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MU Actors Perform in First-Year One Acts

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Last Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m., Manchester University's students were performing in the First-Year One Acts at Wampler Auditorium, an event that was sponsored by Manchester Theatre Society.

Manchester Theatre Society is a group that meets to discuss and be involved with theatre through watching films or going to see shows. The group has two big events, a full length student directed show in the spring and the First-Year One Acts.

As each fall, Manchester Theatre Society put on one act plays to get people involved in theatre that have not been previously.

This year there were four plays, The Boor, The Zero Sum Mind, 4-1-1 and Mirror, Mirror. All of them were directed by students that have already been involved in theatre. In total, there are 8 directors and 15 actors involved.

"The goal of the One Acts is to provide an opportunity for people that have not been in a Manchester production to be on stage," said Courtney Greene, President of the Manchester Theatre Society and one of the directors of the Acts. "We want

to provide more opportunities for people who may have less experience with theatre or are new to university theatre."

Greene said that

be so invested in a show, but be sitting in the audience, because she is more accustomed to being on stage.

However, as a di-

who had never directed or written a play before. "I loved working with the one-acts," said Weeks. "I wrote the show "Mirror Mirror" over the summer

and I have gone through. The characters are loosely based on me and my friends. I made the character of Mary, the voice of reason, the image of the kind of honesty that I always wished my friends would have."

Although seeing her play on stage was a truly humbling experience, she said that the hardest part of this whole process was trying to not be too critical because of the images she had in her head when she was writing it.

As regards the work of the actors she said they were all absolutely phenomenal. "I was extremely proud and satisfied with the final production," Weeks concluded.

The First-Year One Acts was the first time acting for Roderick Wallace, First-Year in Accounting. "Believe it or not, I was nervous," Wallace said. "My heart was racing before I got on stage. I had no ritual before going on stage but I was just hoping and praying that I didn't miss my entrance."

However, some of the actors have already had previous experience in theater. Jacob Ray, a First-Year majoring in English, is one of them. "I have acted a lot in the past," Ray said. "I was in the fall play, A Devil in the Church here at Manchester and I did plays and

musicals all through High school."

Incidentally, on Saturday Ray was panicking when realized that he had forgotten his black pants for the play called The Boor at his house. Hopefully, one of his co-stars, Claire Miller, saved the day by giving him her black pants. "So on Saturday night I wore lady pants for the whole performance, and I must say I looked quite fetching in them," Ray said. "I will definitely continue to act, it's too much fun to ever quit."

In addition to the actors who really enjoyed acting last week-end, the audience seemed to like it as well, especially on Saturday when, according to all actors, the audience reacted more consistently.

"Finally the First-Year One Acts were a great collaboration," Greene said. "They would not have been a success without the wonderful work of all eight directors, the actors, our sound & lights operator, support & advice from Jane Fraizer (Manchester University's theatre director) & all other involved parties."



DRAMATIC MOMENT The actors of the play "The Sub-Zero Mind" perform on the stage at Wampler Auditorium during the First-Year One Acts. The event, sponsored by the Manchester Theatre Society, consisted of four plays that were produced last Friday and Saturday night.

Photo by Felicia Nichols

as for most of the other directors, this was her first experience directing a show. Thus it was a learning experience for her.

On the opening night, she was more nervous about the show than she has ever been as an actor. She added that it was a weird experience to

receptor she loved the process of seeing what she pictured in her head transferred to action on stage.

One of the acts, Mirror, Mirror, was written by Kelli Weeks, one of the directors and Junior in social work and psychology. It was a great learning experience for Weeks

and collaborated with my co-director Shanell Brazo throughout the whole process. The play is basically just a commentary on how girls often don't have common sense when it comes to the people we date. I got the idea from a combination of terrible relationships my friends

First-Year Seminar Classes Travel to Chicago

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Road trip! For three FYS classes, this was their Thursday of classes.

Professors Jonathan Watson, Michael Slavkin and Beate Gilliar each brought their separate FYS classes together to Chicago for a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago for a day of exploring and perusing the gallery as well as the city. The Art Institute provided a hands-on demonstration of the subject of each class, with Dr. Watson teaching The Crossroads of Art and Literature, Dr. Slavkin covering The Return of Creativity and Dr. Gilliar teaching The Creativity of Composing.

The day began bright and early at 8 o'clock Thursday morning with the students and professors loading up a charter bus with a mix of excitement and sleepiness eroding from the group.

After a long bus ride of about three hours (or for many, a mere three hour nap) the Manchester group arrived at Chicago for an exciting day of journeying and learning. Since the Art Institute trip was not scheduled until 12:30 and the bus had arrived around 10:00 Chicago time, there was ample time to kill traveling around Chicago. As the students split up with their respective classes, they made their way around to numerous landmarks surrounding the area in



TRIP TO THE WINDY CITY Professors Jonathan Watson, Michael Slavkin and Beate Gilliar each brought their separate FYS classes to Chicago last Thursday. While in Chicago, students visited the Art Institute of Chicago and made their way around several landmarks in the downtown area, such as Millennium Park and the Chicago Tribune building.

Photo by Randa Gillespie

downtown Chicago, including Michigan Ave, the Chicago Tribune building, and Millennium Park, home of "The Bean," a large sculpture.

Once lunch was eaten, the slew of Manchester students and faculty met back up to explore the Institute. With four levels and countless pieces of art, students were able to travel through various time periods across the world. Exhibits included paintings, drawings, sculptures, furniture, photography and even an interesting display of paperweights,

where a group of students actually met the artist behind some of the works. One of the temporary exhibits displayed the work of Steve McQueen, an internationally renowned creator of choreographed films and moving images, which was a point of excitement and precedence for many students and the professors alike.

As the trip to the Art Institute of Chicago came to a close, a new adventure opened up: Giordano's Pizza, a large pizza restaurant in downtown Chicago. As the students feasted on hearty

salads, fresh breadsticks and deep-dish Chicago style pizza, they swapped stories of favorite artworks and discussed what they intended to explore for the next few hours before bus call, regardless of how full they were.

For first-year Josh Busenbark, who was in Watson's class, and junior Cody Goble, who came as a guest, it was a first trip to Chicago. "It was really cool to think about the fact that there is only one original copy of everything in there," Busenbark said of the Art Institute. "It's incredible what some peo-

ple can do." Goble's favorite part was a surprise as he searched the Institute. "I was excited to find out that Salvador Dali's work was displayed there," said Goble enthusiastically. "I figured they would have the works of Monet and Van Gogh, but I didn't think they would have surrealists. Once you explore and see, you find out that the Chicago Art Institute is so expansive."

For trips such as this, an overlooked aspect is often the professor-student interaction. More often than not, profes-

sors do not get to meet their students outside of the classroom, and vice versa. This trip to Chicago provided ample time for students to really meet their professors as people and students of the Chicago Art Institute, gazing at the walls in awe, just like they were. For a day, students and professors became companions in learning and the exploration of a wonderful institute and a wonderful city.

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Around Campus



RHA Hosts Suitcase Dance in Upper Union

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Music, dancing, colorful masks, shimmery dresses, and guys dressed their best were all present for the Resident Hall Association’s Masquerade Peacock Suitcase Dance in the Upper Union on Friday, November 9.

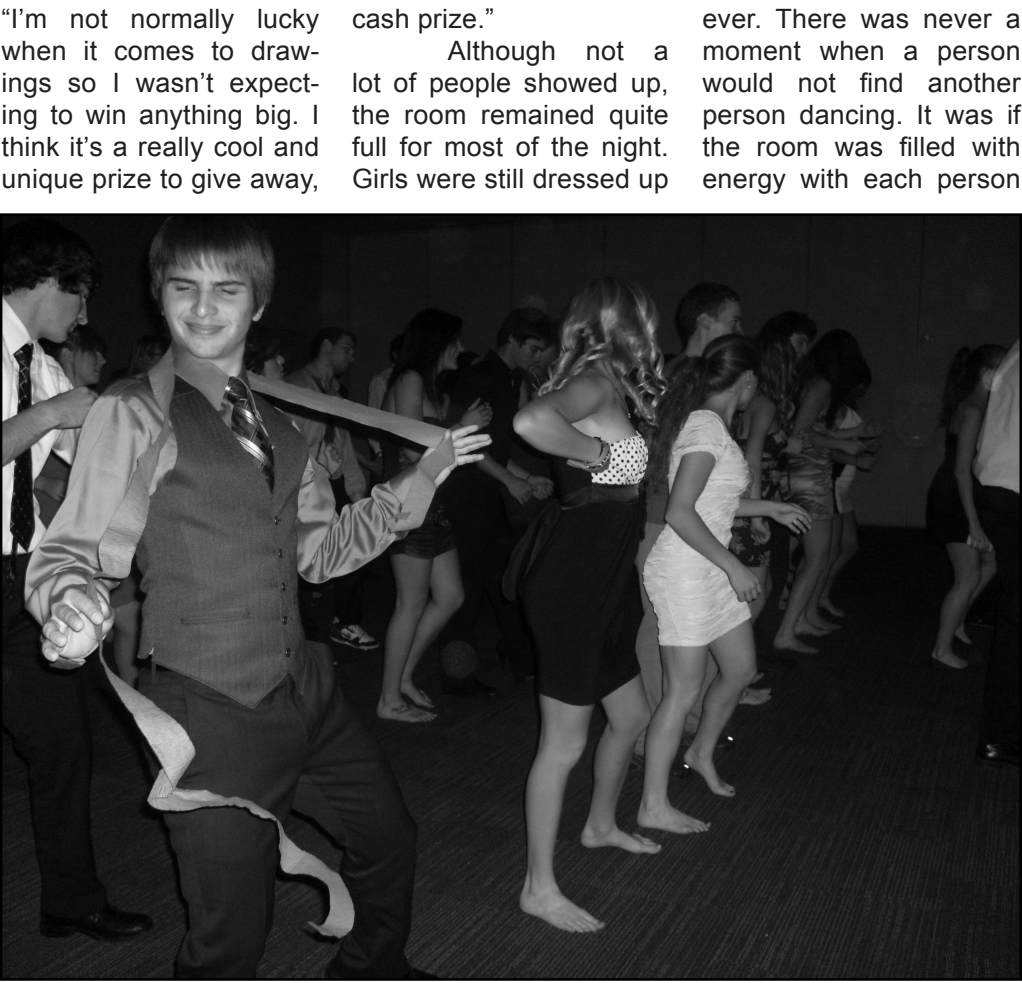
Guests were greeted by fabulous streamers hanging from the door way. Lights were exploding through the entry followed by music blaring from the speakers in the front of the room. Faces were hidden amongst the shadows and different masks which made it impossible to pick out who was who. Decorations were hung almost everywhere a person looked and water was offered in the corner of the room in order to keep dancers hydrated as each of them tore up the dance floor.

RHA has hosted their Suitcase Dance for several years and has been said to be a hit among students each time. “We want people to have a good time and something to do on the weekend so they don’t go home,” said Kecia Kosins, a member of the dance’s planning committee.

Among those on the dance floor, the Oak Leaves own Jacob Ray, neatly attired in dress pants and a dress shirt accompanied by a leopard-print tie, and Kari Cottingim, wearing a elegant white dress, were partaking in the night’s events. They brought with them some unique moves to the dance floor and Ray captured some attention with both his traditional and brand-new dance moves.

Along with the dancing, many prizes were given out, ranging from gift cards to weekend trips. In order to win a prize each person was given a numbered ticket and waited to see whether his/her number was called. The biggest prize of all was a two day trip for Fort Wayne, Indiana, that included various activities that would be paid for by RHA. This trip was won by Allyson Smith.

“I was really excited when I won,” she said.



HAVING A BALL Students dance in the Upper Union during the Masquerade Peacock Suitcase Dance on Friday, Nov. 9. The event, hosted by the Resident Hall Association, also gave students a chance to win numerous prizes, such as gift cards and a weekend trip.

Photo by Jessica Hickerson

something different from the normal gift card or like goddesses and the guys were as dashing as bobbing or swaying with the beat of the music.

Barack Obama Re-elected as US President

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At the end of an exhausting and expensive campaign, Barack Obama was re-elected as President of the United States. Despite projections of a tight race, President Obama cruised to victory in the Electoral College, defeating Republican challenger Mitt Romney 332 to 206. As of press time, Obama also held a 51 to 48 percent advantage in the popular vote with over 99 percent of precincts reporting.

President Obama’s path to victory included winning all eight of the so-called “battleground states.” The races in Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, New Hampshire, Colorado, Wisconsin and Nevada were expected to be closely contested. But when the votes were tallied, each state went blue for the second consecutive election.

Manchester University professor of political science Leonard Williams, who is co-teaching the “Road to the White House” course this semester, believes that the presidential election boiled down to the economy. “The most important issue, as in past elections, was the economy,” Williams said. “Obama won, it seems per the exit polls, because the economy improved a bit and because responsibility is still given to [former President] Bush.”

Obama can also credit his victory to strong polling numbers with non-whites, women, and youth voters. According to CNN exit polls, 93 percent of African Americans, 73 percent of Asian-Americans, and 71 percent of Latinos voted for Obama. Moreover, 55 percent of women and 60 percent of voters ages 18–29 voted for the President. This data suggests that the Republican Party, constructed as is, may have trouble competing demographically in future elections.

Both Obama’s victory speech and Romney’s concession speech called for compromise and bipartisanship. However, the preservation of the status quo at the federal level—a Democratic president, Republican House, and Democratic Senate—left

about the nation’s ability to compromise, especially following an era of such unprecedented gridlock in Washington.

Williams does not anticipate full-scale cooperation over the next four years. “I expect some movement toward immigration reform, but not necessarily a move toward ‘compromise’ or “bipartisanship,” he said. “The Republicans don’t yet have the incentives to make big changes, while Democrats have found some support in the exit polls for holding the line.”

With the fiscal cliff looming on Jan. 1, the need for compromise will take center stage post-election. If no Congressional action is taken by New Year’s Day, the nation could tumble over the “fiscal cliff” —a series of tax increases and spending cuts that economists fear could trigger another recession.

Despite the immediate danger of the fiscal cliff, MU sophomores Alex Herber and Phil Truitt do not expect to see cooperation across party lines. “I don’t think there will be more compromise,” Herber said. “Even with this fiscal cliff coming in January, [Congress] will probably find a way to keep pushing it back.”

Truitt added: “There is too much competitiveness. Politicians are too focused on the fact that they are separate parties with the goal of being re-elected.”

The results of the 2012 election also left questions about the effectiveness of the Electoral College. The growing sentiment is that the Electoral College minimizes the impact of a vote in a traditionally Democratic or Republican state. What are the chances that a Republican vote in California or a Democratic vote in Alabama will swing the

outcome of the nationwide election? Basically zero.

Herber, for one, believes that it may be time for a change. “If we can elect Congress members by direct vote, why do we have to elect the president indirectly?” he asked.

On the other hand, Truitt feels that the Electoral College is an acceptable way to elect the president. “I would consider popular vote, but I feel like the system is okay as is,” he said.

Williams is in favor of reform with one caveat. “Electoral College reform would be helpful, but only if we go to a national popular vote joined with a system that welcomes voters rather than discourages them,” he said. “Otherwise, the Electoral College still functions. Its biggest impact is to magnify the margin of victory.”

The presidential race took most of the national headlines, but there were many hotly contested elections on the local level. In the race to take Richard Lugar’s seat in the U.S. Senate, Joe Donnelly upended Richard Mourdock. Mourdock was widely criticized for his controversial remarks about rape during a televised debate in late October.

Additionally, Mike Pence defeated John Gregg to become governor of Indiana and Glenda Ritz upset incumbent Tony Bennett to become state superintendent of public instruction. Ritz’s victory appears to be a condemnation of Bennett’s voucher and standardized testing programs. In the run-up to the election, many public school teachers tried to galvanize voters to vote against Bennett.

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Around Campus



Watershed Initiative Educates Public at Event

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On Thursday, November 8, 2012, the Middle Eel River Watershed Initiative—a coalition led by Manchester University—hosted an event to educate the public about how farmers and other agricultural enterprises can use conservation practices to keep rivers clean and fields nutrient-rich. The event, which was both a seminar and hands-on experience, began at 10:30 a.m. in the Science Center with a brief presentation about the organization’s mission, and ended at 12 p.m. following a tour of Southview Farms located in South Whitley.

Southview Farms, which is an operation encompassing over 2,200 acres and is owned by the Metzger family, is one of the 20 farms that the coalition has joined forces with to use conservation practices in order to keep the river clean. A few ways conservation is

displayed at the Metzger farm include no-till planting, cover crop usage, filter strips, and the implementation of organic fertilizer. These practices are part of the cost-share program, which means that the coalition will pay for a certain amount of the cost if the farmers decide to switch to these more environmentally friendly agricultural practices.

Following a 15-minute slideshow about the organization’s mission and history at the university, reporters, group members and local farmers loaded up vans; all anxiously awaiting the tour of Southview Farms. “The idea of going to the Metzger farm today is to give people a chance to see some conservation practices on the ground,” said Terri Michaelis, watershed coordinator for the Middle Eel River Watershed Initiative. “We always talk about them, and we can show pictures, but it’s different when you’re out there on the farm and

see these practices. This gives you a chance to see this huge equipment that these farmers are using, and you realize it’s not a cheap adventure to make changes in how you use your property and how you conserve.”

On the way to the farm, the group made a stop at Plunge Creek in order to see an example of filter strip implementation on ditches that run through farmers’ fields. A filter strip is an area of land right by a ditch that traps sediment and reduces the amounts of phosphorus and nitrogen that flow into the water.

Once the group arrived at Southview Farms, a quick overview of the Metzgers’ conservation practices was given by Sam St. Clair, Kosciusko County District Conservationist. He explained how the farm’s use of no-till planting—when the fields’ soil is not turned under before the initial crop is planted—and other nutrient management practices such as using cattle manure for fertilizer and planting cover crops is environmentally friendly. “A combination of all of these practices goes a long way toward protecting soil, water, air, plants, and animals, which are all affected by soil health,” St. Clair said.

After this address, Steve Metzger began the tour by talking about what he uses as a cover crop. Michaelis defined his terms. “Cover crops capture nutrients that are left over on the field from their original crop that farmers had to pay for to apply,” Michaelis said. “In the spring then, when they go to replant, they won’t have to apply as much fertilizer because those plants will have captured some of those fertilizers. It keeps them out of the water and on the field, and it means they have to use less next year.”

Some cover crops include radishes, peas, and legumes, but Metzger uses rye grass.

“Corn silage replaced with rye grass is a way of disease control,” he said. “The roots of the rye go 40 inches, but the rye is only six to ten inches tall. Then, we’ll burn it off (with herbicide) and use no-till. We’ve had good success.”

Once, the crew had taken a tour of the cattle barn during feeding time, Metzger and the group stopped at the manure pit, and explained how the farm uses it for conservation practices. They feed 40,000 lbs of feed and corn silage hay to 300 cows each day, which makes for approximately 15,000 gallons of manure per day. The manure pit, which can store up to 2.4 million gallons of manure, is 12 ft. deep with a concrete sloping wall. Along with underground plumbing in the form of drainage tubing that moves excess manure under the land to the main county tile—called a French Drain—Metzger also makes the most of his resources by using

the manure to fertilize his fields. “We use trucks to haul the manure to fields five or six miles away,” he said. “It’s a good way to spread nutrients.”

After the informational tour was over, the group loaded back into the vans, and returned to campus. Dr. Jerry Sweeten, who wrote the initial grant for the coalition back in 2008, explained that this organization is not only to help farmers improve their methods, but also for student research. “It’s a benefit to our students because it’s just not science; It’s economics, policy, political science, and learning to deal with people and the policies,” he said. “I think that this project has without a doubt been one of the most positive scientific endeavors I’ve ever been involved with.”

Students Strut at International Fashion Show

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Manchester University showed off its extraordinary diversity Thursday night as students and others in the community walked down the runway at the 2012 International Fashion Show. They modeled clothes that represented countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas to reflect the show’s theme of the “continental drift.”

This theory holds that with the Earth’s continents separating, the people are still one but with much diversity. The theme of “continental drift” symbolizes that point of view and was chosen for that reason. In the opening video, students were interviewed on their thoughts of diversity and whether MU is diverse enough. Most answers included phrases like, “We do have plenty of diversity, but there could always be more.”

The Office of Multicultural Affairs has held this event for seven years. The group is directed by Michael Dixon, director of Intercultural Services for Manchester, who also designed the program and modeled his own outfit as well. The models began practicing more than three weeks ago, getting together twice a week to work on the program and to practice their catwalk strut. More than 18 countries were represented in this year’s show. Categories in which the outfits were divided into included casual, formal, special occasions, and dance. A category that was added to the program included specialty clothing made by Isaac Myers, the father of junior Joseph Myers and a physician who loves to design clothes in his spare time.

Senior Yousra Kamoona of Baghdad participated in the show for the very first time. She wore clothes that represented the countries of Vietnam, Turkey and Cambodia. “I think it [the fashion show] shows our outfits from different countries and the significance behind them,” she said. Kamoona also

had one of her own dresses from Iraq represented in the show. The black and gold traditional dress, which is called a Hashimi, is worn to celebrations.

As the models strutted down the catwalk, hosts Keegan Gerlach and Vanand Abedian described each outfit in full detail: what country the outfit represented; the material; symbolism


behind the outfit’s colors and patterns; and what appropriate occasion to which the outfit would be worn. This informational commentary provided the audience with interesting knowledge and fun facts, adding some pizzazz to the show.

To get the audience involved during intermission, a walk-off was held where audience members competed against each other for the title of “Top Model.” Juniors Jeremiah Sanders and Joseph Myers were named the winners of the walk-off.

For the finale, the hosts held a trivia round to see how well the audience retained the information given during the program. Questions were asked about which outfit

belonged to what country as well as what some of the colors symbolized. Surprisingly, the audience paid well-enough attention to get most of the questions right. To keep the audience’s attention, the models danced in matching white shirts and blue jeans to a series of songs as the finale.

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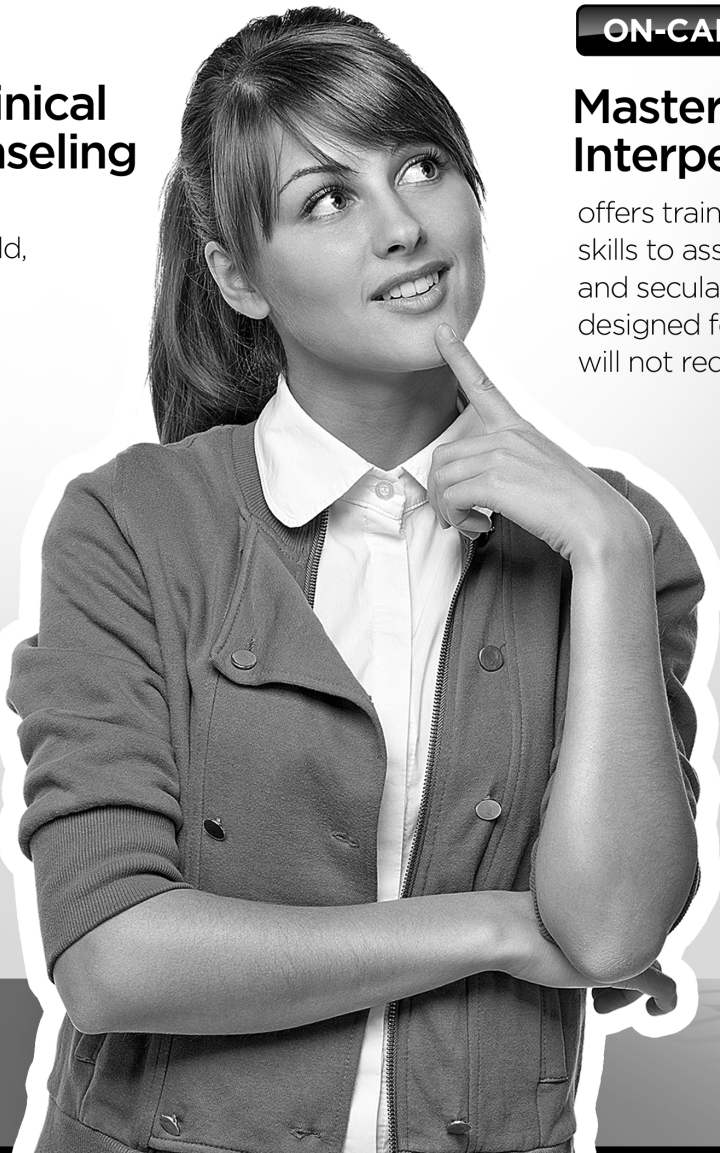
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Around Campus



Allen Wins Chance to Meet Manchester United

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From Manchester University to Manchester United, it only took Jared Allen eight tweets to win a trip to New York City to attend a fan party with his favorite soccer team. The junior was one of 20 picked from a pool of over 12,000 responses to spend the day with the Manchester United soccer team in the Big Apple on Oct. 20.

In hope of winning the contest, Allen had already planned a trip to New York during fall break with his roommate, T.j. Wolpert, in case he won. As fate would have it, only three days before the fan party, Allen received notice that he was one of the lucky 20 chosen to attend.

The prize included two tickets to the Manchester United fan party, a meet-and-greet with former players, prize packs with t-shirts, scarves, and a viewing of a Manchester United soccer game. Continuing his lucky streak, Allen also won an additional Twitter contest while at the party that awarded him three team jerseys.

As a Twitter user for only five months, Allen entered the fan party contest that took place at the beginning of October. The criteria to win was simple—give the best reasons why he deserved to go to the fan party. On why he won, Allen believes a few factors played into his chances. “Well, my roommate’s a Chelsea fan and he hates Manchester United, but I also think already being in New York helped and tweeting a whole bunch.”


The best part of the fan party for Allen was

winning the second Twitter competition. “I got to win those jerseys, go on stage and we got to meet players Dion Dublin, Bryan Robson, and the owner of the club,” he said. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Allen and Wolpert spent the day at the West Manhattan club watching the game and meeting other fans.

Allen and Wolpert had to rearrange the trip they had already planned just days before leaving. After the party, they still had plenty of time to see the sights that New York had to offer. They went to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the new World Financial Center. “We even survived a walk through Harlem,” Allen joked.

Along with the fan party and the historic city attractions, Allen visited Niketown, a multilevel Nike superstore on 5th Avenue. “That was big for me because I’m a Nike employee, but we pretty much saw everything in New York that you would want to see,” he said.

Allen enjoyed watching his favorite team win the game during the viewing, but the party was made better by the things around him. “The environment was phenomenal,” he said. “You had a whole bunch of British people who had won and come to New York for the party, and to meet the players was just awesome.”



CHANCE OF A LIFETIME Jared Allen, a Manchester University junior, won the chance to spend the day with Manchester United soccer team in New York City on Oct. 20 after entering in a competition on Twitter and giving the best reason why he should go to the fan party. Allen also won a second competition while at the fan party and received three team jerseys while in NYC.

Photo by Randa Gillespie

Students Offered Experience with Colony Crew Sports Management Skill to be Honed with Ft. Wayne Mad Ants

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Sports management students have an opportunity to take their skills to the city. With the new Colony Crew program, students can work in Fort Wayne with the crew of the Mad Ants basketball team. This experience will provide insight for students looking for jobs in this field.

“Students will be working in game promotions,” said Ryan Hedstrom, sports management program coordinator. “The half time stuff that you see, interacting with the crowd, having people sign up for the promotions that they do, and also as part of it they’ll be shadowing the front office staff.”

The students will be able to work in many different areas, allowing them to get as much experience as possible with cheering crowds as well as all the work that goes into game nights for the Mad Ants.

John Zeglis, the owner of the Fort Wayne Mad Ants team, is also a member of the University’s Board of Trustees and helped build the relationship between Manchester University and the Mad Ants. Several students have already done internships with the office

sports management students will be experiencing first hand what they would be doing on a daily basis.

“I am very excited to get the opportunity to gain some 'real-life' experience in the sport management field,” said student Katrin Muser. “As Dr. Hedstrom always says: "If these things don't get you

excited, you may want to think about changing your major.”

Sports management students will sign up to attend the home games and will be able to get as

their participation, Hedstrom hopes that many of these experiences will lead to future internships.

“Mostly, I am looking forward to enhancing my network by meeting

looking forward to seeing what is going on behind the scenes during the event.”

Muser hopes that her fellow students realize how good of an opportunity they are getting to be able to experience first hand what they could be doing as a career someday. “Seeing that the spots until the end of January are already filled, this should not be an issue,” she added.

Another student participating in the Colony Crew when the season starts is Eric Purcell. “I hope this program will last for years to come, because this is a great opportunity,” Purcell said.




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Around Campus



Bowl Over Hunger Brings Awareness, Meal

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Staff Writer

Manchester University's dining service held its third Bowl Over Hunger dinner on November 11, 2013, in the Union's Haist Commons. A soup meal with souvenir bowls that raises money for and awareness about hungry people in the United States, the event welcomed its largest turnout yet. As soon as the dinner commenced at 5 p.m., the hall became full with the wholesome smell of warm soup and the clinking of over two hundred bowls gathered for the event.

Within minutes, Manchester students and a few locals lined up for their five-dollar-soup dinner. A few residents of the Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester also attended. Chef Fogerty, Manchester's executive chef, came in with his family and helped cook the meal. Student volunteers poured a ladle-full of soup into each bowl. Customers were welcome to their choice of loaded baked potato soup, lentil soup, ham and

beans soup, or Santa Fe chicken chili along with a breadstick, toppings, and a drink. Afterwards, each person was allowed

chief organizer and director of the Center of Service Opportunities, Carol Miller-Patrick, estimated there was a total of 250

By taking home the bowls, people will hopefully remember the suffering of hungry Americans every time they emp-

food banks," declared another. The point each one is driving at is that hunger is not restricted to third-world countries and is very

ation where the acquisition of food is difficult. During the ongoing national recession, both poverty and food insecurity hit record highs.

The diners at Bowl Over Hunger are helping the situation a tiny bit because all of the night's proceeds go to initiatives against hunger and homelessness. Some of the money will support soup dinners for the homeless or community dinners.

Bowl Over Hunger continues to be a successful event with record turnouts each year. This might be due to the attention it has attracted from the retirement community but more likely because Manchester students aren't usually able to eat dinner at Haist Commons on Sunday nights. "Some come back to find a matching bowl for the one they got last year," says Miller-Patrick humorously.

Miller-Patrick confirmed that the charitable soup dinner will return next year with more bowls for everyone.



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to keep their own special bowl. In truth, the bowls are the livelihood of the evening even more so than the food that goes in them. No two bowls are identical at Bowl Over Hunger. Its

unique bowls this year. The bowls come from last year's worth of gathering from local potters and generous donations. "The empty bowls," said Miller-Patrick, "are meant to remind you of hunger and homelessness."

ty their bowl. The goal of the dinner was to remind those attending of the hungry and the impoverished. "67,000 veterans can't afford food," read a billboard by the waiting line. "Over 12 million American children rely on

much alive in America. According to the United States Census Bureau, 46.9 million Americans lived in poverty during the year 2010. Tens of millions are acknowledged as being "food insecure," or rather they are in a situ-

Students Unite Classes at Hebrew Bible Bowl

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Staff Writer

Students have a ball in Professor Justin Lasser's religion classes. And they throw that ball during an after-class football game for extra credit in the Introduction to the Hebrew Bible course.

This fall, 25 students from Lasser's religion courses participated in his third Hebrew Bible Bowl. The football game was played on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m., and was held in the Rhiney Bowl outside of Schwalm Hall.

Lasser took the name Hebrew Bible Bowl from the famous Rose Bowl which is played each year in California on New Year's Day. The teams who "squared off against each other" were the Canaanites and the Israelites, said Lasser, and they were split up by class. The Canaanites were the winners of the Hebrew Bible Bowl, and they received for their grand prize more extra credit than the Israelites.

Lasser participated alongside his students,

and was on the losing football team. Although he initiated this tournament, he has played on the losing team each of the three times he has held this event. "I was surprised the professor was as into it as he was," said Rachel Ulrich, a sophomore who played for the Israelites.

Lasser, who was a halfback for his high school football team on Long Island, NY, created this activity to bring the students in his religion classes together. "The idea is to create a way in which the class can relate better to each other" he said. Lasser thinks that the game will bring class cohesion, and improve in-class discussions. Ulrich thought it was a good opportunity to get to know her classmates in a more casual context.

The competitors had a wide variety of skill levels, ranging from students who had never played football before this game, to athletes who play for the University's team. Ulrich falls under the category of those who had never played before. She thought she didn't play well, and throughout the game she mostly wandered, but she did her best to imitate what her team-

mates were doing, even though she still felt lost. "I tried not to get run over," she said with a laugh. "That was one of my main goals." On the other hand, Ulrich said there were players who were really into playing this game, but not in an overly competitive way.

While this football game was for fun, there still had to be rules. There was one first-down marker, which is typical for football, and each team had possession of the ball for four downs before turning it over. This was also a no-tackle game, so they played two-hand touch.

Lasser was pleased with the amount of students who participated in his event, and it went so well that it lasted for 1 hour and 15 minutes. "The students enjoyed it," Lasser said. "Every single one had a smile on their face and it was fun to see people outside of class."

Campus Already Making Thanksgiving Plans

Jacob Ray
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving break consists of five days that are currently occupying every Manchester student's daydreams in class. However, despite everyone thinking about it, most students will do a variation of the same thing: eating too much food with family.

However, it's not to say some aren't up to interesting things. Sophomore Ashley Dobrzykowski celebrates Thanksgiving ever year by going to see the new installment of the Twilight Saga with her mom and sister. "It's a little sad that this is the last year," she said. "Seeing the movie is a fun time for us."

Other students (mostly female) prepare for Black Friday shopping. Most head to the stores with family members in tow, but Kortney Jennings instead goes with her best friend, Dre. "I make him go," Jennings adds jokingly.

In keeping with the Thanksgiving spirit of celebrating family and commu-

nity, Heather Elson is taking her good friend, Laura Ciria, home with her during Thanksgiving Break. Ciria is an exchange student from Barcelona, and had nowhere else to go for the break. "She really wanted to see Indy, which is where

my mom is more excited than Laura and I!"

Elson thinks the best part of break will be Black Friday shopping with Ciria. "I told her about Black Friday, and she was intrigued to see it for herself," Elson said. "I, on the

come back alive!" As most people know, Thanksgiving is mostly celebrated in the United States, but other countries celebrate similar days. China holds the August Moon Festival on Aug. 15, celebrating

moonlight, young lovers speak their hearts to each other.

Canada actually celebrates Thanksgiving, just on the second Monday of October. So while Americans are celebrating Nov. 22, Canadians already celebrated on Oct. 8. Calendar enthusiasts might recognize that as the USA's Columbus Day. Canada's Thanksgiving is so similar to ours, that an annual football doubleheader is held, called the "Thanksgiving Day Classic."

In Brazil, Thanksgiving is not a holiday, but is commemorated for American families living in Brazil. Officially the day is called the "National Day of Thanksgivings," and was instituted in 1949 due to the current Brazilian ambassador, Joaquim Nabuco returning home to tell of the Thanksgiving celebrations he'd seen during his time in America.

Back on the home front, students talked about their family traditions. Deanna Beckner spoke about going to her aunt's. "The dog show is always on while Grandma



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I live," Elson said. "My parents and I will be showing her the highlights of Indianapolis from the Speedway to downtown. I think

other hand, am terrified. I have never done it myself, but know how mean people can get and the traffic. I'm just hoping we both

the plentiful harvest like Thanksgiving. Chinese believe that the moon is roundest and brightest on this day, and beneath the



Opinion: MU Halls Should Make Room for Pets

As a true animal lover and owner of three pets, this policy upsets me. Not only are pets a fun addition to any home, but Web MD's scientific studies have shown that having pets are good for the heart and reduce stress levels. Being a college student is a job that causes constant anxiety.

Although it is understandable to not allow animals in dorm rooms due to allergies, this problem could be avoided. There should be at least one or two dorms allowing animals; that way students with allergies can live in an environment that is healthy for them. Beside allergies, I do not really see a logical reason for not allowing pets on campus. As a college student that lives on their own, washes their own clothes and occasionally makes their own meals, we are responsible adults that should be permitted to care for an ani-

A black and white photograph showing a close-up of a dog's head on the left and a cat's head on the right. The dog is looking down at the cat, and the cat is looking up at the dog. They are in a close, intimate pose.

The way I see it,
dorm life is very similar to

which we live in, students should be able to have an animal in their room. Pets

were able to have pets on campus, they would more than likely be happier re-

Owning a pet is an effective way of giving students a taste of home, reducing the amount of homesickness felt. I know that if I had my dog or cat, that constant source of love would make it easier for me to be away from my family and would be a healthy way for me to combat the stress I feel as a full time student. Plus, I would much rather have my dorm filled with "barks" and "meows" than the often-vulgar rap music that can be heard through the walls.

Opinion: Kindles Ruining Our Ties to Books?

Kindle/Nook is a device that holds books on a computer. Instead of reading a book in ones palms, one is reading the book on a computer screen. The users of this devilish thing say it is easier to carry and one can have thousands of books with them at all times, allowing different options to choose from to read.

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gain from being used over and over again nor do they make the crisp sound when turning the page. As

a fellow book lover, I get very into my books. I yell, scream, cry, and sometimes get into an argument with the characters. There have been times that I will

stalk out of the room; and I will not pick up the book again until I have had time to calm down. Kindles take those types of emotion out of reading a great book, because one simply cannot become one with the book; instead he or she

the simplicity of books? We as a society are becoming too involved with all the new inventions that we cannot see the beauty that the old ways have provided us. Our children will grow up in a world where they will learn to read on a

The world of books is being taken over by the villain. So where is my hero? I need some sign that he or she is coming to beat the villain. I need to know that books will not be destroyed and generations to come will be able to still use them in this realm and not in the virtual land. Books have been my safe haven ever since I was a young girl; and a world without them would cease to exist; the world needs real, touchable books to escape his or her problems.



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becomes one with a computer.


Has society become that technology involved that it cannot see how it is slowly destroying

computer instead of holding a true book.

Soon children will never understand the meaning behind the printed world, unlike my two-

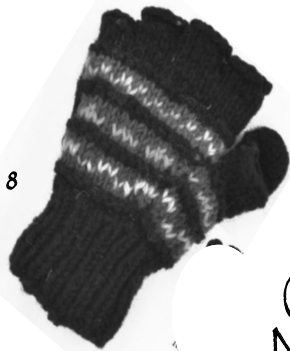
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Equestrian Club Continues to Develop at MU

Caleb Noffsinger
Staff Writer

Equestrianism may not receive the TV time of basketball or football, but at Manchester University, the Equestrian Club has been picking up momentum. For those who grew up around horses and those who love horses, it is a great way to get close to these animals and be able to test their skills with riding a new horse every meet.

Taylor Jantzi, president of the Equestrian Club, has been riding horses all of her life. “There is plenty of interest,” she said. “When I was looking at colleges I was looking to see if they had Equestrian Clubs.” She continued to say how the club at our University has grown significantly from last year and now sports over 20 people, with skills spreading from beginner to Open Rider which is the highest rank available at their meets. This number of people has over doubled from last year.

This semester



SADDLE UP Members of the Equestrian Club at Manchester University pose for a photograph in the Administration Building. Although the club is relatively small and fairly new, the number of students involved with the club has more than doubled from last year.

Photo by Kellen Wilkening

they have not been really busy, but during the spring, there will be plenty of shows and plenty of opportunities to ride. When students go to a meet, everyone is loaned a horse that matches their skill set. They choose their horse and try their best to become better acquainted with it and to show off how strong of a bond they have made in a short amount of time. This practice is to be fair; everyone is given a clean slate with an unknown horse. In fact, the point of this sport is not to see who loses but more so who can finish. The horses are typically provided by whoever is hosting the show.

Equestrianism is a very social activity. Because there is a common love in the group for riding horses, the group is quite close. The meets also provide an opportunity for students to become acquainted with other riders from other colleges and to reconnect with old friends.

While the club is relatively small and fairly new, hopes are that it will pick up. And with a good few who are very solid riders, and horses available off campus so that students can become better riders overall, anyone can join.

Football Defeats Anderson in Season Finale

Josh Vardaman
Sports Columnist

After a start to the season that the Manchester football team would like to forget, six straight wins, including one over rival Anderson University on Saturday, was the perfect way to end the year.

Losing the first four games of the season, including two conference games, was not the kind of start Head Coach Shannon Griffith had in mind, especially with the talent he knew the team had. However, the ship was righted in the fifth game—a win over conference foe Bluffton—and the Spartans were on the right track to finish the season strong.

Six games later, Manchester is heading into the off-season on the highest of highs. The 6-4 (6-2 HCAC) record was good enough to land MU tied for second in the conference with Hanover and just behind champion Franklin.

This year marks the first time since the 1997 season that the Spartans have recorded a winning sea-

son, and the youth on the team shows a lot of promise for the foreseeable future.

“The potential of returning a lot of starters gives us a great start to next year, but many things can change between now and then,” Griffith said. “Every year presents a new beginning and you always hope to build on how you finished the previous year. With the potential of a solid returning group the belief is that we can pick up where we have left off.”

If the Spartans continue next year where they left off this year, conference foes should get used to seeing Manchester win.

As if winning the last six games of the season was not enough for MU, the team was also able to dismantle its biggest rival, Anderson University, to finish the season. The Ravens were not able to score against the Manchester defense, and got shut out for the fourth time this season, 38-0. The Spartans were again led by a stout running game, which registered 238 yards and four touchdowns.

Throughout the course of the six-game winning

streak the team was able to run for 223 yards per game, up from its season average of just 175 yards per game.

“Our running game over this 6-game winning streak has been the key and very dominating,” Griffith said. “Against AU we just did what we had been doing and the guys upfront did a great job.”

The team is rather young, only having eight seniors, but that youth was not a factor down the stretch. The few seniors helped the coaching staff keep this team in check for most of the season, and their effect on the younger players catapulted the team from the depths of the conference to a front-runner.

“It was an awesome job done by this group [of seniors], even with only having eight of them,” Griffith said. “They kept everything in perspective and continued to show a great work ethic. This group is a very special group to me.”

September Athletic Training *Student of the Month*



Darren Slater

Hometown: Bloomington, IN
Future Plans: Graduating this December and pursuing a master’s degree in coaching from Ball State University. Obtaining a CSCS Certification and an ATC for a high school.
Activities: MUATC

Matt Harter
Sports Columnist

The Manchester men’s and women’s cross-country team placed fourth and eleventh respectively this past Saturday in the regional meet, with the men receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III Championship.

The meet, which took place in Anderson, IN, ended with Calvin College being crowned the men’s champion and Hope College taking the title on the women’s side. A total of 37 teams participated in the men’s meet and 33 in the women’s meet. The teams came from the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

The Spartan men were led by Curtis Nordmann, who finished eighth overall. The lady Spartan’s top runner was Karla Madrigal, who finished in 21st place.

To receive a berth into the national meet, a second place finish or bet-

ter is needed. However, coaches across the region select a few teams who finished worse than second place to go to the national meet as well.

The men were fortunate enough to receive a spot from the coaches’ selections and will head south to Terre Haute tomorrow, joining 31 other colleges from across the nation.

Before the regional meet began, junior Chris LaFree knew what position the team might finish in. “We think we should finish third overall, but we are going to try to go for second,” he said.

Manchester came pretty close to accomplishing a third place finish, as Case Western Reserve University edged the Spartans by just two points.

To get pumped up for meets, members of the cross-country team have there own unique way of zoning in for the start of a race. “I usually listen to music and I just prepare

myself mentally for the pain that’s going to come and I try to focus on running for my teammates and for God,” said Cayla Pusey, a sophomore runner for the women’s team. Pusey was not a member of the Spartan cross-country team her freshman year, because she attended Spring Arbor University in Michigan, where she also ran.

Only the top eight finishers advance to the nationals for each team, so for many of the cross-country runners, the season is over.

It was another successful season, as both the men and women won their fourth consecutive conference title. “Conference was probably the highlight (of the season), I think for everybody,” Pusey said.

Many other great moments were made throughout the 2012 season. “My best memory would be the Bluffton Invite, because I broke the course record and was seeded first in the confer-

ence,” LaFree said.

Much of the success of the Spartan’s cross-country teams during the past few years is due to several reasons. “We have grown a lot stronger as a team,” Lafree said. “We have been trying new things throughout these years and they just happen to be falling together and making our team so much stronger. Recruiting has helped us be successful. Our coaches are some of the smartest I’ve ever seen.”

Moving on to the national meet with an automatic bid from the men’s regional will be Calvin College (Grand Rapids, MI) and Wabash College (Crawfordsville, IN). In the women’s regional, Hope College (Holland, MI) and Oberlin College (Oberlin, OH) will take their speed to Terra Haute.



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MU Men’s Basketball Strives for Excellence

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Manchester University’s tenacious men’s basketball team lead for nine years by Brad Nadborne, a jovial and matter-of-fact coach, hopes to lead this season’s young team into the experience and fierce brotherhood necessary to churn out an excellent team on and off the court.

“It all starts with recruiting great guys that want to be a part of something bigger than themselves, keeping it positive, and putting players in positions to succeed,” Nadborne said. “Camaraderie is one of our main focuses. I’ve told the guys numerous times that alone we have a lot of good players but together we have an opportunity to be something special.”

The young and enthusiastic basketball family is comprised of one senior, six sophomores, and six first-years.

The team gets two days off for Thanksgiving, no fall break, and a week for Christmas, but during those times they build the team and become thirteen united players. “The character and quality of persons we have on the team is number one,” says Nadborne with a smile. “I think we’re going to see them grow up right before our eyes.”

Sweet-natured sophomore Grant Newlin, majoring in health and physical education training, plays guard for the Manchester Spartans and shows intentionality in his role as a leader. “I feel like I’ve really matured since last year,” he said. “Having those great leaders last year has re-



JUMP START Sophomore Jon Thompson begins to shoot a layup during a recent home exhibition game for the Manchester men’s basketball team. The Spartans will play in their first two regular season games this weekend at a tournament hosted by Albion College. The team will face the Albion Britons tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow, the Spartans will wrap up tournament play against the Wabash Little Giants at 3 p.m.

Photo by Vivien Carter

ally given me a good example of how to be.”

Sophomore Nathan Feitshans, majoring in elementary education with a mild intervention, thinks that leadership is not complicated. “During practices simple things like getting guys in a huddle and patting each guy on the chest is just something extra to motivate in practice to keep going,”he said.

“On every good play the guys on the bench are off the bench cheering for our team and picking each other up,” Nadborne said.

David House, a

contemplative senior majoring in athletic training, shows true work ethic on the team. “Every day I come with the same attitude and every morning I say the same thing... stop feeling sorry for yourself,” he said. “When I hear people complaining I just bring that attitude to the table,” says House with seasoned solidarity.

Nadborne said: “I think one of the things our players hear me say in practice is figure it out. What I’m saying is handle the adversity and turn it around.”

Sophomore Silas Sims, majoring in biology

and environmental sciences, realizes his role as a an experienced player on the team. “I think as one of the older guys it’s great to just lead by example and show the freshman what our expectations are like as a team,” he said.

The team experienced hardship this season during the alumni game comprised of players who won the Heartland championship just two years ago. “They’re still one of the best teams in the country and we just got thumped, “ Nadborne said.

Sims said: “I felt

like we needed to get beat like that. It was a good reality check for where we are and where we want to be. Then in the Huntington game we came out and we worked harder and it was obvious. It seemed like everyone had more bounce to their step and were trying harder in drills because we knew we needed to get better.”

Nadborne coaches through tough times. “We’re constantly preparing them for adversity,” he said. “One of the things we always say is how you handle adversity defines you how you han-

dle success defines you. You can’t get too high with the highs you can’t get too low with the lows.”

Feitshans said: “We came back a week later and showed some resiliency in the fact that we beat a good Huntington team in a scrimmage so that was the first obstacle.”

The Manchester athletes spoke about the tight-knit basketball community they had formed and how many student athletes chose Manchester because of the family atmosphere and the bond that is able to happen among teammates

“We’re all a team,” House said. “We feel like at any point any one of us can be our best player on the court. We all have trust in each other. We don’t have a superstar so we have a whole bunch of workers that all want to work together to get what we want.”

Sims agreed: “I can’t sit here and individualize one person and say he’s going to be the best because everyone is trying to beat the next guy and just trying to make each other better,” he said.

Experience is what is foretold to turn this young spirited team into a mature and successful team. “In the mean time we have to see the season ahead of us and I’m just looking forward to continuing to improve and hey if we win some games in the process I’m all for it,” Nadborne said.

Women’s Basketball Prepares for Season



TRAINING DAY The Manchester women’s basketball team practices at the PERC in preparation for the beginning of the 2012-2013 regular season. This year’s team is young, consisting of six first-years, seven sophomores and two juniors. The Spartans will play at home tonight against the Muskegon Fighting Muskies, beginning at 7 p.m. The team will play another home game tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m. against the Mount Union Purple Raiders.

Photo by Alexah Parnin