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Mark Angelos Serves as Interim Director of MU Honors Program

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Professor Mark Angelos, professor of history and political science, is the new interim director of the Honors Program at Manchester University.

Angelos agreed to fill the position for the 2016–2017 school year because the previous director, Rachel Polando, is on sabbatical. As the interim director, Angelos oversees the current students in the Honors Program as well as encourages first years and upperclassmen with a 3.5 grade point average or higher to apply. “We recruit students who are strong achievers that seek to enhance their college experience,” Angelos said.

Within the program, students can either enroll in established honors courses or convert regular courses to Honors sections suited for them. In addition, individuals who are not currently members of the Honors Program can petition to be eligible for Honors courses. “I encourage every student who has the grade point average to consider it,” Angelos said. “It adds to your college experience and transcripts.”

When Angelos is not inspiring the young minds of the future from his vantage point as a professor, he serves to inform interested students of the structure of the program. “I’m the go-to person,” Angelos said. “If anyone has any questions, I’m very happy to meet new students.”

The honors committee, in which Angelos holds a position, is comprised of five faculty members, one representative from each college. Angelos indicated, however, that committee membership will grow. “Beginning this semester,” Angelos said, “two students will be selected as representatives on the committee.”

Because of his desire to fulfill a service, as well as his dedication to Manchester University, Angelos simply agreed when he was asked to fill the position. “I’ve always liked the Honors Program,” he said. “I consider the position to be a natural fit for me.” Outside of class, Angelos likes to make new connections, and believes it enriches the college experience. “I really enjoy spending as much time outside of class with students I’d never meet otherwise,” he said.

With regard to his hopes for the future of the Honors Program, Angelos expects the program to reorganize in the coming year. “The goals are to make the descriptions of the program, such as rules and credits, as clear as possible to potential members,” he said. “If you are going to be a part of something, you want to know how it works.”

The program is attempting to enhance the rule-description efforts that took place last year. According to Angelos, Honors students will also be able to take part in an Honors thesis. “Students will have the opportunity to present their thesis to a panel that consists of faculty from their major,” Angelos said. Stand-alone sections of Angelos’s courses will also be available in the Honors Program.

Faculty/Staff Win Softball Game in 9th-Inning Thriller



The faculty/staff softball victors pose with the four-foot trophy.

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At the conclusion of a nail-biter ninth inning, the faculty/staff softball team made up a three-run deficit to defeat the student team and take home the four-foot trophy for the third year in a row.

The evening of September 25 was bright and breezy as students, faculty, staff and family members trickled into the stands of the Gratz baseball diamond to watch the faculty/staff and students battle it out in a non-academic arena. Cries of “Hit the ball, Daddy!” wafted through the dugout, while some infants chose to sleep through the contest.

Students and faculty/staff traded wins on innings throughout, with neither team taking a substantial lead until the students claimed and held onto a three-run lead, heading into the bottom of the 9th. But the faculty/staff answered the students with hits from rookie player Dave McGrady (business), and returning players Jeff Beer (exercise science), Travis Steele (ITS), and Tish Kalita (Career Services), to send home three runners. With a 9 –all tie and two outs, Jonathan Watson (English) hit a fly ball over the head of the student right center fielder to bring Kalita home and win the game.

The faculty/staff had kind words to say about their student opponents. “Their rovers did a

great job of sealing up the middle,” said Heidi Wieland (education), co-coach and left field. “We had several line shots that should have been base hits, but were caught. They definitely made a difference in the game!”

Steele, who played left-center field, commended the students’ offensive play, and Beer, left field and infield, appreciated the students’ focus and “overall intensity to beat us.” Wieland also enjoyed the win. “It was a great three-peat, especially to come from behind in the bottom of the 9th,” she said. “My first year playing was the start of the streak, and last year I missed the game since I was in DC at a conference. I am pleased that the team has come

together three years in a row to bring the trophy to the faculty/staff.

“I love this event,” she continued, “as it brings together faculty/staff that may otherwise not have the chance to work together, as well as the opportunity to interact with students outside of our respective fields. A big shout out to Rick Espeset and the rest of the baseball staff/players for allowing us to use your beautiful field.

Beer agreed. “I just feel this is a great event and the students are always competitive and very respectful throughout the game,” he said. “We all go out with our game faces on and no matter the ending come out as friends and colleagues.”

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Elementary students gather on the mall during 2015’s Walk into My Future.

Elementary Students Walk into their Future

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Bustling with anticipation and commotion, Manchester University welcomes almost 2000 kindergarten through third grade students from Wabash and Whitley County to participate in the Walk Into My Future event today.

They will arrive in two waves of about 900 students each and will join the college students on the mall. Here, they will receive a warm welcome from President Dave McFadden and other dignitaries and participate in various activities.

The Walk Into My Future event is designed to promote higher education to students who may know little about secondary education, and it is also a kickoff event for students to become excited about college. “It’s an opportunity to learn about college,” said Alexis Young, director of Conference Services, and coordinator of the event. “Some of them have never heard about college. This is the first time to get them excited about all the possibilities out there—why going to college is important, or the things we do at college and how that will affect the rest of their lives.” After this

event, the participating students will launch a fundraising campaign to jump-start their college savings through the College Choice 529 fundraising. In order to help the students save for college, Parkview Hospital is willing to match every \$25 that the student puts into his or her account.

East Street is closed to allow the groups of students to cross the street safely and participate in the student-led stations. There are 27 stations lined up to host two elementary classes per every 15-minute rotation. The stations will provide interactive activities to engage students and teach new and exciting things. For example, the music department is inviting the young pupils go into Wine Recital to create music with various objects. The Business students are setting up a lemonade stand to represent a small business, and all the children will receive a penny to buy a cup of lemonade.

Today marks the fourth consecutive year that Manchester has hosted the event. “Four years ago, the Wabash County YMCA brought this initiative to us and wanted us to be their premiere partner,” Young said.

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Prof. Leonard Williams ‘Puzzles’ NYT Readers



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Staff Writer

When Professor Leonard Williams grades papers, his comments contain nary a cross word. But the Wall Street Journal recently welcomed one—a crossword puzzle, that is.

The professor of political science and Dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences has been doing crosswords since his teenage years. His stepfather introduced him to the crossword world, and he published his first works in 2001. Williams’s crosswords have since been published in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times.

Being published in the Wall Street Journal is no small feat by any means, but it has become more accessible as of late. “Until recently,” Williams said, “the Wall Street Journal didn’t do crosswords every day of the week; they only did one a week, and so they were a little more restrictive in their openings to people and now they’re less so. They’ve opened it up more to different constructors.”

Going about creating a puzzle is no simple process. “Coming up with the theme is the basic idea,” Williams said. The theme comes first, then it is set up in the grid. The black squares, referred to as the blocks, are next, followed by the fill and finally the clues.

According to Mark Shenk, the puzzle editor for the Wall Street Journal, the crossword pro-

cess is a collaborative effort. “Submissions are first looked over by my assistant Mark Danna to make sure they meet the basic specs, and then he and I look over all of them together,” Shenk wrote in an email. “Some puzzles are good to go from the first time we see them, and at other times there may be a lot of back-and-forth.” Williams’s puzzle had a few edits to its fills, but its theme was satisfactory. The professor made a few corrections and the Journal published the puzzle.

Crosswords are not a solitary hobby. There are crossword tournaments and an extensive community. “There are probably a few hundred people who publish at least one crossword, then there are a smaller handful of people at the top who repeatedly show up in the publications or are editors,” Williams said. “It’s a fairly small group at that high end, much like there is a small group who are really expert at solving in the tournaments.

“It’s always exciting to have an idea come to fruition, and follow it out because you don’t typically put down the first thing you think of,” he continued. “You have to research, and writing clues can be like writing mini poems. You have to try to tap into the zeitgeist and make associations for people without giving anything away.”

Williams, who has been at Manchester since fall 1982, intends to continue his crossword career, and hopes to see his puzzles once again in the New York Times.

Professor Haynes Brings Ink, Instruments to MU



Dr. Pamela Haynes at Manchester’s Peace Garden.

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Dr. Pamela Haynes, new assistant professor of music, has several distinctive features, from her red hair and kind smile to her intricate tattoos, including a chest piece fully showcasing colorful butterflies, a watercolor side piece and a full leg of black-and-grey portrait work. She brings both her personal experience with tattoos and the historical and cultural context of the art of tattooing to her current FYS class Body Art.

Not only does Haynes sport tattoos, but her husband owns Filament Tattoo Company in Wabash, Ind., where they live with their six children (one is away at college) and their pets. Haynes also has some history with Manchester’s campus, having stayed in Oakwood during a summer camp called Mind Power for gifted and talented students.

Haynes grew up in Denver, Ind., not far from Manchester, and had a grandmother who graduated from then Manchester College and played a large part in her musical career.

“She had a piano in her home, a baby grand, and I just loved playing on it,” Haynes said. “I would just go fiddle on it, so she said to my mother, ‘You need to get her lessons so we can hear some real music.’” Haynes has been playing ever since.

After high school, she attended DePauw University, where she earned her BA in music education and accompanied DePauw’s symphony orchestra. She then attended The Ohio State University, where she earned a MA in piano performance and pedagogy before going on to The University of Kansas to complete a DMA (a doctorate) in piano, pedagogy and literature.

Although this fall marks Haynes’s first year as a full time faculty member at Manchester, she had previously done some accompaniment work with the music department. “This has been my lifelong dream to be a part of higher education community,” Haynes said.

In addition to her FYS course, she is also teaching Introduction to Music and gives private piano lessons to students.

‘Sober Thoughts’ VIA Reinforces Consequences of Drugs and Alcohol

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The Sober Thoughts VIA held on Monday, Sept. 19, started with a nine foot ladder being pulled out of a small bag and ended with hypnotized male students giving birth to twins on stage. Among the illusions, mind tricks and magic, however, there was an important message that speaker Robert Hackenson Jr. presented to the audience in attendance.

As 7 p.m. approached and the event grew closer, the excited buzz of students filled Cordier Auditorium. First years swarmed the auditorium because the show doubled as requirement for their FYS classes and as a VIA credit. Entitled “Sober Thoughts,” the show was advertised around campus as being “edutainment” for college students about using drugs and alcohol. Hackenson, a professional speaker, magician and certified hypnotist, came to educate students about the possible consequences of using drugs and alcohol, while also keeping the audience entertained and engaged.

First year Sophia Harner,

was not disappointed by the show. “I thought it was fun and a pleasurable experience; it kept me engaged and entertained because of the mystery and surprise that was around every corner,” she said. “I feel that he presented an old and worn-out topic in a new and engaging way.”

“Sober Thoughts” was by no means a new message for the audience, as most students had learned in high school about the consequences of drugs and drinking, but there was something fresh about the way that Hackenson presented the message. “In high school we were lectured at,” Harner said, “but tonight he provided information that would help us to make our own decisions without stern pressure to abstain from drinking.”

Sophomore Cory Rowland found the show to be entertaining and educational as well. “I enjoyed the show very much because it had its own style of teaching something new without it being boring,” he said.

The presentation was nonthreatening and light-hearted, but reinforced to the audience of the possible negative consequences of drinking. “I think the message

and the way it was presented is something that should be spoken to schools around the country,” Rowland said.

Junior Clayton Capes enjoyed the show and believed it lived up to its advertisement. “It was entertaining,” Capes said, “and I strongly felt that his message was vital for college students, especially after the tragedy that happened last year at

Manchester.”

This presentation on the consequences of using drugs and alcohol really hit home for many students in attendance. Many witnessed first-hand the impact of driving under the influence, as Manchester experienced the death of three of its students this past spring in a traffic accident caused when a driver in a separate car operated his vehicle

while intoxicated.

As students flooded out of the auditorium after the show, there was a buzz of conversations and almost palpable excitement. During the final stage of the show, Hackenson hypnotized students and invited them on stage where they carried out scenarios related to the messages presented in other parts of his presentation.

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Steele concurred. “I look forward to the game each year,” he said. “It’s a great opportunity to get to know some of the students and your colleagues. Winning is just a bonus.”

Rookie Erynn Brooks (sociology) enjoyed her first year on the team. “It was a nice chance to get to know a few more faculty and students,” she said. “I was grateful for an opportunity to get out and play softball on a beautiful evening. I played in college and am always excited to get on the field when I have the chance.

“The game was even better than I expected because it was so competitive,” she continued. “It seemed like neither team could keep a lead for very long.”

Nick Thomas, a senior finance major from Convoy, OH, was one of the student players. “It was a lot of fun!” he said. “It was a very great game. Even though we lost, I enjoyed playing. The most interesting part was the fact that we had a lead going into the last inning and then the faculty hit a walk-off against us.”

Kody Smith, a junior communication studies major from Huntington, Ind., was a pitcher and outfielder. “The student-faculty softball game is awesome because it

is a great contest each year,” he said. “Both sides are into the action, and it is a great way to end a stressful week of classes.”

Student audience members were also quite excited about the game. “I loved the music,” said Susuyu Lassa, a sophomore political science major and psychology minor from Borno, Nigeria. “I loved how they played those 80’s songs that made a comeback, so the professors as well as we millennials were familiar with them. The game was delightful; there was a friendly camaraderie between the professors and the students, which made for an altogether delightful atmosphere.”

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Children participate in student-led activities at 2015’s Walk Into My Future.

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“I was brought in this because I love connecting the community and the campus. Because I am from North Manchester and I am on the North Manchester Chamber Board, any chance that I can get to connect them and build that relationship, I want to be involved in that.”

This campus-wide event

takes more than 200 student volunteers to help organize. About 100 volunteers help the elementary students, and the rest assist with the student-led booths. Nicola Jones and Kim Reineohl, who both work in admissions, helped Young recruit volunteers and inform the staff about the event. Even though planning and organizing the event was a hectic and long-term com-

mitment, there are benefits and rewards. “My favorite part of this is the excitement that I see in the kids,” Young said. “It’s surprising how many families that live in Wabash and Whitley Counties have never set foot on our campus. That’s exciting that they are being introduced to our campus. But it’s also the excitement of the kids when they learn something new.”



Sophomores float down the Eel River Saturday, Sept. 18.

Sophomores Participate in Inaugural KenapocoFloat

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Thirty-two students on six different rafts from the Manchester University class of 2019 floated down the Eel River into their sophomore year on Saturday, Sept. 18, during the first annual KenapocoFloat held by the Office of Alumni Relations.

That day, participants met at the Environmental Studies Cabin at 2 p.m. to check in. After listening to students speak about the river and receiving some ground rules, sophomores then made team flags for their rafts. These flags will be sewn into a quilt and auctioned off by Alumni Relations during Homecoming. The proceeds will go directly to fund future class events.

From the cabin, students were shipped off to a river-access site in Liberty Mills where they boarded their rafts and began their

journey. Each raft also included one or more faculty and staff members, including President Dave McFadden, Tim Brauch, Michael Dixon, Josh Dzurick, Kurt Kurtzhals, Jordan Redding, Andy Rich, Jessica Sillaman and Lauren Zlotocki. Another very welcomed member of the group was Josh Dzurick's dog, Champ, who often swam ahead of the rafts in the water or ran beside the rafts in the dirt, all the while holding a tennis ball in his mouth.

The trip began quietly, but it was not long after hitting the water that the rafts broke out in competition. Different groups would sing songs and laugh as they each raced toward Manchester University's football field, where they exited the river. Here and there, rafts got stuck in shallow spots while other rafts floated by, its passengers looking on amusedly. However, it was never too long until the

roles were reversed.

When students exited the river, they were instructed to hose off, dry their rafts and return their life jackets, all of which were provided by Kosciusko County Soil and Water Conservation District. After doing so, students went back to the Environmental Studies Cabin and ate a meal provided by Chartwells and were treated to ice-cream floats.

Before leaving, each sophomore walked away with a squirrel-shaped Manchester University stress ball and some won door prizes. Many students walked away with comfort as well. "It was so relaxing and peaceful, especially after a long week," said Delaney Ray.

Other students walked away with excitement. "My experience with the float was amazing!" said Lauren Rodts. "Although I'm

a STAT member who plans events like these, I wasn't sure exactly what it was going to be like. I couldn't be gladder that I did it, though. It was such a cool opportunity and an awesome event to be a part of."

Alumni Relations has been planning this event since last spring specifically to bring sophomores together. "As you probably know, we work to do an event for each of the classes every year," said Melissa West, assistant director of Alumni Relations. "We want, first of all, to have an event where we put students in an environment outside of the classroom where they can specifically meet their classmates. Really, we want to create class unity by providing you with the opportunity to do things with the people you will graduate with." West feels that the river is an iconic piece of the community that needs to be drawn back into campus. "Doing

something where we could get students on the river was important to us," West said.

President McFadden learned about this event a few months ago and was excited to be a part of it. He really enjoyed the singing, racing and listening to students talk about their lives on campus. "My hope is that this event becomes established as something students look forward to," McFadden said.

This year's sophomores are already talking it up. "I will 100-percent encourage first years to take part when their turn comes," McKesson said. "Especially with being a SOL, this will be an event I talk about to my first years."

West, who was major contributor to planning this event, encourages next year's sophomores to give it a chance and try something new.

Volleyball Fights for Redemption

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Although the MU volleyball team was defeated 3-0 in the HCAC opener against Rose-Hulman on Sept. 21, 2016 and faced other losses against Olivet and Albion in the MIAA conference, the team is looking towards the future and working to combat their weaknesses. "It was a little rough for us," said assistant coach Sarah Pruden about the loss against Rose-Hulman. "I think being a younger team we had a lot of nerves and I think they felt there was pressure. This was just a big game for them."

Among the losses, victories against other colleges like Waynesburg (3-0) and Wilmington

(3-0) have boosted the team's spirits "They have way more confidence now," Pruden said. "I think they are really meshing well in playing together for sure." She also noted that the hardest challenge was getting the team on the same page, especially at the beginning of the season.

Indeed, the team is continuing to fight and redeem itself; it won the Saturday, September 24 game against Franklin 3-1. Although the team wants to win, coaches try to avoid putting too much pressure on the players. "Sometimes they do get tense," Pruden said. "They think they have so much riding on it."

This weekend, the team will be travelling to Hanover on Saturday, October 1 and to Transylvania on Sunday, October 2.



Middle hitter Hannah Tevis defending against Rose Hulman

Women's Soccer Has Heart Despite Losses

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Despite the effort of the players, Manchester University's women's soccer team lost a hard-fought battle against Huntington University on Sept. 21.

The game took place on the opponents' turf, and showcased the Spartans' tenacious resolve. The first goal was made by the Spartans in the first three minutes of the game. However, a slip-up occurred soon after when the next goal they sunk was into the opponents' net. Ending the first half trailing 3-1, the women rallied together, and

through footwork and well-played runs, closed the gap, ending the game with a score of Huntington Foresters 4, Manchester Spartans 3.

Although they were defeated, the team members are optimistic about the match, and games to come. "It's the best game we've ever played, honestly," said first year Destina Easley, outside defender. The name of the game is improving every step of the way. The girls give their all into practice, and it's been paying off on the field. No matter the score, the team's number one objective is to play with heart. "The team didn't give up until the final whistle," said Maranda Birmingham, forward. "Our offense was a

continuous threat to Huntington's defense."

The Spartans played an aggressive offense throughout the game. By making short passes up and down the field, the Spartans created an energy, and made opportunities to score goals. "From a forward's standpoint, short passes up the field are very exciting," Birmingham said. The team's determined comeback made for an exciting match!

Team dynamic is also really important to the women. The team practices for long hours together, joke together and sometimes even eat together. They have spent so much time as a unit, it is

impossible for them not to share a strong bond. Their skill and cohesiveness on the field is a reflection of their family dynamic, and the relationship they have together.

Away games are a bit more strenuous for the Spartans. Depending on the travel time, the women are confined to their seats on the bus, shortening the amount of time they have to limber up before the match. Being away from the home field can also have a mental effect. "It's more relaxing to play at home," Easley said. "There's more time to prepare yourself."

They make bus rides more comfortable with pre-game snacks such as dry cereal, fruit

snacks and granola bars, fueling up before departing the bus, and readying themselves with a short practice.

With the season ahead looking bright, the team does not forget those who helped them get to where they are, and those that are invested in their improvement. "The coaches are the backbone of this team and we would not be where we are without them," Birmingham said.

The players' improved performance each game is a testament to the dedication, effort and time put forth by the coaches, and by the players themselves.



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Spartans' Defense Is On the Ball

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The men's soccer team defended its winning streak this week, defeating rival universities Andrews and Finlandia, both from Michigan, and Illinois Tech of Chicago.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the Spartans crushed the Andrews Cardinals, outscoring them 5-1. With two goals in the first half by sophomore midfielder Ryan Morley and junior midfielder Luke Headings, the team started in a rush and then temporarily let down its guard. "This seems to be a trend if we come out and score quickly," said head coach Corey Brueggeman, adding that it's something they are hoping to correct.

The Spartans still managed to clinch the win in the second half of the game with a team goal by Manchester, another by first-year forward Adrian Mulenga, and a final score by one of the team's captains, senior midfielder Colin Singer.

On Friday, Sept. 23, the Spartans snatched a seventh win for the season. Underclassmen dominated the game at Good Field with one goal in the first half by Mulenga and another in the second by sophomore midfielder Samuel Tetteh-Quarsie. The Spartans' defense successfully kept the Finlandia Lions from scoring with a final result of 2-0.

The Spartans faced more challenging opposition against the visiting Scarlet Hawks from Illinois Tech on Sunday, Sept. 25. Ben Niederhelman, a sophomore midfielder, scored two of the team's goals in the game, with a senior midfielder Ola Ladapo kicking in a third. The game ended in a victory for Manchester with a final score of 3-2, upholding the Spartans' undefeated record.

Defensively, the team has only conceded six goals in six games, and in Coach Brueggeman's opinion, this has been a major improvement over the past few years. "We are relatively young with our defenders," he said. "The first years have done very well to adjust and mesh with our returning players."

Mulenga, who scored twice this week, said he is honored as a first year to play alongside such talented and hardworking upperclassmen. "I go out and give 110 percent for my team because I respect everybody that's a part of it," he said. He humbly added that his goals this week are the product of the team's efforts rather than just his own. "I may have been able to put the ball in the back of the net," Mulenga said, "but I wouldn't have any of my goal-scoring chances without my amazing teammates."

Brueggeman admits that the Spartans are still trying to sort out some aspects of the game. The players understand how they want to play, he explained, but they sometimes slip into old habits or are unable to execute at the right time. "All in all, we are creating chances and seem to be moving forward," the coach concluded.

After a healthy string of home games, the Spartans traveled east for its next match-up: they played the Polar Bears at Ohio Northern University on Wednesday, Sept. 28, losing 7-1. Next, they will journey south to battle the Panthers at Hanover College on Saturday, October 1.

Strong Leadership Keeps Spartans Hopeful

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At the close of its third week, the Manchester University Spartans football team remains positive after another setback in Saturday's game. The first away-game of the season took the Spartans to Mount Saint Joseph's Schuler Field, where Spartans lost 19-38.

With the team's record currently standing at 0-3, the Spartans have remained hopeful and have put in the hard work needed to succeed. "If you're looking from the outside in, you'd say we're having a rough season so far," said Cole Sellers, a junior defensive lineman, "and even though things haven't gone the way that we've expected the first three games, there is certainly progress. There will always

be some growing pains with a new head coach but we're beginning to find our identity." "Certain guys are stepping up into their new roles and everybody's getting a little more comfortable as a team; it's only a matter of time until the wheels start turning and we make some noise in the HCAC."

Within the dynamics of the team, consistency seems to be the one thing that the Black and Gold need to work on. "And this doesn't apply just to game day, but to practice every day," Sellers said. "I think those things are undoubtedly related; you can't expect to have a solid four quarters on a Saturday if you don't have a focused Sunday through Friday." The team is keeping those words in mind as it prepares to take on conference rivals, the Franklin Grizzlies.

The foundation for a

strong team is centralized leadership throughout. MU's new head football coach, Nate Jensen, has already made a lasting impact. "Coach Jensen has completely changed the culture of the team in his short time here, but he has definitely had a large impact on me in specific," Sellers said. "He brings certain values to the table that will follow me for the rest of my life. He demands respect but returns it to each and every one of us; his love for his family and this team is blatantly obvious, and his pure love and passion for the game of football are all things that I hope that I can emulate in my future."

With strong leadership roles solidifying the basis of the team, players have also had their lasting impact. "I just try to lead by example the best that I can and show the younger guys you don't

have to be a captain or starter to make an impact on the team," Sellers said.

With the foundation of support through the team and throughout the Manchester community, the team regards the rest of the season with high hopes. "I'd just like to thank the entire community for their support and change in morale this season," Sellers said. "MU has become very close-knit and it's comforting to know that everybody else is buying into the culture we're trying to establish."

As MU enters its fourth game week, the Spartans will host Franklin at home on the Carl W. Burt Memorial Field this Sat. October 1. Throughout the game, donations will be accepted, with the proceeds going to the Samaritan's Feet Organization.



Head football coach Nate Jensen walks in with team.

Cross Country Set for More Victories

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Manchester's cross country teams has had successful seasons in the past couple of years and 2016 seems to be shaping up to be the same, if not better.

Both the men's and the women's teams began the season on the right foot, with the women taking the team title and the men taking a team second at home during Manchester's Hokum Kareem Invitational on Sept. 1.

On the women's side, a strong effort by the first-year team of Emily Ewen and Hannah Wappes helped achieve the individual title. The Hokum Kareem was Ewen's first collegiate race of her career and despite a few speed bumps, the Tri-Country High School graduate was able to pull off a successful performance. "It was scary, being my first race in college," she said. "I was already not feeling too well, but I think it went really well." For the men's team, the senior pair of Alex Gudeman and Thomas Dean were able to take home the individual first place.

On Sept. 10, the men achieved a second-place team finish and the women earned a first-place team finish at the Hanover Invitational. Gudeman took the individual title for the men with a time of 27:43:33. Senior Mariah Jordan took the individual title with a time of 24:31:10, with senior teammate Tiffany Harber following in second and then teammates following in fourth, sixth and seventh.

Less than a week later, the teams traveled to Indiana University in Bloomington for the Indiana

Intercollegiate Championships, which consists of 13 different colleges throughout Indiana.

The men's team was able to finish tenth overall with a sixth place finish by senior Gudeman with a time of 27:07:65 and a seventh place finish by senior Connor Bresnahan with a time of 27:09:21.

The women pulled off an impressive third-place team finish. Senior Mariah Jordan placed fourth overall with a time of 19:44:84, and Wappes took tenth place with a time of 20:34:61. The next meet for the Manchester Cross Country team is tomorrow, Oct. 1, when they travel to Louisville, KY, for the Greater Louisville Invitational.

Jordan, from Fort Wayne, IN, received the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Weekly Honors for the week of Sept. 12-18 for her fourth-place finish at Indiana Intercollegiate Invite. This marks her second Weekly Honors of the 2016 season and the eighth of her collegiate career.

One thing that makes this team so great is their chemistry. "For the most part, I would say we're a pretty close family," said sophomore runner Hannah Tobin.

Ewen agreed. "A two-day camp at the beginning of our season had us running together a lot and brought us closer as a team from the start," she said. "The seniors did a great job including the first years in their activities, whether it was going out to eat or just hanging out outside of practice."

This team of talented runners is seeded high for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and projected for another team first place.



Alex Gudeman pushes toward the finish line.