in action."

"Each session will be focused on a contemporary topic that connects with the theme of actively living one's personal convictions," Caudill continued. "Additionally, providing free educational and personal growth opportunities for women in our community serves to advance the mission of inspiring people to live principled, productive, and compas-

sionate lives to improve the human condition. We hope that the University mission will be evident in every session and leave attendees with an understanding of the core values of Manchester."

The series is open to students and community members free of charge. Mays-Medley will speak on Tuesday, May 12 from 6 to 7 with a networking reception beginning at 5:30. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP through the Manchester website. The second installment of the series will feature David Johnson on Sept. 1.

Spartans Demonstrate Smart Spending Habits

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Every year, bills upon bills find their way into the homes of Manchester University students. Money is critical in the college setting—whether regarding tuition payments, procuring funds or knowing what to purchase. Students frequently wrestle with these dilemmas, but as a part of growing up, some Spartans know exactly what to do with their money.

Garrett Bear, a first-year pre-pharmacy student, often reserves his money for savings, mostly to have a decent economic base for extending his formal education and also for the long term after finishing his undergrad and medi-

cal school. "I save most of it, but it withers down here and there," he said.

Aside from all of the prudent saving, Bear occasionally falls prey to impulse buying and purchases items that are typically less than ten dollars, such as posters for his room or laser pointers, which he uses to combat stress during weeks filled with tough homework assignments and exams.

Aside from that, Bear remains comfortable with his spending habits, and he prefers to think of himself as a smart spender. "I might go pick up a couple bag of chips from New Market for a couple bucks if they are on sale," he said. "I only really need money for essentials."

Bear earned his savings before he came to Manchester by working over the summer with the maintenance crew at Ben Davis High School, his alma mater in Indianapolis. His work consisted of fixing anything from toilets to air conditioning.

Unlike Bear, Chris Knight, sophomore and exercise and sports science major, currently holds a job as a cashier at the local CVS in town, where he typically works 25-hour weeks. He spends his cash almost exclusively on healthy essentials, such as vitamins and sandwich ingredients, while the rest of it goes to the bank. On occasion, he does spend his money on his girlfriend—recently he took her out on a date to

Tuscana's in Fort Wayne. "I have to save most of it now, since I'm renting a house next year," Knight said.

However, having a job also takes time away from students, which could negatively impact the time student shave to study or complete homework assignments. In Knight's case, he did not have a job his first year, but his options for outings with food and friends were limited. "It's just about how you budget your time," he said. "It's worth it because it gives me the option to do something other than sit in my room."

Also thinking ahead is Brianna Martinez, a senior that plans on finishing her programs in sports management and economics. She pays her

rent with her serving job at Pizza Hut, which does not necessarily take too much time from her studies; however it adds stress. "Some days, it's emotional labor," Martinez said. "You have to go in all happy and cheery regardless of how you feel to make someone else's dine-in occasion better."

Martinez definitely saves the majority of her money since she plans on finding an internship in Indianapolis and must sustain herself while she lives there. But when it comes to saving a few dollars, Martinez finds herself in a good situation because of the Financial Peace program her parents introduced her to, as the program gives her advice and information on Roth IRAs. It also offers suggestions on which kinds of insurance fit for

certain situations and presents ideas about personal finance that are all geared to help her in the long term. "Since I'm moving [to Indianapolis] at some point, I feel like it's important to feel financially safe and prepared for everything," she said.

Like Bear and Knight, Martinez often restricts her spending to the pure essentials for survival, even to the point where she repairs her boots with Gorilla Glue when they began to deteriorate.

Among the three of them, these students easily debunk the stereotypes of irresponsible teenagers by showing responsibility and not allowing themselves to become careless with their cash.

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MU Students Pursue Graduate Studies in Journalism

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Senior Loic Youth and 2012–2013 BCA exchange student Charlaïne Grosse-Lopez are both using their knowledge and skills gained at Manchester University to pursue careers in journalism. Both Youth and Grosse-Lopez have experience in print journalism and foresee themselves entering into radio and/or television broadcasting.

Youth, a senior communication studies major and soccer enthusiast, plans to attend American University in Washington, D.C., in the fall to study

journalism, but that hasn't always been his game plan. "When I first moved to college," he said, "I didn't know what I wanted to do. Two things I really loved were soccer and talking about soccer, so over time I thought, 'what can I do that lets me talk about soccer?' I figured journalism as a profession was probably my best bet."

Youth bet correctly. His journalism experience started for him as an opportunity to get closer to the game and is now like a goal kick with the back corner of the goal symbolizing his potential career—a sweet spot and reason for celebration. "My

dream job is anything that has to do with the game of soccer," he said. "Whether I'm talking about it, I'm writing about it, or I'm behind the scenes for a professional team, as long as I'm in and around the game, that works for me."

Youth strategically planned his graduate school search like a player moves the ball down the field. "One of my reasons for wanting to move to D.C. is that the only place I've been to in the United States is North Manchester," he said.

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MAY MASQUERADE

Friday, May 8th

8pm-9pm *Tango & Cha Cha Class*

9pm-11pm *Masquerade Dance*

Auxiliary Gym, PERC

Free to all MU students, faculty and staff.

Masks available at dance.

Sponsored by the Ballroom & Latin Dance Club

Around Campus

Riley Recognized in NCAA Photography Workshop

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Savannah Riley may be a biology major, but that doesn't mean that her photography hobby has to take a back seat. Riley was one of ten students selected to take part in the inaugural NCAA Men's Final Four Sports Photography Workshop on April 3-4 in Indianapolis.

Applying was both nerve-racking and detailed—participants needed to submit a 10-photo portfolio as well as an essay detailing why they should be chosen by March 31. It took less than a week for Riley to find out that she had been selected.

"I actually started crying," Riley said, "because you don't realize how good you are—we're our biggest judges of ourselves, and here I am being recognized for something I do that's a hobby. I was the only student that got selected that wasn't a journalism or public relations major. I immediately called my mother, and it just turned into a family phone tree."

Though the workshop only lasted for two days, it was packed with material. "The first day we all met outside Lucas Oil Stadium and got our credentials," Riley said. "We did practice day and all-

star game day—I was on the court with every other media person within reaching distance. Then the next day we all sat down and did critiques."



TAKE A SHOT MU junior Savannah Riley captures an NCAA participant in this year's Men's Final Four Sports Photography Workshop. One of only ten students selected, Riley learned new techniques from professional sports photographers at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Photo by Savannah Riley

To break down the first day, the participants began with meeting some industry giants. "We met Richard Clarkson, who is a famous photographer, and this is his last Final Four," she said. "This is their first workshop they're doing for college students to help a new generation come in while he's exiting—it's like starting a new tradition. We also talked to one of the

photographers for Sports Illustrated, who talked to us about their experiences and how to take a good sports photo—you need to be aware of everything."

shooting, the participants then had to edit all the photos they took. "We went home, I edited hundreds of photos, and we had to choose three for critiques

meet the greats and work with them, and you don't get that opportunity when you're young."

Just because it was an official industry workshop doesn't mean there wasn't time for fun, though. "One of the other students and I were talking and taking pictures, having a good time, and Duke was on the floor—I have to say, Duke had the nicest students," Riley said, "and a ball went through the hoop and hit a ball boy square in the head."

"I can't help it because I'm not used to it, I'm not a professional—I started laughing, and one of the point guards started laughing because I was laughing. It's so cool interacting with these students who are some of the best players around because it's not something you expect to ever happen."

Naturally, Riley took a lot away from the experience. "I think I learned a lot about myself personally," she said. "I took what I learned from Richard about how to be a better photographer, and not to just look at the actions but at the background as well. I overall learned more about myself being under pressure; about how to function with those situations and how to interact with professionals, because everyone we worked with are the top

dogs in the field."

Riley has been interested in photography for a long time but her interest really peaked after coming to Manchester. "People explore stuff when they get to college, and it's just one of the hobbies I really took off with," she said. "I took Camera Techniques with Professor Diesburg, and I just fell in love with it."

Though photography is something that she's very good at, she doesn't see herself necessarily pursuing it as a career. "Right now I really see myself going into water quality work and genetics work, but I will always do photography," Riley said. "It'll always be there, not to fall back on, but if that love somehow gets me to a different path in life, it'll happen."

Clearly the workshop is an experience that Riley will never forget. "You take so much away that you don't realize how much you get out of it until you're down the road," she said. "It was like a dream; you don't think it really happened. It's mind-blowing to actually be chosen for something that I see as huge. For a girl from out in the middle of nowhere—North Manchester, Indiana—it's an important thing."

Scholarship Winner Ramirez to Study in France

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Sophomore Genoveva Ramirez is fairly new to traveling. She has been abroad one time, to Mexico to visit family. By this time next year, however, her traveling experience will be much more diverse.

Ramirez, who is majoring in French and secondary education and minoring in Spanish and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) recently learned that she is the recipient of the Walter Jensen Scholarship from the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF).

She is the only recipient in the entire United

States.

With this scholarship, given to a student who is enrolled in a teacher education program and is a non-native French speaker, Ramirez will spend the spring semester next year in France, developing firsthand knowledge of French culture. "I want to be a French teacher, and hopefully one day do some type of service in French-speaking countries," Ramirez said. Her trip abroad will get her a step closer to achieving this.

Ramirez is still in disbelief that she will be studying abroad. "I never imagined I'd be able to see the Eiffel Tower in person," she said. It has been one of her dreams since child-

hood. "When I was growing up I told one of my best friends: 'I'm going to Paris one day—I'm going to France.'" She said, "I really admire your goals, but I think you should set some realistic ones." Ramirez is still close with this friend, and is proud to be able to tell her that she will, indeed, see the Eiffel Tower along with the sights of Alsace, Lorraine and more.

Ramirez's passion for French developed over many years. Because she already knew Spanish, she chose to study French in high school when given the choice between the two. "I took it all four years," she said. "In my fourth year, I was the only one in the class." In addition to her as-

piration of teaching French one day, Ramirez also hopes to spend summers traveling to other countries that speak the language.

Janina Traxler, French professor, looked back at the process Ramirez went through to win this scholarship, including meeting several times to look over and edit her application. "She did everything right," Traxler said. "When you put in the effort, you have the chance to succeed."

Traxler also commented on the benefit of the "cultural depth" that Ramirez will experience. "Genoveva will bring so much insight into the classroom. Knowing English, French and Spanish is a powerful combination in

the Midwest."

Ramirez said: "I'm very grateful for all of the help that Dr. Traxler has given me. When I was looking for scholarships for studying abroad, she recommended this one to me—I had to have an AATF member give me a recommendation."

Many experiences await Ramirez in France. She will study at Lewis & Clark College in Strasbourg and she will live with a host family. "I'm going to be able to see the culture through the eyes of the residents—something I can't get from a book," she said. "It's going to help my proficiency in French, proficiency necessary to teach."

Ramirez will also

get the opportunity to strengthen her language skills in Long Beach California this summer through the Pathways program. Along with junior Emily Pleadwell, Ramirez will be working at Interval House, an organization that gives services to people dealing with domestic violence. "Their client-base is so diverse that I'll be able to use Spanish and French on a daily basis," she said.

After completing the program in California, Ramirez may also be able to have an extended stay abroad. "Once I'm done with the semester, I can do the Pathways program again, but in France . . . if Pathways allows me to," she said.

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"I want to see a different side of the country. I've been to other places for holidays, but I haven't lived anywhere else, so moving from a small town to a big city is going to be a challenge, but it's one I'm looking forward to.

"D.C. also has a soccer club—D.C. United—and I was thinking if I could at least land an internship with D.C. United, that could kick me off for more things later on," he added.

After experiencing more that the United States has to offer, Youth plans to spend some of his journalistic soccer season abroad. "I grew up speaking both French and English," he said, "and if you're a communication studies major and you have an extra language, that can be a weapon for you. That's

something I can bring to the table with journalism. I can report in two different languages. If you are a professional broadcaster or commentator like I want to be, you could potentially travel with teams. Over the summer when there are tournaments, you can broadcast for a channel in other countries. I would not mind traveling abroad and broadcasting for French channels as well, or maybe someday I could go back to my home country [Cameron] and do broadcasting for them."

Youth is not the only student to leave Manchester and pursue journalism, though. 2012-2013 BCA exchange student Charlaime Grosse-Lopez now attends City University London and is finishing her Master of Arts in International Journalism.

Like Youth, Grosse-Lopez had never really considered journalism as a possible career path until it intersected with another interest. "I've always been interested about the news and what was happening in the world," she said, "but I never thought I would end up making it my job. I first studied modern languages in France, and it's after an editorial internship at a local lifestyle magazine in Strasbourg that I got caught up with journalism. Since then, I knew that I wanted to make it my profession."

Grosse-Lopez started like many journalists with print publications, but has since found a different facet of the field to explore. "I first thought I wanted to work for magazines. I completed many

work experiences and I was sure that I wanted to become an editor-in-chief. However, I starting studying broadcast journalism at City University and fell in love with the radio and TV studios."

Grosse-Lopez's fondest journalism memory came from that love of television broadcasting. "The most interesting story I've worked on," she said, "is a documentary about the Syrian conflict and the use of social media as new weapon for Al Jazeera English. I unfortunately have not done the interviews myself, but I'm working with the production team based in London. This is the most interesting story that I've worked on so far because I learned a lot about the Syrian conflict and the use of new technology. It is also the first

time that I am working with such a big corporation, and I'm working with journalists that I admire. I also loved seeing all the steps of the creation process, from the raw footage to the edited version of the documentary."

In the future, she hopes to work for TV channels that share her ethics and values such as BBC or Al Jazeera English.

Both Grosse-Lopez and Youth offered words of advice to future journalists. Grosse-Lopez advised students not to stop with requirements. "I think the more internships you can get, the better," she said. "I learned a lot in my journalism classes and working for the campus newspaper, but getting internships will definitely help you gain more practical skills and a better under-

standing of the industry."

Youth's advice was less about tips for the industry and more about the proper mindset to have. "Don't be closed-minded about anything when you come to college," he said, "because you will find more things that will actually interest you. When I came here, I didn't want to pursue communication studies or a modern language. A year ago, I didn't want to go to grad school. It was out of the question. Things can change just like that, and you've got to see where the wind takes you."

Around Campus

Students, Faculty Participate In 'Relay For Life'

Haylee Parrish
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Apr. 25, Manchester University students and faculty along with community members participated in a Relay for Life event hosted by the junior high school. The relay had been originally planned to take place at Market Square, but underwent a change of location due to the rainy, windy weather.

Relay for Life, which draws its roots from the American Cancer Society (ACS), is an organized community fundraiser walk which functions to raise money to benefit cancer research and improve the lives of those living with cancer. It's a family-friendly event and provides entertainment throughout the course of the day through games, music, and emotionally charged ceremonies.

The registration booth opened at 9 a.m., and at 10 a.m., walkers were permitted onto the track. The opening ceremonies began at 12 p.m., followed by the National Anthem and a survivor lap dedicated to those who battled and beat cancer. A silent auction began at 12:45 where patrons could place bids on items including gift baskets, a basketball signed by Coach Brad Nadborne, and pizza for a year (courtesy of Pizza Hut).

Perhaps the most memorable events for those strongly involved in Relay included the Balloon Launch and the Luminaria

around them.

This year, in online donations alone, the community's Relay has raised over \$33,000; donations

for Relay years ago, it had fallen out of the event. Inspired by his wife's battle with cancer, Duchane took on Relay for Life three

Munn's task was to involve the college, decorate the survivor lunch, pass information to the college teams who participated, and make sure they filled out the proper paperwork.

Duchane speculates that this year's community Relay altogether brought in over a thousand people.

North Manchester's Relay for Life might be an event in the past for this year, but the fight against cancer and for better technologies and awareness to combat it is not. As long as so many families across the country and the world remain ensnared in cancer's claws, Relay for Life will still hold meaning to those who take part. "Cancer has affected my family in multiple ways," Munn said. "When I was asked to do it, I agreed without second guessing. To me, it means hope and being able to

celebrate more birthdays. From putting the whole thing together to fundraising to the survivors, all of relay is rewarding. It isn't about us as a committee—it's about finding an end to this terrible disease one step at a time."

Duchane agrees, and acknowledges the importance Relay plays in the lives of the students who have helped make the Survivor Committee's role in it a reality. "Initially I got involved to support my wife," he said. "Now, I see what it does to these young people I work with. When they see what it means to give back to someone, some of them are really impacted by it. As long as my students are motivated—as long as they get something out of it—this is why I keep going."



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Ceremony, which were ceremonies dedicated to remembering those lost to cancer. For \$1, a person could buy a helium balloon, attach a note to it dedicated to a loved one lost to cancer, and release it into the sky with several other balloons. During the Luminaria Ceremony, one could buy a candle in a plastic tub for \$10, which would be placed on the track. After the lights dimmed, Relay-goers could do laps

outside of online donations are expected to raise thousands more by the end of the budgetary year in late July or early August.

Dr. Kim Duchane, professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences, is the chair of Relay for Life's Survivor Committee, which is comprised of his class and three selected student leaders: Mikayla Munn, Codey Birchmeier and Peyton Miller. While MU had provided the facili-

ties for Relay years ago, it had fallen out of the event. Inspired by his wife's battle with cancer, Duchane took on Relay for Life three years ago after Munn approached him and suggested it. MU now plays a large role in the community's Relay, and the Relay doubles as a service learning project for his class.

The Committee's task was to put on an event during Relay to celebrate the survivors. Through donations, they put together a survivor reception—similar to a support group—and served the reception lunch. As a student leader,



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ICPA Winners

No S'pain, No Gain: Spartans Invade Abroad

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13 lucky Spartans took an unforgettable trip to Spain, stopping briefly in Portugal, over January Session this year. The students left on Jan. 7 and stayed abroad for 17 days touring, sight-seeing and communicating with the residents. They spent their time going to museums, eating authentic Spanish foods, appreciating beautiful architecture and overall simply immersing themselves in a culture unlike their own.

Students definitely had minor anxieties before making this trip abroad. Worries varied from students' abilities to speak Spanish with native speakers, to pickpockets, to simply getting to Spain safely by plane. "Before I left, I was running through 'worst-case scenarios' in my head: getting lost in Spain, being abducted, being unable to communicate well, etc.," said sophomore Rowan Caylor. However, by the end of the trip, anxieties subsided and even disappeared. "I realized it wasn't nearly as intimidating as I thought, and my Spanish improved more every day. At this point, I would feel confident traveling abroad and want to do so again," she said.

Carlos Yanez, associate professor of Modern Languages, knew his

students were prepared for the trip; before departing, they had to review the syllabus, partake in "intensive Spanish classes," and obtain a tourist guide (in Spanish) to bring with them abroad. "They must be prepared," he said, due to the fact that they truly have no other choice but to be independent once in Spain.

experiment to see how Spanish is similar and different from Portuguese. The languages have the same linguistic roots, and Yanez thought it'd be great to expose his students to a culture similar to, but not the same as, that which they'd been studying. Junior Brianna Martinez was impressed by the willingness of the Portuguese to

of their way to figure out which language to speak to best communicate with those who were struggling.

Returning home proved bittersweet for the travelers. Whether it was because of jet lag or temperatures back in the United States (-15 degrees where the plane landed, in Chicago), the Spartans

ply accepting that the trip was over. "I believe I made some life-long friends during our trip overseas (shout out to you Monos) and it was sad knowing that we would no longer be spending every day together," said senior Joseph Myers. After the trip came to its end, individual interviews took place to assess what the students

He was glad to see the students directly demonstrate what they learned at Manchester in a completely opposite environment.

All agreed that traveling abroad was an extremely beneficial opportunity. "If you are studying Spanish, it will increase your skills immensely," Caylor said. "If you aren't, you will come in contact with a culture much different than that of the United States, which is a really cool experience," she added.

Each student grew in varying ways while abroad, but one thing is certain: the experience provided priceless insight into new cultures. "There is a big difference between studying and living a language," Yanez said. "It is essential to experience and live the language firsthand," he added.

The students would definitely concur. "The world seemed so small to me before I traveled abroad," Myers said. "It is hard to really understand the meaning of 'you can go anywhere' until you travel somewhere you've never been, and get a better concept of just how big the world out there is."



GETTIN' SASSY IN SPAIN Professor Yanez poses with his January Session class on a bench in Spain. The class spent 17 days in Spain and briefly in Portugal immersing themselves in the culture. The statue, however, did not receive class credit as he refused to abandon his post.

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About midway through the trip, the group went to Portugal as part of an

help non-native speakers communicate. She noted how these people went out

faced some extreme adjustments. Another less tangible issue was sim-

learned. Yanez noticed improvements not only in fluency, but also confidence.

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MU Class Travels to Italy, Studies History

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Upon entering Professor Mark Angelos' office, you will likely be greeted with a firm, but friendly, handshake and be shown a beautiful slideshow of pictures, taken with his skillful smartphone, from his recent trip to Italy.

Angelos has been taking students to Europe for 13 consecutive sessions. This past January, they went to Italy.

"I go somewhere different each year," Angelos said. "Partly because it's fun, and partly because students can take the class more than once."

The course is called Comparative Civilizations, and Angelos explained that it has been on the books since Manchester started January Session trips. "First, we compare within the country, identifying how different the regions are," Angelos said. "Secondly, we compare to what we already know."

Although the group who went this year was the smallest Angelos has ever had, he also described it as being one of the best. "They were all friends," he said. "They never complained and they stayed upbeat. I love Italy and I'm really super glad that the folks I took seemed to love it, too."

Sarah Ruff, a senior accounting major, also had good things to say about the group. "Our group was lucky and got along very well," she said. "We had our smaller groups, but we all enjoyed

being around each other." Sophomore Jake Burns, a political science major, said: "While in Italy, the entire group became

many opportunities to bond over the trip. Ruff described one particular time. "The most memorable moment I have from the trip

Milan, Florence, Venice, Assisi and Rome. Senior Erin Knight, a religion and history major, explained that they also went to

as much out of the trip as you can," Knight said. "But, at the same time, I liked to be rested so that I was not exhausted and irritable

encourages others to take up an opportunity to visit another country. "Everyone should travel," she said. "There is so much rich history and culture that should be experienced and explored.

"I made some lasting friendships with people that I most likely otherwise wouldn't have come into contact with," she added. "There are so many memories from this trip that I will indefinitely hold onto."

While Angelos talked great about this group, the group also highly praised Angelos and his trips. "Professor Angelos is a great professor to travel with," Knight said. "This trip was a lot for your money."

Angelos explained that the trip is a bit pricey, but also assures that he is working on lowering it. He is worried that the price is driving people away from experiencing Europe with him, and he has been in contact with the travel agency he goes through to try to lower the costs.

However, the students said that the trip was worth the price. "I have traveled with Professor Angelos before," Erb-Abplanalp said, "and I have really enjoyed travelling the way that he does. His trips are more expensive than the other January trips, but if you can afford them, they are the best quality."

Even so, Angelos is working on the price for his upcoming January trip to Britain, which he is excited about. He said to be on the lookout for posters and more information to come.



Photo courtesy of Professor Angelos

one huge Italian family."

Senior tennis player Miro Arguijo explained that there were four tennis players on the trip, as well as some other students with whom he had attended high school. However, some of the students did not have as many connections with the others before the trip. "It was great that I didn't know hardly anyone before the trip," said senior biology-chemistry major Susan Purdy. "I met some pretty incredible people, and I am so truly grateful for that."

The group had

was the bus ride back to our hotel after visiting a winery in San Gimignano," she said. "The song 'Wake Me Up' by Avicii was playing and everyone on the bus was singing. Our bus driver even gave us a personal light show. It was an awesome experience, and I'm pretty sure we all became a little closer because of it."

Arguijo also noted the winery as something he will never forget. "I learned tons of interesting things, but the most fun thing was how to correctly taste wine," he said.

The group traveled to five major cities:

smaller cities. "They made us feel more in touch with Italy," she said.

While they enjoyed each and every city, of course they all had a favorite. Florence seemed to be a big hit. "The overall atmosphere was amazing in the city," said junior history major Joleen Erb-Abplanalp. "Along with the diverse history, this is the city that a lot of us bonded in."

Since the group did a lot of traveling, a challenge during the trip was lack of sleep. "You know that the trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so you want to get

during our tours. You also needed to be well rested because we would be out all day long walking on tours or throughout the cities."

Ruff agreed that the most challenging part was the traveling. "We moved cities about every two days," she said. "So we were always packing and unpacking, riding in a bus, and getting familiar with a new city. It was a lot to take in at a very quick pace."

Despite the difficulty of moving around the country at quickly, the group enjoyed the trip and was happy to go. Purdy

Men's Soccer Team Studies, Plays in Jamaica

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While many students were snowed in during January with -40 degree temperatures, the men's soccer team escaped the arctic landscape of Indiana to spend a meaningful 22 days in Jamaica. While there, the team spent time working with Jamaicans and each other to improve their sense of community.

The class, entitled "Human Conflict" and taught by Brad Yoder, took MU students 1620 miles away to the heart of Jamaica. While they did hit the beaches and have some recreational time, students experienced the "real" Jamaica. Each student kept a daily blog of the trip, recording not only his actions, but also his personal and emotional growth.

One aspect of Jamaican culture that many team members noticed was the driving habits of the locals. "My dad would say my driving style fits in well here, but even I was shocked by the speed and fearlessness of the drivers, given the road conditions," said Eric Cupp, a sophomore from Lafayette.

When they weren't driving, they were working. Students engaged in a lot of heavy lifting on their first work day. One of their tasks was to re-roof a dormitory for the Maranatha School for the Deaf. "I had to carry three 94-pound

concrete bags up the ladder," posted Junior Brian Kautz, a Health and Education major from Indianapolis, adding, "Yeah man, that was heavy!"

On New Year's Day, the team spent some time working on an obsta-

Junior Austin Finley used this experience to help overcome his fears. "One of my biggest fears is heights, and walking out to the sports park I saw a giant rock wall (40 ft.)," Finley posted. "I was very nervous about it, but it was

Beach to soak up the sun.

Over the course of the next several days, the team built a chicken coop, visited a marketplace in Santa Cruz and went swimming at the YS Falls.

Eventually the team departed Maranatha

ing good relationships in Top Hill for now, we find ourselves in Kingston to start another adventurous week."

Sophomore Luke Scheel was enchanted by a deaf church that the team visited. "The congre-

sign in rhythm.

"It was exhilarating to see the deaf gentleman increase both the frequency and magnitude of his signs to indicate an increase in both pace and pitch of the song," he continued. "It was a moving experience to praise The Lord in the company of such a friendly and respectful congregation."

The team spent several days exploring Kingston and the surrounding areas, visiting the National Gallery of Jamaica as well as playing soccer and spending time with the locals.

For everyone involved, this trip was meaningful. "This Jamaica trip has been very eye-opening for me," said Chris Hosier, a first-year from Kokomo. "As each day passes, I learn more and more little details about this island. From climbing waterfalls to meeting local rappers, there are just crazy things around every corner.

"I think our whole group had an idea of what to expect, but the reality has sure changed," he continued. "You see every little detail we read in the books in the everyday lives of the Jamaicans. I have learned little details about all my teammates and leaders that only Jamaica could bring out."



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cle course challenge to develop team building. The course was formidable, and the team had to learn to work together. "Communication was definitely what we needed to complete the course successfully" said sophomore Julio Luevano.

awesome that my teammates were there to support me through it.

"I never thought I would do something like that," he continued. "If my teammates were not there, I would not have done it." At the end of the day, the team went to Treasure

and headed for Kingston. "Leaving our new friends at Maranatha was very difficult," said Mark Zinser, a junior from Guilford, Indiana. "After spending true quality time with them this past week, it was definitely hard to say goodbye. But even though we are leav-

gation and church pastor accepted the entire team with open arms," he said. "I'll always remember the singing that took place. The singer would sign while Ms. Verica interpreted with her voice. It was fun and slightly embarrassing trying to sing and



Spartan Sports



Successful Season Ends for MU Men's Tennis

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Last Saturday, the Spartans lost at the HCAC Tournament to Earlham in the opening round of matches, but as a whole, the team still feels the elation of victory due to their hard work as a team, the camaraderie they share, and the mutual team bonding they share on and off the court.

"Group conversation is very laid back," said Eric Christiansen, head coach of the men's and women's tennis teams. "They all get along and they want to win, which is a good combination."

As a unified team, the men have a unique mix of grade levels amongst their ranks, with only a few seniors this year, but also quite a crowd of first-years joining Spartan Tennis. With many of them bringing at least a little experience when they first stepped foot on the courts, the first-year tennis players had to adapt to the expectations of the team, and college tennis in general.

"In high school, you either played doubles or you played singles, and it was best out of seven," said Isaac Collis, a first-year on the men's team. "In



SERVING UP SUCCESS Spencer Thomas, a first-year on the men's tennis team, prepares a serve during a recent practice. Overall, the men's team enjoyed a successful 2014-2015 season. They finished sixth in the conference with a 3-5 record, which clinched them a spot in last weekend's conference tournament. Despite losing to Earlham in the opening round, the team is optimistic and expects reach the tournament again next year.

Photo by Savannah Riley

college, we can play both doubles and singles, and it's the best out of nine."

The ins and outs of college tennis may throw off a few first years, but the alterations a team endures between seasons may also pose as an obstacle for the team to overcome.

"Last year our team didn't have much hope after losing three out

of our four top players before the season started, so we had to rebuild," said Stratton Smith, a sophomore that joined the team last year. However, Smith led the Spartans in singles wins and even earned a spot as an honorable mention last year during the tournament. His achievements last year were only a taste of the success that he

and his teammates would experience this year.

"It's been a great season," Christiansen said. "They are the best men's team we've had in fourteen to fifteen years."

This year, they placed sixth in the conference, which is success in itself, but they have high goals to make it back to the tournament next year

and bring home the championship. "Now that we know we can make it to the tournament, expect to see us there next year," Smith said.

With their eyes already looking at the challenges ahead, the next step comes with rebuilding the same base of teamwork and chemistry that was prevalent this season, and

also to continuously hone their tennis skills. "My goal is for them not only to practice the fundamentals, but also to apply it when they play," Christiansen said.

Physical preparation is a given, but mental awareness and getting into the right mindset before a game is key as well. Some of the players content themselves with relaxing before a game. "Tennis is a difficult sport to prepare for mentally," Smith said. "Most the guys put in their headphones, listen to some Nickelback (if they want to lose), and relax before a big match."

Next season is already on the horizon, but for now, all the team can do is plan for the future, and hold pride over their accomplishments last season on the court.

"I think that our efforts and performance is going to push the program," Collis said. "We've shown that we have potential, but we are going to be a young team after the seniors graduate. The following years are going to be really competitive within our team, which will only produce better players. I like where we are headed."

Good Selected as Men's B-ball Head Coach

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Manchester University basketball will be looking to the past—it's Alford years—to look to its future. Former Spartan basketball player and assistant coach, Gerad Good, will be returning to Manchester—but this time as basketball head coach.

Having enjoyed success both as a student-athlete and as an assistant coach at Manchester in the 90s, Good will be looking to add to that success as coach. Upon the announcement of his new position, he expressed his delight at returning to what he calls "home."

Did Good's MU connection give him an advantage? "We had the job opening nationally and had over 125 applications," said Rick Espeset, Manchester University's Director of Athletics. "We did not go into the search with any favorites. There are a number of coaches looking for a job and few coaches looking for the Manchester job and that is how we went into the search."

Good must have had something special to beat the other candidates to the job. "We liked his connection to Manchester and his Division III experience," Espeset added. "I was not really aware the strength of his resume so if you combine all that, he makes a pretty good candidate."

Having assisted coaches at other schools such as IPFW and University of Southern Indiana, Good's experience ranges across the different divisions of collegiate athletics and he will be adding a Division III school to that list. At both schools, Good had decent success notably in achieving a 74-22 record during his three seasons at University of Southern Indiana. Manchester will be hoping for much of the same as of the 2015-2016 school year.

Concerning expectations, Espeset said Manchester expects a competitive team under Good's guidance. However, he downplayed the idea of what sort of team that basketball fans and other teams should expect. "I won't even say winning because if you try to do things right and you treat student-athletes with respect, the re-

sults will take care of themselves," Espeset said. "It is not about the X's and O's; it's about the students."

When a team changes coach, the players are greatly impacted as well. Despite junior player Keith Berry's surprise at seeing Nadborne step down, he also expressed his delight at Good coming in especially after he had heard of Good's winning record. "From what I have heard, Good has a lot to offer," Berry said. "He has coached on all NCAA levels and I'm excited to play for him. He has worked with a lot of winning programs, I am sure he can help us get to that point as well."

After spending three years under Nadborne as a coach, Berry admitted it would be different at first not having him there anymore, but he believes Good is the right man to lead the Spartans forward. "I am looking forward to his experience," Berry said. "I am sure it will take some time for us to get used to each other but next year will be a new beginning and I am sure that it will be our turn around season."

Espeset Picks up 500th Win as Head Coach

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After overseeing almost two decades and numerous games as Manchester University's baseball coach, Richard Espeset recently clinched his 500th win. The landmark win came in the Spartans' conference game against Mt. St. Joseph on Apr. 18.

In his 19th season at the helm of the Manchester program, Espeset admitted to not thinking too much about the milestone. More importantly, Espeset was Manchester's first full-time baseball coach. Before he landed the job, previous coaches had other duties around campus. However, he started a tradition by being the first full-time coach and 19 years after, he reached a milestone by winning 500 games as well as being the 37th coach in the NCAA to reach the feat.

Espeset described the experience as "humbling," especially as he got a lot of recognition from his peers and former players. "But it is not a one person accomplishment," Espeset said. "It also includes

the number of good assistant coaches I have had over the years; it takes a supportive wife and understanding children; dedicated and talented student-athletes and an institution that cares about athletics."

He did give a special mention to Manchester University for the opportunity to enjoy such longevity as a coach. "It really is a result of being here 19 years and being in a position where you have a chance of being successful," he said.

Espeset has many fond memories during his years. "A lot of people would think that it is the championships and those are really cool, but I think just building a program over time is the best memory" he said. According to Espeset, Manchester's baseball record was 6-24 the year before he got to Manchester, so seeing how far they have come during all those years is something that makes him very proud.

As a matter of fact, the program has come so far in the last twenty years that Manchester is expected to be one of the better

teams in the conference every season. "For a number of years we kept getting better and we went from a respectable program to a real successful program and have grown into a program that is recognizable in the region" he said. "I think people respect our program; I think we play the right way and we respect our opponents."

Even with the milestone in the past, Espeset admits it was not something that was really talked about in the locker room. His players and assistant were more focused on doing well in the next game and it is that careful mindset and approach that eventually gifted him his 500th win. "They [baseball players] and my assistant put together a book and a number of alum and current players wrote in the book," Espeset said. "But we are trying to win games, whether we are going for 500 or 502."

Espeset's success is clearly shown in his winning record. What makes his players confident? "I think it is a remnant of previous years," he said. "It may appear that



MR. 500 Spartan Baseball Head Coach Rick Espeset picked up his 500th career win in game one of Manchester's doubleheader against Mount St. Joseph on Apr. 18. He is the 37th coach in NCAA history to achieve the milestone.

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the student-athletes look confident but we really are like every other team, we have doubts and insecurities." Despite the possible doubts, Manchester's Richard Espeset has been able to build competitive teams on a regular basis.

Any talk of another 500 wins would be premature at this point. "Another 500!" he exclaimed. "That is not even on my radar. I don't expect to win 1000 games; I'd be pretty old and we'd have to maintain a very high level of suc-

cess." As for his team, they finished third in the conference standings and clinched a spot in the conference tournament, which began yesterday at Anderson University.