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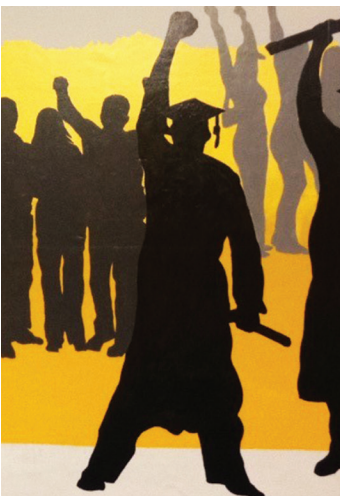
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Students Power Through Moving

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The newest class of Manchester University students weren’t about to let a little rain ruin their fun while moving in on a humid Saturday. While the rain refused to let up for over an hour, students and good-natured parents lugged their belongings up to their dorms tirelessly.

When sports teams moved in several days earlier, their day went much more smoothly, and with a lot less rain. “I moved in on August 18 along with the rest of the cross country team,” Natasha Niccum said. “My experience with that was pretty great because it was easy just being able to get in and out without [worrying] about stepping on other people’s things in the hallways.”

Having a space to call your own, finally, has many great pros. While the residence hall rooms may be small, the freedoms that go with having them are mighty. “Finally I can just chill and do whatever I want to,” Clark-Conrad said. “I like having independence and privacy. It’s great!”

For Niccum, the independence comes as a new, welcome change. “I love it!” she exclaimed. “It is completely different for sure. But I wouldn’t change it. I like how I am finding who I am as a person.” For many, move-in-day is daunting, but when students stay close to home, it’s just another day in another building. “It is kind of weird living on campus, while my house is here in town, but I don’t think it affects my experience at all,” Niccum said.

The adjustment seems to be pretty easygoing for other students as well. “I adjust pretty well anywhere I go,” Clark-Conrad said. “As long as I have wifi, I’ll be fine.” For many first years, this is their first true taste of being on their own. Indeed, homesickness can be a large concern among all students, regardless of their year. “The only thing I miss about home is my cat,” Clark-Conrad said.

Even while living close to home, college life and adjusting can be scary. “My SOL group was pretty cool; I made a couple friends there too,” Niccum said. “It really helped that my cousin was part of my group. That made it a little less nerve-racking.”

Moving into a new place, especially surrounded by unfamiliar faces, and becoming engaged within a new community can be challenging. Finding the right fit is crucial in student success, and move-in-day is just the beginning.

MU Amends Alcohol Policy, We’ll Drink to That!

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Manchester University is a historically dry campus; alcohol has neither been permitted nor tolerated. That is, until now.

On Sept. 1, every MU student, faculty, and staff member received an email from President McFadden updating them on Manchester’s new alcohol policy: Alcohol can be served on campus now, but only to individuals 21 or older at events that have been previously approved. At said events, only certain types of alcohol will be al-

lowed. Any beverages that exceed 10 percent of alcohol by volume will not be permitted.

One of Manchester’s main priorities is raising awareness about the dangers of the overconsumption of alcohol and underage drinking. However, the university adjusted its alcohol policy in an effort to create a friendlier environment at social gatherings and to better complement meals or events.

The rules are different, but not exceedingly. The University still does not allow alcohol in any classrooms, dorms, apartments affiliated with the University, houses

governed by residence life regulations or events off campus attended mainly by MU students or persons under the age of 21.

Further, Manchester does not possess a liquor license by the state of Indiana, so it cannot serve alcohol itself. A third party that is licensed and insured must provide the alcohol for the preapproved events. The provider must also carry insurance for workers’ compensation and liquor legal liability.

Apart from all of that, the provider must also be on the list of approved providers that is kept by the University. Also, food, along

with non-alcoholic beverages, must be available at all times while the alcohol is being served.

“As a student, I think the updated policy on alcohol is great!” said Tate Wooding, junior. “However, as an RA, and as President of Student Senate, I do have some concerns. I think a lot of people will take advantage of the new policy.”

Wooding believes that Manchester will continue to crack down on people who refuse to obey the rules; however, he does not think that we’ve seen the last of the amendments to the alcohol policy. “I definitely see the alcohol policy continue to progress in the future,”

Spartans Bike to Build Houses, to Promote Peace

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Two members of the Manchester community cycled across the country this summer, taking with them Manchester’s trademark spirit of service. Jordan Redding, a full time Spartan athletic trainer, joined up with organization Bike-and-Build, while senior Michael Himlie paved his own path, cofounding and cycling with Biking for Peace.

Redding, a 2013 Manchester graduate, had always wanted to bike across the country. With Bike-and-Build, she could take the trip she had dreamed of and be part of a cause she respected. Bike-and-Build riders cycle both to take part in building affordable housing projects and to raise awareness about their cause. “We had to do team discussions before we left on our trip,” Redding said, “so I got really educated about affordable housing. I had no idea it was such a big issue.”

According to the organization’s website, a minimum-wage worker would have to work a physically impossible 86 hours a week

to afford a fair-market apartment, which is estimated to cost \$806 a month to rent.

Bike-and-Build offers several different routes through the United States. Redding and her team of 30 cycled the C2C route, a tough expedition from New Haven, CT through the heartland of the United States, ending in Half Moon Bay, CA 80 days later. Their trip was spent almost constantly cycling, aside from meals and nights spent with generous parishioners of churches and a total of 16 days spent volunteering. Before the end of Redding’s trip, she’d volunteered with Youth Build in Louisville, KY, Habitat for Humanity and in women’s shelters throughout the country.

Redding, and others who decide they want to cycle with Bike-and-Build, cycle for and commit to addressing affordable housing. In addition to the obligation to raise \$4,500 dollars for donation and biking the total of 500 miles, applicants must also complete 10 volunteer hours on an affordable housing project to qualify for a trip.

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Photo courtesy of Michael Himlie

Michael Himlie, senior peace studies major and Biking for Peace cofounder

Photographer Captures Cuba’s Vibrant Culture

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There’s a party on the third floor of the Academic Center, where William Rasdell’s photographs of Cuban musicians and dancers adorn the walls.

“My work as an artist examines the contributions of people of color to societies around the globe,” Randell wrote in his artist’s statement about this exhibit. “In telling this story, it would be neglectful to omit two of the most valued gifts, music and dance. The images presented here reflect my interpretations of these offerings as I have been moved by their energies.”

Rasdell’s wispy images and spurts of color evoke a wide variety

of emotions, such as pride and empowerment. From attraction to the subject matter to recognition of the techniques, Rasdell’s art is open to any kind of interpretation.

The artist picked up a camera for the first time in 1975 and has since used it as a medium to speak out and satisfy his passion. “My work is strongly influenced by issues related to migration as a transforming agent in cultural evolution,” he writes on his website. “For much of my career I have focused on the impact of the African presence throughout the Diaspora. My work is an attempt to understand how these cultural relationships have evolved into contemporary societies.” Along with photographing Cuba, Rasdell has turned his artistic lens to photographing South Africa,

Puerto Rico, Mexico, Grenada, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad/Tobago and locations all over the United States.

Rasdell hosts workshops as a means of teaching kids how to use photography to express their culture and take pride in their lives. In addition to this, Rasdell has started a program called “My City, My World,” through which students receive cameras and take pictures of their worlds. The students, in turn, upload their photographs to an online gallery and get to be a part of a bigger community, as they see other students’ photographs of their worlds. There are even students in Indianapolis, IN, who are in correspondence with students as far away as Cape Town, South Africa.

Professor Jena Oke, who

brought Rasdell’s work to the Academic Center, likes to engage students and faculty by taking art outside of the classroom or gallery and into the hallways. As Manchester University’s gallery director, Oke chooses which artist is featured on each floor of the Academic Center, and she changes the art regularly. “I try really hard to connect to the academic interests of the disciplines that are on each floor, but sometimes the connections are very faint,” Oke said. “Maybe I know that the people who work and live in those buildings love music or love dance or love color. And, if it’s artwork I think they would enjoy or they tell me they enjoy, I hang it for them.” Oke is always on the look for artists to feature and is open to suggestions from students and faculty.



Photograph by William Rasdell, part of the collection “CUBA: Looking back on 20 years” | Havana, Cuba 2000

Professor Hopes to Inspire Young Scientists



Dr. Suzanne Beyeler, professor of biology and environmental studies

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During her childhood, Dr. Suzanne Beyeler loved to sit in the woods and admire the patterns in the world around her. Now she has joined Manchester's faculty as an assistant professor of biology and environmental studies with big dreams of stewarding that same curiosity, wide-eyed wonder and passion in the next generation of scientists.

Beyeler hopes that in the upcoming years she can continue retired Professor Jerry Sweeten's work with watershed research and further develop the environmental studies program. She believes that it is crucial that students get training in the fieldwork of their area of study. "It's important that we not just teach kids to become scientists but have them doing the actual science," Beyeler said. She would really like to see Manchester bring in students from urban areas who are not as familiar with nature and give them a place to make discoveries that they may never have had the opportunity to have otherwise. She would also like to see Manchester develop a master's program in environmental studies in order to further educate and empower scientists.

Beyeler knew she wanted to teach rather than work exclusive-

ly in the field. "When I got my PhD, I always had in the back of my mind to become a professor and I have always had a soft spot for Indiana," she said. She began her higher education at Goshen College in Goshen, IN, by earning her Bachelor's degree with a major in biology and a minor in peace and justice studies. Beyeler noted that Manchester and Goshen are very similar in philosophy and ideologies and that is what drew her to this university. She believes that the opportunities Goshen College offered, such as opportunities to travel abroad and engages field practice, helped prepared her for her area of study. She liked that Manchester provided similar opportunities for students. "Manchester is a place where they encourage you not just to do a job for what you want to do and who you are but they want you to think about the bigger picture," Beyeler said.

And Beyeler certainly has been focused on the bigger picture. Before coming to Manchester University, she worked at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, as a biodiversity research and monitoring program coordinator, which involved working closely with the Hudson River Estuary Project. "I looked at the status and trends of wildlife species in the watershed to figure out if they were doing well," she said. "If they were not doing well, I figured out why they were

doing poorly and offered up conservation and management strategies to help species become more stable." She worked with a diverse group of people from scientists and state officials to college in-terns and citizens.

Beyeler noted that the world faces ecological problems and emphasized why people should care. "These issues regarding the resources and climate change and wildlife disappearing all come back and negatively impact us," she said. Her work in Florida and New York has shown that she is trying to make a difference in her small corner of the big world. Beyeler is actively contributing to the conservation of the world's resources and ecosystems.

However, the loss of resources, climate change and disappearance of wildlife is not going to be fixed by one person. It is not even going to be fixed in one generation. As she continues to do her own work in the field of biology and environmental science, Beyeler will also be inspiring the next generation of scientists to take up the mantle. "If you want to put it in grandiose terms and overstep what I can actually do, then that is exactly what I want to do," said Beyeler humbly. "I realize that I am just one person, but I like to think big and think that those things can be done even if it would take a thousand people or ten thousand, but I'll try anyway."

Soccer Veteran Becomes New Women's Head Coach

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Manchester University is kicking off the start of the 2016-17 school year with new women's soccer coach, Christine Johnson.

Johnson discovered her passion for the sport when her parents signed her up for recreational soccer. "I was a highly energetic kid," she said. Johnson is originally from Seattle, WA, but attended high school in Irving, CA. In 2001, Johnson participated in the NCAA Division I Final Four, and in 2009, she played professionally for the California Storm and Football Bay Area Pride.

Johnson has a vast professional background in the sport, having taken coaching positions at various universities and institutions. She was an assistant coach at Fresno State University from 2005-

09 and at Arizona State University during 2009-10. Johnson also led the Crown City United Soccer Club in San Marino, CA, from 2012-15.

Her experience with soccer differs depending on whether she is on the field as a player, or off the field as a coach. "As a player, I felt like I had more control over the outcome of the game," Johnson said. Although she can teach her team the skills necessary to win, she explained, "As a coach, I cannot control the effort of my players." Further, she cannot speak to her greatest challenge as a coach; it depends on the day or the week during a season. "What is my greatest challenge this week?" she asked. "Keeping my players healthy and getting our first win!"

Johnson has many fond memories of soccer. "When I am retired and everything is said and done, I think the thing that will

forever stick with me is the feeling of being a part of a team," she said. "When you are a member of a team that is working together to achieve a goal, it's a powerful feeling."

One of Johnson's former team members at the University of Florida was now-retired U.S. soccer superstar, Abby Wambach, who won two Olympic gold medals for the U.S. women's national soccer team and was awarded the 2012 FIFA World Player of the Year. "Abby was the hardest working player I have ever come in contact with and she was extremely talented," Johnson said. "Her locker was right next to mine in our locker room and she was a senior when I was a freshman so she was someone I really admired and looked up to."

Johnson feels "blessed" to be a part of the Manchester University family, as her own family has a strong bond with the university. She moved to the area when her husband, Kevin Lake, accepted the position of head wrestling coach



Women's Head Soccer Coach Christine Johnson with her daughters

at Manchester. Lake, she says, has an "amazing" connection to MU. "His dad played football and graduated from MU, my husband wrestled for MU and graduated from MU, his twin sister played basketball and graduated from MU," she

said. "Coming back to coach was a dream come true for him."

Johnson and Lake reside in Fort Wayne. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Jayla, 9, and Amara, 5.



Photo courtesy of Michael Himlie
David Jones, Biking for Peace cofounder, and Michael Himlie, Senior Peace Studies major

BIKING, FROM FRONT PAGE

Michael Himlie, a senior in the Peace Studies department, spent his summer cycling with his organization, Biking for Peace. He and cofounder David Jones pledged to cycle 100 miles a day for 50 days, in all 50 states, in order to raise funds and awareness for peacemaking organizations.

Raised in the Church of the Brethren, Himlie is a firm believer in nonviolent direct action. His organization's goal was to raise \$100,000 for Christian Peacemaker Teams, a group that partners with nonviolent movements throughout the world. Himlie's desire to support their cause stems from a

personal experience with the organization on an international trip. "When I went on a delegation with them to Palestine and observed with every sense of my body the occupation and apartheid present there, any effort towards a bike trip that I would embark on would be minute compared to the strength of the oppressed Palestinians and Bedouins in the West Bank and Gaza," Himlie said.

Despite his dismissal of his efforts, Himlie's trip preparations were anything but easy. Throughout the 2016 spring semester, his resistance training was extensive and time consuming. "There were some soggy homework assignments," he said. But, in the

end, he was prepared for the considerable ride.

Himlie and his partner Jones began their trip at midnight in the state of Hawaii on May 14, where they biked the same route as participants in the Ironman ultra-triathlon, before flying out to California and continuing on.

Both Himlie and Redding spoke fondly of their experiences, and of the sort of family and friends they made along the way.

If you're interested in learning more about Bike-and-Build or Biking for Peace, check out their respective websites for more information: <http://classic.bikeand-build.org/cms/> and bikingforpeace.org.



Dr. Seth Mayer, professor of philosophy and religion

Photo by Karly Prichard

MU Welcomes Philosophy Professor

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Originally from Pennsylvania, Dr. Seth Mayer studied philosophy in Chicago and is now happy to join Manchester University's Department of Religion and Philosophy.

"I liked it, I wanted to teach at a liberal arts college, I wanted to focus on teaching," Mayer said. "I was teaching at a much larger institution before I was here, so having that more personal connection to students and knowing people, the feeling that I was serving a region of the country in a really direct, useful way all seemed like things that were possible here."

Mayer began his college career as a film studies major at the University of Chicago where he received his ungraduated degree.

After a few classes, he soon realized he was more interested in the social sciences. "I was interested in issues related to politics, and related to justice and democracy and things along those lines," Mayer said. "One semester I ended up taking a class in human rights, the philosophy of human rights and a class on the philosophy of Socrates, and I was, like, 'this is what I was looking for.'" After graduation, he received his PhD from Northwestern University. He went on to teach at Auburn University in Georgia. Manchester had the qualities and small-school appeal he was looking for in a long-term position.

When Mayer is not teaching, he runs, watches football, both college and professional, and watches professional basketball. Additionally, he really enjoys music; his last concert was Waxahatchee.

And if allowed to see any concert, time travel permitting, he had quite the list. "After much deliberation, the musicians I'd most want to see live that you can't actually see now are Elliott Smith, Nirvana, Outkast, Fugazi, Arthur Russell, Neutral Milk Hotel and Daft Punk," he said. "Concerts of musicians I haven't seen yet, but most want to see now, are Kanye West, Hop Along, Future, Sufjan Stevens and Kevin Gates. That's how I'm feeling today, anyway."

Currently, Mayer is managing a considerable lineup of courses, including Ethical Decision Making, a first-year seminar class and a bioethics course. Come January, he will be taking on another round of bioethics. During spring semester, Mayer will be teaching Introduction to Philosophy, Ethical Decision Making and bioethics.

One-Stop Student Service Center Brings Efficiency to Campus

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The new One Stop Student Service Center combines the Office of the Registrar and Student Financial Services to create an easier method for students to get things done in one place. The One Stop Student Service Center is a physical and virtual center designed to provide students with a single office where they can find assistance in course registration, enrollment questions, financial aid, billings and payments.

Raylene Rospond, vice president for institutional effectiveness and the dean of the College of Pharmacy, is one of the people who put together this useful and efficient tool for students. "Just think how many times you made a change to your course schedule and

then needed to speak to Student Financial Services to make sure your financial aid remained intact, or added a private music lesson and then need to make payment arrangement to cover the additional cost," she said via email. "The One Stop allows you do all that in one location. So you can see that establishing the One Stop Student Service Center is based on providing students with a high level of customer service and to aid you in resolving your questions in one visit. We are currently developing a virtual one-stop student service center whereby you can access many of these services electronically. We expect virtual services to be available no later than spring semester."

Another useful element about this new center is the location. According to Rospond, the lower level of the Administration

Building, Suite 20, has been a very successful location, as it provides an efficient space for students during change of course days. Outside the offices, ice-cold water and lemonade is free for students to drink as well as rice krispie treats or granola bars.

Students seem to be taking advantage of this new advancement. "We had just under 900 visitors sign in during the first five days of operation," said Sherri Shockey, director of Student Financial Services. "We are excited to receive student feedback to continue enhancing the student experience."

Further, students have been giving good reviews. "The One Stop Student Service Center is an awesome and creative idea that I loved being able to utilize," said Dominic Marietta, first year. "It's a great way to figure things out."



Mural outside the One-Stop Student Center by Professor Jena Oke

Knapp joins Manchester University as VP, Chief Business Officer

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For Clair Knapp, Manchester's new chief business officer, life is all about seeking adventure and seizing the opportunity to become a part of something greater than himself. This fall, Knapp has embodied this credo as he begins his work at Manchester University.

Knapp, after serving as the chief financial officer at Ohio Dominican University for 18 months, accepted his current position at Manchester out of a desire to be part of an institution that has a deep history and solid reputation. "It is a truly wonderful institution with a great mission and great people that carry out that mission," Knapp said. "After having the opportunity to spend some more time on campus and meeting all the great people, it was an easy decision for my wife and myself to move back to Indiana."

After growing up in the northwest part of Indiana just outside of Chicago, Knapp attended the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. Then, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting and secured a position at a C.P.A. firm in Fort Wayne. "I primarily worked on manufacturing and distribution companies as well as institutions of higher education," Knapp said. "I was also the director of finance for a large automotive supplier before I moved into a chief financial officer position at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana." Knapp spent a total of six years in that position before moving to Ohio Dominican. He earned his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2014.

Knapp is currently enjoying his new position and is looking forward to impacting the lives of students and the broader world. "I love being part of a place that devel-



Clair Knapp, Vice President, Chief Business Officer

ops and transforms students who will go on to make an impact in this nation and in the world whatever vocation they decide to choose," he said. "Manchester has many great alumni doing this now and to be part of that is what drives me."

Outside of office hours, Knapp seeks out highly adventurous and physical activities such as biking, doing Crossfit and experiencing the thrill that comes from watching either the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team or the Notre Dame and Chicago Bears football teams defeat their opponents. "I love to ride because you get the opportunity to see lots of places you would not see from a car," Knapp said. When explaining his love for Crossfit, Knapp said simply that he enjoys the challenging workouts as well as the "amazing" amount of support that is given. "For the past four years I've been a member of Crossfit gyms," he said. "And the community in a Crossfit gym is like no other I've experienced."

In addition to these activities, he also loves reading and spending time with his family. He and his wife Kristi have been married for 22 years and have two children. Their son Webb works at Sherwin Williams in Columbus, OH, and their daughter Kelsie is a freshman at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University.

Cross Country Teams Run Away with Titles

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The men's and women's cross country teams kicked off their season on Thursday, Sept. 1 at Hokum Kareem, an annual meet hosted by Manchester University. The men's team had two individual placements, as seniors Thomas Dean and Alex Gudeman came in at the top two positions. As a team the men placed second overall, defeating the defending champions, Trine. The women's team was led by first years Emily Ewen and Hannah Wappes, who were the runner-ups while the MU women took the team title.

At the Hanover Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 10, the men took another second-place spot. Gudeman had an additional strong outing and claimed the

individual championship. Senior Connor Bresnahan finished in the top five, followed by fellow teammate Dean. This now gives the cross country men two second-place overall finishes in their first two meets, and the momentum to keep running forward in full stride throughout the rest of the season.

For their efforts at Hanover, the women's team won the team title for the second time this season, an impressive accomplishment for the lady Spartans. Senior Mariah Jordan ran away with fellow senior/teammate Tiffany Harber, claiming the one- and two-spots overall. Harber was also the 2015-16 Manchester University Female athlete of the year and conference champion. Taking up the fourth position was up and coming first year Ewen. Other runners who fin-

ished in the top 10 are junior Shelby Harrell and Wappes.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams are beginning preparation for their next meet today, Sept. 16. They will take foot at the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships in Bloomington, IN on the IU Championship Course at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Coach Geoff Lambert is starting his second year as Manchester University's head cross country coach for both the men's and women's teams. Helping him are coaches Brian Cashdollar, Brad Yoder and Kyle Allison.

To find more information about the Manchester University men's and women's cross country teams visit the athletics website, www.muspartans.com/sports/wxc/2016-17/schedule.

Women's Soccer Team Strives for Unity

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The Manchester women's soccer team kicked off its 2016-17 season with 10 new first years along with a new head coach, Christine Johnson. "It's like a new beginning; a fresh start after last year," said Megan Erwin, junior goalkeeper.

Since the addition of new team members, the team will focus on building the soccer culture. "As a team we are still finding the right system and putting the pieces together within that system," Johnson said.

The women's soccer team has games on Wednesdays and Saturdays. All of their games have been nothing but excitement and opportunities to grow together. The girls train for a couple of hours during the other weekdays to hone their techniques and prepare for these matches. To do so, the women work on a series of technical, fitness and tactical skills through the week.

This year the soccer team is also welcoming four team captains, who include Kari Carpenter, Jessica Sanchez, Courtney Hersick and Jenny Pudlo. "I have always been a firm believer that it takes a group to move a mountain, not an individual," Johnson said. Despite the transitions the team has experienced a high sense of teamwork and unity.

The statistics have not been in the team's favor as it has not yet won any of its games, but the players' commitment, determination and unity keep the team spirit alive. "We are working on becoming closer," Erwin said. "This year is also going to be about improving. If we continue to get better and reach the goals that we set, we have succeeded." As the season progresses, the team will have more opportunities to grow as a unit.

Despite the newness of the team, the returnees have something to offer. Returning sophomore Maranda Birmingham has led the way in the offensive for the women this fall after coming off her

debut season last year. Throughout the season, she has scored most of the Spartan goals with assists from her teammates Courtney Hersick and Jenny Pudlo. The three goalkeepers, sophomores Caroline Smith and Cami Holford and junior Megan Erwin have made some impressive saves throughout this early part of the season as well.

The Manchester Spartans welcomed Wilmington College to the Good Field pitch this past Saturday. With many fans, the stadium was full of excitement and anticipation as the soccer game commenced. The game against Wilmington was also one of three back-to-back matches against the Ohio Athletic Conference, and was the first of many home games this fall. Over the next few weeks, Spartans will await the arrival of Otterbein, Rose-Hulman, Franklin, Defiance and Mt. St. Joseph. On Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, the women's soccer team will begin competing in the conference tournaments.



Senior Ola Ladapo winds up for a shot.

Men's Soccer Kicks Off, Displays Resilience

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The Manchester men's soccer season is underway. First-year head coach Corey Brueggeman's squad kicked off the 2016 season on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the newly named Good Field after retired Coach Dave Good.

Manchester welcomed MacMurray College by jumping out of the gate. Sophomore midfielders Ryan Morley and Ben Niederhelman helped Manchester grab a 2-0 lead within the first 20 minutes of the game. MacMurray would come back to score, narrowing the deficit to a first half score of 2-1. Starting the second half, goals by junior forward Tod Oram, senior midfielder Colin Singer and sophomore midfielder Samuel Tetteh-Quarsie increased Manchester's lead within the first 15 minutes. Senior forward Ola Ladapo also added two second-half goals to secure a 7-2 blowout win and a jumpstart to the season.

Manchester's second game of the weekend came on Sunday, Sept. 4 against Concordia College. There was no score until the 12th minute, when sophomore midfielder Ben Niederhelman

notched the first goal of the game. Minutes later, first-year forward Adrian Mulenga would add to the score, providing Manchester a 2-0 lead going into halftime. It was a tight game all the way through, but junior goalkeeper Brady Forman would end up owning his 3rd career shutout, as Manchester edged out Concordia to win 2-0.

"The team played well," Forman said about his shutout game. "Our offense took the pressure off early with the two goals. And our defense backed that up with a solid performance."

Manchester's third game and continued home stand was on Saturday, Sept. 11 and was played against Blackburn in the annual Raven-Spartan Classic. Manchester struck first, almost right at the beginning of play. Sophomore midfielder Ryan Morley scored within the first five minutes of the game, foreshadowing another Manchester blowout win; however, that would be the only Manchester goal for the entire game.

On the defensive side, Manchester goalkeeper Forman had a clean sheet going into the second half, but Blackburn countered by scoring in the 24th minute, making a 1-1 tie. Goalkeepers on

both sides battled, only allowing one goal each in regulation and two overtimes. Manchester had a 25-11 shot advantage, though only one would get past Blackburn's goalkeeper as he kept the fast moving Manchester offense cold.

The game would end at a draw of 1-1 in a double overtime thriller as both teams fought tenaciously to win. Neither side would prevail, marking Manchester's first tie of the season.

Wrapping up the weekend and the Raven-Spartan Classic, Manchester matched up against non-conference opponent Moody Bible Institute on Sunday, Sept. 12. Manchester grabbed the lead in the 30th minute when senior forward Ola Ladapo scored the first goal for both teams. Going into halftime, the score would stay at 1-0 with the advantage going to Manchester. Moody Bible returned the favor early in the second half, tying the score at 1. Tied 1-1 with two minutes left in regulation, Manchester sophomore midfielder Samuel Tetteh-Quarsie changed the outcome of the game with a strike past Moody Bible's goalkeeper, scoring the eventual game-winning goal. Manchester had a 28-4 shot advantage going into a narrow win of 2-1.

Spartans Start Football Season under New Head Coach, Nate Jensen

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The Spartans kicked off their season with a Thursday night showdown against rough and tough Trine University. It was the first game under new head coach Nate Jensen, as well. "My adjustment to the team has been fairly easy," he said, "because I have been an assistant coach in years past," he said.

And Jensen has plans to develop the team. "Once they graduate high school they are considered young men," he said. "My goal is to mold them into a great husband and a good outstanding member of their community."

Jensen has a philosophy about starting positions. "Every practice is an interview," he said. "Everyone is competing for that starting spot!"

He also believes that giving back to the community is a huge part of what Manchester is and what football is all about; that's why last year the team as a whole did a lot of community service.

The team and coaches prepared both mentally and physically for the game against Trine. "They really focused on making sure that every part of their offense and defense fully understood every part of their offensive and defensive plays and strategies, so they can keep the mistakes to a minimum," Jensen said. Before the game began, he predicted that the key to winning would depend on "who will make the least amount of mistakes, who wants it more, and

who is willing to work hard enough to pull out the victory."

Running back Hunter Hardee likes the direction in which the team is going. "Coach Jensen is changing the culture of the Spartans, expecting the best out of all the players," he said.

Tristen Chester, Manchester's starting quarterback, agreed. "I feel confident in the hard work that we put in as a team this off season and during camp," he said. "I think we all worked hard and are ready to get out there and play. The only expectation I have for myself is to play the game as hard as I possibly can and get a win with my teammates."

Chester also appreciates the captains of the team. "We all have a mutual respect for one another," he said. "That's one of the biggest contributions that the captains really set as their mindset and because of that we all follow their example. As a team we have really come together as brothers."

The game kicked off with a magnificent start, the Spartans took a 3-0 lead. But Trine wasn't finished; they then drove down the field and scored a touchdown, making the score 7-3. The first half of the game was a defensive battle on both sides, with Manchester's defense doing a good job of stopping the run game and holding their offensive passing to a minimum. But at the same time Trine was doing the same.

Hardee had an outstanding first half, rushing for 94 yards. Chester was a little shaky at first but once the game got going he started to settle in, throwing for 107 yards.

The second half kicked off with a good defensive stance from Manchester but Trine drove down the field only to be stopped short, and had to resort to a field goal. The rest of the third quarter was a back-to-back battle, as the Spartans tried to drive and get themselves a touchdown. The same went for Trine.

Both teams' defenses were playing an outstanding game, stopping each other from scoring. The fourth quarter began with a quick Manchester touchdown, making the score 10-9. But as Trine stopped MU's two-point conversion attempt, the momentum began to shift Trine's way. From there the Spartans continued to put up a good fight but Trine started to pull away even more after two quick touchdowns. That doesn't mean that the Spartans just rolled over and stopped trying, they continued to try to score but the Trine defense kept stopping their offensive drives. The game ended with the score Trine 23, Manchester 9.

After the game Chester remained positive. "We played hard as a team but we made too many mistakes," he said. "I had some chances to make plays and didn't capitalize on them. We will continue to work hard and bounce back from this loss."

During the end-of-game press conference, Jensen talked about how the entire team was "in this from the very beginning till the end" and recognized the support of all the fans in attendance. The biggest game changer in Jensen's eyes was, as he put it "his fault": "We

MU Volleyball Surges after Bump-y Start

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Manchester University's women's volleyball is experiencing a bumpy start to its season, losing the MIAA conference earlier this week and its home opener on Sept. 7.

That home game against the St. Mary's Belles showed how hard Manchester Spartans fought in some nail-bitingly close matches. The win eventually went to the Belles, 3-1, in sets of 25-23, 27-29, 25-20, and 25-21.

In the MIAA conference earlier last week on Sept. 2, the Spartans lost 1-3 against Olivet and lost 1-3 against Albion. On Sept. 3, they lost 0-3 against Kalamazoo and won 3-0 against Waynesburg.

This week, Manchester University's women's volleyball team has been focused on uniting its players and learning each other's strengths. "The week is going great; we are a very young team," said junior volleyball player Ally Roskos. "I am excited to see how we will grow as the season continues."

Last year, seven seniors graduated from the team, leaving them with only three upperclassmen. The new players show enormous potential, according to assistant volleyball Sarah Pruden. "Every spot is open to play," Pruden said. "Everyone is so talented that it makes our job harder now trying to pick who's going to start. It's a good problem to have."

This week has, however, been tough for the Spartans. "We played this weekend; we won 1 out of 4," Pruden said. "The MIAA conference is a very tough conference, so it helps us learn what we need to build on when it comes to our

conference games. We fought hard, but it just didn't turn out the way we wanted it to."

However, the Spartans aren't focused only on winning. Pruden says her goal for the season is to become an even closer family. "We want to build a stronger program, have the girls be confident and learn the system," she said. "Our overall goals are to make it to conference again, win the conference championship, and make it as far as we can."

The players' commitment to their sport is evident in their intense practice schedule. They practice from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. almost every weekday, and they are often gone most of the weekend for away games and conferences.

"Our greatest challenge is always the beginning of the season, just being on the same page," Roskos said. "All of our high schools ran things differently. We need to learn how everyone plays and be able to adapt to changes."

Fans endured sweltering heat in Manchester's Physical Education and Recreation Center to support the girls at the home opener in an impressive turnout for the Spartans, including attendees President Dave McFadden and his wife Renee McFadden. "Manchester is a small community, obviously, but we consider ourselves a team," Pruden said. "We are a family. So we can go to each other for anything. We are always there for each other; we always know we are a family."

The next home game is Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. It is the team's first conference play at home. Visit <http://muspartans.com/sports/wvball/index> for more information on scores and upcoming events.



A Spartan hikes the ball to a teammate.

went for two on a trick play, and we didn't execute," he said.

Jensen said that the team will work to "correct the little things" in order to better themselves and prepare for the future.

The Spartans' second game, against Alma, consisted of both teams battling it out till the

end, but Manchester fell short. The first half MU was up 20-17, but going into the second half Alma kicked it into another gear and the game ended in a tough loss. Jensen's main focus going forward is to get the team ready and prepared for conference games that start next week.