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FYS Class Hosts 'Color Me Free' Color Race

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This Sunday, Manchester University's Honors Program hosts its "Color Me Free Run" to benefit the International Justice Mission (IJM). The run begins at 2 p.m. (check-in at 1 p.m.) outside the Physical Education and Recreation Center by the baseball field entrance.

Dr. Heather Schilling's Honors Program first-year seminar class, "Lead Out Loud," chose to donate the funds raised to IJM, the world's largest antislavery organization. IJM focuses on human rights, laws and law enforcement. The money will provide rehabilitation centers, assist with legal fees for those involved and fund law enforcement agency raids.

Planning this event started in Schilling's class as the students' final assignment. "As a class, we split into groups to come up with ideas for the project," said Alexa Callaway, event co-manager and first-year. "Ideas ranged from composts to safe houses, when a group presented on the International Justice System. This can make a global impact and this was a very serious project." Callaway's group emerged with the idea for a color race (a race where runners are doused with chalk paint), and the class felt the two ideas could be combined to make a successful event.

According to Callaway, all the planning for the color race was completed outside of the classroom, since the FYS class ended last semester. The event is entirely student managed with Schilling's assistance when needed; however, students are the predominant planners. First-year Rebekah Paul, a member of the group that suggested IJM as the charity, was named co-manager. "Anyone wanting to participate in the event can," Callaway said.

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Photo by Emily Barrand

DRAG YOURSELF HERE Manchester alum Miro Arguijo as "Neon" lights up the stage in an orange kimono at last year's drag show.

'Fairytales' Drag Show Comes to Campus

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United Sexualities is hosting the 16th annual drag show on Saturday, April 30, at 8 p.m. in Wampler Auditorium.

This year's theme is "Fairytales," which was picked by United Sexualities club members. Stories of classic fairytales such as Snow White, Cinderella and Red Riding Hood are inspiration for the drag show's decorations. The performers are encouraged to incorporate the theme into their acts, but are not required to do so.

United Sexualities has hosted the drag show for all of its 16 years; however, the show has gained

popularity in the past five. Since then, it has become the biggest student-run event on campus.

"Doing drag is a way of blurring the lines of gender," said club president Donnie Watkins. "Society enforces strict gender roles and performances. We have many students on campus who are transgender or gender fluid. To them, gender is a constant reminder that they are not the 'norm.' Drag show is the one night where gender doesn't matter. The Drag Show is an opportunity for students to bring light to the gender binary (the idea that there are only men and women) and be whatever or whoever they want."

There are about 23 acts

expected to perform with a short intermission halfway through the night. This free event should last around two hours. Faculty, staff, students and community members are all welcome to attend.

"The viewers should expect a fun night," Watkins said. "All of our performers work really hard for this event, and they will not disappoint the audience. Our overall goals for the event are just to show the school that gender is not as big a deal as society makes it. We want our attendees to forget about gender and just have fun being who they are. The United Sexualities e-board has a blast preparing for the event, so we hope that the attendees have a blast as well."

United Sexualities coordinates with different departments on campus to make the event run smoothly, including marketing to print flyers and conference services to coordinate the venue and set-up. The Cordier crew helps set up chairs and provides a DJ. United Sexualities also receives help from several volunteers.

Audience members will be able to "tuck bucks," or tip the drag show performers. There will be someone at the show who will be able to exchange money if needed.

Because the drag show is a popular event, the line to get inside the doors usually starts about an hour and a half prior to the event.

Academics Present Findings at MU Research Symposium

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Staff Writer

Manchester University will be conducting a Student Research Symposium on Friday, April 29. The event will cover a wide variety of topics, and will showcase the hard work and research done by students at Manchester. Junior Ciara Kerckhove will be in attendance for the event, conducting a keynote address regarding her summer research in laser physics. Kerckhove, instead of being surrounded by

nerves before her keynote, is excited and has practiced thoroughly in preparation.

"I have practiced giving my presentation to a variety of students and professors," Kerckhove said. "This was done to ensure that a broad audience, not just science majors, could understand the presentation."

Christer Watson, a professor in the physics department at Manchester University, hopes that this symposium expands far past the podium on that Friday evening.

"The principal goal of the symposium is to encourage academic conversations on campus outside of the classroom," Watson said. "Every subject taught within Manchester classrooms can be extended to original research outside the classroom. Students are constantly doing this extension with guidance from various faculty, and the symposium showcases a great opportunity for students to share these works."

Additionally, students, faculty and staff of Manchester University will not be the only individ-

uals in attendance for the event, as the symposium is open to the public. "In the process, students get to practice describing their work to a wide audience," Watson said. "It is also a showcase event for the wider public to see the original work done by Manchester students."

The works that will be discussed range in variety to give the audience a taste of each subject and have ongoing conversations regarding the material far past the conclusion of the discussions. The works being presented throughout the evening include "Success in the Eye of the Beholder: Differing Perceptions of College Student Success," "The Influence of Eastern European Music on Janacek's First String Quartet," "Colonization and Modern Economic Levels" and "Modeling Stellar Bodies Through Numerical Simulation."

As she prepares to present to a wide array of audience members, Kerckhove hopes that future presenters keep a calm attitude before presenting their information. "I would recommend that a student practices his or her presentation frequently and for anyone who will listen," Kerckhove said. "Additionally, it is important to be excited about what is being presented."

The symposium kicks off as brochures become available at 3:30 p.m. in the Academic Center, with research presentations following at 4:00. Poster presentations by undergraduates, graduates and professionals will follow in the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center from 4:45-5:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served as well. The keynote speaker will then take over the podium at 5:45, with awards being presented at approximately 6:15 p.m.



STUDENT RESEARCH Rachel Ulrich '15 delivers the keynote address at last year's student research symposium.

Students Bring Stories to Life in 'Into the Woods'

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This past weekend, Manchester's campus was filled with musical adventure and tremendous performances by the cast of the subversive fairytale musical "Into the Woods" directed by Kira Hawkins. The cast had extravagant and extensive costumes to convey that Cordier Auditorium was actually inside of the

woods. "The set was really cool and creative," said sophomore Jessica Beal. "It was interesting to see the stage that way."

Musical and thespian talent radiated from the entire cast. "The main actors did a phenomenal job and kept me entertained throughout the whole play," said Huntington University junior Alex Witzig, who had been in Huntington's production of Into the Woods.

"The Baker (Clayton Marcum) and the Baker's Wife (Kenzie Hare) stole the show for me and were awesome for comic relief."

Though the play was mostly performed by students, Kathy Hawkins, the mother-in-law of the talented director Kira Hawkins, bustled onto the stage and set a high standard for acting and enthusiasm. "I absolutely loved (Hawkins)," Witzig said. "Almost

every line she had added something special to it that the audience liked, too."

On stage, an abundance of classic fairytales combined in unexpected ways, bringing even more opportunity for characters to shine. One standout was the beautiful voice of Cinderella, or Addie Neher. "Addie played Cinderella really well," said Beal. "She is super talented!"

Neher was joined by the story stylings of the narrator Jeremy Williams, the cruelty of the evil stepmother and sisters, Bailey Short, Maisie Stewart and Erin Fralick, along with an outstanding performance from the Witch, Emily Perkins. "I played the witch in Huntington's performance, so it was amazing to see someone else portray the witch's character," Witzig said. "I may or may not have caught myself singing along throughout most of the play."

One of the main characters, Jack (played by Jacob Archambault), captured the innocence and youthfulness of his character, as a duo of princes (Grant Ebert and Kevin Frierhood) teamed up to bring romance and lots of comedy to the production. "I was laughing throughout the whole play, and not all casts of 'Into the Woods' can do that with their audience," Witzig said. "Even though it seemed like the crowd (Saturday) wasn't really as 'into it' as they could've been."

The only problem that some of the audience members faced was the length of the play. "It was really long and I wasn't really expecting that," Beal said. "I had never seen Into the Woods before, so I guess I should have been prepared for a lengthy play, even though I did enjoy it."

Witzig said: "I've seen the production a handful of times and they did really well on time. I've seen it go longer and drag on, and the director and cast did well at making sure that didn't happen." Her favorite performance came from the Wolf, Josh Dold. "He was great and I was excited to see him on stage every time," she said.



WITCHY WOMAN Sophomores Clayton Marcum and Kenzie Hare as the Baker and the Baker's Wife act alongside Emily Perkins, who is decked out as the witch.

'Spartacups' Sales Continue to Rise

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Tragedy often encourages others to try and prevent such an incident from happening again. Mt. St. Joseph student Lauren Hill was diagnosed with brain cancer, but wanted to achieve her dream of being a collegiate basketball player. Hill partnered with For the Cure to fund cancer research as well. She lost her battle to brain cancer. This year's case studies class is working with The Cure Starts Now Foundation in her memory to help fund

more research and expand awareness for brain cancer.

The case studies class is selling travel mugs and koozies to raise the money. They have been selling the products since the beginning of the semester and will continue to sell until the end of the year. The travel mugs are being sold for \$15 and the koozies sell for \$2.

Initially, buyers could choose between silver or gold travel mugs, but silver has since sold out. Similarly, the koozies originally came in two varieties--one with the MU logo printed on the side,

and one with a quote from professor Tim Ogden: "Be safe and make good decisions!" The quote koozie has also sold out.

"Since Keurigs and coffee on-the-go have become popular, travel mugs made sense," said Amanda Fedorcak, one of the students involved in the class. "The entire class voted and these two items were the most popular. The marketing department also did some market research, and these products were received well."

As coffee is a staple for many students, the class thought that these products would therefore be greatly valued and sell fairly well. This has been true so far as many students, faculty and staff have already bought them and more are being sold. Fedorcak likes both of the products herself and thinks that the rest of campus might agree.

Emily Oldaker, an education major, bought one of the travel mugs. "I like the size and weight of it," said Oldaker, holding up the travel mug. "It is perfect for showing off I go to Manchester without being over the top." The koozies also can be seen around Manchester, the most popular of which are those with Ogden's quote.

If you bring your travel mug or koozie to the Academic Center on Friday mornings, you can receive free coffee. The class developed this idea in order to further promote the product. "Ogden's case studies class is full of business students," Shereen Antony said, "There are marketers, sales, accountants; we learn to come together and use our skills to create a successful business."

The course is set up is to simulate an actual business so all majors are able to learn something new about their field. Antony wrote a press release about the Spartacups on Feb. 18. In it she talked about Hill and the goal of Spartacups. "Spartacups involves more than 50 students who are looking for a

W on her behalf," Antony wrote. "Spartacups' mission is to be remembered as an organized, fair, efficient and hardworking organi-

zation as we work toward a common goal to generate the maximum amount of profit in Hill's honor."



KOOZIES FOR A CAUSE This Spartacups ad shows off the silver Manchester travel mug.

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"My parents are coming to it from Michigan." Registration can be completed online at <https://link.manchester.edu/colormefree> or participants can sign up before the color race outside the PERC. Students pay \$12, while others will be

charged \$20. For those who cannot make it, checks can be made out to International Justice Mission and mailed to Manchester University box 269. Cash can be mailed to the same box.

While supplies last, runners will be supplied with all-white shirts with Color Me Free printed on the front to wear at the event.

The event coordinators chose a white top in order to let the paint stand out on the runners. There are enough supplies for 100 people. Fifteen students from the class manage and plan the event with volunteers. Those interested in volunteering should contact Annika Barce at ALBarce2019@manchester.spartans.edu.



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Professor Onyeji Visits Families of Fallen Students

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In March, Professor Benson Onyeji travelled to Jos, Nigeria, and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to visit the families of the three Manchester University students who died in a car accident in February: Nerad Grace Mangai, Brook M. Dagnew and Kirubel Alemayehu Hailu.

Onyeji spent approximately five days with each family in order to express Manchester University's sympathy and offer condolence. "I had to bring closure for them to accept that it happened," he said. "But it also helped in sending Manchester University's message—which is that we care. We are much more than a faculty, and we are much more than a staff and students. We are family."

Onyeji says that the message he brought was well received by each family. The roles that he took on during the trip included "being with (the families), grieving with them, becoming part of

the family—understanding that the traditional cultural practices will vary from one location to the other, and being part of them."

The extended amount of time that he spent in each location allowed him to immerse himself into each household. "(The goal of) my presence was to contribute to their healing," he explained. "For that to happen, you have to mesh yourself into their lives."

He acknowledges that, although his trip helped in providing support, there is still a long way to go. "I'm hopeful that we will heal, but we are not going to forget them," he said.

Onyeji spent a total of 16 days on his journey. He took 10 flights and spent time in four different continents. "It was challenging, and by the time I came back it took me about two weeks to recover," he said. "But it was worth it. I'm glad I went."

Not only did Onyeji's journey affect the families of the fallen students, but the process had

an emotional effect on him as well. "Two of the students that died in the accident were my students," he said.

The weekend before the accident, Onyeji took 21 students, including Brook and Nerad, on a trip to attend the Model United Nations Conference. He cherishes this time. "Little did I know that would be (my) last supper with them," he said.

Both Brook and Nerad won participation awards for taking part in the conference, but he was never able to pass these awards along to them. He presented the awards to their families on his trip.

In addition to honoring these three lives, Onyeji recognized the losses of Manchester University student Tony Loera and Assistant Vice President Chris Garber, which also took place during this academic year. "This year has been very, very challenging," he said. "The healing process will take a long time. We'll come out of it, but we won't forget them. They have become part of the history of our college."



Professor Benson Onyeji

Warmer Weather Arrives, Students Get Colds

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Students around campus are coming down with a nasty case of the cold. Symptoms of this cold include nausea, vomiting, fever, sore throat, body aches, headaches, exhaustion, congestion and a cough.

Most students assume that this virus is a 24-hour stomach flu; however, if after 3 to 4 days the student starts to experience congestion and coughing, they may have caught the cold. The cold is a virus, so there is no antibiotic the student can take to make it go away. Likely, the cold will run its course of 7 to 10 days.

Campus Director of Health Services Anna Richison is

seeing about 2 to 5 students a day with the cold, a trend that has continued for about 3 to 4 weeks. With such a large amount of the student population falling ill, Richison recommends some measures to ensure students' health.

In addition to getting rest, the best thing that ill students can do is wash their hands frequently. "In the medical field, you say 'the first line of defense is good hand washing,'" Richison said. Other ways that sick students can prevent the spread of germs and get better quickly are similar to the steps to avoid getting sick. These include sneezing or coughing into the crook of the elbow to avoid spreading germs by touch, and drinking plenty of fluids.

Some other preventative measures include not sharing glasses, eating a proper diet and keeping dorm areas sanitized. The last measure is especially important for those living in a suite setting if one of the suitemates has fallen ill.

If the student has experienced vomiting, Richison recommends what is called a "B.R.A.T diet," which includes bananas, rice, applesauce, and toast. The most important thing is that the diet is bland because spicy and greasy foods will irritate the stomach and cause more vomiting.

One problem with this strain of cold is that many students are mistaking it for a 24-hour stomach flu; however, the vomiting for a 24 hour stomach flu should only

persist for 12 hours, and there will be no fever. A person with a 24 hour stomach flu may experience diarrhea as well. If a student has the stomach flu, they should avoid eating anything for two hours after vomiting, and avoid drinking anything for 15 minutes after vomiting. When they student does drink, they should have sips of room temperature water.

Students have also confused allergies with what they assumed was a cold. While students may not be able to diagnose the problem, they might want to take note if they experience the symptoms more around open windows or outside.

"Some students don't realize they can come (to the health

services) to get medicines," Richison said. "I have over-the-counter medicine."

Richison is available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. If a student needs to reach her, they can call 260-982-5306. On the weekends or after hours, students can go to the student health assistant, who can be contacted at 260-901-3123. Student health assistants can't give out medications like Richison, but they can offer tips on how to get better as soon as possible.

Students are advised to see a doctor if a fever persists for 48 hours, if sinus drainage is yellow or green or if they have difficulty breathing.

Students Prepare for Pharmacy School Studies

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Several Manchester students are looking forward to pursuing further studies in pharmacy school. Sophomores Curtis Stump from Boggstown, Ind., Megan Dyer from Delphi, Ind., and Hannah Foley from Crawfordsville, Ind., are a few weeks away from completing Manchester's two-year pre-pharmacy program.

These three pre-pharmacy majors have been accepted to Manchester University's College of Pharmacy, where Stump and Dyer are set to continue their studies on Aug. 1 while Foley has opted to attend Purdue's College of Pharmacy, where she was also able to secure a spot. She will start school in late August.

Stump plans to specialize in oncology pharmacy but he is also open to other options. "My ultimate goal is to help people, which is one of the major reasons I chose pharmacy," he said. "I feel that my time at this university has more than prepared me. The dedicated professors have encouraged and challenged me to think outside the box and apply course material to real life situations."

Dyer talked about her area of interest and her future aspirations. "I am planning to pursue nuclear pharmacy," she said. "After I graduate from Manchester's College of Pharmacy I plan to do a year of residency and then try to find somewhere to work as a nuclear pharmacist. If this does not work out, I plan on working in the commercial pharmacy industry." She believes that Manchester has helped her hone her interviewing and oral skills, and that the faculty has provided her with adequate preparation for the rigorous course work in pharmacy school.

Foley aspires to go into pediatric pharmacy once she receives her pharmacy degree. "[I want] to make a difference in children's lives every day!" she said. "I've always wanted a job where I could help kids feel better." She

talked about how her time at Manchester will help her achieve her goals. "I feel like they've provided me a strong foundation that will set me up for success no matter what pharmacy school I go to."

The three pre-pharmacy majors were determined to go directly to pharmacy school after Manchester and did not sustain any plans of joining the work force before continuing with their studies. "I was certain that I wanted to go to pharmacy school," Stump said. "After talking with some pharmacy students, professionals, and doing some research of my own, I knew this was what I wanted to do."

They also talked about the clubs and organizations they were involved with during their time at Manchester. The three are committed members of Circle K, a national student-led volunteer program. Foley was treasurer of the club while Dyer took on the role of vice president for the two years she has been at Manchester. "It's a wonderful service organization that does so much good," Foley said. "It's my favorite club on campus," she continued.

Stump and Dyer commented on the various opportunities the club provided. "I have done a lot of volunteering for Circle K such as Relay for Life, making coloring books for the children at Riley's Hospital, and also making trauma dolls for Riley's Hospital," Dyer said. "It gave me the opportunity to serve my community and make connections with people," Stump added. Dyer and Foley are also members of the American Chemical Society and the Pre-Pharmacy club.

Foley and Dyer talked about some of their memorable moments at Manchester, which include spending time with their friends and taking part in interesting activities such as the May Day events. They shared a few words of wisdom for not only pharmacy students but also the rest of the student body. "Pharmacy is hard and you cannot just go into it thinking you will cruise your way through it," Dyer said. "I spent many hours in the Science Center after class

studying with my friends. If you want to pursue pharmacy you have to be dedicated enough to put in all the hours and hard work, but most importantly do not [take on the journey] alone," she continued. She

stressed the importance of having friends to help you along the way.

"If you need help, do not hesitate to ask the faculty!" Foley said. "They're so wonderful here and they're always ready to help

you with anything you're struggling with. I also found it is so helpful to form a study group, for me it has made all the difference. It also makes studying so much more bearable," she added.



Photo by Karen Kanyike

Sophomores Curtis Stump, Hannah Foley and Megan Dyer will head to Pharmacy School in the fall.



SPARTAN SPORTS

Manchester Baseball Pushing toward Playoffs

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The Manchester baseball team is off to a shaky start to the season after opening with an overall record of 15-13. The Spartans are currently sitting in fourth place in the HCAC standings with a 9-6 record while they head into the toughest part of their schedule, facing two of the top teams in the conference over the next two weeks.

This past weekend the Spartans went up against Hanover. They came out on top in that game, with sophomore Taylor Kopplin getting the win. On Saturday the team again competed against the Panthers in a doubleheader, but lost both of the games, dropping the Spartans from third to fourth place in the conference standings.

The season has not been all bad for the Spartans, though, as many players are at the top of the conference rankings in the offensive categories. Freshman outfielder Tyler LaFollette was leading the conference in batting average before this weekend, as he sits in third place now with an average of .375. Senior shortstop Sean Knepper is coming up behind him with a .361 average, followed by junior first baseman Tailur Szarenski with an average of .353. As a team, the Spartans have an average of .289. Szarenski, as well as junior outfielder Chad Schultz, is in second place with 28 runs batted in. Knepper is not only toward the top of the rankings in batting average, but also is tied for the lead in home runs by going yard six times this season.

Pitching has not been a strength of the Spartans this season with their top pitcher, Kopplin, posting a record of 4-4 with an earned run average of 2.91. Kopplin

has also K'd 38 batters this season. Eck is 3-3 on the season with an ERA of 5.13. With Eck and Kopplin being the only consistent starters, other players who have gotten the nod are McDonald, sophomore Steve Pinarski, and junior Cory Ferguson. Relievers that have come

in are junior Mason Neuman and sophomore Devon Sheward. Neuman, who missed the entire 2015 season with an injury, has a 6.39 ERA in 25 innings pitched. Many of Neuman's teammates are happy to have him back with the team and back on the mound. "It's nice hav-

ing a leader back on the mound," Sheward said. "His experience and leadership have helped the team tremendously this season."

As of late, first year Christian Smith has been receiving the nod at second base. Smith, who rarely got to see the field at the

beginning of the season, has started the last seven games. In his time on the field, he has put up a .257 batting average and a .907 fielding percentage. "I think that we have the ability to make a push in the conference playoffs."



HIT AND RUN Sophomore Eric Knepper takes a swing for the Spartans.

Spartan Softball Stays Positive Despite Defeats

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The Manchester University softball team is making a push toward the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament coming up in just a couple of weeks. However, after the last few match-ups, the Spartans (16-12 overall, 5-5 HCAC) seem to be a bit off of their game. Last weekend marks the first four-game losing streak after losing competitions to both Franklin College (20-10 overall, 5-5 HCAC) at home and Alma College (24-6 overall, 9-1 MIAA) on the road. The Spartans have not lost more than two games in a row since March.

Last Saturday, the Spartans lost to Franklin College 7-1 in the first competition and 11-3 in the second competition. During the first game of the set, first-year short stop Miranda Boggs (Frankfort, Ind.) scored the Spartans' run for the competition. Senior pitcher/first baseman MacKenzie Williams (Kendallville, Ind.), led the way in hits with two out of three at bats. According to muspartans.com, Williams tallied a .462 batting average. During the second game of the set, senior designated hitter/outfielder Kaile Niezgodski (South Bend, Ind.), first-year catcher Sydney Thompson (Logansport, Ind.), and sophomore pitcher Mallory Jennings (Bourbon, Ind.), each

scored a run for the Black and Gold. Williams led the way in hits with two out of four at bats.

The Black and Gold were shut out both games of the set at Alma College. During the first game of the set, junior outfielder Emilee Liston (Cicero, Ind.) and Kaile Niezgodski led the way in hits with one apiece. During the second game, MacKenzie Williams and senior third baseman Jessica Chorak (Hammond, Ind.) led the way in hits with two apiece. Sydney Thompson added one hit.

Despite the recent losses, the Spartans are keeping their play-off hopes alive. The team has decided to learn from the experiences, highlight the positives and avoid

things that could set them back again. "We talked about how talented Franklin was and Alma being the twelfth ranked team," said Josh Dzurick, head coach of the Spartan softball team. "You can lose four games to teams like that and still come out feeling good."

Dzurick encouraged his team and reminded them that games like these happen to everyone. "Blaming each other and pointing fingers is the easy thing to do, but if we are the type of program we want to be then we have to hold ourselves accountable and try to pick each other up and do better," he said. "We also have to take advantage of opportunities like Wednesday with another confer-

ence game."

Dzurick says that practicing during the week and transferring that type of energy to a game consistently is an essential key to achieving the team's goals. "It really came down to our focus, energy level and how we played," he said. "We can't get pumped up for a game against Anderson and then come down and not make the same plays in other games that put us in a position to win."

Coach Dzurick and the Spartans are going head-to-head with the Defiance Yellow Jackets on the Spartan softball field. The first place will take place at 3:30 and the second will be at 5:30.



UPTO BAT First year Sydney Thompson steps up to the plate for her turn at bat.