

# The Oak Leaves

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## MU Students Savor Burgers at Wilbur's Café

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Wilbur's Café, located in the library on campus, has added burgers to its menu.

Wilbur's Café used to serve pre-made sandwiches that students could get if they were studying in the library. It still serves these, along with the new Wilbur's Burgers.

Jessica Lewis, a junior, seemed satisfied with the new burger. "I definitely am," Lewis said. "There needs to be more food places around here like that, especially on weekends since The Oaks is closed."

Unlike most fast food places, the burgers at Wilbur's Café are always freshly made when you order them, instead of sitting under a heat lamp waiting for someone to get one. "My burger was really good," Lewis said. "It was fresh and still hot off the grill."

"We had to wait 15 - 20 minutes for them to make it," said Shelby Morphew, a junior. "They make them individually, so when a lot of people are waiting it does take a bit to get the food."

Not only is the freshness appealing to many students, but the quality of the burger is also a factor that plays into the increasing popularity. "I really like the burger, and



**MEAT THE NEW WILBUR'S CAFÉ** For this semester, Wilbur's Café added burgers to its menu, offering the latest delicacy as part of its meal exchange program with two sides and a drink. Currently, there are four different burgers to choose from: Wilbur's Special, the MU Burger, the Bacon Burger, and the Vegetarian Burger. Wilbur's burgers are always made fresh on the grill right when they are ordered.

Photo by Savannah Riley

I was honestly surprised at how good it was," Morphew said. "It tasted like a burger you would get at any sit-down restaurant. They're not like the burgers served in the Union during the weekends."

There are five toppings you can get on the burger: mustard, ketchup, tomato, pickle, onion. Lewis explained that if a student orders a burger then

it automatically comes with those toppings. "The only bad thing is that you can't change what's on the burger," Lewis said. "For example, if you order a burger with mustard or onion or something and you don't like that you can't have it removed. You just have to pick it off when it comes."

Denise Yocum, production manager for Chartwells, explains that

the burgers include all of the toppings for now, while employees get used to making them. "It would take longer if students choose their own toppings," she said, but notes that Chartwells is looking into more customized toppings. "We are listening to the students," Yocum said.

On the bright side, the hamburger patty is enormous. The burger it-

self seems to be nearly an inch thick, so if a student is not too keen on a super meaty burger, it may be a challenge. "They're pretty big!" Lewis said. "I could not eat it all."

With the addition of the bun and toppings, the burger seems to barely fit in a student's extended palm. Along with the burger, students also receive two sides and a drink.

Morphew explained that the sides differ from the Oaks' sides: students may get two bags of chips, two cookies, or one of each.

This large amount of food can be difficult to eat in one sitting. "I found that it is very hard to eat all of the burger and the sides," said Rachel Laing, a sophomore. "It is a lot of food for one meal. So usually I bring the leftovers with me for later."

The burgers are included in the meal exchange program, so it is a little easier on students. "If I am in a hurry and The Oaks has a long line, I can walk over to the library and get the burger to go," Laing said. "It is really convenient."

The burgers also seem to be increasing the amount of students in the café. "I do most of my studying in the library," Laing said. "I usually sit on the main floor watching people walk in and out of the café. It seems that there are more students in and out than there were at the beginning of the year before the burgers."

Yocum agrees that Wilbur's traffic has increased. Although she does not attribute it to the burgers, she notes that the amount of Wilbur's patrons have quadrupled, from 40 to 160, in recent weeks.

## Men's Soccer Team Studies, Plays in Jamaica

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While many students were snowed in during January with -40 degree temperatures, the men's soccer team escaped the arctic landscape of Indiana to spend a meaningful 22 days in Jamaica. While there, the team spent time working with Jamaicans and each other to improve their sense of community.

The class, entitled "Human Conflict" and taught by Brad Yoder, took MU students 1620 miles away to the heart of Jamaica. While they did hit the beaches and have some recreational time, students experienced the "real" Jamaica. Each student kept a daily blog of the trip, recording not only his actions, but also his personal and emotional growth.

One aspect of Jamaican culture that many team members noticed was the driving habits of the locals. "My dad would say my driving style fits in well here, but even I was shocked by the speed and fearlessness of the drivers, given the road conditions," said Eric Cupp, a sophomore from Lafayette.

When they weren't driving, they were working. Students engaged in a lot of heavy lifting on their first work day. One of their tasks was to re-roof a dormitory for the Maranatha School for the Deaf. "I had to carry three 94-pound concrete bags up the ladder," posted Junior Brian Kautz, a Health and Education ma-



**JAMAICAN ME CRAZY** The Manchester Men's Soccer team poses following a soccer match against a local team while traveling to Jamaica over January Session. The group spent 22 days abroad, participating in community projects, such as re-roofing a building for a school of the deaf and constructing a chicken coop, while still finding time to gather on the soccer pitch.

Photo courtesy of Nick Walters

ior from Indianapolis, adding, "Yeah man, that was heavy!"

On New Year's Day, the team spent some time working on an obstacle course challenge to develop team building. The course was formidable, and the team had to learn to work together. "Communication was definitely what we needed to complete the course successfully" said sophomore Julio Luevano. Junior Austin Finley used this experience to help

overcome his fears. "One of my biggest fears is heights, and walking out to the sports park I saw a giant rock wall (40 ft.)," Finley posted. "I was very nervous about it, but it was awesome that my teammates were there to support me through it."

"I never thought I would do something like that," he continued. "If my teammates were not there, I would not have done it." At the end of the day, the team went to Treasure

Beach to soak up the sun.

Over the course of the next several days, the team built a chicken coop, visited a marketplace in Santa Cruz and went swimming at the YS Falls.

Eventually the team departed Maranatha and headed for Kingston. "Leaving our new friends at Maranatha was very difficult," said Mark Zinser, a junior from Guilford, Indiana. "After spending true quality time with them this past week, it was definitely

hard to say goodbye. But even though we are leaving good relationships in Top Hill for now, we find ourselves in Kingston to start another adventurous week."

Sophomore Luke Scheel was enchanted by a deaf church that the team visited. "The congregation and church pastor accepted the entire team with open arms," he said. "I'll always remember the singing that took place. The singer would sign

while Ms. Verica interpreted with her voice. It was fun and slightly embarrassing trying to sing and sign in rhythm.

"It was exhilarating to see the deaf gentleman increase both the frequency and magnitude of his signs to indicate an increase in both pace and pitch of the song," he continued. "It was a moving experience to praise The Lord in the company of such a friendly and respectful congregation."

The team spent several days exploring Kingston and the surrounding areas, visiting the National Gallery of Jamaica as well as playing soccer and spending time with the locals.

For everyone involved, this trip was meaningful. "This Jamaica trip has been very eye-opening for me," said Chris Hosier, a first-year from Kokomo. "As each day passes, I learn more and more little details about this island. From climbing waterfalls to meeting local rappers, there are just crazy things around every corner."

"I think our whole group had an idea of what to expect, but the reality has sure changed," he continued. "You see every little detail we read in the books in the everyday lives of the Jamaicans. I have learned little details about all my teammates and leaders that only Jamaica could bring out."

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# Around Campus

## Ochander Gathers Data on 'MU Branding'

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What enticed you to become a Spartan? Was it the personal letters in the mail or the beauty of the campus? Was it a tour, or did you hear great things about the university? Was it Spartacus, the mascot, or maybe the soccer team? Was it the close proximity to home, or the fact that it was so far away? Did the United Sexualities club spark your interest, or was it just the only place you applied?

These are all questions that Scott Ochander, vice president of enrollment and marketing, has to think about when creating the marketing program for prospective students and understanding why the current ones chose Manchester.

"For Manchester, we work pretty hard, and over the last six or eight months [we have] been interviewing students, faculty, staff and alumni to figure out what those things, those memorable attributes we want to have people associate with Manchester," Ochander said. "For us, there are five lenses; the concept of 'safe and sound', intimacy, community, growth and excellence. We've been



**WHAT IS YOUR BRAND?** Scott Ochander, vice president of enrollment and marketing, has been focusing on promoting the Manchester University brand, performing countless interviews with everyone from alumni and current students to kindergarteners. Ochander conducts the bulk of his work within the "Brand Cave," a room on the second floor of the Administration Building that is plastered with paper drawings and ideas gathered from brainstorming all-over its walls.

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very careful to construct definitions from what we've learned from the people who are closest to Manchester."

Ochander explains how everyone views the Manchester brand differently, so it isn't necessarily presented in the same way to each person.

"It starts with how we position our university to even our youngest visitors," he said. "We had an event this last year with

1,200 kindergarteners and first-graders on campus. Even the way we talk about it there versus how we talk to perspective students versus how we talk to current students about it and how current students experience it, that's part of it too. And how alumni remember it. And so it's really story telling against those ideas and trying to also perform as a campus in a way that brings those ideas credible evidence."

What is branding exactly? While it is common to associate a brand with sales, the Manchester brand is more about the experience.

"Branding is, in a sense, about what you're most recognized for," Ochander said. "It's critical for all students, alumni, for faculty, staff and everyone who cares about Manchester to understand how important it is for us to be recognized for the things that

are true about us and that are endearing."

"Because, at the end of the day, let's say at a very practical level, a [first year student] will graduate in three years and go out into the world and look for a job, [they'll] want someone to go 'Oh, Manchester, I know that place. I have these feelings about it, and they're all really positive because they've expressed their brand in a way to me that makes me

feel good about you as a candidate, because you're a part of that too.'

"And, isn't that important?"

The bulk of this work takes place in the upper level of the Administration Building in the "Brand Cave," an artistic child's dream, with paper covering the walls from floor to ceiling. Drawings from volunteers who have helped with the brand coat one wall, while another wall has ideas the university has come up with that either have green or black stickers to show approval or disapproval.

"What you're seeing here is months and months of research with hundreds of people," Ochander said. "We've asked students to get really, really deep into what this place is all about. We have looked at the ugly and the good and everything in there. We look at competition."

A portion of one wall is covered with advertising campaigns of other colleges and universities, while another is covered with drawings of students from different perspectives.

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## Bishop Kevin Rhoades Promotes Faith at VIA

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Speaking to Manchester University students on Feb. 19, Bishop Kevin Rhoades, the bishop of the Catholic Church for South Bend and Fort Wayne, noted that faith and reason are an "important part of the mission of catholic colleges and universities."

Rhoades, who became bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese on Jan. 13, 2010, spoke of a quote by his hero, John Paul II: "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." The quote comes from an encyclical titled "Fides et ratio," or faith and reason. "It's not one or the other; it's both," Rhoades said.

John Paul II wrote this encyclical, according to Rhoades, to reflect upon truth in the face of contemporary skepticism and doubt. Rhoades commented further on a quote by John Paul II, which stated that in this day in age, "many people stumble through life to the very edge of the abyss without knowing where they are going." Here, he noted that John Paul II was reaffirming both the truth of the Christian faith and the capacity of human reason to know truth. "That's why he challenged

philosophy," Rhoades said. "He challenged philosophy to recover and develop its dignity; to recover its original vocation, especially its sapiential dimension as a search for the ultimate and overarching meaning of life."

According to Rhoades, faith and reason both come from God. "They are, therefore, necessarily compatible," Rhoades said. "Faith builds upon, and perfects reason." Rhoades further stated that he believes that we live in what he calls an "age and a culture of a certain skepticism about our ability to know truth." Referring back to Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, Rhoades urged that these two popes challenged different types of skepticism in contemporary culture. "They challenged, for example, moral skepticism; the belief that moral knowledge and moral truth do not exist, or moral truth is not attainable," Rhoades said. He then added: "They also challenged metaphysical skepticism, which is the denial of the possibility of metaphysical knowledge, and also imperial skepticism."

As Rhoades looked out into the crowd, he grasped the podium, and asked some questions raised by John Paul II, which were "fundamental

questions, that transcend diverse cultures, and diverse periods of time," including, "Who am I? Where have I come from? Where am I going? Why is there evil? What is there after this life?"

"These are questions that I believe need to be studied and examined in universities like this," he said. "The answers given to these questions decides the direction which people seem to give to their lives." How the questions are answered affect how one lives, and how decisions are made.

Referring to a quote by Pope Benedict XVI, Rhoades stated, "We are moving towards a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as certain, and has as its highest goal, one's own ego, and one's own desire."

And referring to the current age, in which many scientific and technological advances have been made, Rhoades added, "Both John Paul II and Benedict XVI praised the impressive scientific and technological progress of this age, but at the same time, both pontiffs have been critical of the concurrent neglect of research for the higher truths and the ultimate values."

### UPCOMING VIA PROGRAMS

**Temple Grandin: 2012-2013 MU Innovator of the Year**  
Thursday, March 6 - 3:30 p.m. - Cordier Auditorium

**Harry '35 and Jeanette Henney Lecture**  
**Donna Shalala: Social Security, Medicare and Obamacare; Is Government Getting Too Big?**  
Tuesday, March 11 - 3:30 p.m. - Cordier Auditorium

**Julia Serano, I'll See It When I Believe It: Perception and Gender Entitlement**  
Monday, March 31 - 7 p.m. - Upper Union

# Around Campus

## MU Senior Myers Co-Founds Clothing Co.

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While completing his final semester as an English major, senior Joseph Myers is already putting his love of words to good use. He's running a company that makes t-shirts to promote mental health awareness.

Myers started the company with his friend Lauren Morton, a senior at Indiana University, who had thought of the idea while listening to a lecture to theories about mental resilience in her psychology class. Myers jumped on board with the idea and they got to work on founding their company, Fortitude LLC.

The idea of promoting mental health awareness was huge to Myers, who has dealt with mental illness personally and seen it affect many of his friends. "We want to change the stigma that is attached to mental illness," he said.

The planning stages took a couple months and even coming up with a name was a tough decision. "We spent about six weeks prepping and it took two months to register with the state," Myers said. "We had to design a website and find a developer/producer to partner with for our campaign."

Morton explained the process of coming up with a name that fit their mission. "The name was



**HOLDING DOWN THE FORTITUDE** Manchester Senior Joseph Myers and Indiana University Senior Lauren Morton have founded Fortitude, a company focusing on promoting awareness and well-being regarding mental and emotional health, namely in young adults ages 15–25. Currently, Fortitude is active on Facebook (Fortitude LLC), Twitter (@Fortitudeshirts), Instagram (fortitudeshirts) and their website, where t-shirts can be purchased. ([www.fortitudeshirts.com](http://www.fortitudeshirts.com)).

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something we really agonized over," she said. "We wanted something that was easy to understand at first glance, worked in our designs and fully captured what the message we wanted to send is."

Myers really wanted to make sure their customers had a voice in the company's decisions too. "We didn't want to be just a top-down organization," he said. "We wanted to get our customers' opinion about what type of apparel they wanted and what kind of charities to support. We

want people to respect our brand."

To get their name out there, the two business partners started with a grassroots approach to marketing. Social media is a huge part of that strategy, as the company has a Twitter handle (@Fortitudeshirts), Facebook page (Fortitude LLC) and an Instagram account (fortitudeshirts). They didn't just make them because a majority of companies and people engage with social media, but because it fits in with their approach

to reach their target audience. "We want to target 15–25 year olds," said Myers. "The pressure on them today is huge."

He also talked about the unexpected interest from an older client base. "Moms and 40–50 year old women have really been interested in our company," he explained. "Many of them have seen their own kids struggle with mental illness and want to help others."

Morton echoed her co-founder's comments. "We think that students in

high school, college, and young professionals are all very vulnerable in their mental health and we want to promote mental strength for them specifically," she said. "We've also seen a very supportive audience from women between 40–50, or the mothers of our target audience who have likely seen their children go through some of the things that we mention like anxiety and depression."

Fortitude recently started its first t-shirt campaign with Booster, a fundraising platform owned by

CustomInk. The company is selling t-shirts, chosen through a customer poll on the company's website, fortitudeshirts.com, to their clientele. The campaign started on Feb. 17 and is off to a successful start. "We've sold 35 shirts in the first three days," Myers said with amazement.

While the campaign ends on March 11, Myers wants to find a permanent distributor so that they can expand their apparel line while also looking for a charity to receive the funds. "We'll give the customers what they want," he said. "If they want hoodies in the summer then we'll find a way to get it to them. We eventually want to donate 50 percent of our profits to charity once we have chosen the right partner."

When Myers walks across the graduation stage in May, don't expect him to hand off the reins to someone else. He plans to move to Indianapolis to manage the company with Morton and would like to see it expand and grow. "We want to start a foundation for people with mental illness and give out scholarships," he said.

To order a shirt or to learn more about Fortitude and its mission, go to [fortitudeshirts.com](http://fortitudeshirts.com).

## MU Psychologists To Present at Conference

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Imagine working on a project all year and you are given the opportunity to present your research findings to hundreds of experts in your field. Does this sound a little nerve wracking? For seven psychology students on campus, this is exactly what they will be doing May 1–3 at the 86th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association's (MPA) in Chicago.

To prepare themselves for the upcoming conference, the students presented their research on Monday, Feb. 17 at 4:00 p.m. in room 101 of the Academic Center. The seven students are in Dr. Ashleigh Maceley's Visual Cognition Lab and have been working on the research projects since the fall semester. The three projects are based on the concept of recognition-induced for-

getting across the lifespan. The three lifespans studied were children, college students and older adults.

Jessica Bostic, Travis Adkins, Zabrian Mills and Ashley Kann worked together on their project titled "How Does Recognition-Induced Forgetting in Children Appraise the Instructional Method of Schema Activation?" Their project studied retrieval-induced forgetting in children, which occurs when the practice of remembering one object impairs memory for semantically related objects. They created a visual recognition-induced forgetting paradigm and tested children on visual objects and what they could remember.

Their results suggest that the children had no benefit from practiced objects from non-practiced categories. Building a schema, or background information, before presenting new related infor-

mation may actually hinder memory of that schema. The researchers find this interesting because they believed the results would be opposite of what they found.

"I am very nervous to present a poster at MPA," Adkins said. "It's crazy to think that a group of students from a small private college in a small Indiana town could actually make it to the 'big leagues'."

The application process for students to present their research at MPA involves submitting an abstract about their research, filling out an application form, paying a registration fee and perfecting their final posters. "We basically need to be experts on our topic," Bostic said. MPA does reject some research experiments, so students had to ensure that their project was original and ready to present.

"I have very mixed feelings about attending

the MPA conference, ranging from excitement to nervousness," Bostic said. "I am looking forward to the fun experiences and memories with my fellow colleagues." Her research group will be presenting their findings in front of Robert Bjork, who is the inventor of the paradigm that their study is based on.

Senior psychology major Ted Maldonado worked alone on his project titled "Intrusion Errors in Older Adults Induced by Recognition Practice." Maldonado traveled to various retirement communities in the area to obtain subjects for his project. His results suggest that there is the recognition-induced forgetting effect in older adults and that their ability to reject novel objects in practiced and non-practiced categories was impaired.

"I am nervous because the psychologist who discovered the phenomenon I am studying

will be there, and I have to present to him," Maldonado said. "I am also excited because it is a big conference and there are a lot of opportunities to network with people."

Seniors Joe Hunter and Brandy Leeper are presenting their project titled "Examining the Mechanism Responsible for Recognition-Induced Forgetting." Their project used college students as research subjects.

"I am not very nervous because this will be my fourth presentation at a research conference," Hunter said.

Since the MPA conference is held in Chicago, the students and Dr. Maceley will be staying a few nights in a hotel. The costs add up; however, every student applied and received a travel money grant from Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology.

"It was a great feel-

ing to receive the money," Maldonado commented. "It proves that we have a good project that was worth funding."

Adkins agreed. "I am beyond thrilled to not have to pay for accommodations, registration or fuel costs," he said. "Moral of the story: there is free money out there—go get it."

Each student worked on preparing their travel grant before submitting it to Psi Chi. The application process included three separate writing sections and a letter of recommendation. They also had to be a member of Psi Chi. "I am very excited to learn that I had been awarded a travel grant to cover the costs of the MPA conference," Bostic said.

## Promoting the MU Brand, Cont'd from Page 2

"This is an exercise called stereotypes, and we asked for small groups to stereotype 'what is a student?'," Ochander said. "You get things like 'corn,' that means people come from small towns, or you see the IU (Indiana University) shirt; it says students don't have pride in Manchester, but they like college. The beer here means students drink a lot. Or the helicopter with the little umbilical cord, it shows parents are pretty

attached to their kids and they haven't cut the cord here yet. Those are just things that people have said, not all things are true."

Ochander encourages people to spread the news on how they feel about Manchester. If you see a YouTube video about Manchester and like it, he wants you to share it with your friends. "It's everyone's job to help further our brand," he said.



# Around Campus

# MAGIC

## The Gathering

## MU Students, Faculty Play Popular Card Game

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On Feb. 18, members of the Manchester community gathered in the Union for an evening filled with the likes of gigantic krakens, Lovecraftian monsters, mind-bending mages, pyrotechnic wizards, and even an indestructible flying elk.

For a few hours, the Union was a place of fun and magic. Magic: The Gathering to be precise.

Magic: The Gathering (or Magic for short) is a trading card game created by designer Richard Garfield and released in 1993 by the company Wizards of the Coast. In Magic, players use 60-card (minimum) decks to bring an opponent's life-score from 20 to 0. The last player left with life wins.

However, no two decks are the same. Part of Magic's charm is the wide variety of cards that players have to choose from. There are thousands of cards, and more get added each year through blocks and core sets. The cards are divided into seven types and five colors, which allow for variation within each deck.

People began to arrive at 8:30. The first four began to play a multi-game with everyone playing against everyone else. However, before an hour had passed, their numbers had swelled to 15. By that time, the group had broken into various sized games across multiple tables. Some played classic one-on-one. Others engaged

in multi-player matches. A few took breaks to try and improve their decks for their next games.

Calm chatter,

since the start of the Zen-dikar block, which was my junior year of high school," he said. "I got to Indiana Academy, and I literally

invited me to play and let me use a mono-green deck, and I won with it. It was a lot of fun."

However, this was

cards," she said. "Three weeks later, I got my own deck. Then others were able to join, borrowing their decks and the cycle

For every player, Magic and the meetings serves a different purpose in their life. "I am a physics major, and the homework can be difficult at times," Dixon said. "I need a way to wind down while still keeping my mind sharp, and Magic does that for me."

"It's a good time to hang out with friends and get out of the room," said sophomore English major Caleb Noffsinger.

"It gives me something to do," Joll said. "I get bored really easily, and I don't have a lot of hobbies. It's also a great way to meet friends and it gives me something to talk about besides school."

As of now, the meetings are not an official Manchester club or association. Soon, due to the significant number of Magic players, that may change. "It started as a joke between Caleb and me: get funding from the school to play more Magic," Joll said. "But then we talked with Professor Diesburg and Shanon Fawbush. We still have to talk with everyone about it though."

Anyone wanting to find out more about the Magic meetings on campus may contact Sara Joll at [SJoll2016@spartans.manchester.edu](mailto:SJoll2016@spartans.manchester.edu).

Those wishing to find out more about Magic: The Gathering in general may visit the official website at <http://www.wizards.com/Magic/Summer/>.



**DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC?** Magic: The Gathering has recently spread throughout Manchester's campus. The card game, which has been around since 1993, requires the creation of a deck consisting of anything from spells to monstrous creatures. Manchester students have been congregating, along with Professor Jeff Diesburg, to play and discuss Magic. The group strives to meet once a week in various locations, and welcomes both experienced and inexperienced players of the game.

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sounds of shuffling cards and cheerful laughter permeated the air. All and all, a friendly and calm atmosphere for people tied together by the enjoyment of playing a card game.

Some of the players, like sophomore physics major Ben Dixon, have considerable Magic experience. "I have been playing Magic for five years,

knew no one. A senior pulled me aside and said I'm going to teach you the most addicting thing in your life. He handed me a mono-green elf deck and that was that."

Many, though, are relatively new to the game. "I have been playing for about a month," said sophomore art major Sara Joll. "Ben and his brother Mike

not the Magic players' first meeting. "Basically, it began early this semester, when four of us decided to teach other people we knew how to play, to see if they have fun with it," Dixon said.

One of those people was Joll. "Ben and Mike asked Caleb (Noffsinger) and me to play, letting us borrow their spare

continued. Then, we found out that Professor Diesburg plays and we worked out a schedule where he could join."

The Magic players try to meet once a week, either on Tuesday or Friday. Location varies; on Feb 18, they met in the Union, but they also will meet in Oakwood and other areas on campus.

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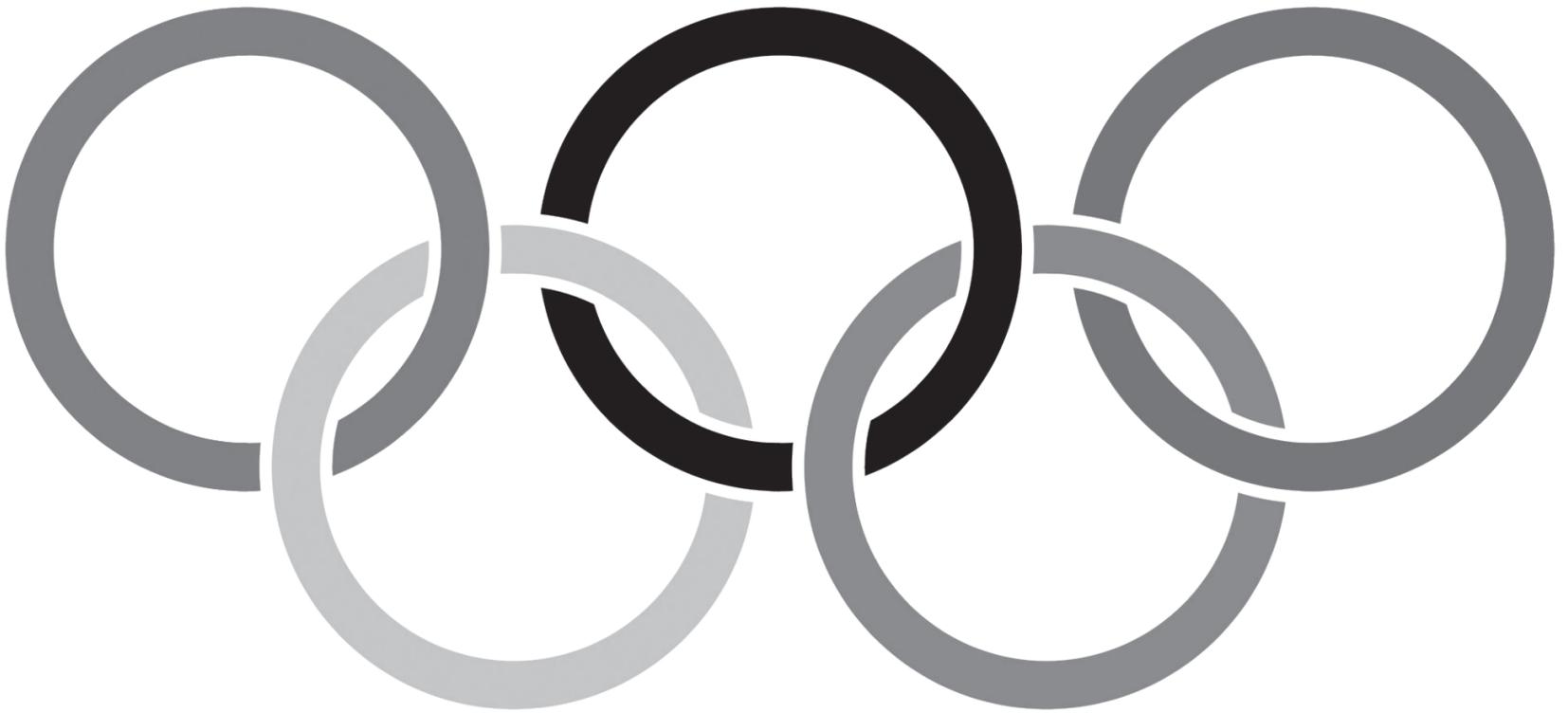


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## MU Students Cheer on Winter Olympians

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The Winter Olympic Games occur every four years and are spread two years apart from the Summer Olympic Games. This year the winter games were held in Sochi, Russia, which is the first time the Russian Federation has hosted the Olympics since the Soviet Union in 1980 when the games were held in Moscow.

There are 15 sports in the Winter Olympic Games and within those there are different events; for example within the snowboarding there is half-pipe men and parallel slalom men, etc.

With so much to watch, MU students were able to select a few favorites. Sophomore Jake Burns really enjoys watch-

ing the Olympians walk in. "My favorite Winter Olympic moment this year was the parade of nations," he said.

Sophomore Clay Curtis appreciates the entertainment. "I really like the excitement of the opening ceremonies," he said.

The skiing events were popular on the Manchester campus. Junior Rissa Loc and Mark Zinser are big fans of them. "I really enjoy sitting down and watching the skiing events," Loc said. "The alpine skiing is really fun to watch."

Zinser likes the half-pipe skiing the best because of the energy. "I have always gotten a kick out of the half-pipe skiing; it is definitely my favorite event," he said.

Many students on

campus have a lot of favorite moments during the Olympics that they thought were really awesome or important, but one really stood out above the rest. "My favorite moment of the Olympic Games is when a kid near my home town brought home the bronze medal," Zinser said. Olympian Nick Goepper won the bronze medal in the men's ski slopestyle. Goepper is from Lawrenceburg, Ind., which is very close to Zinser's hometown of Guilford in southern Indiana.

Sophomore Jacob Smith's favorite Olympic moment was when the Canadian skier Alex Bilodeau celebrated his gold medal with his disabled brother. "That moment was by far my favorite of this Olympic Games," he said. Bilodeau won the freestyle skiing event earlier in the week

and he lifted his brother, Frederic, who has cerebral palsy, over the barrier to share the experience.

Junior Austin Finley followed skier Ted Ligety as he sped down the slopes. "I really enjoy seeing Ted win the gold medal and represent our country," he said. Ligety won the alpine skiing men's giant slalom event to bring home another gold medal for the Americans.

First-year Zac Lucas is a big fan of hockey when it comes to the Winter Olympic Games. "I really like watching hockey when it comes time for the Olympics," he said. His favorite moment also comes from hockey. "I really enjoyed watching the U.S. men play and it was so cool to watch them play a competitive game against the Canadians, but then

fall short 1-0," Lucas said. The U.S. men lost to Canada 1-0, which put them in the bronze medal game instead of the gold medal game. U.S.A. ended up getting fourth while the Canadian team won the gold.

The Canadian women also took home a gold medal in hockey, defeating the U.S.A. in a sudden-death overtime.

Sophomore Jordan Lett gets a kick out of the curling event because of its peculiarity for American audiences. "I really like watching curling; it is something different and not really a commonly known Olympic sport," he said. He also liked watching the Jamaican National Bobsledding team. "They were fun to watch," he said.

The Olympic games are an exciting time

for a lot of people because they like the competition and learning about the different events. The next Olympic Games to get excited about is the Summer Olympics, which will happen in 2016 in Rio De Janeiro, which is the second largest city in Brazil.



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### January Athletic Training Student of the Month



**Jacob Meyer**

**Hometown:** Highland, IN  
**Future Plans:** Accepted a graduate assistantship at GVSU with the softball team, pursuing a Master's Degree in Higher Education  
**Campus Activities:** MUATC Treasurer  
**Current Preceptor Assignment:** Track and Field

### 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics Final Medal Standings

Pl.	Country	G	S	B	Total
1	Russia	13	11	9	33
2	Norway	11	5	10	26
3	Canada	10	10	5	25
4	United States	9	7	12	28
5	Netherlands	8	7	9	24
6	Germany	8	6	5	19
7	Switzerland	6	3	2	11
8	Belarus	5	0	1	6
9	Austria	4	8	5	17
10	France	4	4	7	15
11	Poland	4	1	1	6
12	China	3	4	2	9
13	South Korea	3	3	2	8
14	Sweden	2	7	6	15
15	Czech Republic	2	4	2	8
16	Slovenia	2	2	4	8
17	Japan	1	4	3	8
18	Finland	1	3	1	5
19	Great Britain	1	1	2	4
20	Ukraine	1	0	1	2

### January Athletic Training Student of the Month



**Maureen Lund**

**Hometown:** Huntington, IN  
**Future Plans:** Attend graduate school for Athletic Training or Physical Therapy School  
**Campus Activities:** MUATC Secretary, Student Orientation Leader  
**Current Preceptor Assignment:** Wrestling

# Spartan Sports

## Lady Spartans Clinch HCAC Tournament Berth

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Staff Writer

Manchester University's women's basketball team is not ready to hang up their jerseys just yet. The team has had a very successful season (13-12), qualifying for a place in the conference tournament.

Defense has been a vital component to the team's success. It began strong at the start of the season; then, at the mid-way point, the team moved towards a more offensively minded strategy. After a brief identity crisis, players realized that defense really is where they thrive. A 4-game winning streak (against Mt. St. Joseph, Anderson, Rose-Hulman, and Bluffton) provided encouragement and motivation to keep working hard; on average, the Spartans held these teams into the 40s due to defensive competition.

Both the players and Coach Josh Dzurick have high expectations for the end of this season. "We are expecting to head into the conference tournament with a lot of confidence that we can play with and beat every team as long as we play hard and execute," said sophomore guard Kelcey Daugherty.

Dzurick fully believes in his players, mentioning strengths such as team chemistry and the speed at which they recu-

perate when things don't go quite as planned. "There's no quit in this group," he said.

Losses happen, of course, but Dzurick praises the team for its reaction to them. "Give them 24 hours and they will come back focused," he said. "Sometimes you put a lot into things and you don't always get the results you want," he added. However, he recognizes that losses are a fact of life and it is essential to be able to bounce back and keep going.

The players have different ideas about how to keep motivation up. "We are trying to keep up the energy by playing hard every play, whether it is practice or a game," Daugherty said. "If one person works hard, it spreads the energy around, which is what we need as we head into our conference tournament."

Junior guard Alyssa Smith agreed. "We are just trying to keep ourselves focused and take it game by game," she said. "We've worked really hard all season preparing for the tournament, and I think we're all really excited to see what we can do."

A key to being successful is being determined and truly wanting to be the best; the players think that they have these qualities. "I think we deserve to win it all because of the effort we have put into this season," said first-year guard

Jenifer Lee. "Along with the effort comes hard work and dedication. We don't plan on giving up until that last buzzer sounds!" she added.

Daugherty agrees. "Our team works extremely hard," she said. "We are constantly giving our best effort both on and off the court."

The season will soon come to an end, but many long-lasting memories were made since the beginning. Smith enjoyed the satisfaction of over-throwing challenging competition. "One of the highlights this season for me was beating Franklin at their place," she said. "After a tough home loss to them earlier in the season, it was so exciting to beat them at Franklin!"

First-year Jenifer Lee liked some of the adventures accompanying away games. "The highlight of the season was being able to go to Chicago for the weekend," she said. "We went up on a Friday night and explored downtown, went shopping and visited the Bean. Then on Saturday we had a basketball game against the University of Chicago!"

Daugherty liked the chance to bond with all of her teammates for the last four months. "We are all so close and it makes the ups and downs that basketball brings a lot easier when you are surrounded with



**SENIOR DAY** Junior guard Jocelyn Hamilton embraces senior forward Erynn Meiklejohn during Senior Day festivities at Stauffer-Wolfe Arena in the PERC on Saturday, Feb. 22. Although the Spartans fell that day to Hanover 76-79, the team still clinched a berth into the HCAC Tournament at Transylvania this weekend. Tonight, Manchester will face Bluffton at 6 p.m. in the tournament's opening round.

Photo by Savannah Riley

good people," she said.

The fifth-seeded Spartans will play tonight

at Transylvania University's Beck Center in Lexington, KY. They will play against

fourth-seeded Bluffton University at 6 p.m.

## Men's Basketball Reflects on 2013-14 Season



**FADEAWAY** First-year guard Blake Brouwer attempts a jump shot during Manchester's regular season finale at home against Hanover on Saturday, Feb. 22. Hanover prevailed in the contest, defeating the Spartans 80-71. Manchester finished the season with an overall record of 5-20 and a conference record of 4-14. Although the Spartans lost to Butler by a large margin back on Dec. 9, several players felt that playing against a Division I opponent in historical Hinkle Fieldhouse was the most memorable moment of the season.

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Alexah Parnin  
Staff Writer

MU men's basketball pulls to a rough close this season with high hopes for next year.

Coach Brad Nadborne reflected on the team's strengths from the season. "We shoot great free throws," he said. "It's a great attribute to have as a basketball team."

Sophomore Keith Berry said: "We pushed

each other until we got better. On top of that we're like family."

Sophomore Jarod Schrock added: "We all get along and have fun."

This season, the team met with three Division I teams and endured losses. Although they lost, the games were a learning experience for the team.

"My most memorable moment is playing at Butler University," Berry said. "Even though we

lost, it was a great experience because I think we were the only D3 team to play there this year. I think anyone would kill to play there."

Schrock said: "It was like playing in a dream. Growing up all I ever wanted to do was play for a team like Indiana or a Division I school. When I was outside in the driveway shooting around, at the gym, wherever, in my mind I always put on the IU jer-

sey and was the star player every game and commented the game, interpreted the crowd noise, and the attention. When we played Butler, those things were real.

"It just makes you feel like what you've done up until that point was worth it," he added. "Every second you spent dreaming or working on playing at that level. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and I am thank-

ful for that moment and always will be."

Although the team lost 41-100, Nadborne also expressed sentiment for their game, which was played on national television, at Butler. "It was one of basketball's moments in MU history," he said. "It was a prideful moment for all people associated with Manchester."

The team's win at Franklin, 67-65, was another memorable moment for Nadborne. "[The team] showed a lot of resiliency," he said. "Every time they made a run at us, we had an answer. It's a hard place to win."

"It was a glimpse of what kind of basketball team we can become," he added, "because we have everyone returning next year."

A major challenge for the team this season was that many key players suffered injuries; however, some good did come out of it. "Some younger guys got

more experience for next year," Schrock said.

Nadborne said: "This year was a building year. We're looking to get everyone healthy. The youth have become experienced."

"We took steps in the right direction to becoming a good team next year," he added.

The team ended the season with a record of 5-20. As Nadborne said: "Not-enough to too-many."

Berry said: "It seemed like we couldn't get momentum to get wins. We played hard but we couldn't come up with the W."

Although they did not take away as many wins as they would have liked, the team is looking forward to make a better season next year.

"We are young and have a future ahead of us," Schrock said. "The guys know what our goals are, and everyone will work hard to achieve them."

### Spartan Sports - Weekend Events

Friday, Feb. 28

#### Women's Basketball

vs. Bluffton @ HCAC Tournament, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 1

#### Wrestling

at NCAA Division III Midwest Regional, 9 a.m.

#### Softball

vs. Spalding @ Centre, 2 p.m.

at Centre, 4 p.m.

#### Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field

at Fred Wilt Invitational, 3 p.m.

#### Baseball

vs. Manhattanville @ Myrtle Beach, SC, 3 p.m.

vs. Manhattanville @ Myrtle Beach, SC, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 2

#### Softball

at Centre, 11 a.m.

vs. Spalding @ Centre, 1 p.m.

#### Baseball

vs. Staten Island @ Myrtle Beach, SC, 12 p.m.

vs. Wilkes @ Myrtle Beach, SC, 3 p.m.