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Football Team Defeats Coach's 'Alma' Mater

Kylie Kroger
Staff Writer

Spartan football walked away with a nail-biting 33-31 win at Alma College on Sept. 9. This win was particularly noteworthy for Coach Nathan Jensen, head coach of the football program at Manchester, and a former four-year coach at Alma. "The guys that were there [at Alma] and that were starters for this game were guys that I had coached," he said.

The game started off with Alma scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter, leading Jensen to call a timeout to rally his team. "Once I got us refocused, man, did they play hard," he said. Jensen also added that they focused on playing an incredibly clean game. "They played the right way," he said. "Not a lot of people realize this, but we had zero penalties. We played hard, really hard, but yet we played disciplined football, which is key."

Walking away from the game at Alma with a win under their belt was a good place to enter into their first home game of the season. "The Alma game was so big for us to get a win that we can build off of," said first-year Skylar Brock. "It felt really good knowing that we beat a good team on the road."

Spartans return from their bye week for their home opener tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 23, against Mount Saint Joseph University.

While Spartans hope to enter into their first home game and the first of their Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference scheduled games of the season with a win, they have an even bigger goal in mind for their home opener. This weekend is the Samaritan's Feet game to benefit inner-city schoolchildren by providing them with a new pair of tennis shoes.

"Being able to play the game I love and give back to the community is something that is very special to me and a lot of guys on the team as well," said junior Jacob Cooper. "The community of Manchester really supports the football team and always makes it to the games. I feel like it is our job to give back to them as well."

Attendees of Saturday's

Gilliar, First-Year Students Revive Literary Film Series

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An English professor at Manchester University encouraged first-year students to revive the Literary Film Society (LFS) in order to connect students with the relationship between literature and film in a thought-provoking way, and to jump-start their university careers.

Dr. Beate Gilliar acts as the Literary Film Society's academic advisor alongside two first-year student facilitators. "The Literary Film Society allows students to enjoy the cinematic transliteration of written text into visual presentation; some students may want to read the book after seeing a film," she said. All the films shown in the LFS are based on books which may be in English or another language. Gilliar believes such co-curricular opportunities will "allow students to engage in studying the power of how books matter, even on screen."

Student Facilitators Brittany Miller and Kylie Kroger gained interest in the LFS while talking to Gilliar, their FYS (first-year seminar) professor. "The topic just came up as we were discussing 'Dead Poets Society,'" Miller said. "She was so excited about it and any time Professor Gilliar is excited about something it just becomes contagious."

For her part, Gilliar said she likes working with first-year students. "As they connect with their university career early on, students will enjoy probing worthy questions that will contribute to their critical and imaginative thinking," she said.

The LFS grew from a



Photo by Ciara Knisely

First-years Kylie Kroger and Brittany Miller recently restored the Literary Film Series. They hope to pick movies that target audience members of all majors.

residence hall feature to its current form as an auditorium filler. In fall 2010, an English major started showing films in her residence hall room. A crowd formed and kept returning each week. That's when students realized that others were interested, and that they needed a bigger space. And thus, the Literary Film Society was born.

The LFS has not shown films in about one and a half years due to students studying overseas and Gilliar's absence during a sabbatical semester. "It takes committed students to make the series happen," Gilliar said. "I am so grateful

for the two first-year students who are very excited to serve as facilitators."

Miller wants students to know that this society is not just for English majors. "I think this club appeals to anyone," she said. "I'm a Business and French double major, but I love the arts and building my own perspective. I believe this is great way for others to do that too. Just because you aren't an English major doesn't mean this isn't for you."

Kroger, an English major, has a different approach on why students might be interested in the

club. "I think it makes something like reading, which maybe not everyone enjoys, into something everyone can enjoy," she said. "I have never come across a person who doesn't enjoy movies, and I think it makes the stories in books more appealing to a larger audience."

Both Kroger and Miller expressed excitement about running this series. "Being a first-year doesn't really intimidate me," Miller declared. "I'm definitely excited to get involved and hit the ground running. I'm looking forward to learning more from the movies we

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New Classroom for CETL in Funderburg Promotes Active Learning

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Students are often encouraged to read "actively," by annotating their text; now faculty will be able to help them "learn actively," with the addition of the new Walker Active Learning Classroom (WALC).

This new classroom is being built on the third floor of Funderburg Library, and results from the combined efforts of the Library and the Center for Effective Teaching & Learning (CETL). It is funded through a bequest from Wilmer and Helen Walker.

The purpose of the WALC is to further professional development opportunities for faculty and staff and to create a space where faculty can explore active learning methods. In an active learning classroom, students are actively involved, and not just passively receiving information. "When students are more active in the learning process, they engage with the content on a deeper level and are better able to synthesize and analyze content as opposed to simply memorizing it," said Dr. Michelle Calka, the director of CETL.

The all-in-one classroom will be a flexible space to support active-learning strategies of professors in varying disciplines along with professional development activities. There will be seating for up to 28 individuals. It will be furnished with mobile desks and chairs (with underseat storage) that can be easily configured in a variety of group sizes or traditional rows.

Movable furnishings will make it possible to rearrange a space quickly for a traditional lecture, student breakout sessions, large or small group discussions, peer-to-peer instruction, one-on-one faculty and peer discussions, as well as after-hours individual and group-study use.

Some other features that will be included into the WALC are seven mobile dry-erase boards, a whiteboard wall, dual Epson BrightlinkPro Interactive Projec-

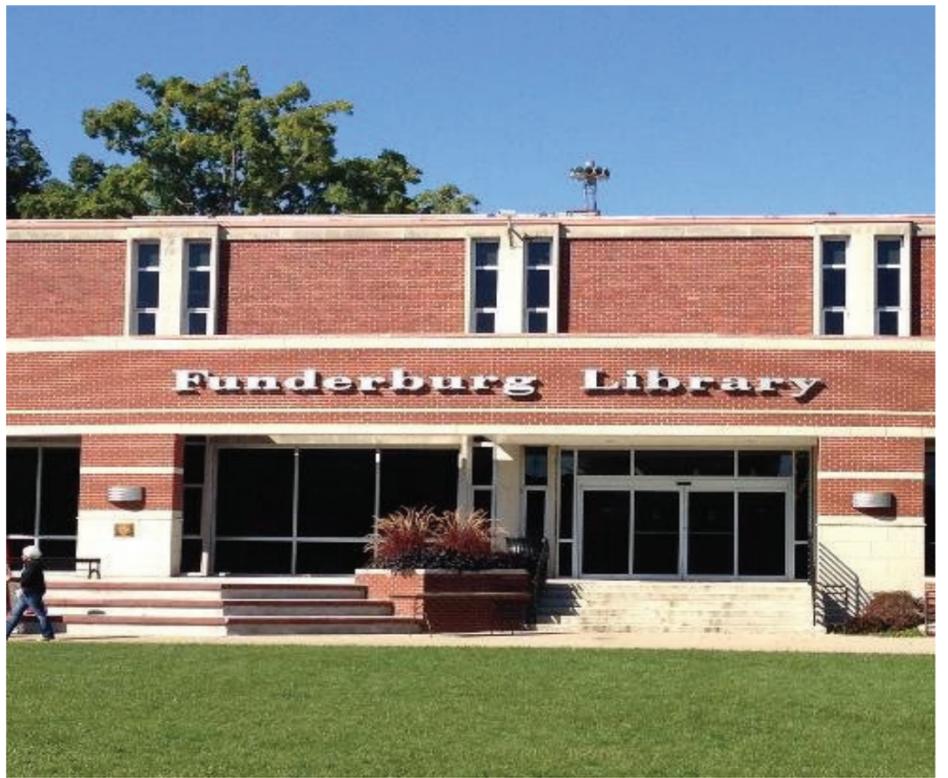


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The new CETL rooms upstairs in the library are under construction. When remodeling is complete, the rooms will be used for active learning, which engages students more by allowing more participation and new teaching techniques.

tors/Whiteboards, video conferencing capabilities with ceiling microphones/speakers, accessible power isles for devices, dimmable lighting and updated Wi-Fi access. All in all, the WALC will be an extremely accommodating space that can be shifted to suit various learning needs and teachings, which encapsulates both CETL's and Funderburg Library's vision for a flexible space for flexible learning.

At the prospect of classes being held in the Walker Active Learning Classroom, Calka disclosed how the hope is "to gain more insight about what works in active learning classroom design, and use those insights to inform future decisions about classrooms on campus," imparting how the new space will serve as a valuable prototype for future classrooms at Manchester.

Calka has another hope as well—that "this space encourages faculty to experiment with new teaching techniques, whether for

one class session or a full semester." Overall, this new classroom will be and is an operational part of CETL's goal to support active learning and inspire effective teaching.

While the WALC may be reserved for single classes and professional development, use of the classroom will not be restricted to only faculty and staff after completion. Whenever it is not in use, the WALC will act as a student study zone. In the spring, three courses that use active learning methods will be using the WALC for regular classes; other classes may reserve the WALC for one-time usage, and it will remain a student study zone whenever it is not in use. "Students will also get good use of space when classes and workshops are not being held there; the whiteboards and flexibility of the furniture will make it ideal for group work sessions," Calka said.

The WALC's dedication day is Oct. 20 and it is expected to be completed by the end of Octo-

ber. Funderburg Library provides a variety of features that benefit students and faculty. It provides materials to serve MU's curricula, bibliographic and inter-library loan support for research, and instruction in the use of information sources. The comfortable lounges that are interspersed throughout the library for relaxed reading are balanced out by special areas for computers, audio and video equipment, group conferences, and after-hours study. Its Teaching Resource Center contains thousands of textbooks and curricular materials for education majors. There's even an online catalog that lists the library's holdings, as well as those of other private colleges and universities in Indiana; in addition to the interlibrary loan service that locates and delivers materials from potentially thousands of libraries. WALC adds to this list.

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Faculty Trio Performs Mozart, Brahms

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On Sunday, September 17, 2017, the Faculty Trio, consisting of Pamela Haynes, Robert Lynn and Elizabeth Smith, performed their inaugural concert in the Norman and Grace Wine Recital Hall. The performance featured Haynes playing the piano, Lynn playing the cello, and Smith playing the violin.

The trio of Department of Music faculty members played pieces by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johannes Brahms, both in C major, and each was broken down into a movement. Mozart wrote his movements during a period of time in which his wife was sick, and the money he made through his songs went toward

supporting the two. At the end of the performance, many members of the audience stood and applauded.

The local performers each have significant musical backgrounds. Haynes, assistant professor of music, for instance, has received a variety of music degrees from universities such as DePauw University for Music Education, and even studied abroad in Vienna, Austria. Later on she received degrees from Ohio University for Piano Performance, and finally from the University of Kansas for Piano Performance/Pedagogy Literature.

From a very young age, Haynes showed a fondness of the piano. She would find herself making up melodies on her grandmother's piano, an action that

eventually led her to take piano lessons. "My first piano teacher actually told my parents to find someone who could teach beyond what they could teach me because I was going to surpass her ability to teach," Haynes said.

As a lecturer of music, Lynn has degrees in music performance from the William Jewell College, Truman State University and Ball State University. He has played cello in a variety of orchestras throughout the Midwest. Smith, also a lecturer of music, worked for and received her BA and MA degrees in music from the University of York, in England. She also holds a PGCE in music education from the University of Cambridge. While at York, Smith served as the concertmaster, just as she did in Cambridge.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Scott Workman Solo Classical Guitar Recital on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Wine Recital Hall

"Trashed: A True Story" (VIA) on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium

"Moonlight" (VIA) on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium

Fall Break: October 2-3 (Residence Halls open)



Robbins Finds Opportunities for Success at MU

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Faculty license plates come from a variety of states. And one of the newest is from California. Before he came to Manchester to teach economics, Assistant Professor Ty Robbins was an instructor at the University of California at Santa Barbara, the University of California Santa Barbara State Channel Islands and Pepperdine University. He was educated in California as well, receiving his MA in math and economics from the University of California San Diego.

Indeed, Robbins has made a career at school. "I loved teaching during two years of my undergrad," he said. "I tutored first and second graders, so then I knew I loved it. I love to inspire students and Manchester gave me the opportunity to do what I love."

Robbins has a wife and a three-year-old daughter who accept and support him with being a professor. And that's important, because living in Noblesville, Ind., means he must drive at least 90 miles to get to work. "Sometimes it can be tough because I don't get to spend as much time as I want to with my wife and my daughter," he explained.

He's had a supportive system behind him since he was young. Both his father and his grandmother always pushed him to be the best man he could be. "They convinced me that having an ability is a gift and to take advantage of it," he said. Robbins continues to use this ability to help others become their best self.

Going through life, he considers himself as "a glass-half-full kind of guy" and he loves "positivity." He always sees the bright side of things and tries to find the best result to a problem. He also has a quirky take on athletics. "You can ask any of my students: I love to root for bad sport teams," he said.

Outside of the workplace, he likes to take trips to all kinds of places with his family. "Being an en-



Ty Robbins, Assistant Professor of Economics.

vironmentalist, I love to hike a lot," he said. "I have been to 18 national parks and 10 state parks in the past 10 years."

He's also put careful thought into being an environmentalist. "Environmentalists can't tell people to protect the water or the earth," he said. "People respond to incentives, and I want to find a way to infiltrate the system by taking what I learned from economics to help better the environment."

Throughout his life he has been living by the quote from Gandhi: "Be the change that you want to see in the world." "I use this quote with every approach, whether it's socially, academically or religiously," he said. So how would

he apply the quote academically? What one piece of advice would he give a college student who wants to give up? "You learn more from your failures and hardships than you do from your successes," he said. "The smallest thing can stress you out, but if you don't do it, then you will never know what it means to fail and if you do, you will just have to learn from it and move on."

Robbins is close in getting his PhD in economics. He sees himself at Manchester for several more years, and when thinking about his future, Robbins hopes to have what he calls a "happy, healthy teaching life."



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Junior goal keeper Cami Holford kicks the ball back onto the field during a game against Indiana Tech on Sept. 10. The next home women's soccer game is on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. against Hanover College.

Evan Harris Staff Writer

In the words of a famous musician, "Sometimes, you got to lose to win again," and right now, this is exactly what the women's soccer team needs to hear.

So far this season, the ladies stormed the field and braved six games. However, the odds have not been in their favor, as they currently stand 0-6 overall. So, what does this mean for the athletes and their coaches?

As always, the team and coaches are finding ways to improve. Kelsey Ropp, senior forward and mid-field player, and Maggie Carpenter, senior left-back player, did not let the losses discourage neither themselves or the team. Rather, they think there should be a different strategy than the one used previously. "I think we lack communication on the field, and I think that's the main problem," Carpenter said. "That's an area we need to improve in."

Carpenter and Ropp also shared one of their toughest games from earlier in the season. "Oh, Trine... they were a very good team, but we played as hard as we could," Carpenter said.

Ropp agreed: "There were moments where we just broke down on the field."

Despite the major upsets and tough competition, Assistant Coach Katie Beal believes more practice and making improvements on teamwork are steps in the right direction. "There is something unique about each player, and they all bring different qualities," Beal said. "Right now, we just have to take things one day at a time and make some minor improvements over time."

Beal also believes a strategy change is not necessary for success on the field. "I just think we're trying to change a culture (of soccer), a mentality," she said. "Basically, we're trying to make it (strategy) look the way we want."

As for the outlook on the rest of the season, the ladies remain optimistic for a victory. "Going back to it, we need to be more communicative with each other and work as a unit, a team, that's the only way to improve," Carpenter said.

Beal is optimistic that her team will claim a victory this season, and has higher hopes for next season. "A new season brings new challenges," Beal said. "We hope to set up a nice recruiting class for those who are interested."



Photo courtesy of Health Services

Left to right, back row: Alex Figueroa, Andy Giles. Left to right, front row: Kelly Hippensteel, Kelsey Ropp, Anthea Ayebase, Katie Brown and Anna Richison.

Toilet Talk Stimulates Health Awareness

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It's a well-known fact that bathrooms make excellent reading rooms. And Toilet Talk, Manchester's bathroom-stall newsletter, offers visitors an informative toilet "paper."

Produced by Health and Counseling Services, Toilet Talk focuses on various topics related to college students and faculty. It is distributed to bathrooms in residential halls and academic buildings to promote health awareness. A new issue of Toilet Talk is posted two times a month so visitors can leave the bathroom a little wiser.

Toilet Talk newsletters date back to 2006. "They were here way before I arrived," said Kelly Hippensteel, the Health Service Counselor. "Toilet Talk started with one of the first nurses here at Manchester: Tara Vogel. She went to a conference where they had similar ideas and wanted to implement them here at Manchester to spread awareness."

Toilet Talks (as they are

affectionately known) are a way to get information without having to try too hard. The newsletters include a wide variety helpful tips like what to do when you get sick, or remind people of important upcoming dates. "I like the Toilet Talks because they always have information on events going on around campus," said first-year Alex Whittig. "I usually do not know about the events until I see them in the bathrooms."

Anna Richison, RN with Health and Counseling Services says that's deliberate. "We try and pick information that has to do with specific months," she said. "For example, if it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we put tips in Toilet Talk about what to do and how to get checked out. We try and pick information that has to do with early awareness. That way we can reach everybody, because everybody has to go to the bathroom."

Toilet Talks do have a process before they can hit the stalls. "The Health and Counseling student assistants are the ones that come up with all the ideas for

Toilet Talks," Richison said. "We have five student assistant and each student is assigned to one. They bring me a copy of the Toilet Talk to make sure everything is approved, and then they are ready for reading."

Toilet Talk has gotten much recognition for its content. "Toilet Talks are so popular that when we miss a stall we end up getting a call about it," Richison said. "The College of Pharmacy in Fort Wayne has actually taken an interest to them too. From now on Toilet Talks will be seen on the Fort Wayne campus too, which is very exciting."

The students around campus have all had the same outlook about Toilet Talk. "Toilet Talks really do help with keeping positive," said first-year Shemar Clarke. "They talk about how to stay responsible with drinking: what to do, what not to do. They also have really important dates that I would have never known about."

Toilet Talk newsletters appear on the 1st and 15th of every month.

Cross-Country Trains for Championship



Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Part of the women's cross country team huddles together before the Hokum Karem meet on Friday, Sept. 1. The teams competed in the Indiana Intercollegiate Championship last Saturday, Sept. 16, with the men's team finishing in 7th place and the women's team finishing in 8th place.

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Consistency.

That is the name of the game for Coach Geoff Lambert and the Manchester University cross-country programs. The women are hoping to make a three-peat in the HCAC championships this year, as they were picked to win the championship again this year in the coaches' poll.

The men's side also looks promising, as they were selected second in the coaches' poll, behind running juggernaut Rose-Hulman. "We're thrilled to have this recognition," Lambert said.

In the first traditional meet of the season, both teams travelled to West Lafayette this past Saturday, and competed in the Indiana Intercollegiate Championship, with the men finishing seventh and the women finishing eighth in the small-team division, respectively, Hannah Wappes

led the way for the women's side, finishing third place in the 6K with a time of 24:12.09, while Blake Harris paced the men, and finished second in the 8K with a blazing time of 26:39.07.

There was a bright spot from some first-year competitors as well, as Keyen Taulbee and Lucas Fontanez turned in finished at twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth, respectively, ultimately giving a glimpse of the program's future.

"This team has a lot of potential for this season, and the goal is to continue progressing and ultimately compete for a conference championship at the end of the season," said senior runner Alek Seeley.

Harris and Wappes were noted as runners to watch this season, per the HCAC coaches' poll. For Harris, the coach is picking, as he is a senior. He is hoping to up his conference placing this year, as he finished in ninth last season. For cross-country, every place matters, especially when it gets to

the conference meet, as one position can change the final standings for teams. Harris' determination can seriously shape the HCAC standings based on any of the top 20 finishers.

Wappes has some cleats to fill, as reigning national qualifier Mariah Jordan has graduated; but she did finish third in one of the first meets of the season. In fact, Wappes excels at mid-distance; the long-distance running is just extra training for her to prepare for track season. So it seems as though the coaching staff is molding her into a "Swiss army knife" of sorts, to where she can compete effectively in nearly every distance above 300 meters. And it bears mentioning that she is only a sophomore.

The next meet on schedule for the Spartans will be in a week, when they travel to Louisville, Ky., for the Greater Louisville Classic on Sept. 30. This will be one of the final two competitions the Spartans have before their HCAC championship on Oct. 28.



Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Sophomore midfielder Katie Green looks to gain control of the ball during a game against Indiana Tech on Sept. 10. Green has started 3 out of 6 times this season.



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Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Senior offensive lineman Robby Davis focuses on his next move in the game against Alma College on Saturday, Sept. 9.



Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Senior Travis Richardson receives hugs from teammates Luke Headings (left) and Alex Sanders (right) at a home game against Blackburn College on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Men's Soccer has 'Big Plans' Despite Losses

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Staff Writer

The MU men's soccer team faced tough losses at Huntington (1-2) on Wednesday, Sept. 13, and Otterbein (2-0) Sunday, Sept. 17.

Scoring for the Spartans on Sunday was senior Ben Niederhelman in the first 45 minutes of the game. Senior Brady Forman (GK) kept the Cardinals at bay with eight saves throughout the game, allowing only one to slip past in the second half. The Spartans took the Cardinals into OT and fell to a goal within the first five minutes.

Sunday's match-up gave Forman another run for a total of 16 saves. The Spartans battled the game against Otterbein to a 2-0 loss.

The resulting scores drop Manchester down to an overall record of 3-3.

Although the team scores may not be exactly what the team

has been shooting for, the team stays motivated to continue to reach goals and kick themselves into gear for the upcoming games.

Senior Tod Oram and team captain reflects on two of the last competitions. "The last two games have been two very tough and dominant teams; we had an unfortunate loss to Huntington who's a top competitor, and rough loss Sunday against another quality team, both beatable, but both just not our days as a team," he said. "The team has big plans for this year's season on the field."

The MU Spartans raise their expectations as they head towards the rest of their season with Oram's motivation.

"My goal as a team captain this year is to lead by example and make the most out of the last year I have here," he said. "I want to go as far as possible and make a dent in the program that Coach Corey has started to make for himself."

The men look to see themselves get a good standing in conference this year to get a title.

"A huge team goal is to be in the top four," said senior Travis Richardson. "This would give us a chance in conference, and possibly get us our first NCAA tournament game if we win."

MU is ranked in the top five of four Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference statistical categories.

Richardson also mentioned that their upcoming game will be against a team they have yet to beat thus far. "This is a rivalry game and I would love to win," he said. Richardson suffered an injury his junior year, which led him to miss a season. He plans to make up for lost time and take the rest of the season game by game.

The men's soccer team played another competitive game against Ohio Northern on Wednesday, Sept. 20. They lost 0-1.

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game are encouraged to make a monetary donation, or bring a new pair of children's tennis shoes. This year's goal is to raise at least \$1,200 to go toward the charitable program. The partnership between the HCAC and Samaritan's Feet began several years ago, and has stuck. "We go in, take off the kid's old socks and shoes and put them in a bag for them to keep," Jensen said. "But then we wash their feet, we give them a brand-new pair of socks and a brand-new pair of

tennis shoes."

As for preparation to face off against Mount Saint Joseph, Jensen is optimistic. "We made such huge strides from our game at Trine to our game at Alma," he said. "I am excited to see what we do this next week against Mount Saint Joe and what we did better this week than what we did last week."

Manchester hosts Mount Saint Joseph's University at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Carl W. Burt Memorial Stadium.



Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Sophomore Donovan Henderson Jr. rushes on the field against Alma College. Manchester football has scored an average of 22.5 points per game this season.



Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Junior Emma Voelker serves against Boyce College on Friday, Sept. 15. During their first day of invitationals, Spartan volleyball won against Boyce and Wilmington College.

Volleyball Looks Forward to Competitive New Season

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The women's volleyball team fought like the Spartans they are to seize as many victories as possible during the fall sports season. With a total of 10 matches between the start of the season to Sept. 16, the ratio of wins to losses shows the amount of dedication and passion the volleyball team has for Manchester as well as for the sport they play.

They have had a rewarding season with six wins and four losses for the first ten matches. "There is always something to be worked on," said Assistant Coach Sarah Kimm, "but they are doing really well."

The team has recruited four first-years, as well as some other students, who are also engaging in their first season of Manchester volleyball. These new team members are in high spirits and aren't afraid to show how much the team has grown in strength throughout the fall season. "I think we're going

to show up and bring our A-game this weekend," said first-year Alexandria Collins. "Every match we'll be one step further to succeeding."

The team is confident in their abilities and are proud of the teamwork they've established. "So far, we're doing well," said senior and new recruit Brandy Whitaker.

Emma Voelker agreed. "It's healthy competition," she said.

Both the players and coaches want what's best for the team and good intention has been given on each side. "It's a very positive environment," Collins said.

Voelker agrees that the team is doing well this season: "Players respect the need for improvement."

With the 2017 Volleyball Conference in the beginning stages, the team is excited and hopeful that the conference season will be one to remember. With the volleyball team's strengthened teamwork and "new system," as explained by Kimm, Manchester's volleyball team is looking for a competitive year.