

# The Oak Leaves

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## Seniors Attend '101 Days to Commencement'

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Manchester University seniors kicked off their last semester of college with the traditional 101 Days to Commencement dinner on Thursday, Feb. 6, in the Upper Union. Students arrived dressed to impress with suits, dresses and skirts that rivaled the elegance of a professional conference.

They mingled with friends and classmates while some professors and staff members served scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and fruity mocktails. Senior athletic training major Jillian Bower called the cream-filled strawberries as her favorite. "They were so good," she exclaimed. "I had to stop eating them so I could enjoy the dinner."

A giant ice sculpture of "101 days" towered above a cheese and vegetable table, while smooth jazz was played for the guests. Free professional photos were taken by Werking Studio, located in downtown North Manchester, for students to use for their LinkedIn profiles and resumes. The reception hour allowed students to reflect on their four years at Manchester, with surveys asking what their favorite classes were and who their favorite professors were.



**ICE, ICE, BABY** Manchester Seniors celebrated "101 Days to Commencement" with a dinner event on Thursday, Feb. 6, in the Upper Union. Some faculty and staff members served as waiters and waitresses, serving a three-course meal that included appetizers, an entree and dessert. Alumni spoke at the event, focusing on how Manchester has played an important role in their lives during and their tenure as students. The evening culminated with a toast of sparkling grape juice in custom-made champagne glasses.

Photo by Savannah Riley

Sport management senior Kara Gilley had a hard time picking hers. "There were so many classes that I enjoyed over my four years," she said with a smile. "I had so many professors that taught me a lot as well."

Students strained their brains trying to think of every club or organization they had been a part

of over the past four years. Senior sport management major Eric Courter found one activity left off the list. "They didn't have the campus bookstore listed," he joked. Thankfully, he was able to list it under the "other" box.

Seniors then moved into the Lahman, Speicher, and Hoff rooms for the dinner. Every table

was decorated with marvelous glass vases filled with feathers and students were served by a different faculty or staff member, who performed better than a seasoned veteran in a five-star New York restaurant. For starters, there was a crisp salad and fresh-baked bread. As for the main course, students had a choice of spiced honey

rum-glazed chicken, sliced eye of round with burgundy mushroom sauce, or a vegetarian entrée of roasted squash stuffed with macaroni and cheese. Not forgetting dessert, red velvet and chocolate frosted cupcakes topped off the dinner.

The program then moved to the alumni guest speakers, whose time at

Manchester ranged from 1948 to 2008. Coming from accounting, communication studies, English and chemistry backgrounds, each speaker told their story of how Manchester has played an important and integral part in their lives during and after college. A common theme among all the speakers was of home, how Manchester became their second home, and how they always make their way back to this small Indiana town to visit with old friends.

Following the alumni speakers, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs Glenn Sharfmann, filling in for a sick President Jo Young Switzer, toasted the class of 2014 with a speech that brought up cherished memories of the past four years and a hopeful look at the future.

The closing ceremony was filled with one last bubbly surprise, just not the alcoholic kind. Professors and staff members brought out sparkling grape juice to fill custom-made "Class of 2014" champagne glasses students had received at dinner, and everyone toasted the seniors. Seniors raised their glasses and sang "By the Kenapocomoco" in unison, entering the sunset of their college careers.

## Winter Storms Cause Cancellations at MU

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As every student around Manchester University is well aware, this winter has been one for the record books. Despite a herculean effort by the staff to clear the snow, two separate snowstorms in the month of January shut down campus or cancelled classes for all students.

During January, Maintenance personnel battled cascading snowfall and arctic temperatures made worse by piercing winds. While it is always tough to close an organization as large and populous as Manchester University, the administration did not have much of a choice.

From the maintenance department's point of view, the snowstorm of January 5-7 was certainly bad, but completely manageable. "Although it took a lot of time, and it was a very heavy snow; it was not beyond our capabilities," said Chris Garber, director of Operations and head of Maintenance.

Despite wind chills of roughly 40 degrees below zero, Manchester University had absolutely no problem providing heat. "We have two large boilers that pump steam," Garber said. "One of those large boilers has not been used in ten years. The other boiler only went up to 35-40%, so we have plenty of heat." But there was a real threat. "Our fear is, under those conditions, of losing electricity" he said, adding,



**SNOW MUCH SNOW** Abundant piles of snow and massive icicles have seemingly taken over the campus grounds during the current, soon-to-be-historic winter. Two snowstorms during the month of January resulted in closures on campus. Classes were cancelled for students on Jan. 6 and 7, while the campus was closed during the January Session break on Jan. 27. Due to the extensive snowfall and frigid temperatures, many students are likely hoping for an early spring.

Photo by Savannah Riley

"then we are in trouble."

While Manchester avoided any sort of electrical malfunctions, the bitter cold managed to claim a few victims. Six coils, which have water running through them to regulate temperature, froze and needed to be fixed during the snowstorm.

Maintenance's most difficult task, as most resident students were surely aware, was clearing

sidewalks and parking lots. Keeping these vital chunks of pavement and cement clear was a full time operation. "For two days, we had people on for 23-24 hours, which means a couple very long days," Garber said. "One of my guys was here 24 hours; that is too much, but if we didn't keep up with it, it was just going to get harder to do."

Over just the days of Jan. 6 and 7, mainte-

nance staff spent a whopping total of 38 hours clearing sidewalks and an impressive 45 hours clearing parking lots. "Translated into money, those two days cost us in extra time about \$2000," Garber said. To help cover this cost, Manchester applied for emergency money from Wabash County.

Jack Gochenaur, the CFO in charge of cancellations, found this winter

to be special as well. "It is very infrequent (that classes are cancelled), certainly not once a year on average," he said. "I would say maybe every five or six years in the past."

January's early snowstorm provided a unique situation. Several factors went into cancelling classes. "We had this state of emergency across 26 counties in the northern part of Indiana," Gochen-

aur said. "Generally speaking, the notice is that you are not supposed to be on the road unless you are an emergency vehicle. Then they put in those words 'and you can or may be ticketed.' Now that puts our employees and faculty who drive back and forth to campus in an odd situation."

Gochenaur said that making the decision one way or the other has its critics. "It's a judgment call and somebody has to make the judgment." When cold weather hits, part of his job is to ensure students are safe from the elements. "We are going to do everything we can to make sure that if you are on this campus, you are going to have what you need to be comfortable within reason," Gochenaur said.

While MU employees worked the hours away, resident students faced various issues of their own. Senior student Nathan Frantz, like many other students, was anxiously awaiting his January trip abroad. Frantz signed up for the London-bound "Development of Modern Scientific Thought" trip with Dr. Susan Klein. During the cancellation of classes, he and others anxiously awaited news of the trip. "We were always checking our emails," he said. "We barricaded ourselves in our rooms and waited."

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Inside: HJR-3, January Session Trip to Spain, Wrestling

# Around Campus

## Executive VP McFadden Speaks on HJR-3

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Although January may have been freezing, the hot topic for discussion on and off campus was HJR-3 (formerly HJR-6), an amendment that, if passed, would permanently define marriage to exclude non-heterosexual couples. It states "only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Indiana" and "a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized." This amendment would criminalize civil unions for opposite- and same-sex couples alike.

Students, faculty and staff have strong opinions on this issue, and whether you're for or against the amendment, the University itself has taken a neutral stance on the issue.

"I think that the position we took was misunderstood and misinterpreted," said Dr. Dave McFadden, dean of the Manchester University College of Pharmacy and executive vice president of Manchester University. "We're not neutral on the issue at all, but as an educational institution we choose not to engage in public and political debate about that." McFadden says that the neutral stance on the issue is a way to foster a

conversation among students and University employees. While the University remains neutral on the amendment itself, it strongly supports equal rights among people of all sexual orientations and tries to create a safe and welcoming work environment for students and employees.

"We go above and beyond what the federal government and the state government requires in terms of the kinds of benefits that we provide," McFadden said. "There's some talk that if HJR-3 passes that there would be limits on what employers can do, but there isn't anything concrete that suggests that that's going to be the case. We don't think that HJR-3 is going to change our ability to offer the kind of benefits we do, especially as a private employer."

Manchester's stance has also raised the question of whether or not the amendment will affect the willingness for people to work or go to school in Indiana if it passes.

"I'm certain that it doesn't help us in trying to recruit people who are more Democratically-minded politically or more open-minded religiously," McFadden said. "I've heard some people say that the fact that we're having this discussion in Indiana at all says something to people outside of the state about who we are."

McFadden believes that people are worried about coming to Indiana whether or not the amendment passes. If the amendment does not pass,

we invite everyone, we don't discriminate, and we go beyond no discrimination; we actually have policies that are affirming of people in their diversity,"

prive them of their rights, but we actually welcome them."

The issue of HJR-3 seems to have had a bigger impact on the North

here when we start talking about the state wanting to treat people differently as healthcare providers. We understand that there can't be any of that bias in providing healthcare, so it's a big issue in that sense."

McFadden, a graduate of Manchester, feels that the neutral stance on the amendment creates an environment without pressure to conform to the University's stance. It's something that he's always loved about Manchester and hopes to continue its open forum in the future.

McFadden addresses the issue of students and employees who believe the University contradicts itself by stating its support for equality but continuing to remain neutral.



**MAKING VOICES HEARD** Manchester University students gathered both on campus and in Fort Wayne to make phone calls to Indiana senators regarding the pending HJR-3 amendment. HJR-3, which was previously known as HJR-6, would define marriage to be between "one man and one woman."

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McFadden is concerned that people will believe that some Indiana residents feel they have failed for not permanently outlawing same-sex marriage. However, if the amendment does pass, it does nothing to further marriage equality, but continues the current Indiana law that states marriage is between only one man and one woman. "[The University says] we're a welcoming place,

McFadden said. "The state needs to get to that point [of acceptance], I think, to have a positive impact on job growth here and on attracting the kind of people we want." McFadden continued: "[We should be able] to say we welcome people of all backgrounds, all sexual orientations and it's not just we tolerate them, we were unable to pass a law that would de-

Manchester campus than the Fort Wayne campus.

"I know that this original question came out of a social justice class; at least, I believe that that's the case, and the focus [in Fort Wayne] is less on those and more on medical courses and things like that," McFadden said. "We certainly talk about ethics in healthcare and there are some folks over

## Alumni React to HJR-3

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MU's Cabinet released a statement in November declaring their decision to remain neutral regarding the HJR-6 (now HJR-3) legislation, causing alumni to react with letters, discussions and fasting to demonstrate their disapproval of the position.

Alumna Megan Sutton '04, a communications studies major and journalism minor, was shocked when she heard about the Cabinet's neutrality position.

"My initial response was one of disbelief, maybe of betrayal," she said. "Everything I was taught [at Manchester] and everything I taught almost seemed like it didn't matter. Manchester was supposed to be paving the way for change and equality."

Alumnus Kristopher Posthuma '05 graduated with a sociology major and minors in gender studies and religion. He also felt that Manchester's decision went against his beliefs of what MU stands for. "After the initial shock, I felt a deep sense of betrayal," he said. "HJR-3 is so clearly in violation of Manchester's own Values Statement that I couldn't understand why they would have any issue with releasing a public statement saying that as an institution they were opposed."

"When I was looking at colleges, I deliberately chose Manchester because of its history and ties to social justice and peace," he continued. "When the Cabinet stated that they would not release

a statement in opposition to HJR-3, my heart sunk."

While MU did not make any public opposition to HJR-3, many other Indiana universities and institutions did.

"As an alumnus of Indiana University as well as of Manchester, I could not believe that IU took a strong position while Manchester did not," said Chad Heck '04, a mathematics and computer science graduate.

Anna Grady '09 was hurt to see Manchester take a neutrality stance. "I think it is ok for administrators to draw distinctions about the role and propriety of taking a stand at times," she said, "but Manchester has supported its faculty with same-sex partner benefits and nurtured its students by being a place where drag shows happen, and I would really like to see Manchester claim the fact that they embrace diversity and try to be a safe space for dialogue and exploration of sexuality."

These alumni are not alone in their feelings. A Facebook group, "Manchester University Alumni in Support of Civil Rights," was created to facilitate discussion and offer support. "The Facebook group maintained a level of civility," Sutton said. "It is professional and a really respectful way to bring community together." Sutton explained that Executive Vice President Dave McFadden was able to answer people's questions accurately and offer a better understanding of the Cabinet's perspective.

The Facebook group also offered a venue

for the organization of a fast. "I was asked to join a group to organize a fast as a way to show the Cabinet that [the alumni's criticism] wouldn't be something that could be blown away," Sutton said. "We got a lot of press. There were about 20 people fasting with a lot of supporters in different facets. I felt it was a very 'Manchester-y' way of protesting to make a statement against the neutral position. The interesting thing is that the Cabinet went silent."

Heck described the significance of MU's neutrality stance. "Institutions have power and their non-position certainly showed just how much power the administration has," he said. "The stance was significant as it devalues the LGBT members of the Manchester community. While Manchester has told us it is in its mission to recognize our infinite worth, it seemed to some of use that we were 'less than' in the eyes of the university."

"I do not think we are going to see a change in its position on HJR-3," he added. "However, what I'm hopeful for is that Manchester will make a position affirming the infinite worth of all of its constituents, including the LGBT ones. I'm hopeful that such a statement would affirm the right to marriage and to marry the partner of one's choosing. If Manchester won't make a position on specific legislation, I implore the administration to take a position on fundamental human rights."

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# Around Campus

## No S'pain, No Gain: Spartans Invade Abroad

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13 lucky Spartans took an unforgettable trip to Spain, stopping briefly in Portugal, over January Session this year. The students left on Jan. 7 and stayed abroad for 17 days touring, sight-seeing and communicating with the residents. They spent their time going to museums, eating authentic Spanish foods, appreciating beautiful architecture and overall simply immersing themselves in a culture unlike their own.

Students definitely had minor anxieties before making this trip abroad. Worries varied from students' abilities to speak Spanish with native speakers, to pickpockets, to simply getting to Spain safely by plane. "Before I left, I was running through 'worst-case scenarios' in my head: getting lost in Spain, being abducted, being unable to communicate well, etc.," said sophomore Rowan Caylor. However, by the end of the trip, anxieties subsided and even disappeared. "I realized it wasn't nearly as intimidating as I thought, and my Spanish improved more every day. At this point, I would feel confident traveling abroad and want to do so again," she said.

Carlos Yanez, as-

sociate professor of Modern Languages, knew his students were prepared for the trip; before depart-

the trip, the group went to Portugal as part of an experiment to see how Spanish is similar and dif-

ferent from Portuguese. She noted how these people went out of their way to figure out which language to speak

communicate. She noted justments. Another less tangible issue was simply accepting that the trip was over. "I believe I made

improvements not only in fluency, but also confidence. He was glad to see the students directly demonstrate what they learned at Manchester in a completely opposite environment.

All agreed that traveling abroad was an extremely beneficial opportunity. "If you are studying Spanish, it will increase your skills immensely," Caylor said. "If you aren't, you will come in contact with a culture much different than that of the United States, which is a really cool experience," she added.

Each student grew in varying ways while abroad, but one thing is certain: the experience provided priceless insight into new cultures. "There is a big difference between studying and living a language," Yanez said. "It is essential to experience and live the language firsthand," he added.

The students would definitely concur. "The world seemed so small to me before I traveled abroad," Myers said. "It is hard to really understand the meaning of 'you can go anywhere' until you travel somewhere you've never been, and get a better concept of just how big the world out there is."



**GETTIN' SASSY IN SPAIN** Professor Yanez poses with his January Session class on a bench in Spain. The class spent 17 days in Spain and briefly in Portugal immersing themselves in the culture. The statue, however, did not receive class credit as he refused to abandon his post.

Photo courtesy of Brianna Martinez

ing, they had to review the syllabus, partake in "intensive Spanish classes," and obtain a tourist guide (in Spanish) to bring with them abroad. "They must be prepared," he said, due to the fact that they truly have no other choice but to be independent once in Spain.

About midway through

ferent from Portuguese. The languages have the same linguistic roots, and Yanez thought it'd be great to expose his students to a culture similar to, but not the same as, that which they'd been studying. Junior Brianna Martinez was impressed by the willingness of the Portuguese to help non-native speakers

to best communicate with those who were struggling.

Returning home proved bittersweet for the travelers. Whether it was because of jet lag or temperatures back in the United States (-15 degrees where the plane landed, in Chicago), the Spartans faced some extreme

some life-long friends during our trip overseas (shout out to you Monos) and it was sad knowing that we would no longer be spending every day together," said senior Joseph Myers. After the trip came to its end, individual interviews took place to assess what the students learned. Yanez noticed im-

## Med Tech Student Receives Prestigious Award

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Kaitlyn Schmidt, a senior medical technology major, is one of five students in the United States to receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the American Proficiency Institute. This prestigious scholarship is awarded to clinical laboratory science students who are completing their clinical year. Schmidt is finishing hers through a full-time internship at Indiana University Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

"I feel honored to be a recipient," she said. "It puts a reflection of my hard work and dedication to my academics. I still can't quite believe it!" The scholarship is helping Schmidt cover living expenses in Indianapolis while she is completing her internship.

Schmidt learned

of the scholarship opportunity from her internship program director at the Indiana University Methodist Hospital. The application process for the scholarship consisted of Schmidt filling out an application, writing an essay over her interest in the clinical laboratory science field, her goals as an individual after graduating and becoming a certified medical laboratory scientist (MLS), and her visions for the future in diagnostic clinical pathology. To complete the process, she also needed two letters of recommendation from professors at Manchester University and an official transcript.

After the application materials were sent off, Schmidt waited. And waited. Then one afternoon during her lunch break, Schmidt received a phone call notifying her that she was one of five students to

receive the scholarship. "I really couldn't believe it," she said. "I teared up when I heard the news. I feel so special to have received it over 600 other students in the nation."

Schmidt received a check in the mail shortly after being notified and had an article written in her hometown's paper about her award. She is also featured in the American Proficiency Institute's pamphlet of annual winners.

Schmidt is enjoying her internship but also misses Manchester. "The people at Manchester mean so much to me, and they are basically my second family, so being in Indy this year is very tough," she said. Schmidt was involved in many extracurricular activities on campus including being a student orientation leader (SOL), a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS)

and a member of the softball team.

"I miss softball tremendously," Schmidt said. "However, I had to go where it was best for me academically. I really like the instructors here, their lab and the state of the art technology. I'm receiving very unique experiences that I wouldn't get if I went somewhere else." Schmidt will graduate in May after completing her internship. Schmidt's advisor and director of the medical technology degree program, Dr. Rachel Polando, notes that medical technology prepares students who are interested in working in a clinical laboratory; for example, doing blood analysis. This program includes three years of taking classes on campus and is followed by a fourth year internship at a hospital.

The year-long internships are full-time, 40

hours a week, which are unpaid. "It's an intense year for them," Polando said. Most students work part-time on top of their internship to help cover living expenses. Students pay for their own housing during their internship.

Students can complete their internship at one of four hospitals that Manchester is affiliated with which include: Parkview in Fort Wayne, IU Methodist in Indianapolis, St. Margaret Mercy in Hammond and St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove. Manchester students apply and interview to a hospital that interests them and then they work alongside other medical technology students from surrounding schools including: Purdue University, Indiana University, and St. Francis University. Students receive hands-on experiences at their internship such as observing an

autopsy or a bone marrow transplant.

"Students feel well prepared at their internship," Polando said. "The directors of the programs love Manchester students." Polando became the director of medical technology program when she came to Manchester five years ago.

The medical technology major is small, this year with only two students graduating in May 2014 and a total of five students within the past five years. However, it is a career that is in high demand. Polando confirmed that a total of 62 students graduated with a medical technology degree across all of Indiana last year and all of the students had multiple job offers. It is a degree that offers 100 percent job placement, and does not require any further schooling after a bachelor's degree.

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There's a tension between the two different fundamental values of the institution," McFadden said. "On the one hand, the fundamental value that says we welcome people of all sexual orientation, race, religion, and that whole list of things; as our mission statement says clearly we respect that infinite worth of every person. On the other hand is the value that says we're a place of learning and one of the ways that we try and foster that learning is by not telling people what they should believe."

McFadden reminds Spartans of past issues that have had a simi-

lar effect on campus. "the Vietnam War, the war in Iraq, World War II; I mention war because for the Church of the Brethren that's a central part of our identity, to say that war is morally wrong," he said. "And yes, Manchester as an institution didn't come out and condemn those different wars. We had lively debates on campus as we do on this issue. This tension between being an educational institution and a place that holds values very deeply is really hard to understand sometimes and is really hard to live with sometimes. That sounds like weasel words to a lot of people, I under-

stand that, but that's really the bottom line for us."

Dr. McFadden will be coming to the North Manchester campus on July 1 to begin his tenure as president.



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After a three-day delay, because they could not drive to the Chicago airport, the class finally left for London. Frantz said that students' attitudes were not affected at all by the shortened trip. "We did not get to see some things, but we saw everything we had planned to."

Resident Assistants Donnie Watkins and Wes Heath found the shutdown rather uneventful. RA's did not see any additional responsibilities, but were asked to advise residents to stay indoors. "The only thing was that we had to work while everyone else but maintenance and food staff did not," Watkins

said. Both RAs found their residents, and themselves, looking for things to do. "Residents were cooking a lot and playing board games," said Heath, jokingly adding, "I guess that means they were bored." To help keep students occupied, many RA's spent time with other RA's and residents.

Campus shutting down is extraordinary; it seldom happens. While this winter is certainly unique with two class cancellations at the beginning and a campus shut down at the end of January, Manchester students, faculty and staff are prepared to

deal with whatever Mother Nature can throw at them. Chris Garber summarized it best, saying, "I think it'll go down as the Winter of '14, but we've had other snows that are similar."



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# Around Campus

## MU Announces \$2.5 Million Gift for ACEN

Press Release

A \$2.5 million gift from international entrepreneur and 1968 business graduate Mike Jarvis and his wife Sandy will help underwrite Manchester University's \$9 million Academic Center, announced President Jo Young Switzer.

"Manchester planted the seeds for my growth and success," said Jarvis, of Franklin, Ind. "We want to help continue that environment for future students. We want each student to know that you have to have an open mind and a curious outlook. I learned that at Manchester."

The Jarvises are timing this cash gift to encourage other Manchester graduates to help complete the \$100 million Students First! campaign this school year and to honor the strategic leadership of President Switzer, who is retiring June 30.

"Just as we celebrate learning, we celebrate people like Sandy and Mike Jarvis whose gift has helped to provide a perfect space for students and faculty," said President Switzer. "Sandy and Mike Jarvis's lives match their values."

More than half the University's academic programs are housed in the Academic Center, including business and accounting, the social sciences, English, peace studies

and modern languages. Opened in fall 2012 on the mall, the three-story technologically advanced structure invites learning collaborations among students and faculty.

A critical \$5 million remains to be raised in the campaign for new learning spaces, endowed scholarships, a new administration building, Chime Tower, the College of Pharmacy and The Manchester Fund. "These gifts ensure that Manchester continues to offer affordable academic excellence," said President Switzer. Find more about Manchester University and the \$100 million campaign at [www.manchester.edu](http://www.manchester.edu).

The couple is modest about the gift. "True value isn't just financial success, it's giving back," said Jarvis, who earned a Manchester bachelor's degree in business administration and economics. The Jarvises also support their church and civic programs in Franklin.

Jarvis was a highly engaged member of Manchester's Board of Trustees for 10 years and serves on the Students First! Campaign Cabinet. Through the years, the Jarvises have given generously to the University, especially to environmental, accounting and athletic programs, and The Manchester Fund. He is a member of the 2005 class of Manchester's Athletic

Hall of Fame. The high school sweethearts, married 48 years, have two sons, Tony and Troy.

From vehicle power systems to satellite communications to real estate, Jarvis has succeeded worldwide. In 1983, he founded Franklin Power Products, which grew to 2,700 employees at 16 locations in the United States and Canada. Ford, GM, Chrysler, Nissan, International and Toyota were among its customers for engines, transmissions and electrical systems. After selling the company to Delco Remy, Jarvis served as president and manager of that Powertrain Division until 2004.

Then, he established Jarvis Enterprises, with numerous companies engaged in telecommunications, automotive technology, real estate, farming and health technology. While family, entrepreneurship and business fills much of his life, Jarvis also is active in automotive racing and race car engine development for USAC Sprint Car racing.

Jarvis embraces a straightforward philosophy for success: "Whatever you get involved in, do the best that you can at it. Make the most of it. Have a plan — a strategic plan, a direction. That's true whether you are in Indiana; Edmonton in Alberta, Canada; Stuttgart, Germany, or Warsaw,



**DONORS WITH HEART** Manchester alum Mike Jarvis and his wife Sandy gave MU a sweet Valentine with their \$2.5 million gift. The significant donation will be used to underwrite the renovated Academic Center, which houses classrooms, faculty offices, Admissions, and a cafe. *Photo courtesy of Manchester University Media Relations*

Poland. And at Manchester University," says Jarvis.

"I'm 70 and I plan to keep working, to keep making 15-year plans. That's fun."



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# Spartan Sports

## Spartan Wrestling Looks Ahead at Regionals

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The Spartan wrestlers have been competing since early November, and all the blood, sweat and tears are about to culminate in a possible bid to the NCAA Division III Championships in early March.

The final match before the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional will occur at the College of Mount Saint Joseph, located in Cincinnati, OH. Head coach Matt Burlingame has high expectations for his wrestlers. "Mount Saint Joseph is the only other team in our conference that has wrestling, so we really don't have a conference championship; Mount Saint Joseph is a big match for us," he said. "Ultimately, we are preparing for the National Qualifier and to get our guys prepared for nationals."

Over the month of February, although the intensity of the practices remain, the duration of the practices are lessened. "We are continuing to keep the intensity up in practice, but we are cutting the length of the practices down from two hours to an hour and a half," Burl-

ingame said. The goal, according to Burlingame, is to "prepare the guys mentally and physically" for the first week in March, when the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional Tournament takes place, culminating in the NCAA Division III Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on March 13.

First-year wrestler Dylan Lauffer, who has been wrestling since the age of four, emulates his coach's vision and determination to reach the national championship match. "My personal goals for the season are to go above .500 in winning percentage, and to make it to nationals," he said.

For Lauffer, a memorable highlight from his 2013–2014 was during the Spartan Mat Classic. "I had to wrestle some tough kids, and I ended up beating them," he said.

Burlingame sees the improvement of his wrestlers in the meets, which was his own highlight. "We beat Trine for the first time in a few years, we've won more dual meets this year than the last two to three years combined, and I've seen the talent this year with the young group of guys that

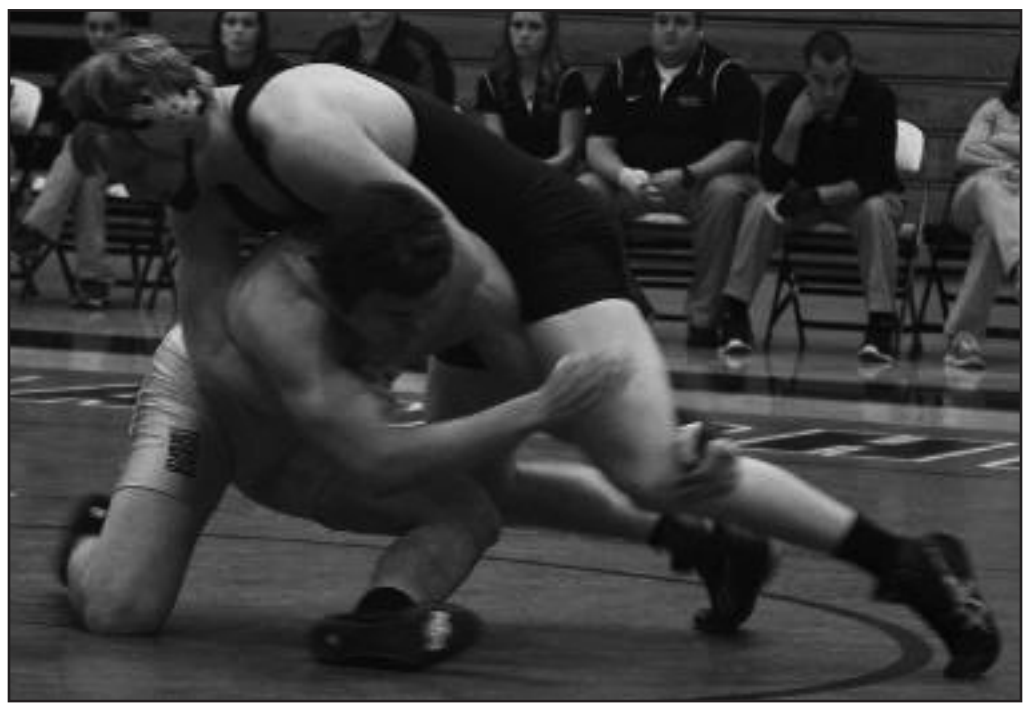
we have," he said. "Even though we are young, we have some kids who are competing very well."

For instance, Burlingame noted Dustin Kult, a heavyweight sophomore from Lafayette, Indiana. "He didn't wrestle last year, and he has come in and been pretty impressive," Burlingame said. "He hasn't had many easy matches, and most of his matches have been against nationally ranked kids. He's been right there with them."

The coach added that there are more wrestlers on the team like Kult. "We have a few other guys in the same situation that are right there with the best kids in the nation and just need a little more experience, and hopefully in a year or two, those guys will be the ones who are ranked," he said.

First-year wrestler Alan Mock, from Peru, Ind., has the same views on the future of the team as Burlingame. "Most of the team is really young, so when we have the recruits next year stick with it, and the guys from this year stick with it, we are going to have a bright future," he said.

The season has



**MAT MOVES** Senior Jason Pedigo looks to take down his opponent during the wrestling team's home match against Trine on Tuesday, Jan. 21. The Spartans prevailed, beating the Thunder by a final score of 28-15. Pedigo was also honored during the senior night ceremony held at the match. Next Friday, the Spartans will travel to Cincinnati to face Mount Saint Joseph in the team's last regular season match.

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been composed of many out-of-state matches, including one as far away as Virginia Tech. "Most of the time we are away," Burlingame said. "We only had three home matches this year." The home matches included the Spartan Mat Classic, a dual meet against Ohio Northern University, and the match against Trine University

which the Spartans prevailed in, 28-15. Besides the two in-state away meets against Indiana University and the Indiana Little States Tournament at Wabash College, the rest of the meets have been spread out across the Midwest.

The Spartan wrestlers have two more matches until the NCAA

Division III Midwest Regional, which includes the Midstates Conference Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 15, and a match against Mount Saint Joseph on Friday, Feb. 21.

## Indoor Season Continues for MU Track Teams

Cody Goble  
Staff Writer

This year, winter has been particularly severe, what with constant snow, icy roads and temperatures regularly falling into the negatives. However, while the weather outside may be frightful, it has not been able to stop the endeavors of Manchester's indoor track team.

The team officially began training on Jan. 3 and the athletes, under the experienced guidance of coach Brian Cashdollar, have continued to work diligently every day since then. "For me, a normal week will involve a long run on Sunday," said junior distance runner Corey Birchmeier. "That was 11 miles for me this week, but other people on the team had up to 16 miles. This week, I ran a total of 55 miles but there are other people on the distance team that run much more than that."

### November Athletic Training Student of the Month



**Rob Perry**

**Hometown:** Valparaiso, IN

**Future Plans:** Work as an AT at a High School or College/University

**Undergrad Institute and Degree:** DePauw University, Bachelor of Arts in Sports and Exercise Science

**Current Preceptor Assignment:** MU Football and Men's Basketball

Although Jan. 3 was the official start date, many runners would say they have been training long before then. "Training started four years ago when I came to Manchester," said senior distance runner Curtis Nordmann. "I have never taken an extended amount of time off because there is no off season for a distance runner. If you want to be competitive and reach your full potential, then training never stops."

Of course, the cold temperatures have had an effect on the Spartans. "Generally during the winter, almost all training for sprinters is indoors," said sophomore thrower and sprinter Eric Cupp. "However, when it is 'warm enough' we will run outside. We have only done this once in the last two weeks, though."

Sophomore distance runner Jacob Sweet's workout has undergone similar alterations this season. "My training methods have changed from being outside to being on the treadmill," he said. "Since it has been this cold most of us if not all have been on the treadmills in the PERC."

The cold causes other hardships as well. "It makes indoor season tough because you can only work out so hard on a treadmill or in snow covered roads," Nordmann said. "Vaulters and jumpers have to roll out a mat for a runway. For throwers, it can be difficult because they have no place to practice throwing the hammer. They go into competitions with little practice of actually throwing implements."

Despite the increase in obstacles that winter brings, Nordmann remains optimistic. "All that matters is that we work our hardest with what we have," he said. "In our recent competitions, there has been a lot of personal

success. Tons of our athletes have been increased their best runs, jumps, or throws. It has been a great season so far for many of our athletes."

Indeed, this has already been a great season for the Spartan track team. On Jan. 17, during the season opener at the Rose-Hulman Invitational, senior distance runner Michael Stocker broke the school record in the 3000 meter dash, finishing second with a time of 8.48.64. The women's track team won against the Fightin' Engineers with a score of 69-44 and claimed nine event titles. And on Feb. 1, at the IPFW Mastadon Invitational, junior jumps competitor Bridgette Rowe set the school record for high jump with a height of 5 feet 7 inches. Later, during the same meet, Rowe would set another record with a distance of 11.02 meters in the triple jump. At the Anderson Raven Invitational on Feb. 8, men's track finished third with a total of 97.5 points and four event titles. At the same event, the Lady Spartans also placed third with 64 points, claiming five event titles.

With such good results, the team remains eager for more. "MU track is going to do great work this season, and I am super excited to see how the season goes," said junior distance runner Megan Taylor.

The track team hopes to continue their success this afternoon at the Defiance Open. The meet begins at 4 p.m.

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These particular alumni have been continuing the fight against HJR-3. Heck is a member of the Lambda Law Society, which is, as he says, a "queer-oriented organizations for law students at IU McKinney School of Law."

He helped to raise money for Freedom Indiana and participated in phone banks to inform Indiana voters of the amendment. He has also personally talked to his representative about the issue.

As the Gay/Straight Alliance co-sponsor at Pike High School in Indianapolis, Heck's motivation is "primarily the LGBT youth at the school and across the state." "I have seen how hate-

ful words harm them," he said. "I have seen them be rejected by their families. A lot of these students often feel like they do not have any place to go. I do not want them to feel rejection from the state—from the system."

Sutton works at Beacon Heights Church of Brethren and she has been working with the church to reject HJR-3. She explained that the church unanimously voted to oppose the amendment. She has also organized phone banks through Freedom Indiana.

"Everyone should have the same rights that I do," Sutton said. "I would love for my two children to grow up in a world where they feel they can love

whoever they want without struggle or fight.

"It shouldn't have to be their fight," she continued. "It shouldn't be our fight. We have to keep going."

Posthuma empathizes with the LGBTQA students who this amendment, and the University's neutrality position, affects. "I immediately thought about the LGBTQA students attending Manchester, and I wondered how they were feeling," he said. "I've been away from Manchester almost ten years and this feels like someone knocked the wind out of me."

Posthuma works for Indiana Youth Group, which serves LGBTQA youth and their allies. "My

motivation to work to reject HJR-3 is my belief in equality for all, not just for some," he said.



# Spartan Sports



## MU Women's Basketball Focuses on Defense

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Staff Writer

Manchester's women's basketball team has been very competitive this season, beating ranked teams in the conference on the road, but every strong force has an Achilles' heel. For Manchester's women's basketball team, it has been home matches. Although competitively giving it their all, this team has struggled with home games.

But through this struggle they have found ways to fix their Achilles' heel and have taken time to focus on the thing Manchester's team is known for: defense.

"We are a very defensive-oriented team," said Coach Josh Dzurick. "We were the top defensive team in the nation the first half plus of the year."

Dzurick also noted that when it came time to focus on offense, the team began to see high scores. This caused Dzurick to decide to get the girls back into the notion of defense and during the last two weeks of practices they would focus on the fundamentals of their defense. And the players agree.

"Going back to the basics defensively has helped tons," said Abby Lang, a Junior from Indianapolis, IN. We just needed



**LOOKING FOR AN OPEN LANE** Junior guard Jocelyn Hamilton drives towards the basket during Manchester's home game against the Transylvania Pioneers on Saturday, Feb. 1. Although the Spartans fought hard, they lost by a final score of 76-54. Currently, the team has an overall record of 12-10 with a 9-6 record in the HCAC. On Wednesday, Feb. 12, Manchester defeated Anderson at home 54-39. The team travels to Mount Saint Joseph tomorrow afternoon for its next game.

to focus on our basic rotations on defense that make our defense one of the toughest in the conference. I think it's shown in the past few games. We're on fire defensively right now."

Through this slight change, the basketball team has proven their

tough defense in beating Franklin College, who was ranked second at the time in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, and also keeping it neck and neck with Transylvania, ranked number one in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Although they

lost, Coach Dzurick was content with how the girls played.

"We just got through a rough part of our schedule, where we played the best teams back to back," he said. "We lost a couple of the close games, but I think it has made ev-

*Photo by Savannah Riley*

everyone more relaxed now that we're focusing on who we are, which is playing strong, tough defense."

Defense has done a lot more to help Manchester's basketball team than just getting the girls relaxed with defense. "Our teamwork and chemistry

have also stemmed from defense," Lang said. "Defense is all about trusting teammates to be in the right spots and to help communicate rotations. Our chemistry comes from individual effort to achieve our team goals."

Defense also is not the only thing helping the team out; their motto "All Out. All In. All the Time." plays another vital role.

"It's not just a quote for basketball; it's a quote for life, for our education. We're all out. All in. All the time," said Stephanie Barmes, a sophomore from Greenwood, Indiana. "In every area, all of us, whatever it is. As a team this year we have already come over several obstacles and I believe it is because we truly are All out. All in. All the Time."

The team looks forward to full bleachers. "I love when students attend and get involved with the games! Some of the schools we go to have student sections and they dress up and go crazy," Barmes said. "And I wish we had a section like that I think it would definitely get us pumped and it be even more of a fun environment for everyone."

## Men's B-ball Hopes to Reach HCAC Tourney

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Staff Writer

Before the start of the 2013-14 season, the Manchester University men's basketball team scheduled three Division 1 opponents that are new to the normal playing schedule.

To start the season off the Spartans traveled to Central Michigan University to battle the Chippewas in an exhibition game. The Spartans fought hard, but eventually lost 101-49. A few weeks later the team met their next Division 1 opponent, the Wright State Raiders. The game was another tough, one losing 83-33.

As the season advanced, the men's basketball team met the Butler Bulldogs, a team that has had considerable success at the Division 1 level over the past five years. It was a great experience for the players, coaches and the program. After an intense, fast-paced game, the Spartans lost 100-41.

As the season continued on, the schedule did not get any easier for the Spartans. "It has been a roller coaster of a season, but we knew we were going to be young," says Brad Nadborne, head men's basketball coach. One challenge was the injury bug, which has hit the team hard, keeping some players out for a decent amount of time. "We have had more injuries this year than in my first nine seasons as head coach," Nadborne said. Indeed, he was not always sure who would be able to suit up and play come game time. "When everyone got back to full strength we won three of our last four," he said. As the team has started to come back to-



**WORK HARD, PLAY HARD** Spartan hoopers work on drills during a team practice at the PERC. Currently, the team is bouncing back from the "injury bug" and hopes to reach the HCAC Conference Tournament at the end of the regular season. As of Wednesday, Feb. 12, the Spartans are 5-17 with a 4-11 record in the HCAC. In their last game, the Spartans fell to the Anderson Ravens 70-84. Tomorrow, the team will face Mount Saint Joseph in a road game at 5 p.m. The final home game of the season for the Spartans will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22 against the Hanover Panthers.

*Photo by Vivien Carter*

gether they are starting to show some offensive strengths. "[We] are a really good offensive team and really fun to watch [on that side of the court]," Nadborne said. The Spartans are becoming a very good free throw shooting team. "The team has been shooting free throws a lot," says Blake Brouwer, first-year guard. "We are top in the conference in team free-throw percentage." The team is also leading the

conference in free-throw attempts. The team has a lot of offensive strengths, but the defense needs some work. "[As a team] we need to start rebounding better," Nadborne said.

As conference play started, the Spartans started off slow, losing their first four games, but then went on the road and beat Franklin 67-65. Nadborne is hoping for a conference tournament bid. "Our goal for the rest of the season

is to make the conference tournament," he said. "We want to continue to get better and play with passion, poise and commitment."

The Spartans played Rose-Hulman this past weekend and after another tough battle the Spartans fell 85-65. The Spartans will play at the College of Mount Saint Joseph in their next matchup on Saturday, Feb. 15.

### Spartan Sports - Weekend Events

Friday, Feb. 14

Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field at Defiance Open, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Women's Basketball at Mount Saint Joseph, 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball at Mount Saint Joseph, 5 p.m.