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Senate: MU Pride Belongs On Walls

Caitlin Doyle
Staff Writer

Manchester student morale and campus engagement has been on the decline this semester, and Student Senate hopes a new project, MU Pride Posts, will turn around attitudes.

Upon hearing the word "post," millennials may instinctively reach for their phones to open Facebook or Twitter. However, these posts will actually be displayed the old-fashioned way, in physical form on walls around campus.

Committee Chair Miriam Cruz has a vision for MU Pride: "I want students to get excited when they talk about Manchester," said the junior psychology and Spanish major. "I want them to talk to their peers, put it on social media and get excited about events that are going on."

The idea for the MU Pride Posts surfaced as senate members noticed a lack of student excitement and enthusiasm around campus. "When you think of Harvard, you think of presidents. We kind of want to have that same sense; that when you think about Manchester, you can end up doing that as well," Cruz said.

Each of the MU Pride posts will relate a fact relevant to Manchester University. "There are many facts that we don't know (about Manchester)," Cruz said. "I think it would be really interesting that you could walk through the hallways or even in your classroom, and find out that someone won the Nobel Prize for this or worked on the White House Initiative."

The committee is gathering the facts through the University's website, the Alumni Office, and the library. Stories from successful graduates across various majors could motivate and inspire students, Cruz said. "It's showing that when you leave Manchester, there's a great possibility that you could do something big."

The MU Pride Posts committee hopes to have its facts gathered by the end of 2015 and to start hanging the posts during January and have them in all buildings by the start of Spring Semester.

Demand High for Indiana Educators

Carly Kwiecien
Staff Writer

MU officials were fielding calls from school districts seeking newly licensed teachers just weeks before the start of fall classes this year said Professor Heather Schilling, director of teacher education. Indiana is suffering a dramatic decline in new teachers, resulting in high demand for graduates of Manchester's education program.

Teacher licensing in the state has declined 33 percent since 2009, according to the Indiana Department of Education. Schilling suspects stiffer state licensing requirements, increased standardized testing and heightened accountability of teachers for their students' success is to blame for the shortage of new teachers.

The decrease in state licenses also is worsening the shortage of teachers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math),



Andrew Barrand '13 teaches fifth grade at Parkside Elementary School in LaGrange, Indiana.

special education and modern language, Schilling said.

"The Education Department works with the sciences and other departments to recruit teachers in these subjects. It is important we have skilled teachers in these areas," she said.

Yet Manchester is bucking the trend of declining interest

in teaching careers, said Schilling. Currently, after a two-year dip in enrollment in Manchester's teacher education program, interest is on the upswing.

"We are always actively recruiting students to get involved with our education program. Last year, we had 14 prospective stu-

dents visit on Academic Day. We had 11 return (to enroll).

"This year, we had 30 visitors on Academic Day, when they were able to sit in classes and tour the campus. Just last week, three more students were added to our program," Schilling said.

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Manchester students Sarah Farnam and Colin Singer with their band, Infinity Now, at Rock the Park

'Infinity Now' Booking Tour Dates

Caitlin Doyle
Staff Writer

Opening for the Charlie Daniels Band last summer at Rock the Park was a significant stepping stone for two MU students and their young band, Infinity Now. Juniors Colin Singer and Sarah Farnam and three other band members won the opening gig for the Grand Ole Opry legend in a Battle of the Bands.

"Playing in front of eight or 10 thousand people was just phenomenal," said Farnam, lead vocalist and occasional guitarist. The band also includes a Ball State University student, a high school senior and another musician.

Singer complements Farnam as the lead guitarist who occasionally sings and plays piano. He also plays midfield for the Spartan soccer team. He and Farnam started Infinity Now three years ago while attending Hope College, before transferring to MU.

While the Charlie Dan-



iels Band is famously country, Infinity Now is not exclusive to a specific genre of music. This made the transition to opening for the band easier, Farnam said. "Our music is somewhere between pop and rock," she said, adding, "Sometimes we'll play country for fun."

Infinity Now does covers and writes songs of their own. Singer and the rest of the band compose the music and Farnam writes most of the lyrics. Occasionally, Singer and Farnam write lyrics together.

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MU Students Construct Fish Ladder, A First for Eel River

Ciara Knisely
Staff Writer

MU students are working to improve the Eel River by constructing a fish ladder at the Stockdale Dam 16 miles southwest of campus in Roann, Indiana.

The Stockdale Dam, which powers the Stockdale flour mill built in 1857, is one of the few dams remaining on the Eel River—the focus of the Middle Eel River Initiative, an environmental cooperative led by Manchester University.

After receiving a \$100,000 grant, environmental studies professor Jerry Sweeten proposed constructing a fish ladder on the dam that would enable the fish and mussel populations to move upstream and reach their breeding grounds. Senior Environmental Studies Scholar Collin Huffine, a 2015 MU graduate, was hired to lead the research.

The fish ladder will help migratory fish and larval mussels attached to the gills of those fish to spawn by allowing them to bypass the dam, which now is a barrier. The ladder was designed by fish behaviorist Boyd Kynard, who heads a research lab and is an adjunct professor for the University of Massachusetts.

The fish ladder on the Eel River will be Boyd's first implemented fish ladder, as he has not yet tested it in a natural setting.

"There is no other fish ladder design like the one to be implemented at Roann anywhere else in the world," says Huffine.

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Junior Genoveva Ramirez volunteering at Interval House in Long Beach

Summer Shelter Service "Eye-Opener" for Pair

Carly Kwiecien
Staff Writer

Last summer, junior Genoveva Ramirez and senior Emily Pleadwell cared for children, taught English, sang songs, cleared away graffiti and delivered diapers. It all was part of their jobs. Both were doing service for Interval House Crisis Center for Victims of Domestic Violence in Long Beach, California.

The non-profit Interval House offers programs and services for victims of domestic violence and abuse and their families.

The two Manchester students spent Tuesday evenings at the shelter, where they took care of children, tutoring them in English by singing songs and reading stories.

All other days were spent

at the main office, where the women translated documents and did other tasks.

"On Thursdays, I did child care and then taught the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) class with Emily," said Ramirez, of Akron, Indiana. "The child care coordinator was our supervisor at the shelter and in the office. The secretary or office staff would tell us what needed to be done."

On Tuesday evenings, Ramirez worked with a teenage empowerment group and child care. One of their main projects was mailing out letters to people all over the world in hopes of receiving donations for the non-profit, said Pleadwell, of Lawrence, Michigan.

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Commuter Student: Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Kevin Hawley
Staff Writer

The alarm goes off at 6:45 a.m., rousing Sarah Kendrick, a first-year English major, out of bed in her Warsaw home. She packs her lunch, showers and dresses. After a 35-minute drive down country roads, she finally arrives on the Manchester campus.

Her only break between classes is for lunch. After her last class, Kendrick has a two-hour wait before cheerleading practice. What to do with that time—hang out with friends, study in the library, get a coffee from Sister's Café? The order has changed as she has met more people.

Kendrick is one of 100 Manchester students who live at home. Another 200 students live off campus (mostly in North Manchester), totaling 300 commuter students. The growth in commuting students has promoted Manchester to add a new stand-alone commuter house, the Commuter Student Center, located on the northeast

corner of campus.

The Commuter Student Center is roomy and makes students feel right at home, said first-year Hannah Parker, also of Warsaw.

Commuters may use the Center to study, relax, surf the web, etc.—it is their space. “The house will come in super handy when the weather gets really bad out and I don't feel safe driving back home,” said Parker, an engineering science major.

Life isn't quite as simple for commuters compared to campus life for the typical residential student. While the commuters may be saving money otherwise spent on dorm fees and are more likely to get a home-cooked meal than others, they also miss things on campus by not being here.

“I think I miss a lot, whether that is good times at night or making truly close relationships because I'm not always here,” Kendrick said. “It's not like high school anymore where you get to see someone everyday all the time. You may only see them during class, and



Photo by Savannah Riley

Juniors Tiffany Harber and Austin Kelly, members of the Commuter Student Association

since I'm not here all the time that may be all I see them.”

Even with some downsides, commuters embrace the abil-

ity to spend time away from campus. “I love being around my family, and having the comfort of being at home with my own personal space

is great,” Kendrick said.

She also loves the drive, calling it a dose of relaxation away from others.

MU Today Bridges Campus

Karen Kanyike
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and staff lead busy lives, so how can Spartans keep up with what is going on in North Manchester and Fort Wayne? How can community members connect?

“*MU Today* is a page on the University's website that serves as an online newspaper for the University community – faculty, staff and students of both campuses,” said Melinda Lantz, director of strategic communications.

“It's a way to share a range of relevant information immediately and it's mobile-friendly, so it's easy for people to read on their phones. That's important because students read a lot on their phones, and some of our staff members don't have easy access to computer stations.”

The online news hub provides a range of information that includes announcements, research and publications, events, information about VIAs, President McFadden's blog and Twitter feeds, achievements and awards of students, staff and faculty, a wel-

MU Today

News and views especially for the MU Community



Fort Wayne campus gets its own display of MU history

Diane Callahan (far left), assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences in Manchester's Pharmacy Program, poses with members of Student Honors Society in front of a newly installed display depicting Manchester University history. The display on the Fort Wayne campus is a duplicate of the one located on the main floor of the Administration Building in North Manchester. Students, faculty and guests have enjoyed exploring the university's rich history.



Welcome, Cora Leigh Crell, to the MU family

Kate Elizabeth Crell, assistant professor of religious studies, and her husband, David, welcomed daughter Cora Leigh Crell on Oct. 15.

FYI

Use existing marketing materials before changing logos

As a follow-up to his presentation at the Oct. 29 all-staff meeting, Dan Chatterwell, director of marketing, would like to clarify that changes to our logo standards will be made as a self-initiated marketing initiative as items come up for renewal. In other words, we are not changing our logo standards unless we have to replace them to align with the new policy.

Please direct questions to Dan at dchatterwell@manchester.edu or 616-259-3050.

Sign up to receive emergency text alerts

At Manchester, our top priority is to keep you safe. If there is a weather-related cancellation or delay – or something else you really need to know right now – will you get a text? Signing up for text alerts is easy. Follow the instructions here.

Online calendar entries are easier

If you have an event to add to the Manchester University online calendar, please click here and fill in your information. An email then goes to a member of the communications team, who will complete the update. Thank you!

Dave's Blog

Notes from the President

Alanna's recent visit to campus a real joy

It was a comment one of the staff made at my job in talking about the wonderful things that our students, staff and faculty do day in and day out. This week, from a former student, is a great example and, when it appeared in my inbox, it made my day.

I shared it with the students, staff and faculty on our North Manchester campus with this message:

“Manchester is a special place because of you. You make other sites our community in all the ways you describe, and more. Thank you.”

My name is Jon Sinden. I was a student at Manchester from 2010 to 2012. This past Wednesday my husband and I had occasion to visit the campus and I was pulling you a good 2.

Screen capture of MU Today web page

Lantz works closely with Anne Gregory, the media relations specialist and Ben Smith, the marketing writer, to prepare the content.

“We encourage everyone to share their news via MU_News@manchester.edu,” Lantz said. MU communications leaders will share the information through press releases, newsletters, Manchester magazine, the MU website or social media platforms.

“The more fully people engage with *MU Today*, the more effectively we can all communicate with each other,” she said. *MU Today* is one of the “quick links” at the top of the University web pages.

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She spent much of the summer researching hotels that might donate.

The women also took action in the community by cleaning graffiti off of a van and transporting hundreds of boxes of diapers from one location to another.

While this was Ramirez' first encounter with Interval House, it was not Pleadwell's, who volunteered for more than five weeks at the shelter in 2013 through Pathways.

“I was happy to go back since it was Genoveva's first time in Long Beach. Since I was a veteran, I got to show her the ropes and all of my favorite places,” Pleadwell said.

This trip was an eye-opening experience for Ramirez. “There is so much culture and diversity in California. It was great because it broadened my horizons and opened my eyes to a new world.

“Domestic violence is a real problem that I wasn't aware of until this summer. I saw and heard about it on TV, commercials and stories, but it wasn't real to me until this summer.”

Next semester, both Ramirez and Pleadwell will be studying abroad in Strasbourg, France.



Senior Emily Pleadwell checks inventory of Interval House

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While the decline is impacting teacher education enrollment in many state colleges and universities, Schilling and other MU Education Department faculty members are on the offense, preparing their students for real-world classroom experiences.

“Our department and other education departments here contain proactive optimists who are on a mission. Our goal is to make sure our students are ready to face challenges in the classroom.

“The world is always going to need Manchester teachers – teachers who are prepared for any challenge in the classroom and who see the bigger picture,” Schilling said.

Andrew Barrand '13 of Kendallville has high praise for his alma mater's methods. He teaches fifth grade in the Lakeland School Corp. in LaGrange, Ind.

“The education professors (at Manchester University) helped me trust my ‘teacher gut’ and go with that even when the outside noise gets loud,” he said. “I believe teachers who graduate from Manchester have a confidence that many young teachers do not quite have.

“This helps all Manchester graduates teach through education changes rather than suffocate beneath them,” Barrand said.

Barrand agrees that the constant commotion about state-mandated curriculum, standardized testing and teacher pay matched to students' performance is stifling interest in his profession.

“I stay level-headed about the changes because I can only control what happens within my classroom. I work within the framework of the ‘requirements’ but always put my students first and provide them with what they need academically and emotionally.”



Students construct fish ladder by the Stockdale Dam in Roann, Indiana.

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Those working on the fish ladder project assured board members of the Stockdale Mill Foundation the fish ladder would not harm the historic dam, said senior Environmental Studies major Karlie Longenberger.

“The hardest part of this project was getting all of the permits to install it,” she added.

MU summer interns, along with professionals, will finish the fish ladder this summer, funded by the \$100,000 grant from the Ohio River Basin Fish Habitat Partnership through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

They are currently collecting data samples to better understand the water level through pressure transducers.

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“We'll just sit down and (Sarah) will crank them out like it's nothing,” Singer said. “It takes me a little longer, but it's fun. And it's a good way to express situations that you've gone through and hopefully they relate to people...”

Without a decided genre of music, the styles of songs they write are what will mold and influence them to fit into a solid category, Singer and Farnam said. Infinity Now has a Facebook page (facebook.com/infinitynowmusic/) and is on YouTube (Infinity Now Band).

In addition to the Rock the Band performance last summer, the musicians played at Six Flags in Chicago, Campus Maritus Park in downtown Detroit and Rachael's Café in Bloomington.

To build recognition of Infinity Now, the band is considering a “buy-on tour,” which is paying a fee to travel with and/or open for

a prominent band. This would give the band connections needed to book better gigs and venues – and larger audiences.

The band also has four songs available for purchase on iTunes and covers other bands' music. “We actually pick (which covers to do) for different reasons,” Farnam said. “If I hear a song and know that I'll sound good singing it, I'll suggest it to the band.”

Both Singer and Farnam are cautiously optimistic about the band's future. Although they would both like to take it further, they are preparing a back-up plan in case they do not quite make it.

Singer is working on business degrees that will help him find a job. “I figured it opened a lot of doors to get a job right out of school.” Farnam's plans are less concrete, but she enjoys writing and is planning on a journalism minor with a communication studies or business degree.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra Presents

HANDEL'S *Messiah*

featuring

Manchester Symphony Orchestra
Manchester University A Cappella Choir
Fairfield High School Chamber Singers

soloists

Shelley Ploss, soprano
Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, mezzo-soprano
Benjamin Kambs, tenor
Scott Avery, bass-baritone

Scott Humphries and
Debra Lynn, conductors



Dec. 6 | 3 p.m. | Cordier Auditorium
\$10; free for Manchester University students, faculty and staff

'Understanding ISIS': Middle East Specialist, Author Bennis Presents VIA Nov. 19

Lauren Hughes
Media Relations

Author, policy analyst and activist Phyllis Bennis presents "Understanding ISIS and Alternatives to War" on Thursday, Nov. 19. The free VIA begins at 3:30 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium.

Bennis will discuss the challenges of dealing with ISIS, the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant or Islamic State. She will suggest nonviolent alternatives to the U.S. strategy of escalating its air war, drone war and troops on the ground.

Bennis directs the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies, special-

izing in U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. She was a journalist at the United Nations for 10 years, and serves as a special advisor to U.N. officials on Middle East issues.

The latest of the 11 books she has edited and written is *Understanding ISIS and the New Global War on Terror*. Her other titles include *Before & After: US Foreign Policy and the War on Terror*, *Challenging Empire: How People, Governments and the UN Defy U.S. Power and Understanding the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict*. Bennis appears regularly on U.S. and international media to provide analysis on events in the Middle East.

The presentation is sponsored by the Manchester Peace Studies Institute.



"Eel River Fall 2015" by Savannah Riley

MU One Acts Feature Original Short Play

Caitlin Doyle
Staff Writer

Musician. Thespian. Teacher. And now, playwright. Sophomore education major Bailey Short's original one act play *What Wall?* opens on the Wampler Auditorium stage on Dec. 5-6 at 7 p.m.

She was the assistant director for *Much Ado About Nothing* earlier this semester and is no stranger to performing. This year, she is in four ensembles and is secretary for Manchester Theatre Society (MTS).

Short got the idea to write her own one act when a friend suggested MTS stage a play about breaking the fourth wall. The "fourth wall" is an imaginary wall that divides the world created by the play and the real world of the audience watching the play.

She was unable to find that particular play, however. By this time, Short realized she had thought of all the content she hoped this play would entail.

At that point, she decided to write it herself.

What Wall? is riddled

with theater jokes and is a "theater nerd one act." Those who are not theater nerds will still enjoy the humor and sass that ensues throughout the half-hour act.

To add to its complexity, *What Wall?* is a play within a play. Short offers an underlying shows that has a drastically different plot.

Writing is not a new hobby for Short. She submits stories Wattpad, an online writing community. Her latest works have fantasy themes for young adult readers. For instance, she recently completed *Ice and Fire*, a story about superheroes. In progress is *Forbidden*, which links the Salem Witch Trials to modern day.

Short explained her writing process as somewhat erratic: "It may take a month and a half to write a good paragraph, or it could take two minutes to write an entire page."

Switching between writing for the page and writing for the stage poses unique challenges.

"In a book, there can be a backstory and every tiny detail is told," she said. "A play has to be written in verbal and nonverbal dialogue."

Yak at Your Own Risk: ITS, McFadden May Be the OP

Sarah Farnam
Staff Writer

Alongside the Facebook and Twitter icons on college students' smartphones is a cartoon picture of a yak; the icon for the anonymous app, Yik Yak, which is stirring up controversy on college campuses around the country. The app allows anyone within a certain radius to post nameless statuses, and others in the area can view posts and vote on them.

Given the freedom of anonymity, students are able to post about what ever they like, no matter how vulgar or offensive it may be. "Kids act like high schoolers," said sophomore Tod Oram. He added that the amount of drama and sexual tension revealed on the app is juvenile and often cruel.

Senior Devin Conwell says Yik Yak gives students the opportunity to say things that they would not normally feel comfortable saying. "People constantly talk about each other," he said. "There is a lot of negativity on there."

Last year, as Yik Yak began to grow in popularity, MU President Dave McFadden noticed this negativity. "It was used to treat people poorly, and some people were being bullied," he said. "People can just be vicious with each other." The problem grew so prevalent that there was discussion over whether it should be shut down on campus.

"The anonymity is problematic, because we can't go in and do anything about it," he said. "Anything that really destroys community or tears down individuals, or could be construed as bullying, really bothers me."

Though Campus Safety does not monitor Yik Yak, officials do acknowledge that, if the negativity grows to an extreme level, MU has the ability to step in. "Yik Yak is not as private as users believe it to be," said Director of University Safety Harold Napier. "It is very easy to pin point the phone that is sending any serious threat by obtaining a couple of warrants."

He adds that several

college students around the country have already been arrested for threats that they've posted onto the app.

Despite its downfalls, some identify ways in which Yik Yak benefits the MU community. Campus ITS uses the app to see what students have to say about the technology on campus. If there are complaints posted about Wi-Fi or TV channels, ITS will know to address those issues, said Travis Steele, director of IT operations. "It gives us limited information, but at least we're aware that there's a problem." Though the ITS team recommends that students call the Help Desk to get problems fixed, many are more likely to tell Yik Yak first.

President McFadden sees other positives to the app. "People can communicate with each other even if they don't know each other," he said. "You can see what other people around here are thinking." Oram notes that it is useful "if someone lost their keys, or if someone's car lights are left on."

This month marks two years since the app was released, and it is still going strong at Man-

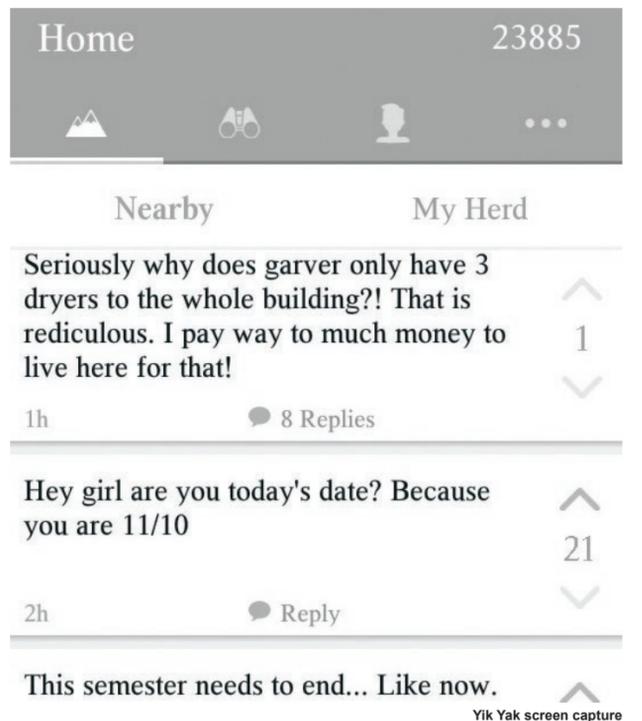
chester. "I thought that it would die out over the summer, but it bounced back somehow," said Conwell. "I think it's still got some time of staying alive."

President McFadden isn't too concerned about the future of the app, because readers have the ability to police the content. If a post is disliked, or voted down, by five people, it will disappear from the feed.

"Yik yak has built this in as a way of saying if the people in your community think you're being stupid, they can get you off Yik Yak," he said. MU students will take advantage of this power, because they will want to maintain the integrity and dignity of Manchester's campus, President McFadden said.

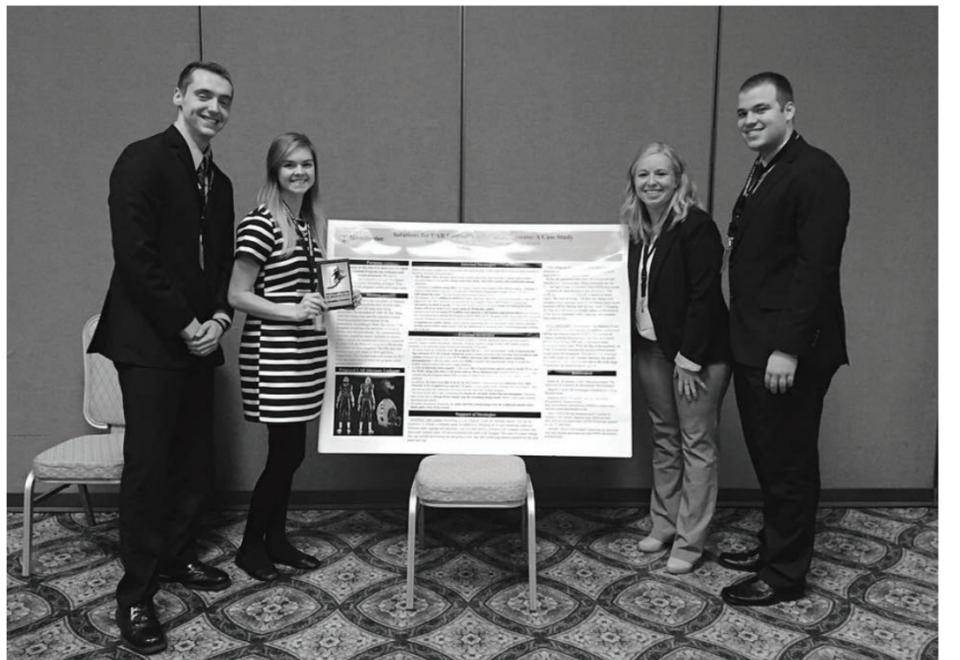
"If someone is really inappropriate, students can act on that."

Oram says many problems would be solved if people relied less on social media. "People need to learn to just talk face to face and not over Yik Yak," he says, using the compliments and flirtations that happen anonymously as an example. "Just go up and tell her she's cute!"



Yik Yak screen capture

Sport Management Student Research Wins 1st Place



Storm Shortt, Megan Stouder, Emilee Liston and Chase Venable earn first place at IAHPERD Conference.

Zach Newcomer
Staff Writer

Manchester Sport Management students earned first place for their case study last week at the annual conference Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) Conference.

Students in attendance had to present their research on how they would market the new University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) football program, which was cut in 2014, but looks to be reestablished for the 2017 season.

First-year Storm Shortt and juniors Emilee Liston, Megan

Stouder and Chase Venable competed with teams from Indiana State University and University of Indianapolis. A trio of sophomores - Ethan Foster, Blake Moore and Dan Massucci - participated alongside the other schools as well. Students from Manchester have attended the conference in the past, but this is the first time participating in the case study. The winners received a plaque.

The UAB football program was cut from the Athletics Department budget, along with the rifling and bowling teams. After the 2014 football season, when the president of UAB announced the decision to cut these programs, public outrage ensued.

Students in the competition developed ways to help market the new football program and gain donors and support in the process. "We had to come up with ways to help brand the team," said Venable. "We worked nearly every day for three weeks on this project."

MU students also joined a networking mixer with sport management professionals from the Indy Fuel, Indianapolis Colts, NCAA and other local organizations. "This event is good for our professional development," said Venable. "It shows underclassman what to expect when meeting professionals and allows upperclassmen to have a really good networking session."



SPARTAN SPORTS

Men's Basketball Looks to Rebound

Kody Smith
Staff Writer

Following a 5-20 regular season, the Manchester University men's basketball squad looks to rebound in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference standings as they introduce the new head coach alumnus Gerad Good.

With four top scorers returning, the Spartans have a base for improvement throughout the 2015-2016 season.

Coach Good's team includes veteran leadership in four seniors and four juniors, including 6-5 senior guard Brady Dolezal of Tipton, Indiana, who predicts the seniors will play a crucial role in the success of the team this season.

"This year, the seniors will have to lead more by example rather than just being vocal," Dolezal said. He was second among the Spartans last season in points per game, averaging 13.9, following fellow senior Matt Brown of Hobart, Indiana, who averaged 17.

Brown also led the Spartans in free throw percentage, draining 83.7 percent behind the charity stripe. The seniors are joined by junior guard Chase Casteel of Monrovia, Indiana, and junior guard

Blake Brouwer of Elkhart, Indiana, as the top returning scorers.

Casteel averaged 11.8 points per game last season, including a 41.3 shooting percentage from behind the 3-point line and a 78.9 free throw percentage. Brouwer averaged 10.5 points per game, with an impressive 51.7 percentage from the field and 43.9 percentage from 3.

"With a new shot clock set to 30 seconds, we hope to change the tempo of the game," Coach Good said. "We want to attack offensively by putting pressure on the full length of the floor."

Good wants an offense that will outrun the opposition, and expects to push his players "out of their comfort zones" from their former a slow-tempo offense.

The Spartans begin their season Monday, Nov. 16 in exciting fashion, traveling to Fort Wayne to take on the IPFW Mastodons. "I probably will not sleep the night before," Coach Good said. "We have great support and everyone is excited."

The game begins at 7:30 p.m. "It's always a great experience playing a Division I school," Dolezal said. "We are excited to have an opportunity to prove we are a different team than last year."



Senior Forward Matt Brown averaged 17 points per game last season.

Quick Facts

Compiled by Tanner Forsythe, Kody Smith and Zach Newcomer

- Gerad Good is entering his first season as head coach, the 22nd head coach all-time at Manchester. He is a former Spartan, coached by Steve Alford and was a student assistant for Alford during the Spartans' run to the 1994-95 NCAA Division III National Championship.
- The Spartans are projected to finish ninth in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference preseason poll, exactly where MU finished the 2014-2015 regular season.
- The four top scorers during 2014-2015 regular season are returning: Senior forward Matt Brown (17.0 ppg), senior guard Brady Dolezal (13.9 ppg), junior guard Chase Casteel (11.8 ppg) and junior guard Blake Brouwer (10.5 ppg).
- A new NCAA shot clock for the 2015-2016 season gives players 30 seconds to get a shot up, so the Spartans are looking toward a more up-tempo offense, putting more pressure on opposing defenses.

Games of Interest

Dec. 12 at Mount St. Joseph:

Last season, Mount St. Joseph got the best of the Spartans, winning both contests by at least 18 points. With Mount St. Joseph projected to lead HCAC standings, the Spartans hope to shock the Lions from Ohio

Jan. 20 at Anderson University:

Rival Anderson took down the Black and Gold in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena last season,

91-77. The Spartans hope to return the favor this season as the team heads south for the matchup.

Feb. 13 vs Rose-Hulman:

The last time the Spartans and the Engineers squared off at Stauffer-Wolfe Arena, the Engineers squeezed out a victory, 55-54. The Spartans gained a 51-48 lead with 41 seconds left to play, but Rose-Hulman struck back, scoring seven of the last 10 points.

Three Key Players

■ Matt Brown, Senior, Forward:

The 6-5 forward out of Hobart, Indiana, was an offensive force last season, averaging 17.0 points per game, 4.7 rebounds per game and shooting 46 percent from the field.

■ Chase Casteel, Junior, Guard: At 6-6, this guard out of Monrovia, Indiana, last season averaged 11.8 points per game, 5.0 rebounds per game and shot 41.3 percent from the 3-point line.

■ Brady Dolezal, Senior, Guard: Last season, this Tipton, Indiana, Spartan shot 48.0 percent from the field, 13.9 points per game and finished second on the team with 53 assists. (Caleb Jackson led with 80.)



Junior guard Chase Casteel



Sophomore Ally Roskos, despite her asthma, scored 395 points against Franklin College in MU's first meet.

Roskos Overcomes Roadblocks

Guerby Ruuska
Staff Writer

Sophomore Ally Roskos is the ultimate athlete, from finesse on the volleyball court to poise and grace off the diving board. Fresh out of volleyball season, Roskos made headlines her season debut on the diving board Oct. 30 during MU's first-ever home swimming and diving meet against Franklin College.

Roskos scored 395 points for the win in the 11-dives competition at home. And yet she found her dominating performance, with so little practice under her belt, a stunning one.

"That felt like luck, honestly," she said. "I only had two full practices right before our first meet because of volleyball season and everything. I had a few practices before that, but those were just mess-

ing around and getting used to the board again."

Roskos' first performance of the year met the NCAA Division III Regional qualification standard and made her the Ohio Athletic Conference Women's Swimmer/Diver of the Week.

Diving Coach Nicola Jones tells a different story: "I wasn't shocked nor did I see it coming," she said. "Ally is a competitive athlete and has extreme passion for diving. She always gives her best in meets and I expect nothing less."

Jones '15 is a fitting coach. The two played together last season, so Jones already has a grasp of Roskos' strengths and weakness. "She set a standard for herself this year by hitting her first mark to qualify for Regionals at her first meet. I'm excited to see how the season progresses."

Roskos had to overcome a bit of a roadblock on the board

during her performance against the Grizzlies: asthma.

"Whenever I have asthma attacks I feel really tired afterwards and my muscles are just strained toward the end with my harder dives. I would have gotten close to the same scores I would have even without the asthma attacks but it definitely did (affect me)."

Asthma is not the only roadblock the standout has had to deal with; back problems have limited Roskos from practicing as much as she would like. "I'm not going to have as many practices as I would want, because my back is so bad," she said. "As long as I'm taking each practice seriously and getting lots of quality time instead of quantity and just making sure my dives are better, (I should be OK)."

"I want to start throwing harder dives but I want to make sure that they are controlled and clean."

New Coaches Good, Lake Speak at First MU Media Day

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Manchester Athletics highlighted its coaches at the annual Winter Sports Media Day on Nov. 5 at the PERC.

Newly hired wrestling Head Coach Kevin Lake and men's basketball Head Coach Gerad Good attended their first Manchester media day, alongside veteran women's basketball Head Coach Josh Dzurick and swimming and diving Head Coach Mike Kroll.

"Hard work is paying off," Kroll told media representatives. "(We) have confidence going forward and we are competitive against other schools." Kroll highlighted the men's team victory this season over Millikin University as the program's first ever dual-meet win.

Lake has been on campus less than two weeks, after driving 36 hours from Los Angeles. He said he already has a sense of the wrestling

team's ability and what the season may have in store. "These are great kids, lots of talent and ability," he said. "They are easy to coach and they are showing willingness to be open to what I teach them."

Dzurick emphasized that this women's basketball team needs a new identity to separate it from the previous teams. The team needs to move on and cannot look back. "The importance of seniors taking leadership over this team will correlate with the success of this team," he said.

Good fielded questions geared toward the scrimmage with Huntington University and the upcoming matchup with Division I Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne (IPFW).

He said his goal is for the players to play out of their comfort area, which will allow them to react better when faced with adversity during a game. "We want to attack offensively and make rebounding an attitude," Good explained.

Schedule

November

- 16 @ IPFW
- 18 Olivet
- 21 Ind.-Northwest
- 24 Calvin
- 29 @ Kalamazoo

December

- 02 Defiance
- 05 Hanover
- 12 @ Mt. St. Joseph
- 16 Finlandia
- 30 @ Trine

January

- 02 Earlham
- 06 @ Franklin
- 09 @ Rose-Hulman
- 13 Bluffton
- 16 Transylvania
- 20 @ Anderson
- 23 @ Earlham
- 27 Franklin
- 30 Mt. St. Joseph

February

- 03 @ Bluffton
- 06 @ Hanover
- 10 Anderson
- 13 Rose-Hulman
- 17 @ Defiance
- 20 @ Transylvania

PERC Hours

Monday - Thursday: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday: 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday: 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.