

Oak Leaves Staff Writers, Photographer Recognized at ICPA Convention

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Seven MU students won awards at the annual Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA) convention, held in Indianapolis at IUPUI on April 7. Each year college journalists compete with their peers across the state for writing, design and photography awards.

The Oak Leaves competes in the Newspaper Division 3, for weekly newspapers with full-time school enrollment of 3,000 or fewer students. Our competition includes Goshen and Wabash Colleges.

This year the Oak Leaves' awards are as follows (all from 2017 issues):

First Place: Best News or Feature Series

Cleopatra Castanias, "New Classroom for CETL Promotes Active Learning"
Wayne Smith, "MU Grad, Educator Funds NEW CETL Classroom; Enhances Student Learning"

Third Place: Best News or Feature Series

Destinee Boutwell, "Students Prepare for Study Abroad"
Jensen Lassiter, "Students Study in New Zealand"
Kaity Collins, "Japanese Professor Encourages Students to Study Abroad"

Third Place: Best Non-Deadline News Story

Kelleen Cullison, "FYS Class Leads Bee Awareness Week"

Third Place: Best Photo Essay

William Southern, "Harvest Festival"
ICPA has been supporting student journalists since 1957, and aims not only to stimulate interest in journalism among Indiana's college students; create fellowship and cooperation among Indiana's collegiate journalists; and raise the standards of journalism at Indiana's colleges and universities; but also to help each college and university accomplish these three goals and to foster free speech and a free press on Indiana's campuses.

Students may write for the Oak Leaves on a freelance basis, as long as they are fluent in AP style. Those who are interested in learning more about being a journalist are invited to enroll in ENG 201: Journalism I: Reporting (fall) and ENG 317: Journalism II:



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From left to right: Carly Kwiecien, Ciara Knisely, Karen Kanyike, Kelleen Cullison, Dr. Ings, Destinee Boutwell and Jensen Lassiter.

Editing (spring). Class members automatically become staff writers for the Oak Leaves. Please contact Professor Katharine Ings if you have any questions.



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Senior Peter Shepherd shares stories about his time abroad for a semester and challenges he encountered with the new country, new language and new culture. At his VIA last week, Shepherd explained what he learned from this time in his life and how Manchester's study abroad program gave him the opportunity to enrich his education.

'From Manchester to Marburg': Peter Shepherd Shares Travel Experiences at VIA

Kaity Collins Staff Writer

Manchester University student Peter Shepherd presented his journey "From Manchester to Marburg" as part of MU's Senior Series on Thursday, April 19. Hosted by the Values, Ideas, and the Art Committee, Senior Series gives selected seniors the chance to share their thoughts on a topic of choice. "It's an opportunity to research a topic or area of personal interest and present it," Shepherd said.

"They could present, perform a play, or share a senior-appropriate event highlighting the conclusion of their Manchester career," said Dr. Beate Gilliar, professor of English. "The Senior Series allows students to showcase - in their preferred mode of presenting - how Manchester University has nourished and promoted what it means to enjoy the importance of a liberal education."

While Shepherd's Senior Series was about traveling abroad, his presentation wasn't about how students can go on a journey, but

more on the experience students could have by doing so. "It's a presentation about things I've learned not just at Manchester University, but also in Europe," Shepherd said. "It's the story of where I was, to where I wanted to be."

Gilliar said: "Studying and traveling beyond one's own confines opens lessons that can be learned only by embracing awe while not letting fear overcome you. As someone who believes that language builds bridges, I would absolutely love to see the study of another language as a key element in anyone's 'Bildung.'"

Shepherd has traveled to Vienna, Austria, and Marburg, Germany. His Senior Series was primarily based on his experiences in both countries. "From ordering food to riding the bus, as with all things, I had to confront language in a real way," Shepherd said. "The highlight of my overseas experience was being able to speak the language with my family who are in Germany; being able to joke and have fun with them was really amazing."

Gilliar said: "Immersing

yourself fully in another culture is essential to deepen one's appreciation of the 'other' while gaining a more rounded understanding of one's character. Peter's journey marks not so much a literal, but a figurative quest of his, as he invited audience members to reflect upon ways they thrive onward."

While his time in Germany was personally enriching, Shepherd expresses his gratitude to those who helped him get the opportunity to enhance the experience. "I wanted to thank family and friends and professors that went along with me; my experience in Germany was in a lot of ways, life changing," he said.

Shepherd was also an inspiration to those who have or want to experience studying abroad. "Peter re-energized the beginning German program," Gilliar said "He went to study overseas after taking only two and not four semesters of classes, as would be typical. His German had grown amazingly; his drive and allowing to accept what may be uncomfortable is very impressive as well."

Empty Bowls Event to Raise World Hunger Awareness

Evan Harris Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 28, at 11 a.m., the MU Campus Interfaith Board will hold Empty Bowls, a fundraiser for Heifer International, which is a not-for-profit organization that works with communities around the world to help end world hunger and poverty.

Art Professor Ejenobo "Jena" Oke noted the origin of the event. "There was a thought in mind saying, 'wouldn't it be wonderful if everybody could have their bowl filled with food instead of going hungry?'" she said.

The event consists of the public attending a lunch or dinner where they can pick out a ceramic handmade bowl which is then filled with food. They pay a fee for the food but get to keep the bowl. The funds raised this time around will go toward the organization. The bowls have been created by lots of community members from elementary school students to Timbercrest residents, local community members, MU staff, faculty and students.

"Even the newest member of our arts community, Elizabeth Wamsley, is participating," Oke said, "and she has volunteered to donate some bowls! We have made 167 bowls so far!"

Saturday's event will not focus solely on the purpose of the empty bowls and fundraising. There are also many different activities taking place also.

"We will have a concert by Friends with the Weather, various activities such as face painting, sidewalk chalk and rock painting, a video in the chapel explaining more about the start of Heifer International and its roots at Manchester University, lunch and Italian, door prizes which include gift cards and donations from area businesses, Manchester gear and prize packages," said Rebekah Houff, campus pastor and event coordinator. "Connected to this event is the Senior Art Showcase in the Link



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Art professor Ejenobo Oke, along with other art students and faculty, have made over 160 bowls.

Gallery from 1-2:30 p.m. and the Chicago Folklore Ensemble performance in Wine Recital Hall at 1:30 p.m."

Empty Bowls has entered its second year at Manchester, and Houff is excited for its return. "I am looking forward to seeing the community and the University come together to support a great cause, enjoy some great food, have fun together and learn about hunger in our world while helping to eliminate it," she said.

Houff also encourages students to participate in this event. "Students should attend to help end hunger and poverty, to learn more about the mission of Heifer International and Empty Bowls and to have an enjoyable time!" she said. "I think students will gain something from this event because there are opportunities to learn about hunger and poverty in our world, and to learn about Dan West, the founder of Heifer International and a 1917 graduate of Manchester College (formerly)."

Indeed, Houff looks forward to emptying bowls in the future as well. "We plan for this to be an annual event," she said. "We will learn a lot about what to add or take away for next year after the event on Saturday. Last year we supported Exodus Refugee located in Indianapolis, so we will support a different charity every year."

20th Annual Student Research Symposium Showcases Talent, Presentations

Teresa Masteller Staff Writer

Manchester University will be conducting its 20th annual Student Research Symposium today, Friday, April 27. This event, which is open to the public, will highlight student research and a presentation conducted by keynote speaker Emily Lynn '20. Further, President Emerita Jo Young Switzer, who founded the Symposium, will return to share some memories and pass out awards.

"The Research Symposium is an opportunity for students at all levels in their university education to showcase the sophisticated research that they've been doing throughout their time here," said Dr. Katharine Ings, chair of the Student Research Symposium Committee. "It is a chance for students—and their faculty mentors—to celebrate the different kinds of projects that they have been working on for one

semester or longer.

Lynn, a sophomore double-majoring in vocal performance and French, will present her research as the keynote speaker. She started taking courses through MU when she was a junior in high school.

As a first-year, Lynn presented in 2017's Research Symposium after encouragement from her French professor, Dr. Janina Traxler. "It was a good experience, and my sister, Abby Lynn, was the keynote speaker," Lynn said. "This year I decided to do it with the help of Janina again, who encouraged me to follow in my sister's footsteps and audition for the keynote speaker position."

While a lot of preparation is needed for this Symposium, Lynn's first step was to write an abstract explaining her research topic. "After that, I expressed my interest in auditioning as the keynote speaker in the online application," Lynn said. "The audition was a presentation of my research in front of

the Symposium panel. The audition was one month before the Symposium, so my research needed to be polished and ready to go early."

Lynn's presentation involves her two disciplines, French and music. "I studied how Claude Debussy, a French composer, culminated the Symbolist ideal to evoke images and emotions indirectly through suggestion," explained Lynn. "I chose two French Symbolist poets, Paul Verlaine and Pierre Louÿs, whose works Debussy set to music, and explained how he illustrated their poetry through music. In the presentation, I provide musical demonstrations played on piano by one of our faculty, Dr. Pamela Haynes, and I sing some demonstrations as well."

The Student Research Symposium committee held auditions to find an excellent keynote speaker, and Lynn's multifaceted presentation was exactly what they were looking for. "The auditions were very competitive this year,"

Ings said. "Emily's audition included not only text, but music and a foreign language. We thought it exemplified everything a keynote speaker could do."

Lynn began this project in the fall of 2017 when she was introduced to the poetry of Paul Verlaine and Pierre Louÿs in her French literature class. "I had done a smaller research project of Debussy's illustration of Pierre Louÿs' poetry, and in the spring, I continued adding on to that with Paul Verlaine's poetry," Lynn said.

After investing several months, and almost the entirety of her spring break, on this presentation, Lynn feels nervous, but excited about representing the French and music departments. "I don't feel much pressure because I feel like 20 is a lucky number for me this year," Lynn said. "It's the 20th annual Student Research Symposium, I am 20 years old, and I graduate in 2020."

President emerita Jo

Young Switzer will return for the 20th anniversary of this symposium that she founded when she was Dean of Academic Affairs. In addition to being honored and invited to say a few words about her vision for the Symposium, she will also be passing out the awards this year. Elected undergraduate students are considered for three awards, the Jo Young Switzer Writing Award, a poster award and the honor of being the keynote presenter.

To start the Symposium, brochures will be available at 3:15 p.m. in the Academic Center. Research presentations will follow at 3:30 p.m., then undergraduates, graduate and professional students will present their posters in the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center from 4:45-5:30 p.m. After an introduction, Lynn, the keynote speaker will start her presentation at 5:40, also on the upper level of the JYSC. Awards will be presented at approximately 6 p.m.



SPARTAN SPORTS

MU Sweeps Mount St. Joseph in Crucial HCAC Clash

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The final home-stand of the 2018 campaign proved to be successful for the Manchester baseball squad, as the team secured two victories over Mount St. Joseph on Saturday, April 21 to keep postseason aspirations alive. The Spartans rallied to a 5-4 victory in game one, followed by an offensive explosion in game two, tallying 10 runs in route to a 10-3 triumph over the Lions.

The Spartans held an early advantage in the first contest between the two conference foes, compiling three runs in the second inning to take the 3-0 lead. Sophomore first baseman Nick Rush doubled to the right-center field gap, scoring two runs in the process. Freshman shortstop Michael Pinarski reached first via an error to follow the double, as Rush scored easily following the mistake made on the defensive side of the baseball.

Senior Stephen Pinarski started the contest on the hill for Manchester, as the right-hander cruised through the first four innings, surrendering just one run. However, the Lions finally got to Pinarski in the fifth inning, striking for three runs to take a 4-3 lead. Senior pitcher Brandon Eck was called upon to make the relief appearance out of the bullpen, and the MU

veteran delivered the performance of a lifetime. Eck recorded the win following 4.1 innings of work, striking out five Lions and surrendering no hits. The offense capitalized on the brilliant pitching efforts of Eck, scoring one run in the fifth and one run in the sixth to take a 5-4 lead, which held up for the remainder of the contest.

Game two was a pitcher's duel through the first three innings of play, as neither side allowed a single run as the contest remained scoreless. However, it was the Lions who struck first, scoring two runs in the top of the fourth inning to snag a 2-0 lead. However, MU would not be silenced for long. In the bottom of the fourth, senior third baseman Hunter Lane drilled an RBI-single into left field giving the Spartans their first run of the day.

The following inning, MU took the lead, thanks to a three-run shot off-the-bat of sophomore designated hitter Joe Gallatin, his first of the year, giving the Spartans a 4-2 advantage after five innings of play. The offense erupted in inning number six, as six runs crossed the plate, as the black and gold held a 10-2 lead following the offensive onslaught. Junior right fielder Braxton Riley delivered an RBI-single, while Gallatin capped off his five-RBI performance with a two-run single as well. Junior center fielder Tyler LaFollette added to the hit parade as well, drilling a base hit into center field, scoring two runs.

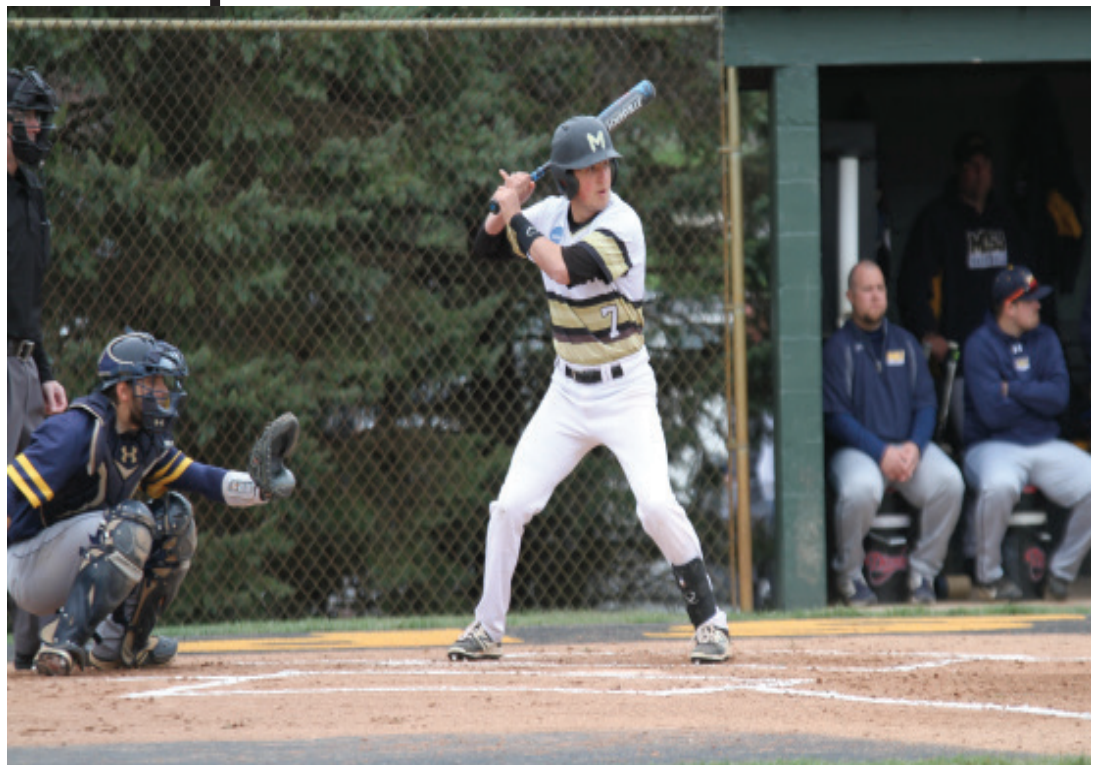


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Junior Braxton Riley is up to bat during a Senior Day, April 21, against Mt. St. Joseph.

Senior Taylor Kopplin threw 114 pitches over six innings of work to record his fifth win of the 2018 campaign. The righty allowed just two runs on eight hits while striking out five Mount St. Joseph hitters to secure the win on the hill. Senior Garrett Phelps, junior John Magers and sophomore Craig Overpeck delivered quality efforts out of the bullpen surrendering

just one run on four hits over three combined innings.

The Spartans will conclude the 2018 season with five consecutive road games. The team will travel to Transylvania on Saturday, April 28 for two contests with the Pioneers. The first pitch for game one will be thrown at approximately 1:00 p.m. The squad will meet Taylor University on May 1 at 6:00 p.m,

and will round-out the year with a double-header at Earlham on Friday, May 4. The teams will duke it out under the lights, with the first pitch time for game one slated for 6:00 p.m. All statistics from these contests can be found at www.muspartans.com.



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Senior Hunter Lane waits to catch a ball during Senior Day.

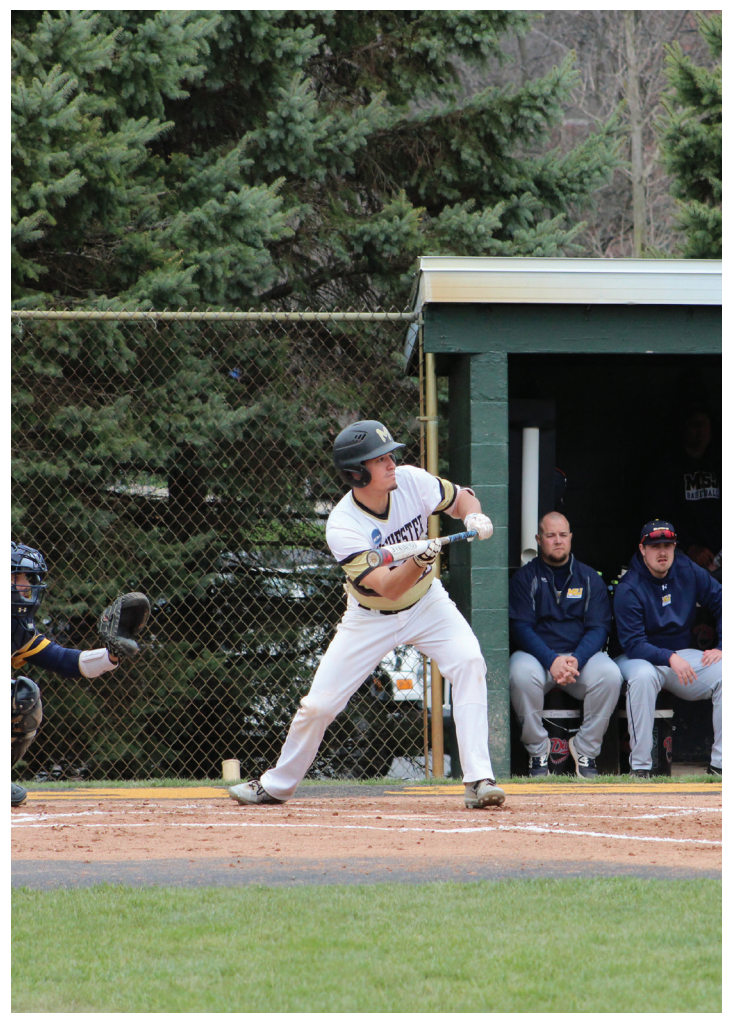


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Junior Christian Smith is up to bat against Mt. St. Joseph.

No-Hitter, Record-Breaking Homerun Highlights MU Softball Weekend

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With one swing of the bat and one incredible outing on the mound, Manchester University's softball team capped off a double-header with Hanover on Saturday, April 21 with a 2-0 victory over the Hanover Panthers.

Game one was not a favorable match-up for the Spartans, as the Panthers struck for nine runs on 14 hits to secure a 9-0 win over the black-and-gold. Although MU clobbered eight hits, the timely offense just was not there for Manchester, as the team stranded ten runners on the base paths. Junior first baseman Sydney Thompson delivered two hits in four trips to the plate, which included a double. First year catcher Alexis Mocos and senior right fielder Mallorie Jennings pitched in two hits each as well.

The Spartans rallied back in game number two, not allowing all of the momentum to shift to the side of the HCAC opposition.



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Senior Mallorie Jennings runs to the plate just in time during a home game.

The offense started early, as senior standout Lauren Ladwig belted a

two-run homerun to give MU a 2-0 lead following the first finning of

play. Although the blast catapulted the Spartans to the victory, Ladwig

will remember this homerun for another reason. As the ball sailed over the fence, Ladwig now stands alone at the top of the HCAC leaderboard for most homeruns hit in a single season with 16 round-trippers.

From the batter's box to the pitching circle, first year Haley Perez produced a gem on the mound, not allowing a hit over seven innings of work. The first year hurled the first Manchester no-hitter since 2013, as the two runs scored in the first inning proved to be all that Perez needed to secure the victory for the club.

Mocos and Thompson added to their already impressive offensive totals from the game prior, as the duo recorded two hits once again in game number two to pace the offensive performance.

Manchester concludes the 2018 regular with a lengthy road trip, as the Spartans will travel to Transylvania for a double-header with the Pioneers on Saturday, April 28. The first pitch time for game number one is slated for 1:00 p.m. with game two to follow. Live statistics for the contests can be found at www.muspartans.com.