

## Manchester ‘Principles of Marketing’ Class Partners with Local Organiza-

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Professor Beth Driscoll’s Principles of Marketing course is aiding a local business for the second straight year, all while the students are learning important business concepts.

They are working with the Learn More Center, an organization that gives adults the opportunity to earn an education previously unattainable to them, which is located in North Manchester and Wabash, Indiana.

“They approached us last year, so I wanted to continue with that relationship,” Driscoll explained. “Last year the class created beautiful marketing plans, and overall did a very good job.

“The one thing about the Learn More Center is that they are limited on staff and money,” Driscoll continued. “We weren’t able to actually implement anything last year. They don’t have the time or money to do it, so I wanted us to actually implement something for them.”

Students in the class

were tasked with creating a fundraiser during Giving Tuesday, a global initiative of international charity. They also completed awareness efforts around the community by talking to local businesses face-to-face in order to leave flyers and money jars around town. Donations will go toward books, laptops, teacher salaries and students’ high school equivalency exam fees.

“What I like is the students actually get experience working with a client,” Driscoll said. They have to talk to these businessmen and businesswomen in the not-for-profit world. And they have to understand the barriers they are facing while being extremely creative.”

Driscoll noted that the opportunity allows students to learn how to schedule and prioritize their time with other classes, yet, as she puts it, “still make time for the client in just 15 weeks.”

In the future, Driscoll hopes to continue this mutually beneficial partnership with the Learn More Center.

“The hope is we could get a grant for the university with



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not-for-profits for internships,” she said. “Hopefully we can make that happen for them to get a paid summer intern. Then they are able to implement the plans from both years.”

Driscoll encourages Manchester students to stop and think about how they can utilize their education to make a difference in other people’s lives.

“Not everyone has the opportunities we have at Manchester,” Driscoll began. “Education is a privilege. Many of these

people have had tough life barriers happen to them that has forced them to make decisions other than completing high school or going on to college.

“It’s often hard to find the time and resources to get back on track with their education,” she continued. “But education is one of the tools to eliminate poverty which makes the entire community better.”

The work done by the marketing class is not going unnoticed in the community, already gener-

ating press in local newspapers such as the Wabash Plain Dealer. Along with the Learn More Center, Driscoll’s class also carried out promotional efforts for Wabash CrossFit.

Ultimately, Driscoll hopes the stigma that is associated with adult education disappears.

“Just because someone didn’t graduate high school doesn’t mean they aren’t a good person or that they’re stupid,” she said. “It’s just that life happened.”

## MU Groups, Organizations Compete for Best Decorated Tree

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The holiday season is a special time of year where the cold weather, snow and festive decorations bring students together. And Manchester’s Festival of Trees helps them do just that.

The Festival of Trees is an event that involves on-campus clubs and organizations getting together and decorating Christmas trees in ways that represent their given organizations. They are lined among the main hallway in the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center. Last Wednesday, November 28, students voted for their favorite trees, received a gold tree ornament, enjoyed Christmas cookies and hot cocoa, and were able to get pictures with Santa.

The Pre-Professionals of Science Club decorated their tree in different medical items. Gauze elegantly wraps the tree as if it were ribbon. Various types of face masks and gloves, some having air blown into them to make them more bubble-like, were strewn about the tree among floss containers, band-aids, tooth brushes, plastic syringes as if ornaments. Katie Robison, a first-year, said: “As a biology and chemistry major, I appreciate the creativity as they used gauze for ribbons and floss for tinsel.”

Another tree, decorated by the Center for Service Opportunities, was covered in a multitude of



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Center for Service Opportunities (CSO) decorated their tree with pictures of their most successful service projects and advertisements.

pictures from different service events held by Manchester University. There was silver tinsel winding down the tree along with white lights, along with red cut-out letters at the top that said CSO. Carter Hooks, a sports management major, said: “I am color blind and I appreciate this tree be-

cause I can see all the colors, as they’re supposed to be seen, that they used to decorate it.”

The tree decorated by Hispanos Unidos contained flags from different Spanish-speaking countries and brightly colored homemade snowflakes. On the top, in place of



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The hall in the Upper Jo Young Switzer Center is lined with pine trees decorated by various groups and organizations on campus.

an angel was a small sombrero while a large sombrero lay underneath the tree behind a brightly colored paper-mache cross and unlit candle. Student Grace Ordway said, “I liked this tree because it reminds me of my family.”

“It was a really cool experi-

ence to see the Festival of Trees,” said Jenn Wagner, a first-year. “It was nice to see how each club came together to decorate a tree and I particularly like the ones that represented the core of the club.”

## MSO Performs Holiday at the Pops Concert with Wabash Valley Dance Team on Dec. 9

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Following a quick turnaround from their Oct. 29 space-themed concert, the Manchester Symphonic Orchestra (MSO) will be executing an hour-long holiday themed concert with a 15-minute intermission on Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium.

With only six rehearsals before the concert, MSO will be hard at work making this holiday experience one for the ages. The orchestra is celebrating its 80th anniversary, and director Scott Humphries knew that this season needed that little something extra.

“I wanted something special for the holiday concert,” Humphries said. “I wanted something that would be both artistic and entertaining.” With this in mind, Humphries contacted the Wabash Valley Dance Team to see if they would perform with the MSO for their Holiday Pops concert. The two together will be performing Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker Suite.”

MSO will not be rehearsing with the dance team until the



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Wabash Valley Dance Team.

Saturday preceding the concert. “The Nutcracker is definitely not a fluff piece,” Humphries said. “Working with them the day before the concert adds an added sense of urgency. What we, and they, have prepared isn’t necessarily what will happen. That’s what makes live performances exciting. That’s what makes them unique. They are never

done the same way twice, and you never know what may happen.”

Along with “The Nutcracker Suite,” other pieces being played are selections from the acclaimed Disney film “Frozen,” a high-energy, explosive rendition of the holiday classic “We Three Kings,” which features principal violinist Elizabeth Smith, and other



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holiday favorites.

Admission to the concert is free for Manchester University students, faculty and staff as well as any student 18 or under. Tickets will be sent to the elementary schools that offer free admission for one adult if they come with their child. The price for the public is \$15.

This is an all-ages, family friendly concert designed to bring some holiday cheer to those who come and watch. “The MSO is a unique mixture of MU college students, faculty, community members and professional musicians,” Humphries said. “There are few college orchestras in the country like ours.”



# Students Attend Leaf Lighting, Visit Santa to Generate Holiday Spirit



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David Alvarez and Samantha Ziemniak.



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Storm Shortt, David Alvares and Justice Smith.



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Natalie Stewart and Garrett Schieferstein.




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The cheerleading team gathers around Santa.



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Members of the women's soccer team attend the Leaf Lighting.

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Manny encourages students to get into the holiday spirit.



## Deck the Halls: Is it Worth Decorating for the Holidays?

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### OPINION

It is officially that time of the year again, folks! All down the residence halls there are doors covered in wrapping paper and bows. Trees are lit in the upper JYSC and in the windows of dorm rooms. Stockings, wreaths and festive lights are hung all around the doors, like Clark Griswold himself decorated.

As a first-year student here at Manchester, I have debated whether or not it's worth it to decorate my dorm.

I am no Grinch by any means. In fact, I love the holidays! But with less than half a month before I head home for break I'm questioning if I want to spend time studying or decorating.

Many of my friends here on campus agree that decorating for the holidays in a dorm can be more of a hassle than a reward. But some have gone crazy and their rooms look as splendid as that of Whoville!

First-year Allyson Fogarty said: "Christmas is my happy place. That said, I find it extremely important to decorate for the occasion." Fogarty also says she plans to go all out for her door this year, using her favorite garland and themed lights.

Others decorate in a milder manner with the goal of keeping up their family holiday traditions and making memories



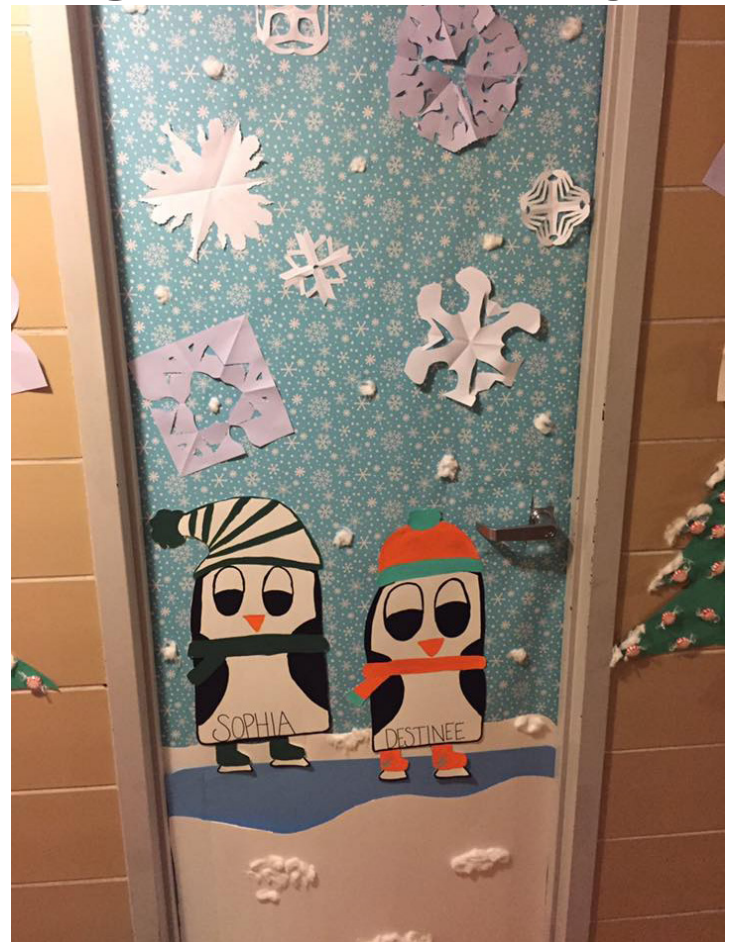
Junior Destinee Boutwell has decorated the door to her dorm room the past three years.

with their college friends. Lilli Cook said: "My friends and I all get together on weekends and drink cocoa while watching the Hallmark holiday movies on Netflix."

Some students find comfort in decorating their 'dorm home' for the season when we are eager to be back home. First-year

Tiffany Williams said: "My roommate and I bought a small tree for our room. It makes the space feel more like home."

Other students say that decorating is a lost cause because of all the papers and presentations they are preparing this last week before finals. Junior Evan Harris



Photos by Destinee Boutwell

said: "I don't have time to decorate before finals. But I definitely will decorate when I go home for break."

Whether you personally want to decorate for the holidays or you want to breeze through to break, you can't help but notice the beautifully decorated doors across

campus and the windows full of colorful lights that remind you the holidays are fast approaching.

So take time to enjoy our last week before finals. Make memories with friends, drink plenty of hot cocoa with peppermint sticks, and binge on all the holiday movie classics!



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Senior Rachel Roths, pictured third from the left, enjoys wearing matching-Christmas pajamas with family and friends as a tradition.

## 'Tis the Season: Holiday Traditions at MU

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### OPINION

As the holiday season nears, Manchester students are ready to embrace their holiday traditions with their friends and families. Each encompass unique cultural foods, events and gift-giving customs.

Taro Miyazaki is a senior exchange student from Japan. He attended Hokusei University which is a partner school of MU. He is a senior and is studying English Education and Digital Communication. He said that the end of the year and the New Year's Period is filled with many traditions unique to the Japanese culture. For instance, he and his family eat a lot of Mochi, a Japanese rice cake, and Ozoni, soup with mocha.

He said that on New Year's Day, people in Japan will go to a shrine and pray to Shinto god for their health, success, and all other good things for the upcoming year. Miyazaki also said that he loves MU because he has been experiencing diversity of people and culture, which is something that he was not able to experience back in his home country of Japan.

Rachel Roths, senior athletic training major, who resides in Chesterton, IN, says that she and her family eat out at the same Mexican restaurant on Christmas Eve. They also do last-minute Christmas shopping and have a big hearty breakfast Christmas morning. Roths also enjoys wearing

Christmas-themed pajamas with her families and friends.

Katie Green, junior education major, says her family members each open one present on Christmas Eve and the present is always Christmas-themed PJs. And they also eat pizza while in their new PJs.

Nick Surber, sophomore sociology major, who hails from Hebron, IN, says that he and his family watch the National Lampoon's "Christmas Vacation" movie every year and says they always have ribs for Christmas dinner.

Daymon Marlowe, says that he and his family put up their tree the day after Thanksgiving and they all decorate it together. He also said that he will continually listen to Mariah Carey's and Kelly Clarkson's respective Christmas albums.

Grace Ondrla, junior exercise science major, who is from Warsaw, IN, says that her family goes sledding on Christmas Day, no matter the weather. Her family even once went sledding over ice.

I for one, celebrate Christmas with my family a bit differently. In the Filipino culture we celebrate all day on Christmas Eve. We have family members go in and out of the house all day and it is one giant festive party. Once midnight hits, we all open presents. We then all go to sleep, only to wake up again and start the mingling and bonding all over again Christmas Day. It is two days of catching up with family, eating a copious amount of food, and just enjoying the warmth of all of the holiday cheer.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday Spartans!



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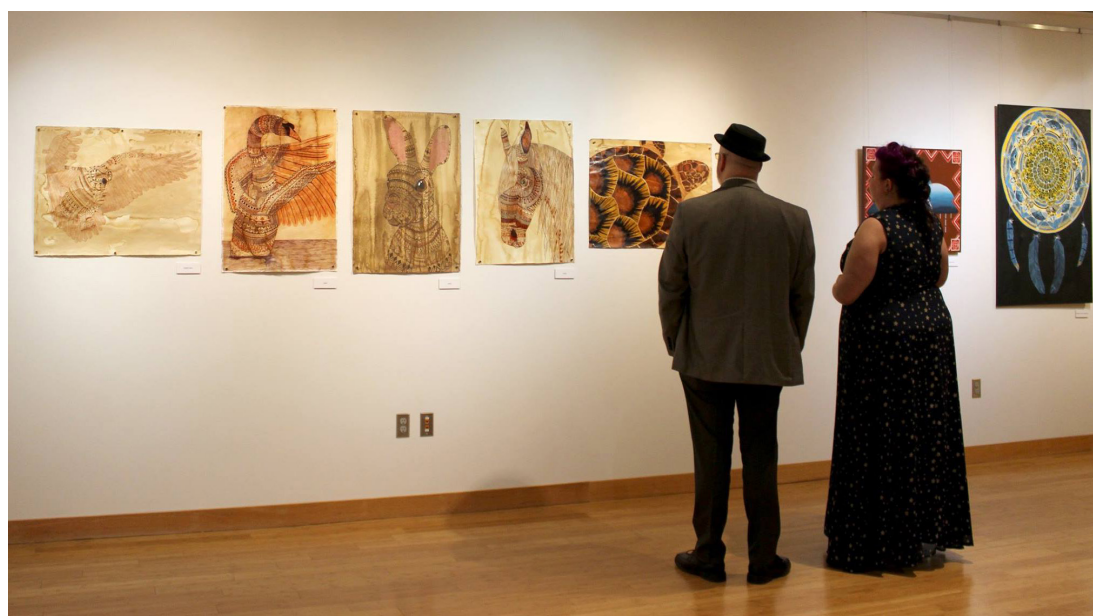


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## Artist Combines Animals and Spiritual Exploration in Gallery G Exhibition

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An Artist Reception showcasing Briana Floor was held at Gallery G in the Upper level of the JYSC on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The artist Briana Floor, who often goes by Bri, is from North Manchester, IN. She originally majored in writing at Ball State University but then realized that art is what was meant for her. She then went to attend Naropa University in Boulder, CO. She said that she has spent her whole life drawing.

In the showcase, there were works of art that Floor drew out, painted and finished way back in 2007.

The program had "Still

Wild" sprawled on the front cover, which eludes and represents what Floor calls the "combination of the persistence of chaotic institution and the call of meditative contemplation." A group of five art pieces named The Divinimals was rendered in neutral brown tones. Each canvas had an individual animal—an owl, named Lady Ookpik; a swan, named Mate; a hare, named Sylvia; a horse, named Gypsy; and a tortoise named Tortuga.

This group of painting was created with little planning and control. Only a few tools were used to show imperfection and the uneven lines. This was to represent that, as Floor put it, "we are all flawed," and that we are "utterly glorious and radiant" despite being imperfect. Each animal also each represents its respective to-

tem spirit. It is to connect artist, medium and spirit.

On the opposite wall of Gallery G bright paintings of Mandalas in various sizes were displayed. They showed geometric patterns that were pleasing to the eye. There were intricate details and line work involved in these paintings. Mandalas are spiritual and ritual symbols that are representative of the universe.

The artist reception was buzzing with chat with the visitors all intently surveying the art. Bri Floor was also out and about throughout Gallery G mingling with the guests.

The display of "Still Wild" will be up in Gallery G until Feb. 15, 2019. Gallery hours are M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12-3p.m. Admission is free!





## Wrestling Relies on Young Members to Carry their ‘Weight’

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First-year student Skyler Gomez came to Manchester University with low expectations for himself in the MU wrestling program and he has come to the pleasant conclusion that he, and other first year student wrestlers, are making a bigger impact on the MU program than expected.

In fact, Gomez is humble about his accomplishments. While noting that he needs self-improvement, for instance, he neglected to mention his status on the team. His personal goal was to make the starting line-up of wrestlers to represent MU in meets, but he met that goal the very first meet and has been on the starting squad since.

“I didn’t expect to make the starting line-up, but it is really exciting to be a freshman and come out here and do really well at this level,” Gomez said.

Although MU wrestling is 1-3 for their overall scoring, individual wins and talent still shine through. Gomez holds a personal standing of 3-1 and exemplifies the ability first year



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Two MU wrestlers battle against each other during the Black and Gold event on October 26.

talent can impact MU sports programs, in that his individual wins are overall contributing to higher standards for his teammates to meet.

Junior JaVon Phillips has an optimistic outlook for the season given that the current standings put MU down. Phillips

feels that this is a building period for the team due to the large amount of first years on the roster and only one senior wrestler at this time. This puts more pressure on the younger talent to step up and fill more important roles on the team, such as starting squad, leadership and higher intensity

in practicing. Phillips mentioned needing more intensity for the heavier weights due to having a larger pool of lower weights to challenge one another, as oppose to the heavier weights being about one to four wrestlers in the last few seasons.

Phillips currently

stands at 4-0 for his personal record and has set goals to match that intensity. He wants to drop in weight, which is rather significant for wrestlers to work on, and hit All American status by the end of this year’s season.

Senior heavy weight Nick Joyner has a bright image of what the team is currently accomplishing and attributes that success to the team functioning as a unit and pushing one another to perform better individually. Joyner also feels that the team is suffering this season due to the roster being young, in that the returning wrestlers make up the minority of the team. However, returning wrestlers are stepping in and helping out the newer wrestlers by taking them under their wing and helping push their intensity in practices.

Joyner has a personal goal of making nationals this season and laments coming within grasp of nationals last season, only coming two wins shy of qualifying. Overall he is satisfied with the improvement of the unit as a whole from the start of the season to this point in the season, regardless of the hard fought defeats to Olivet and Muskegon Community.

## Athletic Training Students Gain Real-World Experience

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Staff Writer

This year the athletic training staff went all out trying to make every athlete healthy while also learning. With putting many hours into the job, the staff did a great job of keeping the players in the right position to succeed, while being at every game.

Not only do athletic trainers help athletes, they help students become athletic trainers themselves. According to head athletic trainer Erin Foreman, “Athletic trainers are highly skilled multi-skilled health care providers trained in prevention, examination, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of acute, chronic injuries and general medical conditions and the referral process.”

Junior Haley Farris is

currently taking her Clinical Rotation course. “I got tons of real life experience,” she said “Our head athletic trainer Erin wanted our clinical rotation to be as close to the real world and that was a little nerve racking but very practical and beneficial for us.”

Being an athletic training student means early mornings and late nights. Students spend roughly five hours a day between preparation, practice and clean up, and usually spend around 350-380 hours in the field each season.

“Time management has always been one of my strengths,” Farris added, “I use my phone and the calendar app as well as a planner to organize and write everything down because it gets stressful in the fall when I also had basketball work outs onto of class.”

On the academic side, head athletic trainer Foreman uses a program called “Atrack” that

tracks the students’ clinical hours for accreditation purposes.

Farris is having a positive experience within the collegiate setting. “I love building relationships with the students and staff, that’s my favorite part,” she said. “It’s so rewarding when you have such an impact on athletes when they go through an injury and to be a part of their rehab and recovery process.”

Indeed, the role of an athletic trainer is often unsung. “People don’t always understand everything that goes into being an athletic trainer,” Farris said. “We prepare water and ice baths and bags before practice. We set up the field, we do treatment for a couple hours prior to practice which may include rehab or warm up and taping and bracing. Then the actual practice or game occurs and then after we help with recovery, meaning ice and cleanup.”



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Senior athletic training majors Mikayla Patterson and Rachel Roths help a student athlete.

Foreman notes that after graduation, students may have a variety of professional opportunities. “Athletic trainers can be employed in the workman’s comp setting or in physician offices,” she said. “They can be employed at ski resorts or performing art centers.

Police and fire departments and academic situations. Rural and urban hospitals, hospital emergency rooms, urgent and ambulatory care centers. Regardless of their practice setting, athletic trainers practice according to their scope of practice and state practice acts.”



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Sophmores Cortiz Buckner and Cornell Hampton bring the ball up the court.



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Cornell Hampton on defence against Mount St. Joe on Dec. 1.

## Good Encourages Team Community

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The verdict from the court of Manchester’s men’s basketball team is in—they have had a great start and the men—from athlete to coach—are optimistic regarding the remainder of the season.

The men’s basketball team has had six games in the season so far—with mixed outcomes—and have two home games next week: one against Appleton Dec. 12 and one against Rose Hulman Dec. 15. Men’s basketball head coach Gerad Good explains that the team is doing relatively well considering the numerous elements in each student-athlete’s life: class, games, lifting, practice (sometimes several a day), game film gatherings, studying and other academic work, jobs (if they have them) and the closure of the semester.

“No matter what, the guys will keep getting better,” Good said, “and right now, we’re seeing glimpses of great playing and great leadership, and the occasional lapse in those areas while the team tries to find their identity.”

Good (a university alumnus) emerged as Manchester’s head coach four years ago. He has observed during each year of his coaching strong leadership and dedicated playing, with a seeming increase from the players in skill and identity—both as a team and singularly—as well as

an increase of represented areas of the country on the team.

Each of the 26 recruits for this season must figure out a way to develop their own singular identity as an athlete and as a student, as well as consider their position regarding their teammates and the team itself, Good further explained. “Sometimes present players have to begin to play different roles on the team, as a result of new recruits,” Good said, “getting them to realize that—and that they affect their teammates when that happen—can often be challenging and contributes to that difficulty for a student-athlete, including being away from home, a tough freshman year, finals week.”

The men’s basketball season concludes formally with the national championships in late March. However, Good and Manchester’s men’s basketball team direct their focus instead on the conference tournament season, which begins late February or early March. With the help of the athletes, himself, assistant coach Ricardo Johnson and the student and university body, Good hopes to further promote general positivity about both the team community and the university community. “Whether it’s for games or classes, we just want to make sure that we keep working hard, and make sure that we represent the Manchester university community, as well as the families and groups that make up that community,” Good said.