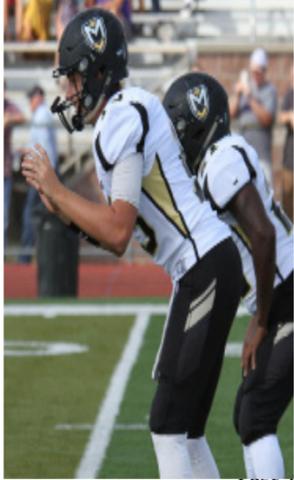


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CARE Initiative Provides Resources for Community

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Through a grant from the U.S. Department of Social Justice, Manchester hired Jillian 'Jay' Watts as the first director of the new CARE Initiative, which stands for Creating a Respectful Environment, and works to provide resources and support service programs designed to aid in the prevention of sexual violence, domestic/dating violence, and stalking through coordinated community response, education, and culturally responsive practices.

Established in August 2017, the DOSJ awarded CARE with \$300,000 to help prevent stalking, dating and social violence. Manchester was also the only school in the state to receive the grant. The program was created to provide students with the knowledge to make sure their relationships are healthy and safe. There have been many different events going on campus involving CARE, such as the VIAs "Let's Talk about It," "Moonlight" and "#RelationshipGoals" that provide students with that knowledge. Going to some of the events that CARE hosts can have a big impact on the way students look at relationships, whether it is family, friends or significant others.

As a leader, Watts is very qualified to begin Manchester's first year of the CARE Initiative. "The program is very cultural relevant, very responsive and we are inclusive to different parts of the world different races and more," said Watts. "We see the needs of the students and some people may think just because we are grown that we know everything, but the 4 people I also work with don't see it that way. We want to teach the world everything they need know."

CARE taps into different populations no matter someone's religious, political or cultural affiliations. "Some people shy away from the talk because it could be a hard topic to talk about. Sometimes some students don't feel comfortable talking to us, which is why our 4 peer educators are here

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Peace Poles Mark Location of New Intercultural Center

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Staff Writer

Manchester University pays tribute to international studies with hand-crafted painted peace poles that sit on the future site of the projected \$1.1 million dollar Jean Childs Young Intercultural Center.

The painted peace pole project started as an idea that came to David Good, grounds coordinator at Manchester University, last spring during the time that President Trump first introduced his travel ban. "As I listened to the heated rhetoric and the protests surrounding that action, I thought that I needed to do something that might positively counteract the negative vibe of the travel ban," Good said. "I wanted to do something that would make the statement that people of all backgrounds are welcome here, and I especially wanted to send that message to the international student population on the Manchester campus."

Good settled on the idea of putting every primary language spoken by Manchester University students on a peace pole on the Manchester campus. "It seemed like a good idea to me with Manchester's tradition in peace studies and the fact that we already have several other peace poles on campus," Good said.

Good first had to find out how many primary languages Manchester University had on campus. He was specifically targeting the languages that different students would speak in their homes. Good connected with the 63 international students that were on campus at the time and identified 28 different primary languages.

Next, Good had to figure out how he was going to construct the peace poles. "With that many languages, there was no way that we could have paid for traditional peace poles," Good said. He took limbs from the campus' pile of tree-trimmings and got to work. The bark had to be stripped of the poles, and then they were primed and ready for painting.

Good sent out a request to all international students and invited them to help with the painting of the peace poles. "We made the decision to paint the poles in the colors of the various country flags and then add the phrase "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the primary language of the students from all of these countries," Good said. "For the languages that have script writing of some form, we had to get those students to write the phrase themselves. To the best of our knowledge, we think all languages spoken by students on campus last spring are represented on the peace poles."

Good and the students had designated times in April and the beginning of May to paint the peace poles. They completed the poles the weekend before finals of spring semester last year. Some of the students who were most involved in the painting of the peace poles were Arpan Paul (India), Kwaku Archer (Ghana), Naomi Yilma (Ethiopia), Henock Molla (Ethiopia), and Complete Chijioko (Nigeria).

On the Sunday before finals started, Good's church, Manchester Church of the Brethren, hosted a potluck meal for the international students on the mall outside of the Winger building. This celebration included music, a lot of drumming and a brief dedication



Photo by Isaac Paris

David Good, grounds coordinator, constructed the temporary Peace Poles to represent all primary languages of the Manchester community. Because there were so many, using traditional poles would not have been possible.

ceremony to the peace poles. "We wanted to express our appreciation for the international students here at Manchester University and thank them for the unique ways that they all contribute to the life of our campus community and the North Manchester community," Good said. "This was a celebration of diversity and beautiful people from all over the world. We are fortunate to have these students as part of the Manchester University student body."

The temporary home for the peace poles is in the open lot

across from Oakwood Hall on College Avenue, on the site of the new Intercultural Center. "My hope is that when that building is finished that we can find a way to incorporate them into the landscaping of the new facility," Good said.

Michael Dixon, Director of Intercultural Studies, has a similar hope in what will happen to the peace poles. "I would envision we would add them to the memorial garden that will be present behind the new Intercultural Center in memory of former international

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Holocaust Survivor, Artist, Goldman Holds Exhibit in Gallery G

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Artist Lea Goldman invites her viewers on a colorful journey in storytelling in her collection, "The Ephemeral Journey" which is currently residing in Gallery G on the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center.

Upon first glance, these eye-catching paintings look almost like the illustrations that live within the pages of a storybook. This makes sense, as Goldman sites inspiration from other storytellers who came before her. "As I grow older, I see myself as one of the old story-telling crones, the oral originators of Brother Grimm Fairytales, Hans Christian Anderson stories, Mother Goose and others," said Goldman in her series overview, which is also located in Gallery G.

However, despite the surface appearance of storybook illustrations, these pieces are multidimensional and metaphoric with a much deeper meaning.

This level of multi-dimension is particularly prominent in "My Inner Life: Dance: Descending into Origins." In this two-canvas piece, it appears that it is a trio of dancers; two under



Photo by Sarah Shoemaker

Lea Goldman's painting "My Inner Life: Dance: Descending into Origins" is displayed in Gallery G in Upper JYSC.

a crescent moon in hues of blue, the other transitioning into lighter hues of pastel pinks and yellows. Upon a closer look though, it is clear that these dancers are among fish and other sea life, combining elements of land and sea.

Among the most vibrant of the pieces in Gallery G are those within the "Social Concerns" collection. Bursting with color and a story jumping from the canvas with a particular inspiration in mind. "The theatrical paintings are

influenced, in part, by the figures and costumes of the European Commedia dell'arte, an old established form of improvisational theater," said Goldman in her overview. "This is to distance the situation from actual life occurrences and to give my ideas a sort of universal meaning."

In her piece, "Social Concerns: Making Amends (On Child Abuse)" the elements of good and evil play out, as a small child juggles the repercussions

of abuse. The use of multiple meanings plays an important role in this particular piece. While the child appears to have theatrical makeup on, it is up to the audience to decide the importance and relevance of the black eyes that appear underneath. This piece in particular points to Goldman's concern for a conversation on taboo issues that exist in society.

"I am a storyteller," said Goldman in her series overview. "I tell my stories in representative images, in metaphors. My paintings tell about social and personal concerns that preoccupy my mind throughout the day and keep me awake during long nights as well as about my introspective contemplations, and spiritual revelations."

Goldman has seen her fair share of the world. Goldman was born in Romania, and is also a Holocaust survivor, later finding her way to Russia and the Middle East before immigrating to the United States. Since her arrival in 1975, Goldman has lived in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and now resides in South Bend, Indiana where she is a painter and printmaker full-time.

Goldman will be visiting Manchester on Tuesday Oct. 24 at 3:30 pm in the Hoff Room, located on the second floor of Jo Young Switzer Center to give a lecture on both her artwork and her life's journey.



Photo by Sarah Shoemaker

"Social Concerns: Heda and Zeus as a Swan." --from Goldman's collection of oil-on-canvas paintings in Gallery G.



Photo by Sarah Shoemaker

"My Inner Life: Lead Me by Still Waters." --from Goldman's collection of oil-on-canvas paintings in Gallery G.

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Photo by Isaac Paris

The current installment of Peace Poles is temporary, as the lot will be converted into the new Intercultural Center in the future.

students, particularly the three students who were killed by a high and drunk driver on I-69 in February 2016," Dixon said. The peace poles are currently surrounding the peace pole that was installed in the memory of those three students, Nerad Mangai, Brook "BK" Dagnev and Kirubel Hailu.

"The purpose of the Intercultural Center is to provide a location for students to gather, relax, interact and facilitate cross-cultural interaction," Dixon said. "Anyone associated with Manchester University should feel welcome to utilize the space. It is difficult to facilitate cross-cultural dialogue without individuals of difference present in the space. There are also historical resources available for those who want to learn more about minoritized individuals at Manchester and around the world."

The Jean Childs Young Intercultural Center is a \$1.1 million project. \$250,000 prevents construction from starting now; if the goal is met this semester, they could break ground late winter or early spring and complete in an estimated 9-month timeframe.

Manchester is looking to build a new Intercultural Center

because the community has outgrown the current center for many years now. The current Intercultural Center was converted in 2002 from the international headquarters for Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA). Some funds were invested, but little resources have been invested in the renovation and upkeep of the building.

The Jean Childs Young Intercultural Center has a current blueprint of about 5,000 square feet. It will have an industrial kitchen, large dining room table, computer lab/library, several staff offices, living room and a rotunda that will be open to others on campus for meetings, classes and gatherings plus the public for rentals.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Intercultural Center is encouraged to visit the website <http://www.manchester.edu/multicultural>.

"These are great ways for students to interact with the Intercultural Center," Dixon said. "The student organizations host weekly gatherings and the office also holds events called 'Power Hours' to have an hour-long discussion on a controversial topic."



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David Good and several international students used tree-trimmings to construct this set of Peace Poles last spring.



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and they can talk to them," Watts states.

What makes CARE unique is that it shows interest in the adults as well as students on this campus and the Fort Wayne campus. The office differs from others because all of the peer educators come from different backgrounds, which could make others feel more comfortable speaking out or getting help when they can talk to someone they can relate to.

Watts hopes the program will create gender and political diversity at Manchester. "This [diversity] is a serious topic, which is

why we try to make the topics not hard to discuss, why we name the VIAs different things to make them interesting and not to just label it as domestic violence," explained Watts.

No matter what kind of relationship someone is in, whether it's polyamorous, queer, monogamous or anything in between, as Watts discusses, having a healthy relationship is important. "We want people to look at things differently, especially family relationships because sometimes family starts the issues within the person," Watts states.

Watt's foundation for

the program stems from personal experiences, which big factor in the content of her work and why she wants to help others better their relationships. "I'm a survivor of domestic violence, which is why I feel it is my duty to help others stop situations from happening or perpetrators to help the program evolve."

In addition, Watts has also expressed her desire to help others understand that no relationship is perfect, but that society should uphold a standard of how they should be treated by others.



Photo courtesy of Haylee Parrish

A snowy day in Sapporo, Japan, where senior Haylee Parrish spent her Spring 2017 semester.

Japanese Professor Encourages Students to Participate in Study Abroad Program

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Staff Writer

Manchester University hosted special visitors on campus Monday, September 25; Toru Kataoka, Shiori Imamura and Rina Yamada visited Manchester to discuss the Study Abroad program with students interested in studying in Japan.

Kataoka, associate professor from Hokusei Gakuen University in Japan, has a fondness for Manchester University: "I used to be a student in 1995," Kataoka said. "That's why I love Manchester." Kataoka studied abroad at Manchester and also lived in North Manchester last year.

On Friday, September 29, Kataoka, along with his students Imamura and Yamada, discussed the process of studying abroad in Japan to prepare interested students.

Kataoka described the process of traveling to Japan with senior Haylee Parrish, who spent her Spring 2017 semester at Hokusei Gakuen University.

Parrish described the travel process, mentioning the 13-hour flight from Chicago to Tokyo while Kataoka added it will be "Tokyo to Sapporo" once the plane lands in Japan. According to Parrish, the total traveling time was around 22 hours for her. "You'll be fine," Parrish assured. "There are lots of people willing to help; you don't need to worry too much."

"Tokyo is a big city, but Sapporo is safer," said Kataoka. For prospective study abroad students, he also said that he'd "be there to greet and guide you through the visit" after first arriving in Japan.

Parrish also holds fond memories of Kataoka. "With his help, I came to have a greater understanding of what to expect when I arrived in Sapporo, which eased the transition from life in America to life in Japan."

However, traveling may be taxing and not always easy. "After a 13 hour flight, you just want something familiar," Parrish



Photo courtesy of Haylee Parrish

Stylists dressed Parrish in a traditional kimono in Sapporo. "I don't know if I have ever felt so pretty before," said Parrish of the outfit.

said with a laugh. "Going to Japan presented me with my first experience navigating airports on my own, and by the time I arrived in Sapporo, I was exhausted mentally and physically. Dr. Kataoka picked me up from the airport, so it was comforting to see a familiar face right away upon arrival."

Kataoka mentioned that students traveling abroad in Japan will "learn about the Japanese culture" and that "learning the language is important but not a requirement." Housing will be with a host Japanese family.

Parrish addressed some of the fears associated with studying over seas. "Don't feel discouraged. Miscommunication is almost guaranteed when you're surrounded by people from different backgrounds than your own, and it may happen not only when navigating a language barrier, but also among people who do share the same language"

The Japanese visitors ended their stay in Indiana on September 30, but "enjoyed" their visit and are "excited" for the Study Abroad program to begin again.



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Dr. Gabriela Morales, assistant professor of health communication.

New Asst. Professor Morales Starts Health Comm. Program

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Staff Writer

One of the newest faculty members, Dr. Gabriela Morales, assistant professor of health communication, recently travelled to North Manchester from the state of New Mexico.

Before coming to Manchester, Morales was a recent graduate of the University of New Mexico, where she got her Ph.D. in communication and journalism, her focus being on health communications and media studies.

To begin her undergrad journey, Morales changed her major from digital media and creative writing to health communications. "It was not until my master degree until I leaned toward the health aspect of communications," Morales explained. "One of my professors that I got close with encouraged me to read up on it." Her mother was diagnosed her breast cancer at the age of 4, and she still has many unanswered questions, which is of the main reasons that she went into that particular field. "I now know why certain things happen and why other things did not happen, why we were talked to a certain way and I started to understand things a lot more," said Morales.

Morales is confident that her recent graduation will help her connect with her students. "Being a student not very long ago makes it easier to know what students like and what they don't, it is still very fresh in my mind," she said. "One of the best ways that I have found to work well is to get my students to think outside of the textbook."

Growing up in Texas, Morales has always lived in bigger cities. "Coming from bigger cities it has been a process adapting to a smaller town like Manchester," she stated. "The places look very different from one another, but in that sense it has not been bad. The people are very friendly here, where I am from it is not common," added

Morales.

Morales is married and a cat named Stormy that moved to Indiana with her. Her husband also works at Manchester University and feels very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with him here.

Outside of the workplace, Morales considers herself a homebody when she has the time. "I like to stay home and watch movies," she said. "I also do a little bit of knitting; I am getting back into it. Anything that comes to technology or software I am all over it."

Morales and her husband also love hockey. "Where I am from we do not really have anywhere to watch hockey, so now that we are here and it is close by we are very much looking forward to that."

Morales sees herself here for a very long time. "We are starting up the health communication department and I am the one that is working on getting that set up. With the help of my colleagues it has been great. I would really just like to figure everything out where I am nice and stable," said Morales.

Morales is also enjoying her time in her new position. "I am very much enjoying my colleagues and my student body," she stated. "My classes have been extremely bright and the students have so much to say in terms of what we are studying. I am just very excited to get our major up and running, doing that successfully and welcoming students that are interested in the major is very exciting."

Morales mentions that she had some reservations about the new position and move from New Mexico. "An overall sentiment to the university is that everybody has been really great and welcoming," she said. "I think being fresh out of graduate school and coming to now being an assistant professor I had some worry but that is all pushed aside now. I am very excited to be here."



Photos by William Southern

The town of North Manchester held its annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 7, where many tents, tables and stations held opportunities for fun for all ages. Students from MU--and Manny the Mascot--volunteered throughout the day.



Photo by William Southern

Above: Children play in an autumn-ized cornbox while their parents watch over them. Corn kernel "sandboxes" are a staple for any fall festival in Indiana, and the Harvest Festival didn't fall short.



Right: MU students Mo Rammel and Sydney Abbott represent "Team Manny" with the mascot himself at the festival.

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Members of the local 4-H group bring their ponies as part of the Harvest Festival.



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Manchester Early Learning Center members host a free face painting station for local children during the annual Harvest Festival in downtown North Manchester.

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Seniors Cody Shelton and Jared Bourff encourage each other during a game against Defiance on October 7.

Football Team, Coaches Optimistic about Homecoming

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Everyone knows how the old saying goes: "The third time's a charm." On Sept. 23, the first home game of the Spartan football season, this was not the case.

The three-and-a-half-hour game against the competitor, Mount Saint Joseph University of Cincinnati, was a game filled with excitement around every corner: wild cheers from the students' sections on both sides of Burt Field, as well as the chants from the cheerleaders. That day was also sweltering, with the thermostat set on high heat, which also sparked some intense moments on field, as two scuffles broke out in the third and fourth quarters. Despite the high energy, the Spartans lost to the Lions 31-14, making the team's current stand 1 win, 2 losses.

Sophomore quarterback

Alex Downard, shares how the how the two losses so far this season affected him. "The losses were pretty upsetting," he said, "but they (losses) only drive us, as a team, to do better and grow together."

Head Coach Nathan Jensen shares a similar experience. "It's upsetting, but we have to be consistent," he said. "Last year, we had three losses, so we have to be able to give not fifty percent, not ninety-nine percent, but one-hundred percent every single time."

Through victories (against Alma College) and losses (Mt. Saint Joseph and Trine), the team holds their values close. "We've built a strong family atmosphere," Downard said. "We work very hard and we all share a common goal (winning)" Jensen believes that trust is a major component. "Everyone trusts each other: the players, the coaches and everyone else who is associated

with the team."

Downard and Jensen both share the common goal of making improvements towards their performances on the field, and becoming a better team off the field as well for the next season. "I hope to improve on leadership skills," Downard said. Jensen said, "We hope to get bigger, faster and stronger. I want my boys to be exceptional players, yet exceptional stewards of Manchester."

Homecoming, the biggest highlight of the football season, draws hundreds of current students and alumni, alike. Jensen has an optimistic outlook on the game. "Hopefully, we will get a victory over the opponent," Jensen said. The game will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1:30 p.m, as the Spartans will battle against the Rose-Hulman Elephants.

Women's Golf Awaits Conference, Places Third at Earlham Invitational

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Staff Writer

The Manchester University Women's Golf team looks to keep their heads high and their scores low before they head to conference.

Although the final score is tallied by individual performance, the girls make sure to put in team effort by supporting one another at each hole. Emily Milburn, a junior golfer, speaks about the importance of keeping one another confident and focused on the game. "We mostly just try to be there for each other and lend positivity when needed," said Milburn. "During our tournaments, we are sure to wave and cheer at each other just in case a teammate's performance is not going as expected." Milburn looks to improve her short game and keeping a positive mentality throughout her matches, as her fall career comes to a close.

With conference being underway, Women's Golf looks to stick to what they know best through practice. Taylor Erfman, a first-year, said, "The team is not working on anything specific for conference," she said. "We are just focusing on one day at a time, like normal. We have a specific practice schedule that we stick to." The Spartan golfers have specific practices scheduled

almost every day. On Monday, the team practices their short game by putting and chipping. Tuesdays consist of a 9-hole game where the coach instructs them to work on particular strokes. "I end up having to make a 5 foot putt, or put a sand shot within 10 feet of me," said Erfman. The team dedicates Thursdays to hitting on the range and getting their swings tuned up in preparation for tournament play. "We go to the wedge facility and hit five shots within 10 feet from 30 yards all the way to 60 yards," said Erfman.

Erfman continued to reflect about their game. "My performance so far is going as expected," she said. "I knew coming into season that the transition from my high school golf to collegiate golf would be difficult for numerous reasons. I expected to have higher scores in the beginning of the season, but I think I have adjusted well to the new types of courses and the longer distances."

The Women's Golf placed third at the Earlham Invitational shooting a 753. Senior Katie Smith ended with the lowest score of 179 on the course to place individually as fifth. Spartans now will compete at the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference to finish off their season. The team looks to head to Keene Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville, Ky. this weekend.



Photo courtesy of MU Athletics

Women's golf heads to Kentucky this weekend for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Men's Tennis Ends Season; Women's Prepares for HCAC

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Manchester women's tennis finished the day with a loss of 8 to 1 against Hanover on Saturday, October 7.

The lone win came from the singles division with Erin Cordill, improving her conference record to a flawless 5-0, though she almost received company in the win column with fellow senior Miriam Ali, who lost in a superser tiebreaker 10-5. The team math loss drops the Spartans to a 3-4 record overall, and a conference record of 3-2, which places them fourth in the HCAC standings. Because of that, making the final two matchups against third place Rose-Hulman (October 12), and fifth place Transylvania (October 14) very critical, as these matches will shape the seeding for the HCAC tournament later this fall.

"We need to focus on being mentally tough and competing hard no matter the circumstances," said Cordill, who has only lost 6 matches over the past 2 seasons combined. She also placed extra emphasis on the doubles section. "We need to come out strong from the beginning," she said. "Our goal is to win both matches and start the conference tournament on a high note."

Being a senior, Cordill said this season means a little more than the others. "I have worked really hard to get to this point, and the

team hopes to finish the season on a strong note." She also described the team as a family, and she's hopeful for the future. "I hope the success we've had so far will continue on for many years."

The women's team hosted Rose-Hulman on Thursday, October 12, and will host Transylvania on Saturday, October 14, and will then wait to see who their opponent will be for the HCAC tournament in the coming weeks.

On the men's team, they wrapped up their preseason action on Sept. 30 with a 6-3 loss to conference-foe Franklin. First-year Isaac Miller and senior Spencer Thomas won the only doubles matchup for the Spartans, and Miller took away another win in singles, with senior Kyler Love following suit. They are hoping for more improvement this spring.

Senior Garrett Bear reflects on the team's fall preseason. "The two matches this fall served as a measuring stick for us as a team," he stated. "They allowed us to see the four first years in action, and I'm excited for the spring season because we are going to be really competitive."

Bear also went on to say the team's depth will be very helpful this year. "Having four seniors on the roster will definitely be a strength for us," he added. "We also have great team chemistry, which will really help us on and off the court."

For now, the men's tennis program will not resume match play until April 7, 2018, and they



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First-year Avis McGovern waits for the other team to serve the ball in a home match against Earlham on Sept. 23.

have high hopes going into the spring campaign. With the senior leadership and energy from their

first-years, they hope to achieve team goals together.

The women's tennis team

will host their last game of the season (Franklin) until the HCAC tournament begins.