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Students Dine 'Properly' at 'Etiquette Dinner'

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While many students may have spent this past Sunday scrambling for a can of soup, microwaving leftovers or venturing out to eat with friends, others attended an "Etiquette Dinner" in the Upper Union. Attendees spent a few more hours that evening in their "Sunday best," as they were taught the ins and outs of proper dining etiquette.

The evening began with a room full of students in full business attire mingling over mocktails and nibbling on appetizers. Unknowingly, they were under the careful watch of Dr. John C. Niser, chair of consumer and family sciences at IPFW. He observed how the students held their napkins (or if they even took one) and whether they ate with their right hand, the one meant to be free for a handshake. He explained that most connections are formed during the cocktail of a formal dinner when business cards are exchanged.

Niser began the evening with a few rules to think about before going out, such as eating before leaving and dressing properly. Since many formal dinners are about



"DINNER IS SERVED" On Sunday, March 2, the Upper Union hosted an "Etiquette Dinner," where attendees wore professional clothing and were taught proper manners for formal dining. At the event, attendees mingled over mocktails and treated themselves to appetizers. Throughout the evening, Dr. John C. Niser, chair of consumer and family sciences at IPFW, taught students many valuable rules and tips for formal dinners, such as dressing in appropriate attire and eating beforehand in order to focus on the business aspect of a professional dinner.

Photo by Savannah Riley

business, it is important to present yourself favorably to the others in the room and not show up so hungry that it's hard to think straight.

"A formal dinner is not about the food," he said. "There was clearly an effort from the students to impress and present them-

selves very properly and I've been to a lot of events like this where dress has been a little casual. They clearly were very attentive to what's happening."

After the mocktails, students found their way into the fully set dining area for their salads. Niser explained every detail so

students would know how to properly act, including which direction to lay their napkin on their lap. The rules for the food itself seemed easier to remember.

"If you don't like it, eat it anyway," Niser said. "People don't like picky people, and if you're picky

about the food they've bought or prepared for you, you may be too picky for their business. If you have a medical or religious issue, speak with the head waiter before you sit down." Since there may be limited options, it's better to give a head notice so the kitchen can prepare a separate

dish without making your table wait on your food.

Throughout the evening, Niser stressed some advice his mother gave him growing up: "If you don't know what to do, always do what is more inconvenient for you and more convenient for others," and, "The backrest of the chair is purely there for decoration!"

The salt and pepper on the table also play a role in decoration. Using the salt or pepper is not only an insult to the chef, but has a history to it as well. Salt used to be taxed, and by using someone's salt, you were essentially reaching into their wallet and sprinkling money onto your green beans.

While the night also went into how to hold a fork and eat the bread, Niser believes the detail isn't what makes the etiquette. "What I think is important that the students get out of this is not only the detail, but the sensitivity to the social situation," he said. "They're going to be flung into situations that we can't predict, we all get this in life, this 'what do I do now'? I want them to remember less convenient for myself, more convenient for others, and to honor the situation."

MU Class Travels to Italy, Studies History

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Upon entering Professor Mark Angelos' office, you will likely be greeted with a firm, but friendly, handshake and be shown a beautiful slideshow of pictures, taken with his skillful smartphone, from his recent trip to Italy.

Angelos has been taking students to Europe for 13 consecutive sessions. This past January, they went to Italy.

"I go somewhere different each year," Angelos said. "Partly because it's fun, and partly because students can take the class more than once."

The course is called Comparative Civilizations, and Angelos explained that it has been on the books since Manchester started January Session trips. "First, we compare within the country, identifying how different the regions are," Angelos said. "Secondly, we compare to what we already know."

Although the group who went this year was the smallest Angelos has ever had, he also described it as being one of the best. "They were all friends," he said. "They never complained and they stayed upbeat. I love Italy and I'm really super glad that the folks I took seemed to love it, too."

Sarah Ruff, a senior accounting major, also had good things to say about the group. "Our group was lucky and got along very well," she said. "We had our smaller groups, but we all enjoyed

being around each other."

Sophomore Jake Burns, a political science major, said: "While in Italy, the entire group became one huge Italian family."

Susan Purdy. "I met some pretty incredible people, and I am so truly grateful for that."

The group had many opportunities to bond

pretty sure we all became a little closer because of it."

Arguijo also noted the winery as something he will never forget. "I learned tons of interesting

joyed each and every city, of course they all had a favorite. Florence seemed to be a big hit. "The overall atmosphere was amazing in the city," said junior

I liked to be rested so that I was not exhausted and irritable during our tours. You also needed to be well rested because we would be out all day long walking on tours or throughout the cities."

Ruff agreed that the most challenging part was the traveling. "We moved cities about every two days," she said. "So we were always packing and unpacking, riding in a bus, and getting familiar with a new city. It was a lot to take in at a very quick pace."

Despite the difficulty of moving around the country at quickly, the group enjoyed the trip and was happy to go. Purdy encourages others to take up an opportunity to visit another country. "Everyone should travel," she said. "There is so much rich history and culture that should be experienced and explored."

"I made some lasting friendships with people that I most likely otherwise wouldn't have come into contact with," she added. "There are so many memories from this trip that I will indefinitely hold onto."

While Angelos talked great about this group, the group also highly praised Angelos and his trips. "Professor Angelos is a great professor to travel with," Knight said. "This trip was a lot for your money."



HANGING OUT AT THE VATICAN Students in Professor Angelos' "Comparative Civilizations" class pose in front of St. Peter's Basilica during a visit to Vatican City. For 13 consecutive January sessions, Angelos has taken students to different countries throughout Europe, which gives students an opportunity to take the class more than once. This year, the class traveled to Italy and visited five major cities: Milan, Florence, Venice, Assisi and Rome. While overseas, the students on the trip created lasting bonds and memories.

Photo courtesy of Professor Angelos

Senior tennis player Miro Arguijo explained that there were four tennis players on the trip, as well as some other students with whom he had attended high school. However, some of the students did not have as many connections with the others before the trip. "It was great that I didn't know hardly anyone before the trip," said senior biology-chemistry major

over the trip. Ruff described one particular time. "The most memorable moment I have from the trip was the bus ride back to our hotel after visiting a winery in San Gimignano," she said. "The song 'Wake Me Up' by Avicii was playing and everyone on the bus was singing. Our bus driver even gave us a personal light show. It was an awesome experience, and I'm

things, but the most fun thing was how to correctly taste wine," he said.

The group traveled to five major cities: Milan, Florence, Venice, Assisi and Rome. Senior Erin Knight, a religion and history major, explained that they also went to smaller cities. "They made us feel more in touch with Italy," she said.

While they en-

history major Joleen Erb-Abplanalp. "Along with the diverse history, this is the city that a lot of us bonded in."

Since the group did a lot of traveling, a challenge during the trip was lack of sleep. "You know that the trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so you want to get as much out of the trip as you can," Knight said. "But, at the same time,

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MU Career Services Hosts Internship Fair

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Career Services has a full schedule on tap for the spring 2014 Semester, including career fairs and internship opportunities.

At the internship fair held on Feb. 19 in the Upper Union, over 30 companies attended, ranging from the Bowen Center in Warsaw to the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. "I spoke to the Museum of Art in Fort Wayne about a history internship this summer," said student Haley Steinhilber. "The people I spoke to there were very helpful and supportive," she added.

Another student who attended the career fair was Heather DeLorenzo, a biology and environmental studies major. At the career fair, DeLorenzo spoke with the Muncie Bureau of Water Quality. "I ended up getting an interview with them after I submitted my application at the career fair," DeLorenzo said. She also thought highly of the career fair. "I thought it was very well organized and it was very helpful for students seeking summer internships or just to find out some information for future possibilities."

A lot of students dressed up for the Feb. 19

career fair, according to Leticia Kalita, assistant director of internships at Career Services. "Everybody looked nice, neat and professional," she said. "We always encourage professional dress because it is important to make a good first impression on your employer, and if you're dressed nice and dressed professionally, then they are impressed as well."

Also at the career fair, the Accounting and Business Club took LinkedIn pictures for students who wanted to create an account.

If students dressed up for the career fair, they received a stylus pen as a prize upon entry. There were also door prizes. "If you came to the fair, you could enter a drawing," Kalita said. "We gave away things such as Sisters' Café cards and gas cards."

Kalita encourages students to take advantage of the opportunities given by the career fairs held at Manchester. "I would always encourage students to check it out, and take advantage of the opportunity," Kalita said. "Even if you are not a hundred percent sure that the job you want will be there, it is wonderful networking. You can go there, meet an employer, shake hands, and they may have

an opportunity that you don't already know about. It may not be advertised on a website, but you can go there and meet with them, and you may find out about a job or internship that you didn't even know existed that could be the perfect fit for you."

This summer, many students will be embarking on internships. As Kalita points out, many of these internships are shared-funded internships. "We partner with employers to provide \$4,000 dollar internships for students who will work 400 hours over the summer," Kalita said. "This year, we are partnering with the Bowen Center, the Nobel County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Our Sunday Visitor."

Another form of internship experience offered by the career services department is through non-profit internship experience awards. Like the shared-funded internships, non-profit internship experience awards provides \$4,000 dollars for 400 hours of work. "When students apply, it usually entails an essay or a reference letter," Kalita stated. "For those, students get to pick a non-profit of their choice in the state of Indiana; so if they are awarded, it may be a



JOB OPPORTUNITIES Manchester University will be co-sponsoring the NICE Career Fair at the Gates Sports Center in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, April 15. Recently, Career Services hosted an Internship Fair on Feb. 19, where over 30 potential employers attended and spoke with students regarding internship opportunities. *Photo by Andrew Ellam*

little easier to approach an employer and say, 'I have the funding, do you have a position that fits my skill set?' or, 'can I benefit your company in some way?'"

MU will co-sponsor the NICE career fair on April 15, at the Gates Sports Center on the campus of IPFW in Fort Wayne. "We get invited to a num-

ber of career fairs around the state, some for special niches or majors, so people can always check those out too," she added.

Students Participate in 'March of Solidarity'

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On Feb. 28, students united in a March of Solidarity. The event, sponsored by the Black Student Union, pays homage to the 1963 "Great March on Washington," when thousands of people from across the country gathered in Washington, D.C., to protest for civil and economic equality in the United States.

Students began to assemble in the Multi-Cultural Center around 4:30 p.m. Those present watched a video presentation about The March on Washington, which helped to inspire them before the march. All the while, using markers and poster-board, students created signs with slogans such as "Sing Your Song", "We Demand Voting Rights Now" and "We Demand Equal Rights Now", which were reminiscent of the protest signs wielded by members of the original Washington, D.C., gathering.

By 5 p.m., everything was ready. Six people had agreed to participate: Daijah Asumang, Vivien Carter, Sha' Howard, Caniece Leggett, Aliyah Johnson and Joseph Myers.

Each person grabbed a poster, and, enduring the freezing temperatures started to march down College Avenue toward East Hall, singing "We Shall Overcome," a song now closely associ-

ated with the civil rights movement.

The March of Solidarity continued up East Street, until everyone was at the front doors of the Union. A brief stop allowed the marchers to plan the next step. Soon the group walked into the lower Union. The room quickly and politely became silent as Howard, president of Black Student Union, explained the purpose of the March of Solidarity and the history of the event that inspired it. Afterwards, the group of "protesters" turned around and left, the sound of applause from the Union diners ringing in their ears.

For Myers, the whole event struck a mental chord. "During the march I was deep in thought," he said. "I began thinking about the civil rights movement and what rights they were fighting for then, and how we are still dealing with those same issues to this day. Sure, laws mandate de segregation and for the most part you can leave your house and not fear for your life. However, discrimination, profiling and hatred are still just as big now as they were then."

However, Myers still retains some positivity for the present. "I want to have hope for our people," he said. "And I believe with this new generation we are on the right track, but being a victim of discrimination and profiling as recently as last week, I began to ques-

tion if we will truly ever overcome and get to the point where everyone is treated equal."

Howard concurred. "Things may not be perfect," she said. "But we have come a long way."

During the Great March on Washington, 200,000 people headed into Washington, D.C., on Aug. 27. It remains one of the largest protest gatherings in United States history.

However, the most memorable event occurred the following day. On Aug. 28, Martin Luther King Jr. stood in front of the Lincoln Memorial and delivered his now immortal speech, "I Have a Dream."

Many historians credit the March on Washington as directly impacting the success of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, an act which made any segregation based on religion, race, gender, or nationality illegal.

According to their Manchester web page, the Black Student Union is an association that focuses on "promoting unity throughout the African-American community as well as spreading unity among students of other cultures at Manchester." The BSU have weekly meetings every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Intercultural Center. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING VIA PROGRAMS

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

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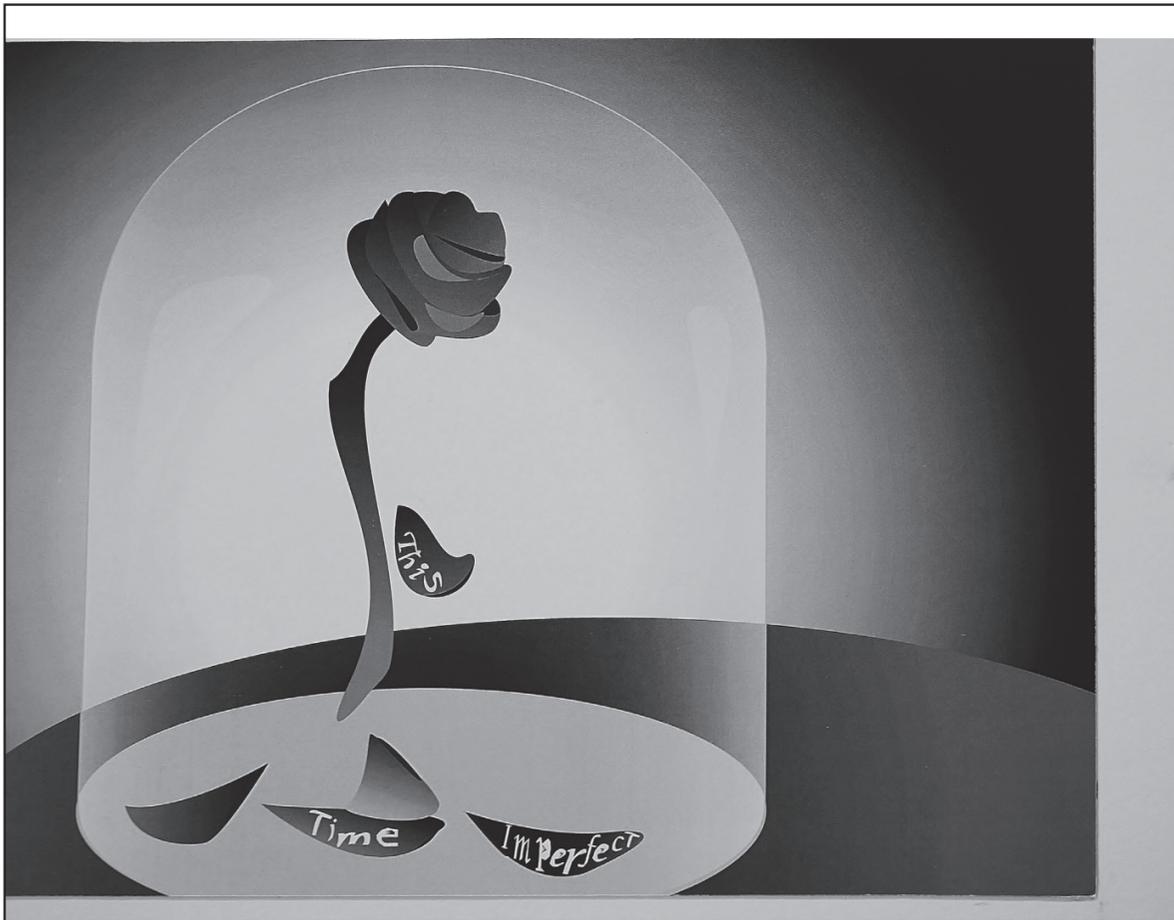
MU Student Birnell Hosts Senior Art Exhibit

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Staff Writer

You can see it waiting ominously from across the mall; its large mouth open, ready to devour anything it can reach. It's senior Abigail (Abby) Birnell's massive painting of a great white shark that hangs in Link Gallery. Birnell's month-long exhibit in Link started with her reception on Friday, Feb. 14, and will end on March 14, the day before many students leave for spring break.

Birnell is the first of five seniors who will host art exhibitions on campus from now until the end of the spring semester. Next on the list is Jason Pedigo, whose exhibit will be in the library shortly. Kyle Riege will follow Birnell in Link with his reception on March 27. Sara Bush will follow Pedigo in the library, and Felicia Nichols will finish the exhibitions in Corridor near the time of graduation.

Birnell's show consists of many years' worth of works. "The show contains most of my work that I found valuable of putting in the show from my first year to now," Birnell said. "They are not all from classwork that I have done; they can be some that I did for fun." In choosing works, her determining factor was what she thought of it. "I guess it is what I like and what I think other people would like," Birnell said. "If I am embarrassed by something, I am not going to put it in. It has to be finished work, of course, so most



ART ON DISPLAY The piece of art pictured above is currently on display in Link Gallery, along with several other pieces made by senior art major Abigail Birnell. Currently, she is hosting her month-long senior art exhibit, which ends on March 14. Following Birnell's exhibit in Link Gallery will be Kyle Riege's reception on March 27. Additionally, seniors Sara Bush, Felicia Nichols and Jason Pedigo will also host exhibits this semester.

Photo by Savannah Riley

of these are pieces that I have finished completely and I love."

The show consists of many works. It is truly a mixed medium show, featuring anything from oil painting to colored pencil to terra cotta.

There is even a velociraptor. That's right, a black and pink velociraptor. Why build a velociraptor? "Why not," Birnell responded, adding, "Who does not

want a velociraptor?"

The velociraptor has not been without "his" troubles. "He is a project I've been working on from the start of summer all the way up 'til January," Birnell said. "He was complicated. I do not do sculpture often and I decided to do this random thing. He's pretty much all recycled things. I think the only thing I bought for him was paint and the eyes, which are

buttons." Birnell estimates the velociraptor took 100 hours' worth of work.

One of the most eye-catching pieces is Birnell's painting "Davey." It is a depiction of Davey Havok, the singer from her favorite band, AFI, in a hot-pink range of colors. The combination of Havok and hot pink are two of Birnell's favorite things.

While Birnell does not have a favorite work,

the crowd favorite seems to be her gargantuan oil painting of a great white shark mid-bite. "Everybody loves the shark," she said. "He is the newest piece. I finished him a week before this went up." Why a big shark? For the same reason as the velociraptor. "I just wanted one, so why not?" said Birnell with a smile.

Also like the velociraptor, the shark was

not without his problems. "He took me forever," she said. "I would go up every day for about three hours and just paint. I did that for about a month and a half every day." Because the shark is an oil painting, it took a long time to dry. "He didn't officially dry until about two days ago [Feb. 26], and he's still not dry," Birnell said, adding, "Blake Woodward [junior art major] ruined his shirt moving it."

Birnell has already had success as an artist, having been commissioned to design t-shirts for her brother's fire department and the Manchester Ultimate team. Her favorite medium is pencil, because, it, as she says, "is easier to handle."

Art will prove to be a significant part of Birnell's post-college plans. She plans to stay in the area for a while. "I am the children's program coordinator at the library in town, so I will be doing that and earning a master's in library science," she said. "After that, I plan on going to grad school and my dream in life is to earn a doctorate in art history." Contrary to the stereotype, Birnell knows exactly what she will do with her degree. "I want to be an art librarian at museums." Future museums will have to be wary of oversized sharks and pink velociraptors.

Shively's Bookshelves Find, Create Homes

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Bookshelves. Every dorm room comes with one. It could be used to organize your collection of Hitchcock films, or to show off your newest Call of Duty. You might be using it to hide a scary textbook; or, just maybe, it's the home to your favorite Dickens novel. Oftentimes, bookcases are thought to make bookshelves feel more at home; but what if those shelves help people feel at home, too?

For some Manchester University professors, the nearly 35-year-old hand-crafted bookshelves that line their office walls help to do just that.

Originally built for faculty in the Administration Building, these bookshelves now reside in many offices within the new Academic Center. On Feb. 27, Roger Shively, a retired member of the then-Manchester College maintenance crew and the carpenter responsible for the beautifully crafted bookshelves, was given a tour of their new office homes, which he had not yet seen, and honored in a reception for his work.

The well-attended reception, organized by Professors Brad Yoder and Beate Gilliar, was held in the Modern Languages department lounge where many of Shively's bookshelves have found, as well as helped to create, a home. Many professors from numerous departments were present, if only



WOODWORK Retired Manchester carpenter Roger Shively built the bookshelves pictured above, as well as many others in faculty offices, nearly 35 years ago. The shelves, which were originally crafted for faculty offices in the Administration Building, were moved by some faculty and students to their new homes in the Academic Center in summer 2012. Rather than use the gray metal units, some professors opted to preserve Shively's hand-crafted bookshelves. Shively, who worked as a maintenance crew member and a carpenter, was honored in a reception on Feb. 27. *Photo by David Lloyd*

to make their appreciation known for Shively's hard work and lasting carpentry.

Shively, who is a father, a former farmer and conscientious objector, and current IU basketball fan, found an interest and skill in woodworking while owning a cabinet shop along with his brother, Noah, where they built and sold furniture around the North Manchester area. Additionally, the two began working at Manchester in the early 1970's. "I started under the title of 'Structural Maintenance,'" said Shively with a smile. "That included building, repairing,

anything you can think of. What needed to be done, we did."

And what were needed in 1979 were bookshelves. Looking back, Shively laughed and seemed a little surprised at the number of bookshelves he made. "I can hardly believe I built so many," he said.

Brad Yoder does. "I remember being around the office during the summer while he was building the bookshelves," said Yoder, professor of sociology and social work, who had begun working at Manchester a year earlier un-

der Shively's nephew, Professor James Shively, who was head of the Social Sciences department at the time. "I was inspired by the work that he did, and I feel a personal attachment to these bookshelves."

So when it came time to make the move to the Academic Center, Yoder wanted to make sure that the bookshelves came as well. "Faculty members had the opportunity to walk through the new building prior to its opening, and many of us decided that wood would be more friendly than metal," Yoder said. "I asked around

to find out who wanted shelves in their office and was met with a lot of enthusiasm. We walked over to each office and measured to decide which bookcase would fit where. There were bookshelves of all different widths, and they came in two different stains, so we measured where each could fit with both size and color."

But the move did not come without its complications, and at some points during the process, Manchester University Administration was opposed to moving old furniture from the Administration

Building to the new Academic Center, including the bookshelves. Rather than using the wooden shelves built by Shively, professors were expected to use only the gray metal units to maintain uniformity throughout the building.

"Leading up to the day, I had apprehension whether it could actually happen," said Yoder of the planned bookshelf-moving day. Eventually though, through negotiation, the Administration opted to support the transportation, which the faculty carried out on their own, with the help of a few strong students.

"Roger was a long-time and dedicated employee," said Dr. Mark Huntington, associate dean for Academic Affairs. "We're glad that the fruits of his labor are enjoyed."

Dean Glenn Sharfman agreed. "We are happy to see that Roger Shively's bookshelves are being enjoyed," he said.

For the faculty involved, the Saturday spent moving bookshelves remains one to remember. "Moving these shelves over was one of my best days at Manchester," said English professor Jonathan Watson. "There was a lot of fellowship and camaraderie felt that day."

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Around Campus

Former U.S. Secretary of Health to Speak at MU

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Do you think the government is becoming “too big”? Do you want to know what Obamacare will do to your health insurance and what it means for Social Security and Medicare? If so, come to the Harry '35 and Jeanette Henney Lecture on Tuesday, March 11, at 3:30 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium to hear Donna Shalala, former United States Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), address these issues.

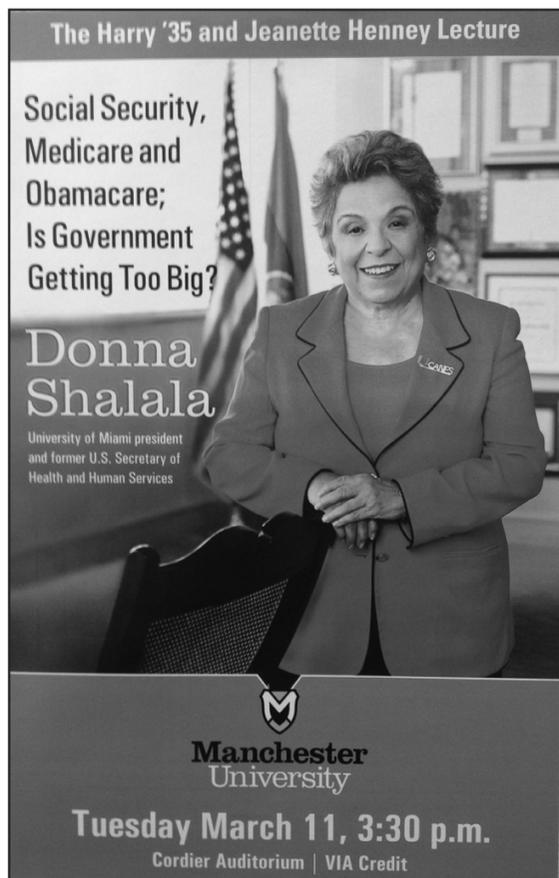
Shalala has faced questions about government head-on for many years, including when she served President Bill Clinton as secretary of HHS. She was seen as “too liberal” by critics and the Washington Post called her “one of the most controversial Clinton Cabinet nominees.” She fought for more funding for AIDS research, the National Institutes of Health and for welfare reform, while also pushing anti-drug and tobacco campaigns.

She directed the

welfare reform process, made health insurance available to an estimated 3.3 million children, raised child immunization rates to the highest levels in history, led major reforms of the FDA's drug approval process and food safety system and directed a major management and policy reform of Medicare. After her term, The Washington Post called her “one of the most successful government managers of modern times.”

Shalala has had a long and successful career in many different roles. Graduating from Western College for Women in 1962 (now Miami University in Ohio), she joined the newly formed Peace Corps and volunteered in Iran until 1964. She then received her Doctorate's degree from Syracuse University in 1970.

Afterwards, she served as a tenured professor at Columbia University, the City University of New York, Hunter College and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, teaching political science throughout the 1970s and



HENNEY LECTURE Donna Shalala, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, will speak to students about government-related issues at the upcoming Harry '35 and Jeanette Henney Lecture. *Photo by Andrew Ellam*

80s. Her first role in public administration came in

1977 when she served as the Assistant Secretary for

Policy Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the administration of President Jimmy Carter.

Shalala became president of Hunter College in 1980 and served until 1988. Then she became chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and served until 1993, when she was appointed as the U.S. Secretary of HHS by President Bill Clinton. She served for eight years, making her the longest serving HHS secretary in history. She was in charge of programs such as Social Security and Medicare, and managed a budget of \$600 million. She also dealt with other controversial issues while leading the HHS including: Head Start programs, AIDS, medical privacy and biomedical research, making her the perfect choice to come speak about these issues.

In 2001, Shalala was named president of the University of Miami and during her tenure has raised more than \$1 bil-

lion for the university's endowment, academic and research programs and facilities. She was named co-head of the “President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors” by President George W. Bush in 2007. President Bush also awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award, in 2008.

The Harry '35 and Jeanette Henney Lecture was established by Dr. Jane E. Henney, a 1969 graduate of Manchester and former member of its Board of Trustees, to honor her parents.

Beena Sebastian Presents at VIA on Campus

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On Monday, Feb. 24, non-violence activist Beena Sebastian spoke at Manchester University in a VIA presentation. Manchester brought Sebastian to campus with the help of Associate Professor of Philosophy and Peace Studies Katy Gray Brown. “Deanna Brown, who at one time worked at Manchester as campus pastor, organized a speaking tour for Beena through Cultural Connections, an organization Deanna directs,” Gray Brown said.

Sebastian's presentation began with a clip from the film “Girl Rising,” which portrayed the stories of several girls across the world and the power that education can have on them. Two of the girls, one from Port au Prince, Haiti, and the other from Bardiya, Nepal, shared stories of

the hardships they dealt with, mostly having to do with their inability to go to school. A quote in the film said, “Money is a cursed thing. Only a cursed thing could keep her out of school,” expressing the importance an education has in a girl's life.

After the film, Sebastian shared a quote from the Holy Scripture of Hinduism: “Lead me from untruth to truth, from darkness to light, from mortality to life...” She then expressed how society can better itself to move forward and become more than it thought possible, despite the oppression that so many people face daily.

Her speech spotlighted the many instances of inequality against females in India and other Asian countries, not only in their inability to attend school. The constitution of India says, “equal rights

and equal opportunity for every citizen of the country.” However, Sebastian discussed a number of examples to prove this statement incorrect. “Women are getting a much lower salary wage than men for doing an equal job,” she said. “61.6 percent of women in our society are facing physical and emotional torture.”

Along with this, women are simply unsafe. Many have to walk home through dark streets and pathways after work, where they face the risk of being abducted or worse. The chance of rape in police custody and harassment in the workplace further proves the danger women must protect themselves from. Sebastian works with an organization that can help.

“Established in 1984, the Cultural Academy for Peace brings together peace activists,

educators, and communicators,” Sebastian said. “We are trying to bring a social and just society to Asian countries.” This non-governmental organization (NGO) also runs a shelter where women can go to feel safe. The shelter, named “Sakhi,” which means “friend,” allows women and young girls a chance to talk about the heartaches and struggles in their lives. It is open to everyone, from victims of violence to abandoned pregnant women. There are opportunities for everyone to take advantage of, including counseling, rehabilitation, outreach, spiritual healing, creative problem solving, premarital counselling, capacity building programs, gender training, life skill education for adolescent girls and much more.

Sophomore Katie Skeen, a strong supporter of women's rights,

was particularly interested in attending this VIA to learn about Sebastian and her organization. Skeen supports a similar women's rights organization called Half the Sky. Their goal is to raise awareness about women who are oppressed. “I went in not knowing what to expect,” she said. “I was impressed; I think it has been one the best VIAs on campus.” Skeen also appreciated the stress Sebastian put on education. “Education is our most powerful weapon,” she said.

The end of the clip from “Girl Rising” featured a statement that captivated the entire audience. “I've seen where change comes from,” the narrator began. “When it comes, it's like a song you can't hold back. Suddenly, there's a breath moving through you and... you're singing. And others pick up the tune and start singing, too. And a sweet

melody goes out into the world and touches the heart of one person, then another, and other.” This message accurately depicts the work that Beena Sebastian does, working to improve the well-being of the world one step at a time.

She ended her presentation by saying, “The best way of protecting a woman (the persecuted from the persecution) is by standing next to her,” leaving the audience with a feeling of encouragement to step in and help others whenever possible, and to believe that helpful actions never go to waste. Stand beside others; don't look down upon them, and together change can develop to help all oppressed individuals globally.

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Angelos explained that the trip is a bit pricey, but also assures that he is working on lowering it. He is worried that the price is driving people away from experiencing Europe with him, and he has been in contact with the travel agency he goes through to try to lower the costs.

However, the students said that the trip was worth the price. "I have traveled with Professor Angelos before," Erb-Abplanalp said, "and I have really enjoyed travelling the way that he does. His trips



are more expensive than the other January trips, but if you can afford them, they are the best quality."

Even so, Angelos is working on the price for his upcoming January trip to Britain, which he is excited about. He said to be on the lookout for posters and more information to come.

Photo courtesy of Professor Angelos

Spartan Wrestlers Leave It All on the Mats

Devin Clark
Staff Writer

Though the year has come to a rough close, the wrestling team finished their season on Saturday in the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional.

"[The season went] better than last year; we ended the season with a good recruiting class," said assistant coach Jordan Knudsen. "We had a good group of freshman that took charge and some returners that played a key role.

I expected to do a little better than we had, but some injuries and a few grades banded us up a little bit, overall a lot better of a season than we've had, a great improvement and something to build on."

Players are positive about the matches. "It was a really fun season," said Bryce Roberts, a sophomore in weight class 149. "We had a lot of good guys stick it out. At first I was worried about the upcoming season with most of the returners from last year not being with us, but after season started I realized that it was going to be a great year."

"It went well for individuals," said Dustin Kult, a sophomore and a heavyweight. "But as a team we strugg-

led to win some dual meets."

Knudsen agreed. "We didn't have a winning season, but our schedule is so dang tough that if you have a winning season with our schedule then you're going to be the top ten team in the country," he said. "We wrestled Indiana University, Virginia Tech, and a handful of the top 10 ranked teams in the country."

Knudsen added: "Our schedule is so tough, but if you want to be the best you have to wrestle the best. We could have had a great record if we scheduled some lesser teams, but it's not going to get anybody any better."

Even though the team did have an outstanding season, the wrestlers demonstrated some very important strength. "We had some really great team chemistry," Roberts stated. "The guys all worked very hard together and also helped each other out a lot. We had each other's backs."

Kult agreed. "Some of strengths are our work ethic and how hard we push one another to be better," he said.

Knudsen also commented on the team's work ethic. "We work really hard, we come in every day and we chop that wood," he said. "Honestly, we might not be the best team, but we work hard and are scrappy and tough.

We'll fight until the end. I think that is probably one of our biggest strengths; we'll go out there and we don't care who we are wrestling and we're going to try to put it to them," he said. "We're also going to make sure that when we're done, they will know that they just wrestled a Manchester guy."

Roberts is already planning for next season's improvements. "For next year I need more mat time during the off-season," he said. "In the weight room I need to do a lot more explosion lifts."

Kult added: "I need to get bigger and stronger. "We need to get more guys in, we got to do a better job at keeping guys healthy and that is something that is kind of out of our control, and keep guys eligible grade-wise and to keep on building on what we have."

Shively's Bookshelves, continued from Page 3

Yoder said: "I was just very excited and grateful that it was happening."

Additionally, it was very important to Yoder as well as other faculty members to be able to hold a ceremony to honor Roger Shively and his work.

Although the re-

ception has been in the making for some time, it was only recently able to be held.

"I phoned him once I returned from Jamaica over January Session, and he seemed excited about the possibility of a reception," Yoder said. "I've told him sev-

eral times how much we appreciate and enjoy the bookshelves in our offices, as well as the Peace Studies Lounge."

Shively, who currently resides with his wife at Timbercrest, was rarely seen without a smile, a laugh or an admirer at last Thursday's reception hon-

oring his work. "I am so thankful for everything he has done," Yoder said.

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Top 25		
Week 2*		
Rank	School (First Place Votes)	Record
1	Linfield (21)	9-2
2	Southern Maine (2)	0-0
3	Trinity (TX) (2)	11-1
4	UW-Stevens Point	0-0
5	Kean	5-1
6	Ithaca	0-0
7	Cortland State	5-1
8	Webster	0-0
9	St. Thomas	3-1
10	Salisbury	6-2
11	Cal Lutheran	4-1
12	Marietta	2-0
13	UW-Whitewater	0-0
14	Concordia-Chicago	1-0
15	Manchester	2-2
16	Rowan	3-0
17	Wheaton (Mass.)	0-0
18	Johns Hopkins	0-0
19	George Fox	12-1
20	Bridgewater (Va.)	7-2
21	Washington and Jefferson	0-0
22	Augustana	4-2
23	Birmingham-Southern	8-1
24	Millsaps	7-5
25	Misericordia	1-1

*through Sunday, March 2

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

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



Softball Sets Sights on HCAC Championship

Jacob Sweet
Staff Writer

The Manchester University softball team is coming off of a successful season after winning the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) title and then taking second to Anderson University in the conference tournament. The softball team will look to defend their championship season in their 2014 campaign.

The off-season for the Manchester University softball team has been full of a lot of concentration and dedication. Tracy Cromer, head coach of the softball team is very proud of their progression. "[The girls] have worked very hard this offseason to get them prepared for the upcoming season," she said.

Senior third baseman Kylie Planck is proud of her teammates for their work this off-season. "We have been training pretty well and putting in a lot of extra work and been able to show the incoming first-years how the team is ran and also showing them how hard we work for our goals along with how badly we want to accomplish them," she said.

With every off-season there are pros

and cons. Coach Cromer is proud of her players' improvements in the fundamentals of the game. "During the off-season [my] players have been more consistent with at bats, our pitching has improved," she said.

Planck really enjoys the family atmosphere of spending time with her teammates. "The positives have been getting to know the freshmen, it has been a blast so far," she said.

The weather, like it has been for most outdoor sports, has been the reason they cannot get a practice in outside. "A negative of the off-season has been not being able to go outside since fall practice as a team," Cromer said. "[We have not] been able to see ground balls off the ground or see fly balls in the air."

The softball team traveled to Danville, Ky., this past weekend where they played Spalding University and Centre College. They lost to Spalding 9-2, but beat Centre College 4-2. The schedule is full of tough competition this year both non-conference and conference. "[We] play 24 non-conference games before conference begins," Cromer said. "The conference is tough and getting

better every year."

Every good team sets goals and they set them high so they can achieve more. "[We want to] win the regular season championship and the conference tournament," Cromer said. "We want to be more consistent [with both] the conference teams and non-conference teams and play well throughout the whole season."

Planck, as a senior, wants to finally win the conference championship. "[One of] our goals is to host the conference tournament on campus like we did last year, but we actually want to win we and not come in second for the third straight year," she said.

The Manchester University softball program is happy to welcome their new assistant coach, Sara Emerich. "She is working specifically with our pitchers and catchers to get them on track to throw a lot of strikes and get less people on base," Cromer said. "I think we will be an exciting team to watch and hopefully we can get outside and play some games at home this spring," Cromer said.

The softball team will be in action again on March 11 when they take on Huntington University.



FOUL POLE OR NORTH POLE? Manchester's softball team eagerly anticipates the arrival of spring weather in order to finally hold outdoor practices. The team began its 2014 campaign in Danville, Ky., last Saturday with games against Spalding University and Centre College. The Spartans lost 2-9 to Spalding, but they defeated Centre 4-2. The team plays its next games in a doubleheader on Tuesday, March 11, at Huntington University.

Photo by David Lloyd

MU Baseball Finishes 4-2 in Opening Games

Players Grow Facial Hair in Myrtle Beach Trip Tradition



PLAY BALL? Although Gratz Field is covered in snow, the baseball team's regular season is currently underway. The team played its first games from March 1-3 in Myrtle Beach, where the weather conditions were much better suited for baseball. The Spartans lost their first two games, both by only one run, to Manhattanville. However, the team won its next four games before returning to campus. Manchester will play four games against DePauw this weekend at a neutral field in Westfield, Ind., with doubleheaders scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

Photo by Andrew Ellam

Louise Magiera
Staff Writer

You may have heard of "No Shave November" or "Mustache March," but that does not explain why you saw MU baseball players sporting facial hair in February. The baseball team has a tradition each season to grow facial hair for their annual Myrtle Beach trip at the beginning of March.

The origin of this tradition is unknown; however, every baseball player participates and it has received overall positive reviews from the baseball team. "I can't imagine the baseball season starting without facial hair on my

upper lip," said Ryne Lehman. "I love the tradition."

First-year Austin Dantzer heard about the tradition from the upper classmen on the team and decided to grow facial hair of his own. "I think it's a pretty cool thing," he said. "Other teams I have been on have done something similar to this and it helps bring the team closer."

Senior Nick Miller agreed. "The facial hair tradition has been here ever since I came in as a freshman," he said. "I think it is a good way to bring the team together and to help bring in the new freshmen and make them feel comfortable."

"Coach Espeset, before each Myrtle Beach trip, he tells us that we will not meet our future wife on this trip," he continued. "With that being said, the guys are more than willing to grow out ridiculous mustaches."

The baseball team begins growing their facial hair anywhere from a month to two weeks before they leave for Myrtle Beach. "I start about a month before Myrtle Beach, but I can't really grow any, so I guess you just have to try your hardest," said Mason Neuman with a laugh.

Chad Gindelberger said: "Basically if you can't grow much, show us what

you got!"

The facial hair-growing doesn't necessarily conflict with job interviews, graduate school interviews or other events. "I actually went to a formal dinner for my girlfriend's sorority with some not-so-formal facial hair and she loved it," Gindelberger said.

Other baseball players had to put a hold on their hair growing. "I usually start growing mine a few weeks in advance, but due to the annual February job fair I have to shave," Miller said. "I am still able to grow a slight mustache for Myrtle Beach."

Do friends, family

and significant others support the annual facial hair-growing? "My family thinks it's weird," Neuman said.

Dantzer had a similar reaction. "My family isn't too happy about it, but my girlfriend doesn't seem to mind," he said.

The baseball team will keep their facial hair during the Myrtle Beach trip, but most of them will shave it on the last day or once they return to campus.

"I probably won't shave it for quite a while because I want to grow a pretty big beard by the end of the year," said Nathen Swafford.

Gindelberger has other plans for his facial hair. "I plan to shave whenever the captains shave theirs," he said. "But, I'm lazy about shaving so it just

gives me another reason to not shave."

The baseball team played games in Myrtle Beach from March 1-3. After losing its first two games of the season to Manhattanville, the team picked up four straight wins against Staten Island, Wilkes, Muhlenberg, and Eastern.

Tomorrow, the Spartans will play a doubleheader at a neutral field in Westfield, Ind., against DePauw University. The two teams will meet again in another doubleheader on Sunday afternoon.

Spartan Sports - Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 8

Men's Indoor Track and Field

at UW-Stevens Point Last Chance National Qualifier, 10 a.m.

Women's Indoor Track and Field

at UW-Stevens Point Last Chance National Qualifier, 10 a.m.

Baseball

vs. DePauw @ Westfield, Ind., 12 p.m.
vs. DePauw @ Westfield, Ind., 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

Baseball

vs. DePauw @ Westfield, Ind., 12 p.m.
vs. DePauw @ Westfield, Ind., 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11

Softball

at Huntington, 3 p.m.
at Huntington, 5 p.m.

Baseball

at Taylor (Ind.), 3 p.m.