

Manchester Revitalizes Camp Mack Day

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Students were awakened to knocking on doors, banging of pots and pans, and the words “It’s Camp Mack Day!” on Sept. 4. Camp Mack Day was a surprise date, and an email was sent out at 5 a.m. to alert students that classes were cancelled, and the first shuttle bus was leaving at 8:30 a.m. Some 624 students, faculty and staff got out of bed, saw this email, and climbed onto the busses to be driven the 47 minutes to Milford, Ind, so they could attend Camp Mack Day. Camp Mack is a Christian camp owned by the Church of the Brethren that is located on Lake Waubee for activities such as swimming, kayaking, row boating, hiking and

climbing a rock wall.

Some of the inspiration for Camp Mack Day came from one of Manchester University’s sister schools in Pennsylvania—Juniata College. Juniata has an annual surprise day called Mountain Day, where classes are cancelled and the students and faculty who attend the school go and hike a mountain. This event goes beyond those who are still on campus; alumni still get excited and show school spirit. Rebekah Houff, the campus pastor and leader of Camp Mack Day, is from Pennsylvania and she remembers seeing how excited everyone got for Mountain day and wanted to bring the same energy to Camp Mack Day.

Houff was aware that not everyone loved the idea of a surprise date;

she spoke about how she knew people like plans and structure, and that she oftentimes falls under the category of someone who enjoys having a sense of control over a situation. “It was hard because I knew that some people were upset that it was a surprise and I identified with that,” she said, “but I knew people would come because suddenly their schedules were cleared and the energy that it created.”

This statement rang especially true with Reed Brace, a resident assistant in Garver Hall. “The surprise was the best part,” Brace said. “The mystery was the best part by far because nobody would have come if they knew what day it was ahead of time; they would have just said they didn’t have any time for it.” Indeed, Camp Mack would influence

Brace’s time as a Manchester alumnus. “I would be excited to keep up with it on social media when I see that they are there,” he said with a smile as he spoke fondly. “I know what a great experience I had so I’ll know how much fun they’re having.”

John Gallatin, a sophomore, shared a unique experience of Camp Mack Day. “I was kayaking and saw a professor tip his kayak,” he said. “I quickly paddled over to see if he needed help and helped him get back to shore. This was a strange experience, because it was a professor I had never met. But it was cool for him to just be a person, not a professor.”

Mackenzie Faine, a first year, did not really know what Camp Mack

was, and, with a laugh, said she expected it to be a lot of cornhole, but instead she spent the day playing connect four, going on the flying squirrel, and hiking. “I really liked it,” she said. “I would definitely go back, and look forward to going next year. I really felt like it helped to bring people together and make new friends.”

The word “magical” was brought up multiple times, proving Houff’s passion about the project was well well-placed. “Nothing is perfect,” she said. “I know that it wasn’t easy for everybody but to me the day was a feeling. I could see people’s joy. I saw professors and students playing four-square together outside of their normal element. It was a feeling of joy. It was a feeling of community.”



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Manchester students gather around a campfire to roast marshmallows.



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Professor Judd Case and Professor Greg Clark prepare to go canoeing.



Photo Provided by Manchester University Facebook.
Manchester students compete in a game of corn hole.



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Jake Huffman, assistant director of admissions, helps students launch their canoe into the water.

Education Department Receives \$1 Million Endowment, Name Change

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Manchester University’s Department of Education took a huge leap forward when it received an endowment and name change on Friday, Sept. 6. The endowment of \$1 million, which will generate \$40–50,000 per year, came from the family of Harry and Jeanette Henney and will progressively contribute to the future success of the department, now known as the Harry H. Henney ’35 & Jeanette Henney Department of Education, and the university as a whole.

Dr. Heather Schilling, chair of the Department of Education and director of Teacher Education, has high hopes for the ongoing success

of the department. “What we hope to do is to figure out how we use this donation to make the mission statement in our program come alive,” she said. “This will allow us to make that dream a reality.” The education department’s mission statement is “Shaping tomorrow’s teachers today.”

“I just want to empower students so that when they leave Manchester, if a student really believes in the mission statement the way that we, as a department, do, then he or she is empowered to provide change,” Schilling continued.

Travel was one point that Schilling wants the endowment to help blossom. “One of the things we’ve worked on is around the three pillars: vision, voice, vocation,” she said. “What we would like to do is to give our students more intentional field experience, so more travel.

For example, taking the students to schools that we see as exemplary models of how we want you to teach. Our focus is going to be on helping our graduates find their voice so that they can bring change to their communities. We believe that we can bring change through education in a variety of ways.”

Along with this she would also like this money to develop a research program. “We also now have funds for research if we would like to give stipends or research funds,” Schilling said. “One of the things we need to talk about because being a part of a school is important information for us, by that I mean seeing what is currently happening in a school. As professors we have been out of schools anywhere from 5–10 years. So, we have talked about offering a fellowship to a current

classroom teacher.” She goes on to say that this person would not necessarily be a professor but an asset to the department.

How will students benefit from this endowment? “Our idea is that in the first-year students will set some benchmarks for themselves,” Schilling said. “And in the year two and three they would find their voice. This ranges from leading protests, like I would love to do, to working with small groups of people to bring about change. In the fourth year they would find their vocation, what they are called to do. Through all of that then we want to put this thread that education is their human and civil rights.”

Another big change that Schilling wants to bring to the education department is a research portion for students. “We want to

put students into cohorts,” she said. “Not just first-years all together, but all students as learning communities. Over your four years you would investigate a big question like ethics in education or whether there can be quality in education. So big research questions to promote inquiry-based learning. If you come to our program, we are trying to help you become a revolutionary. You are joining the cause.”

This cause is something that Schilling fights for constantly. She is always in the mood to talk change and reformation. She has big ideas for the future of the education program and these multiple of these progressions are already set in motion or on the table for discussion. Schilling was very grateful for this significant donation and expressed her gratitude in every way possible.



Photo Provided by Manchester University Facebook.
The Henney family provides the education department with a \$1 million endowment in honor of their parents/grandparents Harry H. Henney and Jeanette Henney.



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The Manchester education department is renamed Harry H. Henney ’35 and Jeanette Henney Department of Education.

MAC Kicks Off the Weekend with Carnival on the Mall

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A night of whirling teacups, sugary candy and buttery popcorn, topped with giant stuffed animals equals a night full laughter and fun.

On Friday, Sept. 13, Manchester Activities Council hosted their very first carnival. The idea came last year when the club sent out a survey to students asking what they would like to see happen on campus. Later that year at their spring conference they chose the idea of the carnival. "I think we chose it because of the teacups, honestly," said Erin Brock, senior.

The event itself was comprised of the iconic twirling teacups, Skee-Ball, the strong-man game with the objective to hit the bell, basket-

ball, soccer darts, and many more classic carnival games. Not only were there carnival games, but also oversized stuffed animals, and their smaller stuffed siblings. "My favorite game was the speed challenge where I could race my friends," said Haley Fellabaum.

The event was one of the more large-scale events MAC has put on, the culmination of time and huge effort. It was so large that the event even had volunteers from the North Manchester community. "I can tell that MAC put effort into making this event fun, they obviously put effort into making this event even happen," said Maria Dalman, sophomore.

Would MAC would put on a similar event in the future? "Absolutely!" said Sam Alley, the Director of Student Involvement and Leadership Development . "If it's successful and students want it again, then absolutely yes."

Erin Brock agreed. "One

hundred percent, it's possible," she said. "We would absolutely do this again."

Students who attended the carnival had nothing but good things to say about it. One of the biggest things people enjoyed was the race to acquire 100 tickets to win the big stuffed animals. The biggest ones, however, were gone within the first hour. Taylor Gibson, sophomore, expressed her disappointment. "I was so frustrated," she said. "I was working up to 100 to get one of those bears, but I had to settle for a unicorn!"

Carnival games and prizes were accompanied by food, but the event didn't have typical carny greasy food. "My favorite part of the carnival was the cotton candy and the popcorn!" Dalman said.

The crown jewel of the event was the teacups. "I love that they had a ride that you could find at a real carnival," Fellabaum said. MAC members had been hoping to get teacups for years and the time finally presented itself.

Members of the campus community responded greatly to the carnival and enjoyed the event. "I really just love that I got to spend the whole night with my friends at a mini carnival," Gibson said.



Photo provided by Noah Tong.

Max Baker, senior marketing major, sticks to velcro wall.



Photo provided by Noah Tong.

MAC provided a spinning teacup ride for Manchester students.



Photo by Noah Tong.

A variety of games and inflatables were available for students to use.

How Suite It Is
President's Office Moves to Funderburg

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President McFadden and his two assistants—administrative assistant Jill Manns and executive assistant Julie Knuth—just moved their offices and their entire operation to the Funderburg Library. The goal is to help with the development of the university and bring its employees and students even closer together.

"The move has been planned for months but the process only took a day," McFadden said. He believes the change was needed to become more accessible to the student body and be able to help at any time.

"Accessibility is definitely my main goal, but I love to be able to see the students walking to class and being productive," McFadden said. "The only things I miss are my windows."

The office suite comprises the area behind the circulation desk. "They are tidy and very spacious," McFadden said. On the wall before his office there is a mural with the Manchester logo, and it says, "Become your best self."

Inside his office he has to still put up pictures, and inside of his moving boxes he has many pieces of autographed baseball memorabilia. "I pride myself on my pictures and these baseballs," McFadden said. "One of my prized possessions is my autographed baseball from Hank Aaron that I got when I was a kid."

Jill Manns and Julie Knuth both agree that the move and process is coming together well. "The process is going to take some time,



Photo provided by Chloe Arndt.

President Dave McFadden poses in front of his new presidential suite.

Manns said. "We have to still finish and construct our 24-hour food service and finish our new board meeting room, but in time we'll be up and running."

They too love being more accessible to the students and pride themselves on being part of the small, tight-knit North Manchester community. "We like to be able to eat and talk to students," Knuth said. "We ask them about the school and for their brief suggestions on what

we can do better, and also what we're prevailing at as a school."

The suites are not the only construction going on around campus. "We plan to build a chain of competitive buildings on the campus including a new stadium to house multiple sports," McFadden said. "We want to be competitive with buildings in our town to get our name out there as a school that everyone is talking about. This is our main focus here at Manchester."



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The President's Suite moves to Funderburg Library.

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Photo by Chloe Arndt.
Dr. Michael Rotter brings his expertise in evolutionary ecology, chemical ecology, plant-animal interactions and climate change to the MU campus.

Visiting Professor Shares Passion for Science with MU

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Up the staircase of the Science Center, within the Niswander Department of Biology, lies the office of one of MU's most recent additions to its lineup of professors.

Dr. Michael Rotter, a visiting professor beginning his first year of teaching at Manchester, can be found just around the first corner of the wing, and he almost always has his door open, ready to receive questions from curious students who may wander past. Inside his office, there's a desk adorned with various scattered papers, a window with a killer view of the grassy Mall, and a bright man with plenty to share concerning his passions for the various fields of applicable sciences.

A small university can easily go "under the radar" when there are so many other larger state institutions offering incentives to freshly

graduated PhDs looking to apply for work. The small size and atmosphere of Manchester's campus, however, was a big draw to Rotter. Indeed, he felt that the position offered at MU was, as he says, "extremely attractive," based on the unique community that is fostered on campus. "I can get to know the students really well, and be able to help them through all of their years here at Manchester," he said before adding, "And really guide them through what it takes to become a scientist."

Rotter is especially interested in fields such as evolutionary ecology, chemical ecology and plant-animal interactions that exist globally. The current issue of climate change is another key focus, and he feels that at Manchester, with its diverse offerings and each individual's unique take on problems, there is a place that truly fosters student discussion. "There is definitely a culture here where students are interested in making an impact for a lot of these bigger environmental issues," he

said.

Although he is a "visiting" professor who is only obligated to a two-year long contract, Rotter still feels very enthusiastic about what he will be able to do during his time at MU. For instance, he plans on sharing his deep knowledge with his students; implementing fun learning activities and offering a creative outlook on the typically analytical aspects of science; and continuing his research alongside prospective scientists, collaborating with them both inside and outside of the labs and classrooms.

Further, Rotter encourages students, whether in a science oriented major or not, to come visit him in his office and talk with him. He is always thrilled to discuss interesting topics concerning biology and the unique environment of the Midwest; he's a young, bright professor who offers a unique take on the problems and fascinations of the natural world.

MU Senior Emily Lynn Performs Capstone Recital

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Manchester University singer Emily Lynn delivered her senior vocal performance for choir in Wine Recital Hall on Sept 5.

All music performance majors prepare a recital following their junior and senior years. Lynn was expected to learn at least two songs in all four of the languages of opera (Italian, German, French and English) in preparation for her performance. Additionally, these songs

also had to vary in both the style they are written and performed, as well as the time period in which they were composed.

Lynn noted that her performance was also a preparation of sorts for graduate school, so her song choices were heavily influenced by pre-screening and audition requirements for schools that she could see herself attending after graduating from MU.

How did she prepare for her recital? "It is as simple as practicing every day," she said. "It is a lot like a sport; the voice is a muscle and

it must be trained every day." Being a talented cross country athlete, Lynn is able to speak accurately and from experience on this comparison.

Lynn rehearsed every week in a number of personal practice sessions with her voice coach, Dr. Debra Lynn, who is also her mother, and pianist Dr. Pamela Haynes. "Practicing regularly with a pianist is essential to achieving a true ensemble in the sound," Lynn said.

Lynn had a good deal of support leading up to her recital, and on the night of her performance that support only grew. Wine Recital Hall hosted a number of people that night who are very important to her, including her family, her best friends, supporting faculty members, Manchester University alumni, members of the music department, community members of North Manchester, and her teammates on the cross country team. She was very happy with this support and is grateful to everybody in attendance for taking the time to be there to support and witness her performance.

She is not yet sure where she will go to graduate school to pursue a master's degree in vocal performance, but is looking forward to singing opera music in the future, a talent that she believes could take her anywhere.

Lynn has a firm plan for what she wants from her future and said that this performance is, as she put it, "only the beginning."



Photo by Chloe Arndt.
Emily Lynn is looking to apply to graduate schools to pursue a master's degree in vocal performance.

Men's, Women's Cross Country Teams Prepare for Taylor Invitational

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Working hard and running harder, Manchester's cross country team is diligently practicing for upcoming meets, including the Taylor Invitational today, Sept. 20.

Tough training, and the success that often comes with it, is nothing new to Manchester's cross country runners. The past five years have had the team win three conference titles, and the women's team is predicted to win another by the HCAC Women's Cross Country Preseason Poll. This season has also been going well, with the men's team finishing No. 16 out of 24 and the women's team placing No. 15 out of 24 at the Calvin Knight International on Sep. 7. "A lot of our women ran PRs [personal records]," said Hannah Wappes, one of the captains for the women's team.

Last week, however, was race-free for the cross country team,

allowing them the chance to rest and refocus their efforts through training. The team met in the Multipurpose Room within the Physical Education and Recreation Center, or PERC, twice last week to work on their running skills. Practice began with a team meeting in order to discuss the schedule for the week or to potentially address any issues. The core session, an opportunity for runners to improve their muscular strength, immediately followed. After this, the team performed an extensive warm-up in order to prevent athlete injuries.

It was only then that the workout truly began. While many believe that all cross country practices are simply running, they are actually diverse, with different strategies and purposes. The team ran mile repeats on Tuesday and a threshold workout, or running at faster than race pace but not maxing effort, on Friday. This might sound terribly arduous to some, but for the cross country team, it's a necessary pain for tremendous gain. "What I expect is for them to

come in and do what they need to do, on any particular day, in order to get better," said Director of Cross Country and Track & Field Brian Cashdollar.

This improvement will be vital if the team desires victory in the upcoming meets of the season. The most impending of these races is the Taylor Invitational. However, the Taylor Invitational's imperativeness pales in comparison to meets later in the fall, as the team is still working on getting to their best athletic capability. That being said, it's still an excellent opportunity for the runners to compete with various schools and see what

they're made of.

"I'm pretty excited for it. I think it'll be a fun meet," said Ben Miles, first-year runner. "Race days are always fun because everyone's in a good mood. We're all ready to run our best."

Wappes agreed. "It'll be a good opportunity for us to push ourselves," she cheerfully affirmed.

Pushing both themselves and each other to be better is highly encouraged for members of Manchester's cross country team. "Coach Cashdollar is one of the brightest things about our team; he's just always really positive and he pushes

us to be better people, on and off the course," Wappes said.

This positive attitude and the sense of togetherness it brings is much appreciated. "The cross country team is a really tight-knit community," Miles said. "They'll support us even when we're not at practices. They're always there for you."

It's impossible to know what the future holds for the cross country team, either at the Taylor Invitational or during the championships in November. But the team will face these competitions together, all the way to the finish line.



Photo by Nick Rush.
Sam Barnard races to cross the finish line before his opponent during the Manchester Hokum Karem.



Photo by Chloe Arndt.
Manchester cross country runners Emily Ewen, Myah Krintz and Ana Acevedo.

Women’s Soccer Emphasizes Positivity

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A few losses will not bring them down. While the first games of the 2019 season may not have gone exactly as the Manchester University women’s soccer team would have hoped, team members and coaches stay positive and reflect on what this season means to them.

On Sunday, September 8, the team played against Albion College. The game resulted in a loss, 3–0. Team members and coaches still felt positive about their performance in this game, even without a win. The coaches feel similarly. Head Coach Christine Johnson feels that the team has “progressively improved in each game.” Assistant Coach Josh Route believes that the team is on the right path to winning their first conference game on Oct. 5.

The team’s game against Thomas More University on Wednesday, September 11, was seen as an important stepping stone in their progression this season. Although the final score came out to 8–0 and left the team feeling discouraged that night, as sophomore midfielder Kaylin Bartholomew put it, “We learn from our losses and move on to the next game.”

Despite their losses, the team perseveres. Senior center midfielder Katie Green believes the team has a “more positive atmosphere” and “better chemis-

try on and off the field” this year. Green has noticed that, compared to past seasons, this year the team is quicker to move on from their mistakes and less likely to bring others down after defeats.

Coach Route has noticed a change in attitude as well. “With all my years of college soccer, this has probably been the closest family atmosphere within a team I’ve seen,” Route said. “The chemistry is obvious.”

As Green makes her way through her final season at Manchester, she reflects on what she has enjoyed most about her time on the soccer team. “I’ve played soccer since I was four years old,” she said. “Knowing that it’s my last ride in competitive soccer is kind of bittersweet.”

One of her favorite parts of being on the team has been her experience with Coach Johnson. “Having a coach that is so passionate makes being here a lot easier,” Green said. Her goal for the rest of her final season is to keep the team’s positive attitude going as the season continues.

First-year forward Alex Parr is in quite a different position than Green. Parr has begun her first season at Manchester and is excited to “contribute more positivity” to the team. Being a first year, Parr has little experience with her new team, but she is enjoying learning how to play with the team members and figuring out how she can contribute. Parr’s goal for the season is to get a win as a team.



Photo provided by Mallory Fletcher.

Senior defender Matthew Roop pressures the DePauw striker.



Photo provided by Mallory Fletcher.

Senior goalkeeper Justin Winterboer stops a near-certain goal with a crushing slide tackle in the penalty area.



Photo provided by Mallory Fletcher.

Nash Walker, senior defender for the Black and Gold, intercepts a pass.



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Junior midfielder Keegan Wondergem fights for a loose ball.

Spartans Prep for Conference Play

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Manchester faced a tough side in Alma this past Saturday evening, as the Spartans fell 35–7 to the Scots at Burt Field. There were, however, some positives from the game despite the score. “We got our running game going,” says Nathan Jensen, head coach of the team. Donovan Henderson, Jr., senior running back, put up prolific numbers. He scored the lone touchdown with a 25-yard run and ran for over 100 yards.

Senior linebacker Justin Thomas thought this game was an opportunity for the young players to get adjusted to college football. “A lot of the young players are getting playing time due to injuries so that will help us create depth for the future,” Thomas says.

Moving forward for the Spartans, Coach Jensen is excited about the growth within the football program. “Looking back at the first game with Trine, we started off really slow and then got it going which gave our guys faith and confidence,” he says. “They were understanding that

they can play with anybody when they want to play.”

Coach Jensen believes the team’s source for inspiration is the desire to play better than the game before. “The biggest growth for a football team is between game one and game two,” Jensen says. “I am looking for huge growth from our team looking forward.”

Senior quarterback Alex Downard wants to contribute to this. “We have a really good group of guys and now we have to turn all of our hard work into wins,” Downard says. “Our goal is always to be 1–0 at the end of every week and that won’t change moving forward.”

The team is also preparing for conference. The Spartans have their eye on one objective: the conference title. “The ultimate goal is to compete for a conference championship,” Jensen says. “We have the talent, now we just have to execute. I think our effort along with the talent that we have can put us in a great situation.”

From the players’ perspective, Downard and Thomas have the same goal as their coach. “We will continue to go to work and continue improving from week to week so that when our conference schedule starts, we will be ready to rock and roll,”

Men’s Soccer Faces Tough Opponents

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Spartan soccer season is in full swing at Manchester University this fall with a reserve game and varsity game in the schedule for this week. After an exciting overtime win against Olivet College last Sunday afternoon, the Manchester men’s soccer team was looking ahead to a week of practices before taking on the DePauw Tigers on Saturday at Good Field.

It was nice warm day as the sun shone down on the players as they warmed up for their home game. The game time was set for noon as Manchester soccer fans gathered around the field to watch the Spartans take on the visiting Tigers. As the game started, the opponents fought hard as they went

back and forth. DePauw was able to strike first, scoring their first goal in the 16th minute. Manchester was able to answer back quickly. Junior striker Josh Gonzalez capitalized on a defensive miscue made by the Tigers to slot home the equalizer. The scoreline was short lived, however, as The Tigers were able to take the lead, going into half time with a score of 2–1. DePauw enjoyed the majority of possession for the rest of the first half.

The Spartan defense was not able to hold off the Tigers as they went on the score three more goals during the second half of the contest. The Spartans battled but DePauw proved to be a tough competitor as Manchester was not able to rally a comeback. The final score was 5–1 in DePauw’s favor. The Tigers improved to 4–1 on the season while the Spartans slid to 2–3–1.

With DePauw being a non-conference game, this loss

does not affect the Spartan’s chances of claiming the conference title, a goal of the team this season. “The game Saturday didn’t go the way we wanted it to, but it was against a very talented team,” said Sig Sagna, sophomore. “Going against these challenging teams in the beginning of the year is getting us prepared for conference games later in the season which is what we are looking forward to.”

The reserve team was supposed to play Los Gallos on Thursday at Manchester, but the game was cancelled due to bad weather. Testing themselves against a quality reserve opposition, the reserve team faced the DePauw reserves following the varsity game on Saturday at 2 p.m. Despite a tough effort displayed by the Spartans, the reserves were unable to claim a victory.

The Manchester Spartans will host Elmhurst on Saturday Sept. 21, to take on the Bluejays at 4 p.m.



Photo provided by Bridget Nash

Austin Roberts hands the ball off to Donovan Henderson Jr.

Downard says.

Thomas is confident in his team pursuing their goal for conference play. “We have the team to do it; we just have to prove it,” Thomas says. “The highest I have finished in conference was fourth place and I would like to crack the top three.” The ambitious Spartans are ready for any challenge they may face during conference.

There are critical matchups that they are looking forward to. Downard is highly anticipating the

Hanover matchup as they are the defending conference champions. “We are always really excited to play Hanover College every year,” Downard says. “A rivalry has developed over the last few years so it’s always a big one for us.” Coach Jensen uses this game as a measurement to see where the team aligns in the conference.

Ultimately, the best rivalry game for Manchester football is the game against Anderson University. Many alumni from both sides will be

in attendance to watch these two oppositions go head-to-head. Not only are both teams playing for a victory, but they are playing for a trophy as well. Each year the Bronze Ball is awarded to the triumphant team. Since the game will be played on Senior Day, Downard and Thomas would love to end their senior campaigns with a special victory.

The Spartans will visit Hanover College to start conference play on Sept. 28 at 1:30 PM.