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**Houston Natives at MU Reeling after Record Rainfall**

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In the state of Indiana, the annual rate of rainfall is 40 inches (per US Climate Data).

But a rain gauge in Cedar Bayou, Texas, topped out at 52 inches after Hurricane Harvey made its way through the Gulf of Mexico.

Southern Texas equaled Indiana's annual rainfall total in just a four-day span. The Weather Channel suggests that over 183,000 homes have been destroyed by the category 4 storm that made landfall on August 25.

For many following the news, this a tragic sight to watch unfold, but for MU students and Houston natives like Brian Sabido, Salvador Solis and Justin Rivas, this has been a nightmare.

"My house got over a foot of standing water in the living room; all of the floors will need to be fixed," Sabido explained. This time last year he went to Westside High, which is less than five minutes south of Interstate Highway 10 on the west side of Houston. All of his family is safe and accounted for, with the only damage coming from the water that flooded his family's home.

Rivas and Solis are from Houston Heights, closer to the center of Houston, but on the north side. From what these young men explained, the northern portion of the city was relatively safe from the flooding due to its higher ground. But the northern residents faced a different set of issues: supplies.



Photo courtesy of Justin Rivas

From left to right: Salvador Solis, mother of Justin Rivas (pictured right) and Brian Sabido. The three first-years from the Houston area have faced adversity through a time of major transition.

"Grocery stores ran low on products, so prices jumped up way high," Rivas said. "A handful of items from the store totaled over \$100, when the original price would be less than half that amount." Due to demand for the products, stores had to spike their prices in order to still make a profit, gas prices ran as high as \$10 per gallon in certain places.

Jack McCoy, another student from Houston, had a less nightmarish experience, because his home was not stressed until the very end of the torrential rain. "My neighborhood was relatively dry until they had to open up the dam to release water, then it started to flood a little bit," he said. Because McCoy lives near Buffalo Bay-

ou, where the dam is located, his neighborhood was directly in line with flood waters that would rise after the dam opened. "My home is fine, my family is fine, and there are many other families in Houston that are in much more need than mine, so I am very thankful," he said.

One more Manchester student-athlete from Texas just arrived on Sept. 7, because that was the earliest they were allowing flights out of the Houston airport. Cornelius Hawkins also had to evacuate his home. However, in order to leave, his family had to wait for a truck tall enough to push through the high waters of the Houston floods.

These students' families

are safe and sound, and will recover. With the help of FEMA, they are also expected to receive disaster relief funds as well. Per ABC news, the estimated repair cost to Harvey's devastation is ranging between \$81-180 billion dollars.

These men all play football for Manchester University. In Manchester's football program, the team follows the concept of being tough, and being able to fight through adversity. For these young men and their families, the situation caused by Harvey is the epitome of adversity. But they have fought through the hardest times, and the worst is now behind them, as their families look to repair their homes, and fix what Harvey did to their lives.

**Oak Leaf Sculpture Symbolizes MU's Mission**

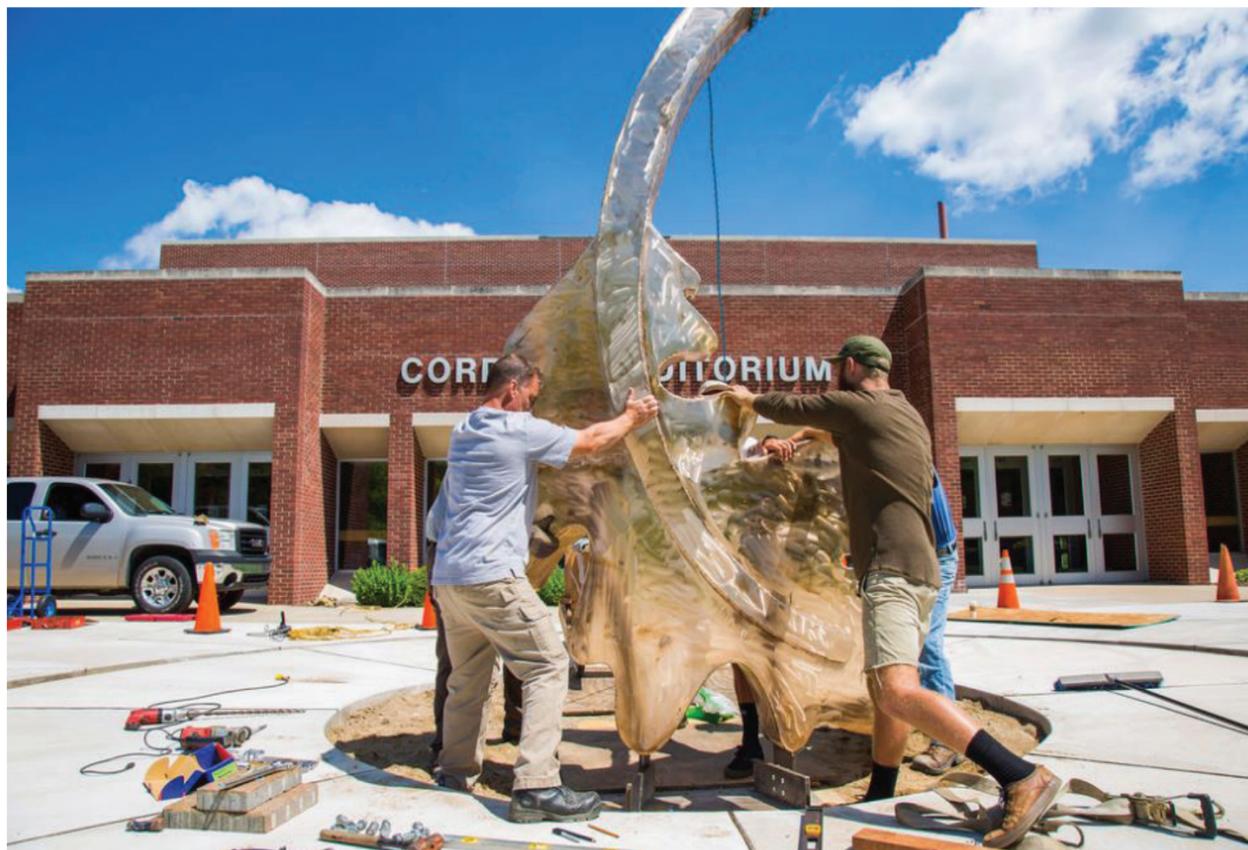


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The new oak leaf sculpture stands tall in front of Cordier Auditorium. Artist Mark Krucke installed the sculpture in late June 2017, using a combination of different metal materials.

**Kaity Collins**  
Staff Writer

Most oak leaves are lightweight, but there's a new 2,500 pound one—in bronze—in front of Cordier Auditorium. In late June, Manchester began installing an oversized oak leaf sculpture by artist Mark Krucke.

Final preparations for the sculpture's completion were finished late August, before the beginning of the fall semester, to ensure students could fully experience the new addition to Manchester University's campus.

The newly added oak leaf sculpture stands outside Cordier Auditorium upon a cement pad, overlooking the Mall on campus. "It's a great location to take a commemorative photo of your time here at Manchester," says sophomore James Cash. The sculpture itself is 12 feet tall, forged from a combination of different metals

that make up its overall structure, such as sheet bronze for the outside appearance and steel rods to act as the skeleton and inner support due to the sculpture being hollow.

Specially constructed to withstand all weather conditions, the sculpture is welded to two steel rod stands that are bolted to a thick concrete block directly underground the sculpture to keep the oak leaf stable and firmly rooted to its current placement. The bronze will also gradually change in color when exposed to the outside elements, as bronze tends to naturally do.

"I hope it gets more of an antiqued bronze finish rather than the blue-green oxidized color," said Professor Jeff Diesburg of the Department of Art. Regardless, he thinks that the sculpture is a symbol that will continue to represent Manchester University now and far into the future.

Plans for the oak leaf

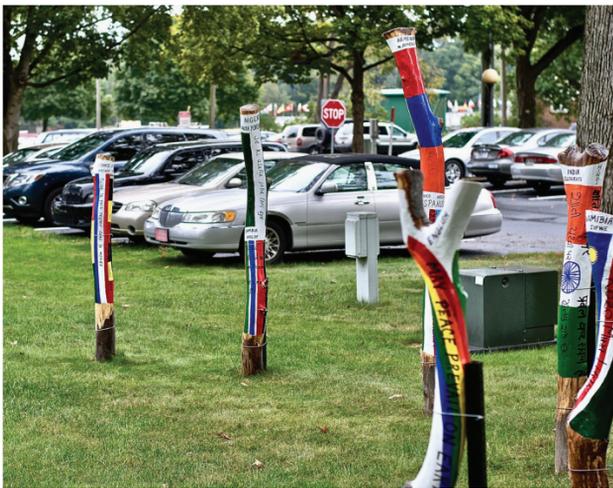
were first put into motion in fall 2015 following a generous donation to fund the idea of a sculpture that distinctly symbolized Manchester University and promoted civic good through the arts. Artist Mark Krucke, a highly praised metal sculptor, was chosen by Manchester University to design and construct the oak leaf sculpture.

Krucke and the Department of Art cooperated on the process of the sculpture's creation and came to the agreement of the sculpture being in the form of an oak leaf. Krucke's studio is located in Sarasota, Fla., which is where the oak leaf was formed before being transported to the Manchester campus via car and trailer by Krucke himself in late June 2017.

Why the oak leaf? "It's an image with which we identify at Manchester," said Professor Thelma Rohrer, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. "It enriches our campus for everyone."

Dieburg agrees. "With every graduation class, the oak leaf will grow as a symbol of the University," he says. Although it may be a good thing that the sculpture will not grow in size, its growth in symbolic value may be immeasurable.





These peace poles stand in the site of what will be the Jean Childs Young Intercultural Center. Dave Good, head groundkeeper, collected fallen tree limbs and, together with international students, painted them in the colors of the students' home-country flags. They then added "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the 28 various languages represented at MU. "My hope is to be able to use the peace poles in some way in the landscaping when the new intercultural center is built," Good said.

Photos courtesy of Isaac Paris

## New Faculty Member Adds Diversity to MU

**Evan Harris**  
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From achieving her BA in sociology, to earning three Master's degrees—a MA in biblical studies, a MDiv in social work, and a MS in social work (also referred to as MSSW)—to completing a PhD in social work, as well as having the title "minister" for over twenty years, and playing several instruments, it is safe to say that Dr. Alicia Dailey has more notches on her belt than Chuck Norris, and she is ready to burst onto the scene as the new social work assistant professor at Manchester University.

Hailing from the Indianapolis area, where she spent her childhood years, Dailey noted that her passion for helping others always shone bright; however, not as a social worker. "I've always wanted to help other people," she said, "but I was originally in the pre-med field when I attended DePauw University, and I wanted to get to know the patients personally."

As time went by, Dailey became interested in sociology, and began to pursue social work. "The pre-med courses weren't agreeing with me," Dailey said while laughing boisterously. "They became too much, and I began to think sociology was more interesting, so I pursued that instead."

Prior to joining the Manchester family, Dailey was on a research team at the University of Louisville to assess the effectiveness of a program to help children with challenging behaviors from preschool through third grade. She also taught social policy and advanced research at the University of Louisville.

Her favorite past occupation, though, was working as the administrator of the Workforce Development Partnership Center at the Nia Center in Louisville. "If you can help someone with that basic need (finding employment), that's making an impact," she said.

Dailey also worked as the coordinator for the Bonner Leaders



Photo courtesy of the Marketing Department  
**Dr. Alicia Dailey, Department of Social Work.**

AmeriCorps Program at the University of Louisville, which provides undergraduate students the opportunity to invest in their communities through local agencies, as well as learn about social justice, citizenship, and many other topics. "They were very much interested in giving back," Dailey said, "and I loved seeing that."

She has also had a lifelong interest in music. Prior to coming to Manchester, she was a church organist at Guiding Star Baptist Church in Louisville for six years. And, since sixth grade, she has played the flute. "Both of my parents were ministers of music, and they also taught music at Indy Public Schools," Dailey said. "My

father was also a composer, and had songs published in hymnals, as well as directing the school choirs at Crispus Attucks High School."

Dailey has high hopes about Manchester. "I look forward to building relationships with my students," Dailey said with a smile. "I can have an impact on many lives in the classroom, and students can take what they learn out into the world and touch more people's lives than I ever could myself." Dailey is also optimistic about the outlook of diversity on campus. "I am one of the first African-American professors at Manchester, and I hope to bring more diversity to the faculty."

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## Northwest Indiana Native Dr. Gohn Joins Manchester's Department of Biology

**Kylie Kroger**  
Staff Writer

Dr. Cassandra Gohn joins the Manchester faculty this fall as a new assistant professor of biology. As a member of the Manchester science community, Gohn teaches Human Biology, Physiology and Anatomy this semester. She spent several years at Indiana University's large campus in Indianapolis, and expresses her excitement at being a part of a tight-knit community for a change.

Gohn followed in footsteps of her mother and attended her alma mater. "My mom went to Saint Mary's College, my dad went to Notre Dame," she said. "I kind of grew up on the two campuses. It was kind of ingrained in me that I would end up there, and I preferred Saint Mary's out of the two schools."

Gohn graduated in 2012 with a bachelor's in biology as well as a minor in both sociology and chemistry. After her time at Saint Mary's, Gohn went on to get her doctorate at Indiana University's School of Medicine in Indianapolis, and graduated this past June.

The connection to faith and community at Manchester are largely what brought her here. "Manchester is a lot like coming home," she said. Gohn fell in love with the connections made on smaller college campuses, such as Manchester and her undergrad alma mater. "I came from a place where I had really great interactions with my professors, some of them I still keep in touch with today, and that was something I wanted to be a part of," she said.

In addition to being part of a small community, Gohn liked that Manchester had ties to her beliefs. "I grew up Christian, so I really like the faith aspect and being able to communicate that freely on campus," she said.

On a larger scale, Gohn is proud to be a member of the



Photo courtesy of the Marketing Department  
**Dr. Cassandra Gohn, Department of Biology.**

science faculty. "The science community is a great place for collaboration," she said. "It is so inclusive, and welcoming to brainstorming. There are no stupid ideas."

However, Gohn also says that she hopes if she can teach her students anything, it is how to be self-assured in whatever they do. "I hope to inspire my students," she said. "If I could just have students come away feeling like they are more confident, even if it is just in their communication skills. I know not everyone is a science person, and that is totally fine. If they can leave my classes feeling like they found their voice a little bit, that is my number-one goal. Just to make

them better people."

In addition to her background in science, Gohn also has a history of raising animals. Before she became Dr. Gohn, she was a 10-year member of 4-H. "I raised rabbits, which is really dorky and it's fine," Gohn said with a laugh.

When she isn't teaching, Gohn is an outdoor adventurer. She and her husband, who works as a pilot, and their Doberman puppy love to be outside hiking and sometimes even mountain biking. Gohn and her husband are also big Notre Dame fans and love to travel up to South Bend, where she grew up, to watch the Fighting Irish.

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## VIA Demonstrates Unity, Peace through Spirituality

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Students were invited to hear faithful testimonies by the touring trio “Keeping Faith: Three Sisters of Stories,” in Cordier Auditorium on Sept. 5 at 3:30 at Manchester University.

Narrators Kim Schultz, Rohina Malik and Susan Stone, are the three women who shared the spotlight on stage as they described their personal beliefs and interconnected the differences among the Christian, Muslim and Jewish teachings and beliefs.

The event was open to campus students and the surrounding residents. The auditorium was filled with a variety of class peers ranging from first-years to seniors.

Each speaker took a different approach on presenting their religion and devotional. Schultz opened by singing “Amazing Grace,” which soon proved to be the intermediary song between each speaker.

The narrators shared their own religious views and ex-

# Keeping Faith: Sisters of Story



periences in front of the audience while being accompanied by instrumental music. Attendees were exposed to cultural hymns that were sung at the beginning and end of the program.

Students were intrigued as the speakers spoke of how the faiths interconnected. “I really liked the storytelling and that it brought three different faiths together,” said Brittany Miller, first-year.

Their stories consisted of real-life sightings and encounters that progressed their spirituality throughout their lives. Schultz told

of an angelic sight appearing to her in the hospital and how prayer can overcome trials and tribulations in everyday life.

The storytellers also spoke of how to overcome barriers of religious stereotypes and how to react to them. Malik recalled encountering a man after the 9/11 attack. As a Muslim woman, she had received various hateful remarks due to her faith, but when a man approached her to claim she was a “terrorist,” she opted to pray for the man and ask for his heart to obtain love that he lacked.

This piece of the theatrical presentation depicted a real-life issue that continues today. Malik gave insight on how many Muslims struggle with being victims of misconceptions. “I especially liked the story about 9/11 because a lot of people misunderstand Muslims,” said Mikayla Baumgarte, first-year. “Like the speaker said, we shouldn’t hate someone because they have a different religion than us, especially if they aren’t hurting anyone.”

As the VIA came to a close, the speakers gathered together in the middle of the stage and

presided with their own ending prayers. Each narrator took one another’s hand and gave a final bow on stage.

Students were able to attend this VIA event and receive credit that will go towards a graduation requirement. Some attendees were assigned to write about their experiences for class afterwards.

A Q&A followed the performance, during which students were offered a microphone to ask the performers questions. Students also gave compliments to the presenters onstage.

## Manchester Hosts Hokum Karem Cross-Country Meet

**Cleopatra Castanias**  
Staff Writer

Cross-country season kicked off for both men’s and women’s teams on Friday, Sept. 1, at the Hokum Karem, an annual meet hosted by Manchester University. It took place behind the university’s Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC), with the women’s runners alternating one-mile loops for a total of six miles (each woman ran a total of three miles). The men’s runners also alternated one-mile loops for a total of eight miles (each man ran a total of four miles).

This event marked the start of season for the women’s two-time defending cross-country team, with sophomore runners Emily Ewen (Wolcott, Ind.) and Hannah Wappes (Columbia City, Ind.), registering 98 points and eight first-place votes. The pair was 15 points and six first-place votes ahead of the projected runner-up, Bluffton University. MU’s men’s team earned 85 points and one first-place vote, trailing only the pre-season pick Rose-Hulman (98 points/eight

first-place votes).

At the end of the day, the women’s cross-country program captured its third successive title, while the men’s team looked to return to the top spot at the Hokum Karem for the first time since tying Trine in 2014. Overall, the Spartans placed second with 21 points at their opening meet.

This cross-country season is off and running. New goals and plans are present within both the men and women’s teams and their respective individuals. The year may be a season of rebuilding but, according to Cameron Kimmell (Michigantown, Ind.) “The men’s team plans to go for third in the conference and place in the top half of the region.”

As for the women’s team, “Our main goal is to keep our Conference Champ record since we are picked to win it,” said Taylor Grehl (Dearborn, Mich.). “We just want to do or best no matter how far that gets us.”

Both of MU’s cross-country teams are aiming to do their best and be the best that they can be; Ewen mentioned how close-knit

the team is this year. “It’s great to be close to one another, but it’s necessary we push each other when we’re doing our work,” she said. “It feels as though we’ve been doing a good job at keeping one another accountable.”

Not only are both teams setting goals, helping one another stride closer towards the goals that they’ve set, but also individuals are setting personal goals. Jamie McBride (Elkhart, Ind.) said that she’s looking forward to improving throughout the season, along with how excited she is to witness how far the team goes.

Already, the 2017 cross-country season has many individuals keen and eager to see how the season will play out. “I am looking forward to see how the whole team is going to pull together so that [they] can be the best [that they] can be,” said Samina Qureshi (Columbia City, Ind.). “I am personally looking forward to exceeding expectations and having a great time doing it!”

Both of the Black and Gold’s cross-country teams are preparing for their next meet, today, Sept. 15. Manchester University will



Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Sophomore Hannah Wapes and junior Samina Qureshi run the Hokum Karem on Friday, Sept. 1, at Manchester.

be joining the small college field at the 2017 Indiana Intercollegiate Championships at the Boilermaker Cross Country Course, hosted by Purdue University in West Lafayette, at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Coach Geoff Lambert is

starting his third year as Manchester University’s head cross country coach for both the men’s and women’s teams. Helping him are assistant coaches Brian Cashdollar and Kaylea Jachno.



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Senior Alek Seeley runs the Hokum Karem on Friday, Sept. 1, at Manchester.



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The men’s cross-country team huddles during Hokum Karem.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

MU faculty trio to perform Mozart, Brahms on Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. in Wine Recital Hall

Volunteers needed for Harvest Festival on Oct. 7

MU dog wash Sept. 16 and 23 on East St. commuter parking lot

VIA “The Federalist Society...” Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in Upper JYSC

KenapocoFloat for sophomores on Sept. 17 at 2 p.m.



## SPARTAN SPORTS

### Women's Volleyball Players Share Aspirations as New Season Begins

**Sha'Kera King**  
Staff Writer

On the weekend of Sept. 1, 2017, the Spartan women's volleyball team traveled to the Lake Forest Invitational and played to bring home as many wins as they could. They play hard in every game to build character and to "love, support and serve each other," as Captain Dakota Stanichuk, junior, says.

To make sure the team is doing everything they can to win, according to Assistant Coach Sarah Kimm, they practice Monday through Saturday for two hours to work on things that they feel they could improve on for the next game.

Kimm not only attended Manchester and received a minor in coaching in 2016, but also played volleyball here. Paulsen completed 960 kills to rank in the top five in program history due to three seasons of 200-or-more, including a highwater mark of 343 as a first-year; 68 service aces; and 66 blocks, as she accounted for better than 1,000 points.

Kimm's experience as a player enables her to offer the team important advice. "Learn to let things go after you make a mistake, let it go and keep playing," she tells

them.

Stanichuk is originally from Detroit, Mich., and began playing volleyball at age seven. "Coming here was different," Stanichuk states. "I didn't know anybody here and I had to make new friends in a different environment," she said. She had to learn time management skills because she was involved in other things, such as Yoga and Philosophy Club.

The phrase "If you're not first, you're last," is something Stanichuk's family always told her in jokingly to let her know to never give up and try her very best at everything she does, which is why as a captain she makes sure the team stays unified. "Teamwork is the key to success," she says. Stanichuk is a double major in marketing and sales; after college she plans on going into pharmaceutical sales and opening non-profit organization for abused kids.

Hannah Tevis, junior and co-captain, has been playing volleyball for 12 years and is supported by both her parents and an old coach who really pushed her to become the best. In high school her team always used the quote "VOLLEYBALL FOREVER" because they knew this was something that they wanted to do for a long time. With



Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Sophomore Emily Bailey and first-year Lauren Gandhi encourage each other against Ancilla on Sept. 6.

being a captain, Tevis had to learn how to adapt to different obstacles, like the different coaching styles and how high school volleyball was a little tougher. "College volleyball just requires more techniques," she said. Tevis is also involved in the Business and Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club, while majoring in business management and minoring in sales and entrepreneurship.

Senior Ally Roskos has been playing volleyball for 14 years. Over the years of playing volleyball, she had to learn mental toughness which is why she lives by the quote, "I'm not expecting perfection, just excellence." While being one of the seniors on the team, Roskos acts as a positive role model. She thinks before she acts on the court because she doesn't want to make the wrong decision.

When she loses a game, she remembers the quote "Learn from your mistakes and use that to

grow," she said.

Being a violinist, volleyball player, exercise science major and being involved in United Sexualities, she one day wants to become a Turbo kit instructor, volleyball coach and/or a chiropractor.

Anna Marie Lawrie, sophomore and co-captain, has been playing volleyball for 12 years and has faced many physical challenges. She broke her ankle in six places her senior year in high school, which still affects her. During that hard time in her life she was greatly supported by her family, especially her father, who wants her to become the best she can be.

As a captain, she tells her teammates: "If you want to go faster, go alone; if you want to go further go together." She participates in the College of Business Club and Catholic Club, loves her puppies and is majoring in business management. One day she wants to become what she describes as a

"successful businesswoman who lives on the coast."

Lauren Gandhi, first-year faced some challenges with her transition from high school, one being the ability to balance schoolwork and sports. Gandhi has 10 years of experience playing volleyball and had the same coach since she was 13. Her coach always told her: "You don't cry in the gym; you wait until you get home and cry in your pillow," words that have helped her become stronger and better.

She also participates in Pre-Professionals of Science, American Chemical Society and Catholic Club. How does she find the time to do these things and study? "I am a scheduling person," she said. "I utilize my planner by making a schedule and sticking to that schedule I also minimize my distractions." In the future she wants to become an occupational therapist that specializes in geriatrics.



Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Junior Isabella Zoog dribbles the ball away from an opponent against Indiana Tech on Sept. 10. As a seasoned soccer player, Zoog has played for Manchester for three consecutive years.

### Women's Soccer Undergoes Changes

**Teresa Masteller**  
Staff Writer

Manchester women's soccer is in for quite the season this year, as they say a temporary goodbye to Head Coach Christine Johnson and welcome nine first-year students.

"It's definitely stressful," says Assistant Coach Katie Beal, "but the team has been great; they understand it's a weird transition year."

Johnson is currently on maternity leave, but is expected to return to her normal coaching duties sometime in October, while Beal takes over in the meantime. After playing soccer since age 3, Beal says that she feels "completely confident" in her coaching abilities, but Johnson is always available to answer questions. "We text back and forth," Beal states. "She's still very much involved, so I'm not completely on my own."

Beal referred to this season as a "transition year" for the team. In addition to the team missing their head coach, they welcomed nine new first-year students. The team's roster features 24 players, but injuries are allowing only 17-18 of the teammates to participate.

With so many new players, the team has spent a lot of time working on new formations. Senior Abbey Krupp, who has played soccer for 13 years, sees the value in this strategy. "I am looking forward to the team improving on what we've been doing the last three

weeks in practice, implementing our new formations, and seeing those work," she claims. "I think we just need a few more practices to fully get where we need to be. Everyone on the team is really driven."

Although the team currently holds zero wins out of their five games, Beal remains optimistic. "I actually feel really good about this season," she says. "The record and the score from the game does not reflect the way the games have gone. The team is really picking up on the things they're working on in practice, and they're doing a great job implementing it into the game. There definitely is improvement."

First-year Alexis Beeman also reflected on the women's soccer team and the friendships formed between the teammates. Krupp and Beeman expressed that the team builds close friendships due to the amount of time that they spend together. "[We] bond over this thing that's important to everybody on the team individually," said Krupp.

Junior Isabella Zoog, who has played on the women's soccer team at Manchester for three years, has enjoyed seeing the team change throughout her time here. "I like to be able to see what we can do on the field," Zoog said. "The team has a lot to build on, and I'm excited to see what we're able to put together. It's different season to season. The relationships get tighter and you're able to see it on the field and off."

The Lady Spartans' next game is this Sunday, September 17 at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio.



Photo by Emma Ayers

### Men's Soccer Optimistic After Multiple Wins

The men's soccer team prepares for a game at Good Field. The team is currently 3-2.

**Lexy Underhill**  
Staff Writer

Manchester men's soccer kicked off the 2017 season with a 1-0 win against Illinois Tech on Sept. 1. Head Coach Corey Brueggeman named sophomore defender Matt Roop, senior defender/midfielder/forward Tod Oram, and senior goalkeeper Brady Forman as team captains for this year's season. The JV team had their first scrimmage against Taylor University on Thursday, August 31, at the newly named Good Field.

Manchester was welcomed at Illinois Tech for the season's first game. First-year Josh Gonzalez and senior goalkeeper Brady Forman worked together to score the win. Gonzalez flipped a shot attempt over the stretched arms of Illinois Tech's goalkeeper in the 18th minute of the first half, making the first and final shot of the game.

Manchester's second game took place in Chicago against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at Stuart Field. With a lot of fight, Wis.-Whitewater ended up taking the victory, leaving with a score of 5-0.

"Even after this loss, we are very optimistic about what is to come this year," Brueggemann says. "The soccer team is doing really well. They are all primarily healthy and really hoping to finish in the top four this year."

Next, the Spartans won against Blackburn College on Sept. 8 with a score of 1-0. "Things got a little messy in the second half of the game, but overall it was great to win on home turf," states Assistant Coach Isaac Beal.

The annual Raven-Spartan Classic was played against Wittenberg University at Good Field on Sept. 9. Oram scored first in this game: he shot the ball, saw it saved by the goalie, but got a rebound

and scored, making the tally 1-1. Gonzalez scored the next two goals, giving the Spartans a 3-1 advantage before ultimately taking home another win.

"This is just what the team needed," Beal said after the win. MU moves 3-1 on the season, and continued non-conference action on Sept. 13 against the Huntington University Foresters.

The soccer team will play against their one of their biggest rivals next month. "Anderson University is one of our top competitors; the game against Blackburn got us ready for Anderson," Forman says. Manchester will take on Anderson on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Forman looks forward to high attendance at future home games. "Having people out in the stands rooting for us makes us want to work harder to get that win," he says. "When people are not as active at games it just feels dull, we really do love the support."