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Photo by Savannah Riley

WHAT'S CRACKING? Jeannie Harvey serves up eggs of every style.

Erin Fralick Staff Writer

The sizzle of the grill is clearly heard over the sounds of barely-awake students shuffling through the cafeteria, and Jeannie Harvey begins to work. With a skillful flick of her wrist, the eggs crack and both yolk and egg white pour from the jagged shell, seeping onto the grill. Every morning, Harvey serves up 270-300 eggs prepared any way the student wishes, and does so like a well-oiled machine.

Harvey has been working with food for 17 years, and has been working with Chartwells, Manchester's food services provider, for 12 of those 17.

Harvey's favorite part of the job is getting to work with the students. "You have contact with the student," she said. "I like that, and being able to talk to them." The same students often come to breakfast and order the same dish every day; they naturally build relationships with Harvey. "It's like family almost," she said.

Harvey cares about the students that come through her line and does her best to keep certain ingredients on-hand for students that stop by regularly. She mentioned that spinach was something she always tried to keep for some students. Not only does she try and cater to students' preferences, but if there isn't a line, Harvey brings orders to the students if she sees them.

The students like Harvey as well. Some students will sit and talk with her while she prepares their eggs. Harvey even recalled one time in Walmart when she saw a pair of boys that frequented her line. "They happened to see me and were hollering at me," she said with a smile.

Harvey can make any style of egg, from scrambled to over-easy and even the occasional omelet, and students just can't agree on which style she makes the best. However, Harvey has her own favorite style. "I usually go with just a couple of eggs scrambled with nothing in them," she said.

Ochs Advocates for LGBT Community

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LGBT activist Robyn Ochs spoke to a couple hundred students on Feb. 23 in Cordier Auditorium about her past experiences with the LGBT community and how she is helping people today.

An editor of "Bi Women Quarterly, Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals Around the World" and "RECOGNIZE: The Voices of Bisexual Men," Ochs has also taught courses on LGBT history and politics in the United States. She travels around the country to advocate for the safety of all people, no matter their sexual orientations or their genders. She lives in Massachusetts with her wife, Peg, whom she married in 2004 on the day that same-sex marriage was legalized in the state.

Much of Ochs' time on stage consisted of her telling the audience stories about her past and why they are important to her. For instance, when she fell in love with another woman during her freshman year at college, she was so afraid and ashamed that she kept her feelings to herself for five years after that. But when she finally came out, she never stopped speaking out about her identity and helping people who are going through similar situations. "I made my voice heard back then, and I am proud that I haven't shut up since," Ochs said.

Ochs did not stop there. She also spoke about the changes in the LGBT community that have taken place over the last couple of years. Those changes consist of same-sex marriage being legalized

this past summer, how members of the LGBT community are allowed to serve in the military, and how religious policies are less strict than ever.

She noted how these changes have affected the media in the United States. Ochs spoke about the large number of television shows with LGBT characters in them, like "Modern Family," "Glee" and "Orange is the New Black." She also pointed out that LGBT changes have had an impact on the music industry as well, with songs like "Born This Way" by Lady Gaga and "Same Love" by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis being released within the last few years.

"The goal of my work is to make this world a safer place for LGBT people," she said. "I want to be a part of a community that values all kinds of people, whether they be black or white, gay or straight, or rich or poor."

At the end of her talk she took questions from audience members. How did she become a professional speaker for the rights of LGBT people? When she came out, she explained, there was no one around to help her cope with her new problems. She also said that, growing up, she was taught that if there was a problem in the world, then "fix it."

Many members of the audience were touched by Ochs' speech, one of them being first-year biology and chemistry major, Katie Bowerman. "Even though I am not bisexual, I was very grateful to listen to someone who is very pro-bisexual and pro-love," she said. "Through social media and even the LGBT communities, they are



Courtesy of Robyn Ochs

LGBT activist Robyn Ochs

so mistreated because people like to act like they don't exist. They are looked at poorly because even people in the LGBT community believe that you should only love one type of person."

Tyler Coffel, a sophomore accounting student, was also in attendance last Tuesday to hear

Ochs speak. "Her speech was a lot more interesting than I anticipated it would be," he said. "She made a lot of great points and really opened my eyes to things I didn't know were going on in our country. I wouldn't have minded if the VIA went on longer than it did; she was great."

Senior Psychology Majors Discuss Plans after MU

Karen Kanyike
Staff Writer

It is the final semester for most members of the class of 2016, and prospects of pursuing further studies at graduate school or joining the workforce are beginning to set in. Kailah Glock, a senior psychology major and communication studies minor from Brazil, Ind., senior Veronica Caudill, a psychology major with a concentration in industrial-organizational psychology from North Manchester, Ind., and Hannah Glenn, a senior psychology major and Spanish minor from Indianapolis, Ind., are actively engaged in making plans to pursue further studies and field experience after Manchester.

accepted to the University of New Haven in Connecticut," she said. She has applied to other schools as well and is still not sure where she will be going. She is planning to study industrial-organizational psychology once she settles on a school. "Manchester has prepared me for graduate school more than any other school I could have attended," she said. "I have been involved in research projects and have had assistance every step of the way. Our senior seminar class for psychology majors really helps with preparing for graduate school."

Glenn has been accepted to the Community Counseling MA program at Loyola University Chicago and is still waiting to hear back from two other schools. "I



Kailah Glock

Courtesy of Kailah Glock

Senior Kailah Glock

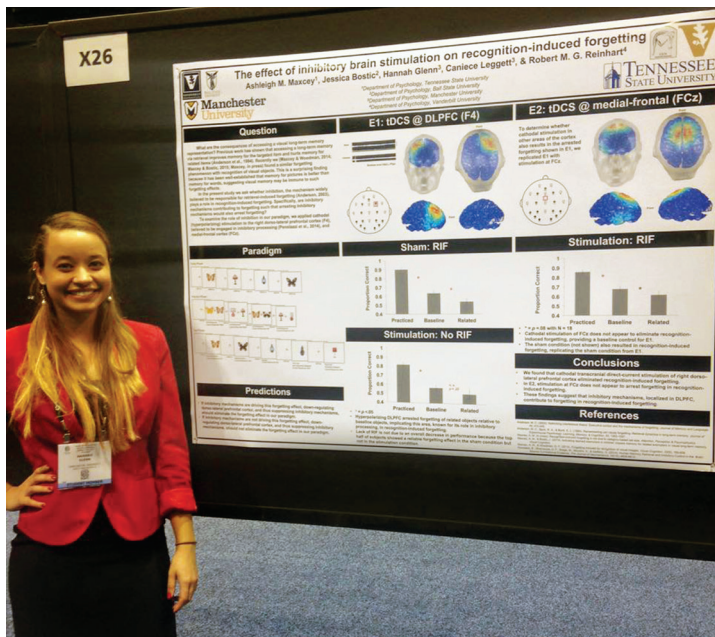
ing psychological tests to select job candidates," Caudill said. Glenn is interested in earning a Ph.D. and having a career in research. "I would love to work at the National Institute of Mental Health, speak at conferences on a regular basis, publish articles and books, and make a difference in people's lives," she said.

Glenn has been offered a job as a Research Analyst at Vanderbilt University and will be working the cognitive-neuroscience lab, which she says is "one of the nation's most elite cognitive labs." She also adds that, "Despite my acceptance to graduate school and the two programs I haven't heard from yet, I've decided to take a year or two off. I will be very immersed in the research that comes out of the lab and I felt like it was

an opportunity I couldn't pass up!"

The three psychology majors also talked about the co-curricular activities they engaged in at Manchester. All three have been involved with the psychological society and Psi Chi. "My first year I actually signed up for every club at the activities fair," Glock said. "I've been most involved with psychological society and Psi Chi as an e-board member for both clubs." Glenn has also participated in a number of activities. "I have been a member of Manchester Activities Council, the Psychological Society President, the Vice President of Psi Chi, a Spartan CHOICES Peer Educator [and] a member of Student's Today, Alumni Tomorrow," she said.

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Courtesy of Hannah Glenn

Senior Hannah Glenn

Glock is set to commence her graduate studies at Ball State University in August 2016. She is planning to get her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. "I've known that I wanted to go straight into graduate school before I even came to Manchester," she said. "For me, it is important to keep my academic momentum going." She also talked about how Manchester has prepared her for graduate school. "I had lots of research experience in the department, and for the honors program," she said. "Manchester's focus on diversity also helped set me apart."

Caudill also talked about her plans to pursue further studies after Manchester. "So far, I've been

want to go into clinical community psychology and study the effects of mental illness on inner-city youth," she said. She also commented on how Manchester has prepared her for this big step in her life. "The way Manchester functions is very similar to graduate level cohorts with the close relationships that are developed and the conversations those relationships foster," she said. She has also done a lot of research and presented at numerous conferences.

Glock aspires to work in private practice as a therapist, while Caudill would like to work in Human Resources once she earns her master's degree. "I'm interested in employee selection, so possibly us-



Senior Veronica Caudill

Manchester Hosts 'Night of Murder and Mystery Theatre'

Stratton Smith
Staff Writer

Spartan CHOICES and MU Theatre & Society are combining their forces to bring the campus "A Night of Murder and Mystery Theatre," tonight at 7 p.m. in the Upper Jo Young Switzer Center. Hannah Glenn, Spartan CHOICES Peer Educator, and Sydney Brobst, Spartan CHOICES member and MU Theatre & Society member, predict a smashing success.

The event was originally proposed by the Spartan CHOICES Leader, April White, who also works in Health Services at Manchester. "When April brought up the idea of a Murder Mystery, the theatre department was the first thing that popped into my head," Brobst said. "The theatre people at MU are some of the most creative

and talented people I know, and I knew that they'd be perfect to portray the suspects."

The event hopes to raise awareness for Spartan CHOICES's education platform. "CHOICES is all about being safe while drinking and we provide education and information about to do so when it seems appropriate per event," Glenn said.

Brobst added: "In addition to the educational aspect, we also try to provide alternative programming on campus during days of the week that might have more people going out to drink. The event is mostly to give students something to do on a Friday night that doesn't involve alcohol."

Larissa Valdez, president of Theatre & Society, was excited to hear about the Murder Mystery event involving her club members.

"Of course I could not refuse because this sounds like such a great idea!" Valdez said. "Clue-like events are always fun, especially when it is the 1920s/Gatsby era!"

"I think this event will attract a different audience than what we typically do and that's exciting!" Glenn said with enthusiasm. "I think it has the potential to go really well because it is so different. We are just hoping for a fun night that comes out of a unique event."

Brobst eagerly added: "I think students will enjoy it. It is definitely going to be a time to get together with your friends, dress up if you want, and have a fun-filled evening."

Though the performance will be the main attraction, the audience will not be empty-handed. "We are going to have 'mocktails' and candy cigarettes," Brobst said.



Travel across USA with Music of Many Genres



TAKE A STAND Assistant Professor of Music Scott Humphries leads rehearsal for the mid-winter concert "Travels."

Photos by Savannah Riley

Caitlin Doyle
Staff Writer

Travel the United States tonight with the symphonic band and jazz ensemble as they showcase several pieces from across our culture. At 7:30 P.M. in Cordier Auditorium, the mid-winter concert entitled "Travels" will welcome guests with rhythms and tunes that capture the essence of diversity in America. The musicians will show guests the United States through music that defines particular regions. The styles of the pieces vary greatly. From jazz to rock'n'roll and even a little hoedown music, this concert covers the types of music that you would expect to hear on a cross-country road trip.

One of the pieces is called "Metroplex: Three Postcards from Manhattan." It gives three flashes of Manhattan life set to music. It starts at the New York skyline, then moves to a jazz club in Harlem, travels in a wild cab ride throughout traffic and ends again with the skyline. "My favorite of the pieces

is Metroplex because I love how it takes you through the city of Manhattan, showing each of the aspects of city life in a musical format," said Elizabeth Boettner, a flutist and sophomore double majoring in environmental studies and biology. "The part I especially enjoy playing is the "second postcard" (the jazz scene) because it feels so easy-going. It makes me feel like I'm actually stepping foot into a New York jazz club." Although this is Boettner's favorite piece, she and Director Scott Humphries both think that it has been the most difficult of the pieces to practice.

Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Education, Scott Humphries, said the theme for this concert was a coincidence that occurred while the band was still deciding on pieces to perform. "It turned out that the major pieces that we were playing had some kind of connection to a particular part of the country," he said. "A lot of times that happens: I pick the literature and a theme kind of evolves out of that." Humphries explained that it is typical for one

main feature piece to depict the theme. However, tonight's show has the theme showcased throughout.

Another highlight of the evening will be the Fort Wayne Flute Choir joining the concert with their own piece. They will be performing a piece called "Appalachian Suite," that pays homage to the geographical region. This is another of the diverse contributions to be heard and seen throughout the concert.

Another piece chosen for the concert tonight is "Circus Days," which has connects to the summer tradition in Peru, Ind.,--the Circus City Festival. Just a few miles west of North Manchester, Peru is known for its amateur circus and this cultural highlight gives the concert more amusing depth.

Humphries says that the bands are ready for tonight. "Most of it was ready last Friday and on Monday it really started coming together," he said. "You want to peak about a week to a week and a half before the concert."



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She sings in the A Cappella Choir and has worked as a Student Orientation Leader and was a Phonathon caller as a first-year and sophomore.

Apart from thinking about where they want to go and what they want to do, Glock and Caudill are also thinking about how they are going to finance their education, a major factor that is considered by students pursuing higher education. "I received a guaranteed assistantship for all 5 years, and with that I will get a full tuition waiver plus a stipend," Glock said.

Caudill has slightly different plans for financing her edu-

cation. "I'm hoping to get an assistantship wherever I go and I will probably have to take out loans," she said.

Glock, Caudill and Glenn all say that their time at Manchester has been wonderful and exciting. "My most memorable moments at Manchester have been going on Jan term trips and experiencing things I couldn't have anywhere else," Caudill said. "I think that these Jan term trips really set Manchester apart from other universities."

Glock also talked about her memorable moments at Manchester. "Spending time with people on campus has been the best part of being at Manchester," she said.

"There is an amazing sense of community, belonging, and acceptance here that I know I will miss when I start at a larger university next year."

Glenn also shared some of her memorable moments. "Some of my most memorable moments of my time at Manchester have been on the two Jan-term trips I took to Spain and Hawaii and presenting research at the Society for Neuroscience, Indiana Psychological Association, Butler Undergraduate Research Conference, and the Student Research Symposium on campus," she said.



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Helman Elevator Turns into 'Hel-elevator'

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Fear struck on many levels when sophomores Andy Giles, Tod Oram and Travis Richardson got stuck inside the elevator in Helman Hall last Saturday night. Accompanying them was a recruit—a senior in high school who is committed to playing soccer at the university next year.

The three soccer-playing suitemates and their guest recruit were headed down from the third floor of the building to play pool in Helman's great room. It took them about five minutes to realize their predicament. "I kind of jinxed the whole thing," Oram said. "I joked that the elevator was gonna break on us one of these times, and were gonna be stuck. And then we looked at each other after about five minutes and we knew that we should've been on the first floor by then."

Their first instinct was to call their suitemate, sophomore Dan Reyes, who had opted to take the stairs. As Reyes began to inform the proper authorities, from

the RA on duty to campus safety and maintenance, the boys focused their own priorities. "We designated a bathroom corner in case we were in there for days," Giles said. I also brought a speaker with me, so we started blasting music. We played 'Blank Space' by Taylor Swift, and then pretty much the entire 'Straight Outta Compton' CD."

Members of Campus Safety arrived, but their efforts to free the boys from the elevator were unsuccessful. They resorted to calling an expert who knew the elevator system well and would head out to campus to help.

Colin Singer, a junior and fellow player on the soccer team, had been standing by and communicating with the boys via text and shouting through the elevator doors. "I thought it was funny at first," Singer admitted, "and then after like 20 minutes had passed I figured it wasn't fun for them anymore."

Giles confirmed this, adding that it got "really hot and really smelly really fast." When an hour had passed, they began looking for ways to get themselves out.

The trapped four were able to pry open the door, only to realize that there was another panel blocking them from freedom. They passed this information along to Singer, who jumped into action. "I could move the door like an inch from the outside, and they could open their side completely. I told them to look for something that could unlock the outside panel," Singer said.

With an iPhone as his source of light, Oram found a lever that was keeping the door locked into place. Once it was moved, Singer easily slid open the door and discovered that his friends were stuck only a few feet above the floor. Red-faced and relieved, they jumped out.

Despite the incident, Oram and Giles have both gotten back into the Helman Hall elevator. "I was terrified," Oram said.

Giles was less concerned, noting that he continues to use it multiple times a day.

"Call us!" says Oram to anyone else who should get stuck in an elevator on campus. Now that they've got it all figured out, they're ready to rescue the next victims of a stuck elevator.



Photo by Sarah Farnam
UPS AND DOWNS OF ELEVATORS Sophomores Andy Giles and Tod Oram and junior Colin Singer stand before the Helman elevator.



REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE Students get the opportunity to develop their skills during a medical practicum abroad.

Courtesy of Emily Clark

Students Spend January Session in Nicaraguan Clinics

Stratton Smith
Staff Writer

From traveling via 30 foot-long, dug-out canoes made from trees, to having local chickens named after students, the Nicaragua January Session trip was full of adventure, great memories and life-changing moments.

Taking his 19th medical practicum trip to Nicaragua, Dr. Jeffrey Osborne and 16 Manchester students of various majors made their way to several clinics throughout the third-world nation. In addition to Osborne and the students, there were six physicians, two pharmacists, two nurses, a dentist, a veterinarian, a lab coordinator and over two thousand pounds of medical equipment.

The group focused on giving medical assistance to people. "We did well health-wise (for the community), built relationships and showed we cared for others," Osborne said, "but I think the important thing to realize is that we're not just going to help others. In the process of helping others, we realize that we need help—not because we lack antibiotics or have tooth aches, but in other ways such as perspective on life."

"I learned to appreciate the small and simple things," said senior biology-chemistry major Tiffany Clark. "Seeing the children happy and playing when they had no shoes was different than kids nowadays complaining about not having a cell phone. The kids in the village we went to were lucky to have clean water and food. Some drank water straight from the Rio Bocay and some got water from the mountains."

Amanda Basham, a senior biology major, was also

shocked at the spirits of the Nicaraguan people. "It was so humbling to see how happy the people were with literally nothing," she said. "To play baseball, they had a broken broomstick and threw an empty pill bottle to hit . . . and they were having the time of their lives."

The students worked inside the clinics and gained real medical experience working with real people. "Some students each day were placed in intake, which is where the patients (around 200) would get their temperature, blood pressure, height and weight taken," Clark said. "The students would then direct them to the necessary line based off their complaints."

Basham added: "From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. we were in the clinic. We rotated between several types of physicians such as: family, medicine, OB/GYN, pediatrician, dentist, lab testing and pharmacy."

Osborne was more than satisfied with the work efforts of his students. "I've never had a group that just got stuff done," Osborne said. "It was easy to work with them. This is a very physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually demanding trip and it's really hard. Some of the stuff they had to do was not fun, but I did not hear a complaint the entire trip."

There were even some funny mishaps along the way. "Towards the end of the trip in the lab we ran out of urine sample cups and were forced to improvise," Clark said. "Another student and I were forced to use zip-lock bags as an alternative."

Basham also had several laughs throughout the trip. "The family we stayed with at Wina was amazing," she said. "I have a chicken named after me now (in their village) and they promised me it

would not be lunch."

Throughout the entirety of this trip, Osborne stated that the group felt "safe and taken care of." They lived in the homes of the Nicaraguan people and saw what life was like for them. "We had about 56 people eating every meal together (30 from the United States)," Osborne said.

Clark added: "We all even slept in hammocks and bathed in the rivers. Hammocks were quite comfortable to sleep in, but I

missed a flushing toilet more than anything."

At the end of every medical practicum trip that Osborne leads, there is a closing ceremony to hear about the students' experiences and share stories with one another. "To hear the students go around and tell their stories was a really powerful experience," Osborne said.

Osborne, leading his eighth group, proclaimed that every trip is different, but there was a

factor that made each trip the same: "I get more out of it than I give," he said.

Basham agreed. "I realized how much one person can make a difference," she said. "Simply being there, living with them, suffering alongside them, can bring so much hope to people. Life could be so much harder, so it is best not to complain about what you have, because we have so much more than anyone else does."

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SPARTAN SPORTS

Spartan Softball Players Look Forward to Season

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The softball season is underway and the Spartans have begun preparing for a great year. Last season, the Spartans finished with a record of 16-17 overall, 5-5 at home and 7-5 away, 4-7 neutral and 9-8 in conference play. Looking to top their efforts this season, Manchester University is listed 5th in the pre-season polls, collecting 48 ranking points, according to www.muspartans.com.

The Spartans have a strong roster with key players that will help push toward another tournament run. These players include senior catcher Kaile Niezgodski (South Bend, Ind.), senior infielder/catcher MacKenzie Williams (Kendallville, Ind.), junior outfielder Emilee Liston (Cicero, Ind.) and sophomore infielder Lauren Ladwig (Crown Point, Ind.). Ladwig was named to the first team all HCAC. According to www.muspartans.com, she led the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) with a .936 slugging percentage in conference play this spring while ranking among the top 10 in batting average (.426), on-base percentage (.491), runs scored (13), hits (20), home runs (6), RBI (14), and total bases (44). Junior first baseman MacKenzie Williams (Kendallville, Ind.), was named to the HCAC postseason tournament honors team. She contributed 4 total hits, three of which were doubles, and a home run to top things off. She averaged .571 at the plate during the tournament.

With the first game closing in, Head Coach Josh Dzurick and Spartans voiced their expectations for this upcoming season. Freshman utility player Morgan Butler may not be able to look forward to playing this season due to



Photo by Savannah Riley

HEY BATTER BATTER Sophomore Mikayla Deisler steps up to the plate.

a torn labral, but she expresses how she can contribute to the team despite her injury. "I may not be able to physically learn new things due to an injury, but that doesn't mean I won't look forward to seeing what other plans this season has for me and watching as my team grows together," she said.

Dzurick also expressed his outlook on the upcoming season. "I'm looking forward to hopefully having a warm dry season," he said. "Other than that, I guess we're excited to see our deep roster compete."

The players are excited to begin the season. "I'm looking forward to the talent we have on the

team," said senior infielder/catcher MacKenzie Williams. "Watching the team at practice gets me so excited because we could go far this year!"

Senior catcher Kalie Niezgodski reflects on her last season as a Spartan. "I am looking forward to spending my last season with my teammates the most without a doubt," she said. "The game is great but in ten or twenty years I won't remember the games themselves rather the fun times I've had and friendships I've made with my teammates."

Personal goals become team goals for this ball club. Most of the players expressed that they

just want to do whatever it takes to compete in this year's tournament again. "My personal goals for the season would have to be to do my best in order to help the team achieve our goal," Williams said.

She was backed up by her teammate, junior outfielder Emilee Liston (Cicero, Ind.). "Personally, a repeat trip to the conference tournament is on my to-do list," she said. "It'd be even better if we hosted it. I'd also like to have a season that mirrors my freshman season, as it was more successful than my sophomore season."

Dzurick explained the team goals as a whole. "Team goals are simple," he said. "I would like

to maintain above a 3.0 team GPA, make HCAC tournament, and represent MU in a positive way on and off the field," he added.

Collectively, the Spartans agree that the Anderson Ravens top off the team's list of rivals to beat. "Absolutely without a doubt and I know my team will back me up on this one...ANDERSON!!" said senior outfielder Ashley Stahl (Wheatland, Ind.).

The Spartan's first games take place March 10 against the Huntington University Foresters at the MU softball field at 3 and 5 p.m.

Dr. Sun Kang Joins Sport Management Dept.

Kody Smith
Staff Writer

Dr. Sun Kang is one of the newest additions to the Manchester University family, now teaching sport management and marketing courses. Kang is originally from California, with his family originating in Korea. He has been married for two years, and the couple now lives in North Manchester. Kang earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Davis. However, his extensive journey to Manchester took a few unexpected turns, primarily because he did not major in business while attending college.

"I was an art major in college," Kang stated. "I never thought I would be here teaching sport management."

He worked for a golf company following graduation.



There, he became interested in pursuing a career in the sports industry, so he moved on to higher education to expand his knowledge on

the subject. Kang received an MBA in Sport Management from Barry University, which he followed up with a doctorate in Education Leadership and Development from the University of Louisville.

"When I began my PhD at the University of Louisville, I just wanted to do more research on the field," Kang said. "It became more apparent, the longer I stayed in the program, that it would give me teaching opportunities. Sharing the knowledge on the subject that I have with others is something of value to me."

Kang became determined that he would land a job in the teaching field; knowing this was his new passion. Manchester was one of the many places to offer him a job, and he was impressed with the environment that surrounded the university. "When I first came here to interview, I felt like the learning environment was well established,"

he said. "I felt very welcomed here as soon as I walked in the doors, and the small school offers smaller class sizes and allows one-on-one interactions with my students to share values and knowledge more effectively."

The sport management field intrigued Kang because of the different disciplines that follow the studies, creating a challenge that is fun to teach. "Sports management is not just sports," Kang said. "It is a business, entertainment and sports. It is multi-segmented, which makes the industry super-competitive."

Because of the overlap with business and marketing majors, the sport management students are in a competition to land jobs, which Kang looks forward to helping them win. "My goal has always been to find the perfect fit for a student in terms of a career field," he said. "Every student has large dreams, such as becoming an ath-

letic director or a general manager, and that does not just happen overnight. Helping the student set up a path to reach that dream is difficult, but will be rewarding in the long run.

The Sport Management field's business orientation, not necessarily the sports aspect, is what originally intrigued Kang. "I played recreational sports growing up, but never really followed it," he said. "Involvement in sports did not really come into play for me until I started working in the industry. After working in the sport business, you really get a better view of what opportunities there are."

Kang is very pleased to have joined Manchester University's community. "Everyone in the sport management department is very friendly, and I have enjoyed the connections I have made in my first year on campus," he said.



Photo by Savannah Riley
GOING FOR THREE Sophomore Brody Kirby gets in position to take the shot.

Spartan Men Fall to Engineers at B-Ball Conference Tournament

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Staff Writer

The men's basketball team had to win their last three games out of four to qualify for the conference tournament--and they did just that.

The Spartans took down Anderson in a close battle 90-86; they then invited Rose-Hulman to their grounds for a thrilling rivalry game. The Spartans lost that game 77-75, not knowing that they would later have to shake hands with the Engineers in the opening round of the conference tournament.

That loss left MU needing to have to win the next two games, which is exactly what happened. Coach Jerrod Good said that his boys play better away, so it was only fate that the next two games were on the road. First there was Defi-

ance, which MU made pretty easy work of with a 79-60 score to clinch another victory. With one more game left at Transylvania the Spartans found themselves on the inside of the tournament looking in. Transy was forced out of the way losing to Manchester 97-80.

Then, for the first time since 2011, the Spartans found themselves in the conference tournament. Rival Rose-Hulman was there to greet them in the opening round. Manchester held the lead for much of the game but lost in the last seconds, 82-80.

Even with the loss, the players are not down. "It's a great feeling considering all the hard work that we have put in," said sophomore Tanner Forsythe. "It's nice to see that it all is paying off. The school was great in supporting us all season and it's an awesome feeling to give them something to

be excited about again."

"It was back and forth throughout the whole entire game," Forsythe continued. "We had our opportunities and some things just did not go our way down the stretch. At the end of the day, we knew we had done everything that we could do and that we left it all on the floor. It was a great team to be a part of and a season that won't be forgotten."

Although the Engineers managed to overcome the Spartans once again in the nail-biter, Coach Good is proud of his squad for setting its goals high.

"It was a tough game," Good said. "I thought the guys did a really good job and played hard. Obviously you want a different outcome but these guys set themselves up just to play in the game and I am proud of their accomplishments."