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Manchester University Mourns Pharmacy Student Omar Saleh



Omar Saleh, a second-year pharmacy student, died in a car crash on the way home to Michigan on November 21, 2017.

In the words of President Dave McFadden addressed to the community on Nov. 22, "It is with great sadness that I share the news that Omar Saleh, a second-year pharmacy student from Dearborn, Mich., has been killed in a traffic accident.

According to a news report, Omar was driving eastbound on U.S. 24 near Waterville, Ohio, at about 7 p.m. Tuesday when his car left the road and overturned. No other vehicles were involved. Omar was pronounced dead at the scene.

We are extended family to one another and this loss is a shared loss. Our pharmacy students, in particular, are grappling with the loss of a friend and will need all of the love and support that we can give them.

Hold one another gently during the coming days. May all of us who grieve the loss of Omar find strength in our faith, our loved ones and the Manchester community."

-- President Dave McFadden

Holiday MSO Performance Ends in Standing Ovation

Kylie Kroger
Staff Writer

The holiday season was in full swing this past Sunday, Dec. 3, when the Manchester Symphony Orchestra (MSO) presented its Holiday Extravaganza. A large crowd gathered in Cordier Auditorium to take in the sounds of the holidays.

The performance kicked off with the MSOs renditions of holiday classics such as "Sleigh Ride" and "The Christmas Song." The MSO was conducted by Scott Humphries, who has served as conductor since 2008.

"I am already planning for next year's season: Our eightieth," wrote Humphries in his program notes. "There are more great things to come from your orchestra, and I am humbled to be a part of this splendid group."

Joining Humphries on-stage, Dr. Debra Lynn conducted Manchester's A Cappella Choir and Symphony Chorus. Among these performances, there were many solos that left the audience visibly impressed.

Senior Clayton Marcum was among the soloists, and performed a challenging countertenor part in the performance. "This was really my first big countertenor debut," Marcum said. "Countertenor work is not easy, that's for sure! This weekend I developed a nasty cold so that really made things interesting when it came time to perform. I was pretty nervous because I knew that my cold was holding me back



from reaching my full potential. In the end, perseverance in what made that concert come together."

Following a brief intermission, the second half of the program was a performance of the one act opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors." The opera told the story of when the Three Wise Men met a young boy named Amahl and his mother on their journey to Bethle-

hem for the birth of Jesus.

Most of the performers in this one-act opera had their own connections to Manchester. Two of the soloists, Kelly Iler and Michael Rueff, are both graduates of Manchester University with music degrees. The lead role of Amahl was played by 11-year-old Elizabeth Thomson, whose father, Professor Shane Thomson, is a visiting faculty

member in the Department of English and also teaches modern languages at Manchester.

In addition to those with ties to Manchester University, local physician Dr. Eric Reichenbach as well as Warsaw High School choir teacher and North Manchester resident Thomas Hall both had solos in the performance in their roles as

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Community Members Gather for Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



Photo by MU Marketing Department

Santa surprised the crowd outside the Jo Young Switzer Center by arriving in a North Manchester Fire Department truck after the tree was lit on Nov. 30.

Avis McGovern
Staff Writer

Manchester University hosted its annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 30. Hundreds of MU students, faculty, staff and neighbors gathered in front of the Jo Young Switzer Center to welcome the Christmas season on campus.

Attendees listened and sang along with the Manchester Junior High School Choir as they

performed seasonal selections and Christmas carols before President Dave MacFadden conducted the countdown to the Christmas season by lighting the enormous tree outside the JYSC.

During the ceremony, revelers enjoyed treats provided by Chartwells. "The hot chocolate and cookies really made me excited to see the Christmas tree being lit," said Gwen Fourman.

Manny the Mascot made a special appearance to help with the Christmas cheer. Students gathered around the "selfie station" to take a picture with the MU mascot in their cold gear. "I went to the

Christmas-Tree Lighting ceremony because I had to work with Team Manny," Victor Banks said. "When I wasn't watching him, I enjoyed seeing and talking to my friends who attended."

Banks is a first-year student from Fort Wayne. "The ceremony made me miss home and all the Christmas lighting festivities that happen there," he said, "but it also motivated me to end the semester in a positive way so that I could get ready for the holidays." To conclude the ceremony, Santa rode in on a fire truck to wish all those there a Merry Christmas.

While their hands were

buried in their pockets to keep warm, MU students and children gathered in clusters to patiently wait and take their picture with Santa and sit on his lap. "Getting to see Santa riding in the fire truck made me think about being a kid again," said Katie Hamilton. "It was great getting to see the young ones around me get excited and want to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas."

The Christmas tree now lights up every night along with other Christmas decorations around campus.

STUDENT CONCERNS COLUMN

Contact Student Senate with your concerns!

This column will be used as a way to address student concerns. Student Senate is working hard to tackle several concerns and this is a way to show that they are making progress. This is also a way for you to know who your Senators are and who you can tell your concerns to.

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President McFadden Reveals Oak Leaves Experience

Wayne Smith
 Staff Writer

A little known fact on campus is that the two most recent presidents on campus were involved with the Oak Leaves during their time as students.

Forty years ago, during the school year of 1978-79, then-student Dave McFadden wrote his own opinion column in the Oak Leaves. He was recommended for this job due to his experience as the editor of the "Peace Studies Journal."

"It's was kind of ironic to write for the Oak Leaves, because I didn't have any writing experience," McFadden said. He wrote opinion based columns that covered what he said was "everything under the sun."

"Ten years after I graduated, Manchester's vice president showed

me one of the columns I wrote," McFadden recalled. "He pulled it out of his desk and showed me. It was my story about being unable to grow facial hair, and how good I was at NOT being able to grow any. It was really cool to see a story that I had written so long ago, and it was really special to see it from the vice president, of all people." (McFadden has also gone on to prove this column wrong.)

Among his experiences with the Oak Leaves, McFadden remembers the rush of driving to Wabash to print copies the most. There would be times where the nights would run late, and there was a sense of urgency to print the paper to make the deadline. His highlight trip was when he recollected his speed-demon years. "One time in particular, I was driving back to campus from Wabash in a campus car, and my car was reported for driving too fast," McFadden said.

McFadden's Oak Leaves career lasted only the span of the one year. "It was a one time thing," he said. This was because his work schedule did not allow for any other activities outside of his normal schedule, so a sacrifice had to be made.

However, McFadden was still involved in the newspaper business, through his position as the sales manager for North Manchester's own newspaper, where he was in charge of getting sponsors for ads in the paper.

McFadden notes that his predecessor, President Jo Young Switzer, was an editor of the Oak Leaves.

Ironically enough, the University's last two presidents have been a part of the Oak Leaves in some way, so maybe there's a requirement for Manchester presidents to have newspaper experience. Keep an eye on the current masthead.

CONCERT, FROM PAGE 1

Wise Men.

The performance closed with a standing ovation from the audience for the soloists, orchestra, choir and especially for the youngest performer on stage, Elizabeth Thomson. Her face glowed at the sight of the crowd and the excitement that comes along with a young performer's first starring role.

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra's next big performance at Manchester is the Spring

String Fling, which will take place Monday, April 30, in Cordier Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Vorndran Wins Scholarship to Study Abroad in Dublin, Ireland

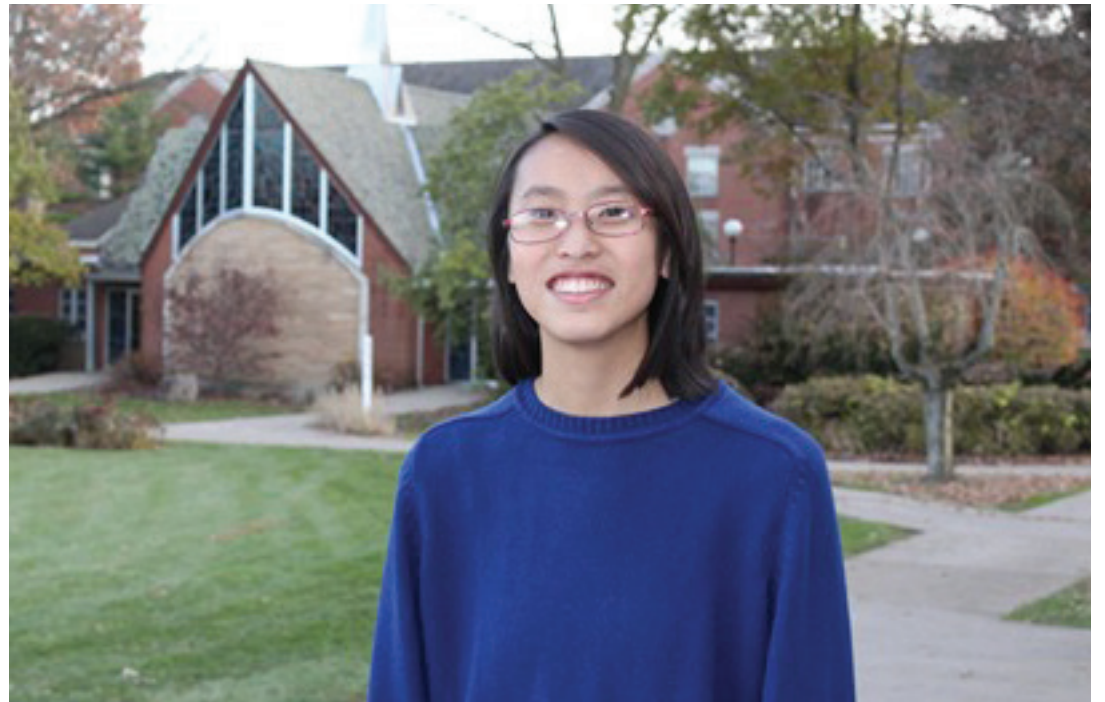


Photo courtesy of MU Marketing Department

Junior Zoe Vorndran, history and English double major, recently won the BCA Study Abroad scholarship to attend Maynooth University in Ireland.

Press Release

Zoe Vorndran, a junior at Manchester University, has received a BCA Study Abroad scholarship to attend Maynooth University near Dublin, Ireland.

The Fort Wayne resident will live and study alongside Irish students this spring semester. She is majoring in history and English.

BCA Study Abroad was founded as Brethren Colleges Abroad in 1962 as a secular,

nonprofit provider of academic, language and cultural immersion studies for undergraduates. The acronym now stands for Bridge the world, Connect for peace, Act for justice.

BCA Study Abroad was established as a consortium of seven colleges affiliated with the Church of the Brethren, including Manchester University.

Faithful to its values of peace and social justice, BCA

Study Abroad facilitates opportunities for growth in intercultural understanding and global awareness through educational programs that foster scholarship, community engagement and guided, reflective learning.

The \$1,000 scholarship will help defray Vorndran's costs for the semester abroad.

She is active in Simply Brethren, the Asian Awareness Association and Rotaract at MU.

Volunteering Experiences Available for Students Through Center for Service Opportunities

Lexy Underhill
 Staff Writer

Due to reporting/editing errors, incorrect terminology was originally used in this story. We reprint it here with corrections in place.

Manchester University has a long reputation for its many service projects and volunteer opportunities for students, faculty and staff. The Center for Service Opportunities is not a new program; it has been around for quite a while but went through a name and leadership change when its long-term director Carole Miller-Patrick retired. Ali Goetcheus, a former social worker, accepted the new position as coordinator of the Center for Service Opportunities (CSO) this year.

"Here at Manchester we offer service opportunities to get students engaged," Goetcheus said. "We look at CSO in three different ways: in a volunteering sense, an advocacy sense and a giving sense. Exposure to service and what is in our local community is very important."

The program offers many different ways to contribute as a volunteer. Students can find service opportunities that both connect with or are different from their major, from working with children to visiting a nursing home. "We offer this to link up with people and to give back to the community and grow a partnership because this could possibly be a job down the line for many students," Goetcheus said.

Manchester has always had a Habitat for Humanities chapter, has helped with Blessings in a Backpack (community partner), as well as the weekly Community Dinner, and Death Row support has been here for a few years. CSO also puts on the yearly blood drives.

The program has a way of choosing where volunteers will be placed. "The office as whole will look at what kind of openings we have because not all of our opportunities are on their news-letter," Goetcheus said. "We will then place the student where they feel useful in doing something." Social media has become a big step for the CSO program. They use it to get the word out about volunteering. "We think that

social media has helped a lot," Goetcheus said. "Word of mouth and experience has also helped. As students volunteer and have fun doing something, the word spreads quickly."

Goetcheus had considerable previous experience before coming to Manchester. She worked with United Way for three years, with the Youth Philanthropy Council and the Emerging Leaders she was employed with the Department of Child Protective Services as a supervisor. "Coming from such a negative environment because social work was not always positive, it is nice to now be in a positive environment," she said.

"Service, children, family and giving back has always been in my bloodstream," Goetcheus added.

Students are encouraged to please stop by her office or email if interested in volunteering. "We think a lot of those things comes with certain opportunities," Goetcheus said. "We encourage students to advocate for themselves. We are still growing and in the beginning phase of our learning process."



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Many community members gathered to see the annual tree lighting in front of the JYSC.

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Last MAC Event of Semester Brings Larger Crowd than 2016

Teresa Masteller
Staff Writer

The Manchester Activities Council was in the spirit of giving as they presented students with four different campus events on Friday, Dec. 1, at 8:08 p.m. There was a large crowd in the upper JYSC as students enjoyed Coffee and Canvas, a Mario Kart tournament, and a FIFA tournament; students also ventured into an escape room in the PERC.

MAC is one of the major programming groups on campus. It is made up of students who meet weekly to plan social, recreational and entertaining events in order to encourage students to get involved in campus life. “MAC puts on these events to allow students with all different types of backgrounds to come together to make unforgettable memories,” said MAC member Storm Shortt.

Multiple events increased the likelihood of students enjoying at least one of them. “We did this to try to appeal to different groups of students, whether they liked video games, painting or big puzzles like the escape room,” said MAC member Michael Cheesman.

In 2016, MAC hosted the exact same four events, but this year, the turnout was noticeably larger. “Last year we had a good turnout, but I believe everyone had a great time last year, so they told more people to come this year,” said MAC member Austyn Rybicki.

Students signed up prior to the FIFA and Mario Kart tournaments events, MAC members put them in brackets and then the games began. “I think many students came just for the chance to win a prize, but we also have a lot of students who show up to support their friends, which is pretty cool,” Cheesman said. The winner of each tournament got their choice of a new gaming console.

Students who weren't in the tournament cheered on their friends and fellow students and were just as included as the competitors. “My favorite part was how involved students got even if they weren't playing in the tournament,” Cheesman said. “As the night went on and students lost games, they would still stay and cheer, which made the event really fun.”

Students were still battling it out at the FIFA tournament at 10:45 p.m. that night, but in the end, senior Travis Richardson won for the second year in a row. Rachael Samm was the winner of the Mario Kart tournament.

Coffee and Canvas was so popular that there were almost not enough seats for all the students to sit and paint. MAC members were standing by to hand out canvases, paint, paintbrushes, water cups and pencils to anticipate students.

Students took different creative routes, as the tables were covered with their paintings of cats, trees, sunsets, inspirational quotes and more. There was a table of coffee, hot chocolate, cheese and trail mix that students were welcome to snack on as they paint-



Photo by Carly Kwiecien

Students socialize as they paint during Coffee and Canvas, one of the events featured on Dec. 1, 2017.

ed and socialized. Some students didn't even paint, and instead used the event to socialize with friends. The crowd was still lively almost two hours later at 10 p.m., but by 10:30, the crowd was mostly dispersed as students had finished their paintings.

The escape room was advertised as taking place in the JYSC, but due to some confusion with the company that runs the escape room, it was set up in the

PERC. “The escape room was a major hit when we had it last year, and it had a lot of people eager to try it again,” Rybicki said. The escape room was set up in a room full of different obstacles and clues that students had to figure out in order to escape.

MAC members are available to listen to any input and feedback that students may have for any MAC events. “If any students have any recommendations for

new MAC events for the future or changes to any current events, feel free to contact a MAC member,” Cheesman said. “MAC puts on these events for the students, so we are always interested in what the students would like to see. We want to provide events that the students are wanting to attend in order to make the MU campus the best it can be!”



Photo by Carly Kwiecien

Students used acrylic paint to create works of art during Coffee and Canvas, which was so popular that there were not enough seats for all interested students.

FALL 2017 FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULE

For courses whose first class meeting time is:	The final exam time will be:
Monday at 8:00 a.m.	Wednesday Dec 13 8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
Monday at 9:00 a.m.	Tuesday Dec 12 8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
Monday at 10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Dec 13 10:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
Monday at 11:00 a.m.	Thursday Dec 14 1:00 - 2:50 p.m.
Monday at 12:00 p.m.	Thursday Dec 14 8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
Monday at 1:00 p.m.	Friday Dec 15 10:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
Monday at 2:00 p.m.	Tuesday Dec 12 1:00 - 2:50 p.m.
Monday at 3:00 p.m.	Tuesday Dec 12 3:30 - 5:20 p.m.
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*Monday evening classes
ENG/MODL-350-A TESOL
HIST-250-A History of the Holocaust
INTD-341-A Rethinking God

Exams are given in the regular class meeting location.

Final exams for evening classes (beginning after 6 p.m.) are given during exam week at the regular meeting time. Evening classes that meet twice a week do not have a second meeting.

Final exams for 0.5, 1 or 2 semester-hour courses are given during the last week of classes. Only final exams for courses worth 3 or more semester hours are given during final exam week.

Students who have three or more exams on the same day may request a change in final examination time. The Change of Examination Request form is available in the One Stop Student Service Center (Adm 20). Requests must be submitted to the Registrar by Friday, December 1, 2017.

Questions about this schedule should be directed to the Office of the Registrar.

MU Community Discusses Winter Break Plans

Evan Harris
Staff Writer

It's time to deck the halls with boughs of finals and get ready for Winter Break. Students and faculty alike are getting ready to leave campus for two weeks. Where will they go, what will they do, or what do they wish they were doing?

“I will travel home to spend time with my family,” said first-year Avis McGovern. “We have a lot of family traditions, like decorating cookies, ice skating in Ohio, running around house barefoot and going out in the snow. I will also watch the Hallmark channel in my favorite flannel pajamas every day, but I wish I was traveling to Ireland with my aunt and her wife to go to the spots that they showed in the movie, ‘P.S., I Love You.’”

Some students have no other wish but simply to enjoy their time off. “I plan to relax and prepare myself for next semester,” said junior E'Mon Harris. “I wish that I was drawing more, reading, writing poetry and finding new bands to obsess about next.”

Other students will take the time to reevaluate from the exhausting semester.

Sophomore India Ulshaffer will be doing just that. “I just plan to relax and catch up on sleep,

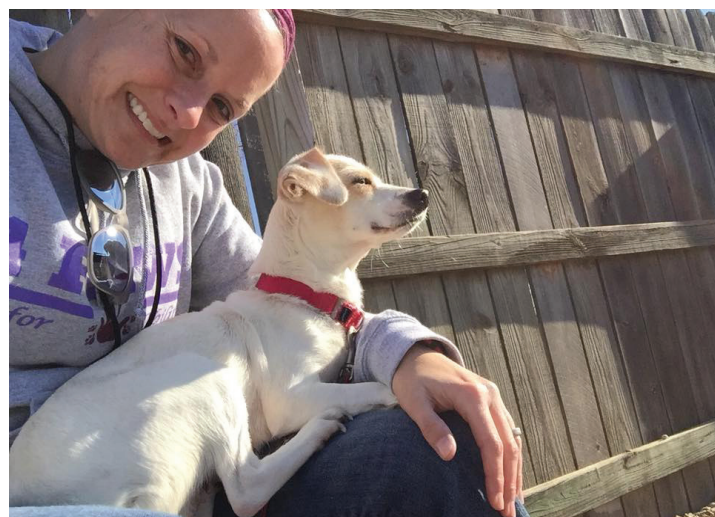


Photo courtesy of Stacy Erickson-Pesetski

Professor Stacy Erickson-Pesetski plans to volunteer at the Allen County SPCA in Ft. Wayne during Winter Break.

as well as hang out with friends that I have not seen. I don't really wish to do anything else other than that.” Alex Baker, sophomore, looks forward to traveling. “I plan on going on vacation either with my friends, or with my parents; I wish I could go to Florida or somewhere warm,” he said.

Other students wish to visit with friends at home, too.

Junior Katie Bowerman said: “I plan to bring my best friend home with me, and hopefully go to a Chinese Light Festival. I'll be spending Christmas at home with my family.”

Although some students

have a full calendar, they are not the only ones who get to have all of the fun. Some MU faculty members have plans in addition to grading final exams and planning January classes. “I just plan to spend time in Fort Wayne with my husband and children,” said mathematics instructor Eva Sagan. “I wish I was on a first-class flight to Hawaii to relax on the beach.”

Associate English professor Stacy Erickson-Pesetski said: “I plan to run, sleep in late, of course, see my family and volunteer at the local animal shelter. I wish I was doing all that—but in a place that was 70 degrees and sunny.”

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SPARTAN SPORTS

Men's Basketball Shoots for NCAA Tournament

Lexy Underhill
Staff Writer

Assistant Coach Mason Wood is still hopeful for this season as the men's basketball team has played 5 games. Joining the staff in 2015, Wood is nothing but joyful about basketball. "I was able to be a part of some pretty good teams," Wood said. As the season is pushed into full force, coaches and players come together to be more successful.

"Although not where

we would like to be, we have progressed since the beginning of the season," Wood said. "We really need to be able to close out games. We are still excited; it is a young season and we are looking forward to future games."

The players have done many team bonding exercises. "The team went to a Madden's game a couple of weeks ago. We are thankful for a team that really works well with each other to achieve great things," Wood said.

Junior Abdul Ogunnaike agrees. "There are some things that we need to work on but that is with

every team," he said. "The more we do together as a team and trust in the system the better we will become." Over winter break, the team will be traveling to Atlanta for a couple of different tournaments.

The main goal of the team is to return to the NCAA conference tournament, playing in the championship game. Both the team and coach have agreed that one thing is certain: always play hard. "We want to compete as a team," Wood said. "We want to represent not only our program, but the university and the community of Manchester."

Improvement is another main goal for the team. According to Wood, bettering the players and giving them a well-developed understanding is going to give the team the most successful end result. "We [as a team] try to respect the process of getting better, and as a coach, you have to try to be consistent in that and making sure all of your expectations are met," Wood said.

On Dec. 2, MU basketball played at Mt. St. Joseph with a loss of 75-60.

Schedule

December

- 09 Earlham
- 16 @ Rose-Hulman
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- 16 @ Rose-Hulman
- 29 @ Geneva

January

- 03 @ Franklin
- 06 Hanover
- 10 vs. Anderson
- 13 @ Transylvania
- 17 @ Bluffton
- 20 @ Earlham
- 24 @ Defiance
- 27 Mt. St. Joseph
- 31 Franklin

February

- 03 Transylvania
- 07 @ Anderson
- 10 @ Hanover
- 14 Bluffton
- 17 Rose-Hulman



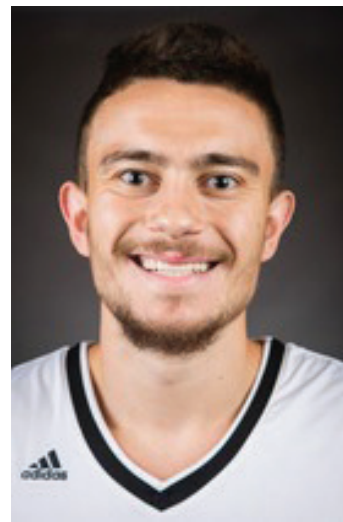
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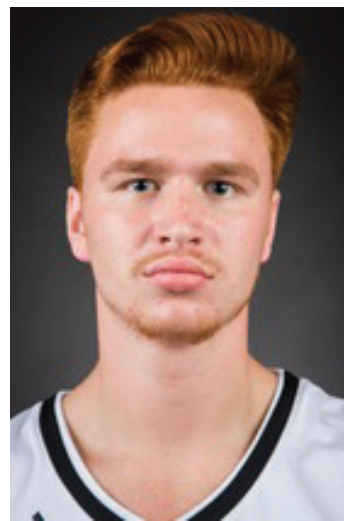
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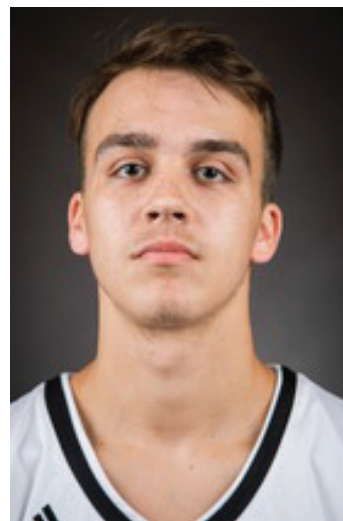
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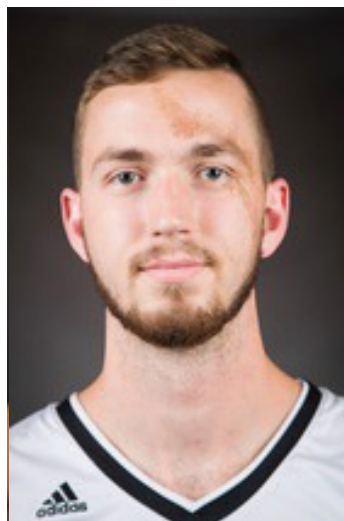
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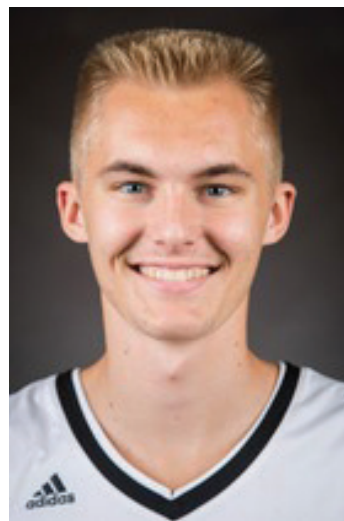
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Adrian Johnson, Junior
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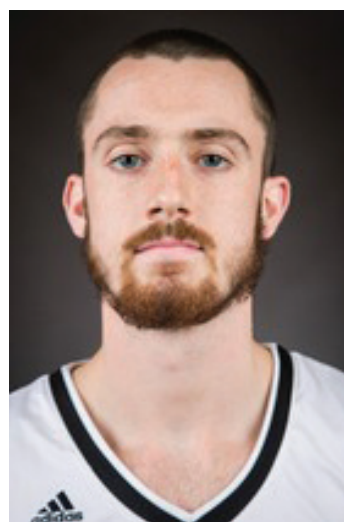
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Kenny Doss, Senior
Position: G



Abdul Ogunnaike, Junior
Position: F



James Callegari, Senior
Position: F



Jalmen Sullivan, First-year,
Position: G



- A look at the season so far**
- Oct. 31 @ SIU L, 108-66
 - Nov. 15 @ Elmhurst L, 80-74
 - Nov. 17 Kalamazoo W, 69-55
 - Nov. 18 Adrian L, 91-72
 - Nov. 22 @ Trine L, 71-61
 - Nov. 27 Defiance L, 79-75
 - Dec. 2 @ Mt. St. Joseph L, 75-60