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Celebrating International Fair

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If you love food, entertainment, fun activities and learning about other cultures, you will not want to miss the Manchester University International Fair that will take place from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 10 in the Physical Education and Recreation Center.

Salwa Nubani, a senior biology chemistry major from Ramallah, Palestine and assistant to the Director of Intercultural Services, is the main student leader organizing this event. "The International Fair has a beautiful air to it, from the sound of adults chattering, to the children playing, to the smell and taste of food and the sound of live music and entertainment," she said.

Food from various cultures and countries will be cooked up and served at the event. These cultures and countries include African American, Palestinian, Japanese, Nigerian/Jamaican fusion, Filipino, Ethiopian, Ugandan, New Zealand/Australian, French, Romanian, Indian and Mexican. Some of the dishes include Lumpia (Philippines), Kifo (Ethiopia), Misir (Ethiopia), Imjadara (Palestine), Baba Ghanoush (Middle East, Palestine), Pakoras (India), Samosas (Uganda) and many more.

Zander Willoughby, a sophomore political science and French major from Grandville, MI, is eagerly looking forward to the event. "This is my first International Fair," he said. "I am very excited to see the community come together to celebrate the vast number of cultures Manchester has represented and celebrate Manchester's place in this beautiful world. I can hardly wait to help cook dishes from all over the world. I'm almost as excited to help cook them as I am to eat them."

Tobechukwu Nwaelugo, a sophomore pre-law political sci-



HONORING DIVERSITY Cultures from around the world will be represented this Sunday, April 10.

ence major from Imo State, Nigeria, had only positive things to say about the event. "I am very excited for the International Fair because what I have heard so far is that [the event] is bigger and better than the international buffet," she said. "I think it's a great way to unite the university as a whole because everyone's culture falls under that category of international."

The event will host a variety of performers representing numerous cultures that will range from Scottish Bagpipe performers to Filipino dancers and Grammy Award-winner and Dove Award-winning singer and songwriter/producer, Rudy Currence. There will also be a section with activities for children.

Anthea Ayebaze, a first-year biology chemistry major from Kampala, Uganda, likes the idea of the International Fair. "I think it's nice because we will get a chance to learn about different cultures, and if someone comes from a small town, this would help enlarge their

world," she said. Ayebaze will be a part of the decorating committee and she will perform cultural dances alongside Nwaelugo and some of their friends.

Samuel Tetteh-Quarshie, a first year biology chemistry major from Accra, Ghana, thinks very highly of the event. "I believe in learning from experiences [and] differences," he said. "I see the International Fair as a perfect platform to enlighten my scope of knowledge about other cultures, beliefs and customs other than mine." Dagmawi Tadesse, a junior computer science major from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, will be participating in the event in a number of ways. "I will be dancing [and] representing the different tribes in Ethiopia," he said. "I will also be helping out with the cooking for some countries like Ethiopia and Australia."

Preparations for the event will begin on Friday at 4 p.m. and will continue until 11 a.m. on Sunday. "It takes a lot of hard work, organization and team effort to pull

this off," Nubani said. "But it is all worth it when you see everyone coming together and see how excited people are to try the different kinds of food. It is so rewarding to see people smile and taste the food you have worked so hard to prepare."

"The main leader of this event is Michael Dixon, director of Intercultural Services. But the entire event would not be successful without the committee and sub-committees that are made and organized by numerous faculty, staff and students," she added.

Some of the major committees involved in the organization of this event are the decorating and food committees. Audrey Hampshire, Associate Registrar, Cheri Krueckeberg, Associate Professor of Social Work and Jessica Sillaman, Hall Director of Schwalm Hall, will lead the decorating committee while Chris Fogerty, Executive chef, and Nubani will be in charge of the food committee.

Vietnam Bound: Pleadwell Receives Fulbright Grant

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Emily Pleadwell, class of 2016, recently received the U.S. government's highest student award: the Fulbright Grant. Her grant enables her to teach English at either a private high school or university in Vietnam. Pleadwell is the 30th recipient of the Fulbright Grant to attend Manchester University.

Pleadwell's track to earning the grant began during the summer after her first year at Manchester. She had obtained an internship with Interval House, a shelter for women and children in Southern California, and she was able to practice her Spanish while helping out.

She volunteered at Interval House again during January

Session and the summer of her junior year to complete her English practicum as part of her TESOL minor. She was put in charge of teaching English to the clients, of which about three-fourths spoke Vietnamese. This posed an obstacle for Pleadwell, as Vietnamese is vastly different from French, German and Spanish. Through working with her clients, Pleadwell was able to discover the difficulties that Vietnamese persons experience when learning the English language.

Not only was Pleadwell given inspiration to continue volunteer work with the Interval House in her junior year, but following her first experience with Interval House she was inspired to change her major. "When I was a first year, I was a math major with a potential minor in Spanish," Pleadwell explained. Now, she's an English major with a

concentration in language.

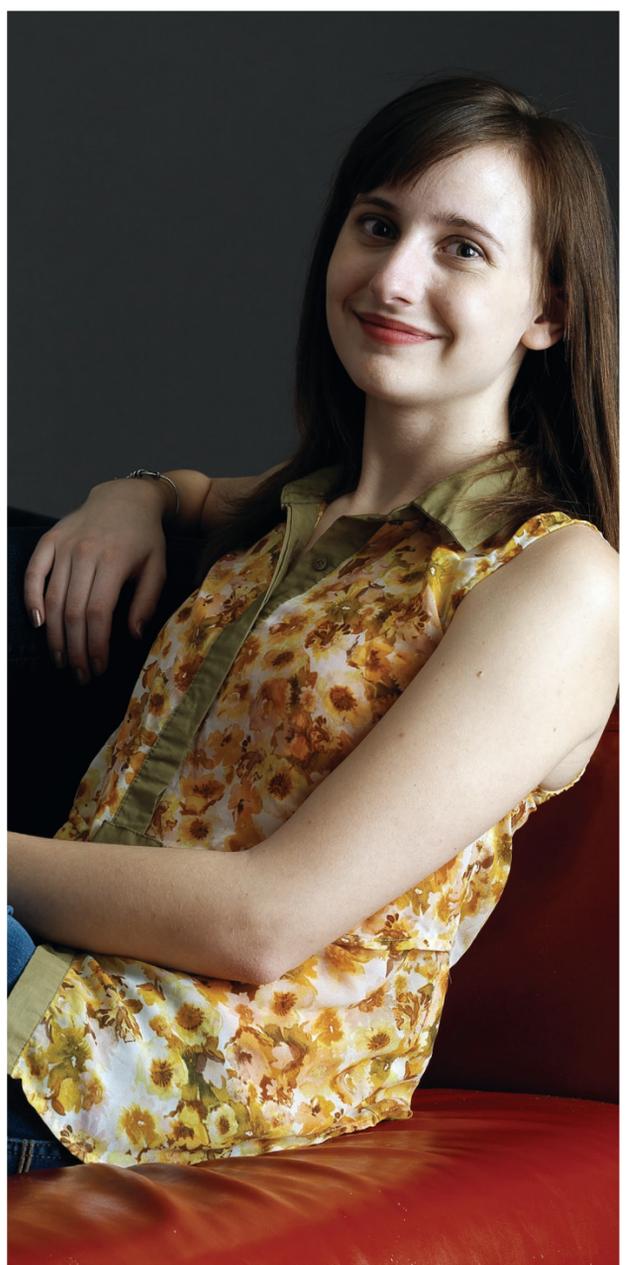
After working in the Interval House's daycare center, which was located in a very diverse community, Pleadwell decided that crunching numbers wasn't for her. Instead of math, Pleadwell wanted to pursue a career that allows for more communication. More specifically, she wanted to help adults who immigrate from other countries and want to learn English.

When it came time to apply for the Fulbright Grant, Pleadwell found herself under a pile of paper work. For her application, she was required to write a grant proposal and personal statement, both under a page. The difficult part for Pleadwell was figuring out how to say everything that needed to be said in only under a page. "It's basically a job, a full time job," she explained. Aside from the paper work, Pleadwell had to complete an on-campus interview with a council composed of professors, who then recommended her to the Fulbright organization.

Pleadwell will teach English for 35 hours a week while she is in Vietnam. "It's going to be totally different when I'm a teacher in a new country, but also learning the language as well," she said. "I'm nervous mostly about the language barrier; that's going to be the hardest part." However, despite her concerns about the language barrier and about being one of the only foreigners in the community, Pleadwell looks forward to the cultural immersion aspect of this opportunity.



SLIDING TO SUCCESS Senior Emily Pleadwell poses at the playground with other volunteers from the Interval House in California.



Senior Emily Pleadwell

Professor Olive Retires after 17 Years

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Frank Olive has been an accounting and business professor at Manchester since 1999 and has been a vital part of the business department since his arrival. At the end of this school year, the professor of over 30 years, military veteran and father of four plans to retire from the classroom to relax, focus on his garden and cook for his wife.

Olive grew up in Washington, D.C. and earned his undergraduate degree there as well. He played intercollegiate football, basketball and baseball in D.C. and majored in mathematics and English. As his schooling went on, he eventually graduated with a degree in physical education.

When Olive graduated, he immediately joined the military service, serving as a military officer in Southeast Asia. When he returned from his service, he taught in Alexandria, VA while he attended graduate school. While in Alexandria, Olive also served as a coach. "I was rather successful but I just could not see myself doing that for 30 or 40 years," he said.

To fund his time in graduate school, Olive sold real estate with a friend of his who owned a real estate company. That is when

Olive became interested in finance.

After obtaining his master's degree in education, Olive decided to take a job at the University of Maryland. Olive used his GI Bill for tuition and took accounting courses at night while he taught all day. "I'd work all day and then take a course that started at 4 and ended at 7 and then one that started at 7 and ended at 10," he said. "Then I would stop at a 7/11 on my way home for bread and milk for my family. I was lucky to have my wife put up with me."

Following a couple of years of this routine, Olive received his bachelors in accounting and also earned his MBA and passed the CPA exam in the state.

During his time in Maryland, Olive began to teach accounting courses as an adjunct professor and realized how much he enjoyed doing it. He was soon offered a job at a university in Massachusetts and served as a professor for accounting and finance for 18 years, during many of which he served as the chair of the department as well.

When the university he was at began to lose money and students, Olive decided to look elsewhere for a teaching job. He and his wife were charmed by a small-town, private university then called Manchester College. "We decided we liked it best here," he said.

"We liked the people, we liked the fact that they knew what they were talking about, and we like their mission statement."

Several times, Olive spoke of how much he admired the individuals who work to make Manchester the home to so many people. He singled out the maintenance workers, librarians, and career service employees and how they have been so kind to him since he arrived and haven't changed one bit towards him.

He's deeply appreciated the people he has worked with for the last 17 years at Manchester, but the people he will remember most were the ones sitting at the desks in front of him. "I have loved to watch the students evolve over the four years that I knew them," he said. "We know how the kids are when they arrive and I enjoy seeing how they leave. I receive Christmas cards still from students I taught 20 years ago, I love seeing their families."

If Professor Olive was to teach his last lecture on any topic of his choice, he said that it would be on treating someone like you would want to be treated. "In our society, that is something that is overlooked and forgotten; I would just like to inform students that this is what they should do," Olive said.



Accounting and Finance professor Frank Olive

'Netflix and Grade'

Sarah Farnam
Staff Writer

When sites like Netflix and Hulu began to popularize online streaming of television shows and movies, a trend was sparked among college students. Between classes, on date night or when putting off homework assignments, undergraduates will pull up an episode of their favorite show and be sucked into Scranton, PA, on "The Office," or New York City on "How I Met Your Mother."

A study composed by Geoffrey Graybeal, a professor in the College of Media and Communication at Texas Tech University, found that 90% of college students watch Netflix on a regular basis. However, these students may not realize that their professors are binge-watching the same shows that they are.

Several Manchester University professors have subscriptions to Netflix, and their tastes in shows range from goofy comedies to gripping dramas. Communication studies professor Mary Lahman is currently watching "Grace & Frankie," "Parks and Rec," "The Office" and "Psych," while fellow communication studies professor Tim McKenna-Buchanan just finished "Fuller House" and "House of Cards."

English professor Stacy Erickson-Pesetski recently viewed the final season of "House of Cards" as well, and says that she is still recovering. "I also was an 'early adopter' of 'Making of a Murderer,'" she says. "I binge-watched it while sick during Christmas break. Then the rest of the world found it, too." The documentary-style series is one of her favorites. "It took place in the area where I grew up in Wisconsin,"

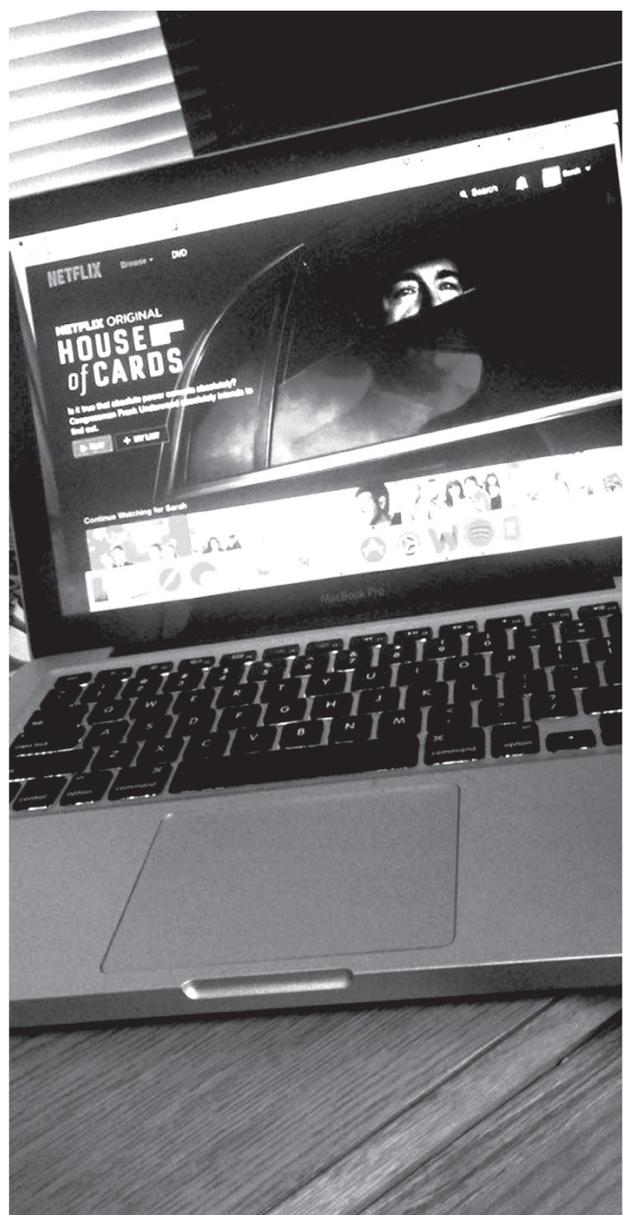
she says. "I remember it when it happened!"

A popular show amongst professors is the Netflix original comedy series "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt." Both McKenna-Buchanan and English professor Katharine Ings name this as their favorite show on the site. "On one hand, I love seeing how Indiana is portrayed in a television show - I think that's really quite funny," Ings says. "And on the other, I love the wit of Kimmy Schmidt and the banter that the characters engage in."

McKenna-Buchanan agrees, noting that "they are short episodes and hilarious." He even identifies with Kimmy, the title character, listing her as one of the characters from a Netflix show that is the most similar to himself. "(It would be) a mix of Kimmy Schmidt and Claire Underwood (from 'House of Cards'), someone who likes to have fun and be goofy but also has goals and ambitions and is willing to sacrifice to reach those goals."

Professor Ings identifies more with a combination of Liz Lemon from Hulu shows "30 Rock" and Frankie Heck from "The Middle." "I connect to Liz Lemon by day, via working and writing in my office, and then to Frankie when my children get out of school and I'm running around all the time trying to get people where they should be, or solving problems without any time to catch my breath," she says. "Actually, that's a part of Liz Lemon's job too."

If she ever needed a break from the hectic life of a mother and had the opportunity to live in the world of a show on Netflix, Ings would choose Rosewood from "Pretty Little Liars." "I certainly don't like to be stalked and threatened," she says, "but I like to solve mysteries. I wouldn't mind living there from afar."



BINGE-WATCHING 'House of Cards' is a Netflix favorite among Manchester University professors.

Professor Erickson-Pesetski would choose to move into the world of "Orange is the New Black" for reasons of her own. "I could yell at them and tell them why their show isn't like 'real' prison," she says.

McKenna-Buchanan would live in the world of "Bloodline," "because they are in Florida and run their own hotel, and I think that would be a fun career and nice weather."



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HOPE ON THE AGENDA Manchester alumna Beverly Ott works to fight poverty in Togo, Africa.

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Manchester Graduate Fights World Poverty

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Staff Writer

Together, Olivier Hauville and Manchester alumna Beverly Ott know that there is hope for those that live in poverty. And that was the message of their Beulah Book lecture sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages on March 30.

Ott and Hauville combat poverty through the Exchange Organization for the Promotion of Petite Entrepreneurs (ECHOPPE). The acronym is also French for a “small shop” or “store,” which is symbolic of the work that the organization does. It helps many women start their own businesses and

develop skills to better their lives.

ECHOPPE has helped thousands of women since it was started 26 years ago. The organization is currently working in Togo, Africa, where it has been giving small loans and social services for the real-needs poverty. The organization’s employees look at the entire situation of poverty from the farmers to the poor in urban areas. The link between farmers and urban people is forged as an outlet to increase the livelihoods of both. “Poverty does not have to exist,” Ott said. “Hope is on the agenda.”

During Ott’s talk, she told a story about a hummingbird. She noted how it is such a small creature in the world and when compared to an elephant or even

a dog, it seems like the hummingbird is not capable of much. But one day, in this story, the forest that all these creatures live in is engulfed on flames. As all the other creatures are running away and trying to escape, the hummingbird does not. Instead, the hummingbird scoops up a mouthful of water and takes it back to try and douse the flames. The other animals are confused, saying that it will not make a difference, but the hummingbird replies, “At least I will have done my part.”

These words express ESHOPPE’s perspective: it may not be globally renowned or a huge unit of change but it is working toward bettering the world. For ESHOPPE, poverty is a reality that can be over-

come, and its employees bring that message to thousands every year.

When ECHOPPE was founded it gave out 10 loans (worth \$2,000) and now it lends more than \$2 million in loans to approximately 60,000 women annually. These figures show only one side of how beneficial the organization has been to those in poverty. The other side is the effect it is having on their culture. “The success needs to be measured, and it should be measured, more in looking at the lives of the people and the power that those women are able to have amongst themselves today,” Ott said. They are now becoming self-supporting and knowledgeable of their rights with help from ECHOPPE.

In the future, the organization hopes to be a model to others for a new concept of economic action--“a paradigm mix of society and economy,” as Hauville phrased it. Since the organization works to treat the base causes of poverty at all levels, it has taught leadership skills to the individuals that they have helped in order to support their lifestyle shift. It is more than just giving people money to start a business; these individuals are being taught how to be successful entrepreneurs.

If students would like to get involved with Ott and Hauville, they can email Ott at echoppe@wanadoo.fr and seek more information at www.echoppe.org.

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SPARTAN SPORTS

Softball Begins with Doubleheader Split

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Following a sleet and snow-filled weekend of un-Spring like weather, the Manchester University softball team finally took the field on Sunday, April 3 to kick off its Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) season against the Hanover College Panthers in a doubleheader. Following an 11-5 start to the season, the Spartans were quieted by the overwhelming offense of the Panthers.

In game one, an offensive showcase was displayed by the Panthers, who piled on nine runs. On the strength of a seven-run fourth inning, the Panthers defeated the Spartans 9-0 in a five-inning contest. Starting pitcher Sydney Griffin was superb on the mound for Hanover, pitching five innings allowing no runs on just two hits and six strikeouts. First year Sydney Thompson and sophomore Mikayla Deisler compiled the only hits offensively for the Spartans, while



Junior Anna Schillinger

junior Anna Schillinger took the loss on the mound.

The Spartans rebounded following the game-one onslaught, taking a 9-7 victory in a thrilling softball game to secure their first conference victory of the 2016 season. Following the top of the first inning that saw Manchester fall behind 2-0 on the strength of a Lillian Hughes two-run homerun, the Spartans struck back with an RBI-single by senior MacKenzie Williams, scoring sophomore Laur-



Sophomore Lauren Ladwin

ren Ladwig. Manchester would flex their muscles in the third inning of play, showcasing a seven-run outburst. Junior Emilee Liston started the inning with a double, followed by a no-doubt two-run homerun off the bat of Ladwig.

First-year shortstop Mandi Boggs struck an RBI-double off the wall in left field, followed by a two-run single by sophomore right fielder Mallorie Jennings. Manchester would see the lineup round back to Liston, who would hit an



Junior Emilee Liston

RBI-single to score the seventh run of the inning. She finished the game with 3-4 with a double, an RBI and a run-scored. First Year third baseman Kate Skeens had an impressive showing in game two at the plate as well, going 4-4 with a run scored. Williams took the bump for the Spartans, turning in her seventh complete-game effort of the season. She pitched seven innings, allowing seven runs on nine hits in her sixth victory of the season and stretching her record to 6-2.



Senior MacKenzie Williams

Liston left the team's spring trip to Florida with a positive impression. "We had a very competitive front-loaded schedule before conference that has allowed us to prepare for the competition we'll see once conference begins," Liston said. "Our 8-2 record was a huge highlight. In fact, I've heard it was one of the most successful spring break trips ever. We were able to get closer as a team off the field as well, which was pivotal to our success."

Four Key Players

■ **MacKenzie Williams, Senior, Pitcher/Infield/Catcher:** The lone senior pitcher on the staff has earned a record of 6-2, with a 2.96 ERA. Williams has gone the distance seven times, while capturing three shutouts in those efforts. Aside from the mound, she has tallied 14 hits from the dish, with 17 total bases.

■ **Anna Schillinger, Junior, Pitcher/First base:** Dealing a 5-2 record on the bump so far this season for the Black and Gold and garnering a 3.23 ERA, Schillinger has led the team with 18 strikeouts, and has improved since last season where she had a 3-6 record in 16 games.

■ **Emilee Liston, Junior, Outfield:** The three-year starter is batting an eye-popping .455 average this season, while grasping a .509 slugging percentage. Standing from the lefty batter's box, she is leading the Spartans in hits (25) and on-base percentage (.524).

■ **Lauren Ladwig, Sophomore, Second base:** The reigning HCAC Freshman of the Year and All-HCAC First-Team continues to showcase her talents on the diamond. The standout is leading the team in runs (16), homeruns (4), RBIs (21), total bases (35) and slugging percentage (.614).

Quick Facts

After finishing 16-17 (9-7 HCAC) last year and going 0-2 in the conference tournament, Manchester was tabbed fifth in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference preseason rankings. MU advanced to the HCAC Tournament Championship in 2013 after winning the regular season title.

Senior MacKenzie Williams is paving the way for the Spartan pitching staff with a 6-2 record after not throwing a single pitch since her sophomore campaign. She started 15 games in 2014 and bypassed her full junior year on the mound while playing key roles in the infield.

Games of Interest

April 12 doubleheader at Anderson University: Finishing 1-1 against the Ravens last year, Manchester looks to topple the HCAC preseason favorites at the rivals' field.

April 16 doubleheader vs Franklin College: Starting the conference season at 1-1, MU will face the HCAC third place team in the 2016 standings. The Grizzlies have the bragging rights from last season, finishing 2-0 against the Spartans, while outscoring them 20-5.

April 27 doubleheader vs Bluffton College: Picked second in the HCAC preseason standings, the Beavers are sitting at 0-2 in conference play so far this season. MU finished 0-3 a year ago.

Points of Concern

Tough Schedule: Six teams inside the conference already have double-digit wins including Manchester. The Spartans will also rack up the miles this season while traveling to Rose-Hulman, Anderson University, Transylvania University and Mount St. Joseph.

Experience: The team consists of nine underclassmen, compared to only seven upperclassmen (three seniors). Four first years who have started at least 13 games this season. Despite having a young squad, MU has achieved a 12-6 record thus far.

Aator Finishes Indoor Season at Nationals

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It has been a journey of progression for junior thrower Shay Aator, who has just kicked off her outdoor track and field season after completing her indoor season with a bang. Aator finished her indoor season strong with a conference crown and a ticket to nationals in Iowa, but it didn't all happen overnight for this junior.

"I won my first individual title my first year outdoors," Aator said. "I won the hammer, so the

fall of my sophomore year I had a couple of conversations with Coach Allison and Coach Cashdollar for what my goals would be for the rest of my career at Manchester. That's when I decided I wanted to be a conference champion for the next 3 years. I would never say I expect to win but I would definitely say that's what I strive for."

Aator says that coaches Kyle Allison and Brian Cashdollar have played major roles in her success. Cashdollar recruited Aator out of high school and Allison works closely with the throwers and has helped Aator believe in herself.

"Recruiting at the DIII level is pretty difficult in a lot of ways," Cashdollar said. "Without athletic scholarships you are just trying to create a relationship with the prospective athlete so that they are excited about Manchester. With Shay, we knew that she had all the physical abilities to be a very successful thrower."

With most great athletes, it takes trying a few sports out before you find your passion.

"My freshman year of high school I decided to go out for the track team," Aator said. "My high school coach usually lets

everyone try everything once, so I went through sprint practice--wasn't a fan, tried jumping--wasn't really coordinated for that, so I tried shot and disc and really liked it, so I decided to stick with that."

Aator is a native of West Lafayette, Ind., and came out of a very competitive high school. She had the talent, but there is a lot more that played into the junior's success. For instance, she is a very patient individual who understands the sport extremely well.

"Outdoor is definitely a different environment," she said. "The surface is different. Indoors,

we're throwing off of plywood. Outdoors, we're throwing off of segment--and it also depends on the facility. Facilities like IU and North Central treat their segment so it's a lot slicker but then at our facility, Anderson and Defiance it is a bit more gritty with grip."

Every athlete strives to hit that break-out year, but it doesn't necessarily come naturally; it comes with hard work, pain, time, dedication and passion.

"I definitely had to put time and effort into it," Aator said. "I'm one of those people where, if I'm going to do something, I'm going to do it to my best ability. A lot of it is being critical of myself. Once I set my mind to something, I don't rest until I accomplish my goal."

Cashdollar agreed. "Shay will need to remind herself that success is a result of a functional and progressive training model," he stated. "Basically she needs to continue to work hard in the weight room and in the rings to continue to get better."

What drives Aator to do what she does best day after day, week after week, year after year? She admits that it's her friends, her family, her team and her coaches. Especially Allison, who helps Aator stay focused and thinking positive daily.

"Coach Allison is without a doubt the best throws coach we have had at Manchester since I started 17 years ago," Cashdollar said. "He brings a great deal of passion, knowledge, and competitiveness to the practice and meets. He is also a very competitive recruiter, so behind the scenes he is has done a tremendous job helping us achieve success in all areas of the program."

The women's and men's outdoor track and field teams will compete at the Huntington University Invitational on April 9 at 11:00.



THROWING FOR GOLD Junior thrower Shay Aator practices the skill that won her a conference crown.