Online courses offer convenient option for busy students

by Jasmine Moses
Villager staff writer

Stevenson University offers online classes for graduate and undergraduate students. These classes provide a structured, well-planned curriculum that can be accessed at the touch of one’s fingertips.

These online classes are slowly becoming more popular in many colleges today. All the skills that are being taught in a physical classroom can be taught online with the same effectiveness.

Stevenson University’s online program is targeted at graduate and undergraduate students who do not have time to commute to campus. It is easier for students who have busy schedules to access online classes in the comfort of their own home.

“I know that it’s appealing to most people because of the convenience. It appeals to them because they don’t have to drive to campus that day. They can stay home in their pajamas and still get their work done. It just offers a lot more options for our fast-paced society,” said Alissa Harrington, instructional designer of online courses.

Online classes not only benefit graduate or undergraduate students that have jobs, children, or circumstances who limit their ability to attend classes, but they are also an outlet for students who have an introverted personality.

“Students who might not speak up in a normal classroom might have the opportunity to speak up on the discussion board,” said Dr. Leeanne Bell McManus, associate professor of business communication.

Online classes allow students who are shy, introverted, or quiet to get the same skills, knowledge, and discussion out of classes than any other student.

These classes are good for students who are very organized and structured.

“I think for undergraduate classes, if you’re an organized student, you like that format because everything is laid out and structured for you, so you know what’s coming. You can do a decent amount of work in a shorter period of time because some of the classes, like my classes, are only eight weeks,” said McManus.

Online classes are a source of education for students who enjoy functioning from a schedule since every module is planned out. One can look and see the different modules, lessons, and assignments all before they are due, so if a students finish something early, they can get a head start and move on to the next assignment.

Greenspring bookstore raises money for charity

As part of the holiday decorating contest, the Greenspring bookstore raised money for the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital. On February 4, LaShaun Hubbard (left), manager, and Sylvia Schiaffino (right), assistant manager, presented Thomas Paullin (center), vice president, development and external affairs of the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital, with a check for $320. Since 1922, the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital has been offering family-centered services to help care for children with complex health problems.

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Multicultural Awareness Week broadens students’ knowledge

by Ashley Mil
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Multicultural Awareness Week will be held from Feb. 16 until Feb. 21, and it will be filled with all kinds of events that feature a diverse range of cultures. The events are sponsored by Multicultural Affairs as well as other clubs around campus.

The week kicks off with LOL Stevenson featuring Cecily Strong and Friends with Michael O’Brien which is sponsored by MAP. Following that, other events will include the Stevenson’s Best Competition which is hosted by the BSU Gospel Choir. This will be their first competition where judges set out to find the best undiscovered gospel talent on campus.

The major event during Multicultural Awareness Week will be the “Lesson from Little Rock,” during which Dr. Terrence Roberts of the Little Rock Nine will lecture about race. There will also be the Tunnel of Oppression, as well as fitness-themed nights that will include Latin Zumba and Salsa dancing, sponsored by the International Students Association (ISA).

Later during the week there will be events including a Celtic band, Round Table: Keep it Real, White day: Selling of Chocolates, and the Middle Eastern Beauty Spa. The purpose of these events is to highlight many different cultures in a fun way that will allow students to be educated about other heritages.

The SGA will host an event called “What’s Your Heritage?” where students will learn more about their ancestors and family history.

The week will end on Feb. 21 with a Mardi Gras Party, hosted by Student Activities and Multicultural Affairs, which will be held from 9 p.m. until midnight. This event will conclude the week with an exciting dress-up party with special guest Urban Foil, a live African Dance and Drum group.

Cheryl Hinton, director of multicultural affairs, hopes students will learn something about another culture that they didn’t know before. She says, “Fear is False Evidence Appearing Real.” Because of this week, the students will have no excuse not to learn something about another culture, since this week-long event has something for everyone.

For more information regarding Multicultural Awareness Week, visit the SU Now Portal.

Senior creates scholarship to help fellow youth achieve goals

by Brittany Doss
Villager staff writer

Wayne Cole, a senior human services major, spent his winter break spreading the word about what he believes he is destined to do. Cole has been building the framework for a scholarship program since high school. The Wayne Cole Scholar’s Scholarship Foundation was created to assist students who have experienced mental and financial hardship.

Cole acknowledged that his goal for creating this scholarship was to help students fulfill their dreams of college. He understands that the youth need something to help them reach their goal, much like the help he received when he was accepted to Stevenson University four years ago.

“I received a lot of community service scholarships because I got out of the classroom and into my community to lend a helping hand,” said Cole.

A Cole Scholar is someone who is serious about education and improving the community. Cole is a Baltimore city native who grew up in the public school system where it was made clear to him at a young age that money would be an obstacle when it came to higher education.

“I wanted to bridge the gap of funding being limited to students here in my hometown who aspired to go to college, but were told they could not because of finances,” said Cole.

He mentioned that some of his large donors were including but not limited to a local Owings Mills restaurant, Firehouse Subs, and professional athletes like Angel McCoughtry of the WNBA, and the Baltimore Ravens. He is sure that the word is spreading, having received donations from people as far away as Chicago and even Trinidad.

“Anything helps. We will take a penny as donation; whatever you have, we can use. Most of all, we are looking for support and for people to help spread the word about the scholarship.”

He has even received help from some of Stevenson’s staff members. Cassandra Jones, director of academic advising, is a part of his selection committee. The qualifications are, but are not limited to, a 2.8 GPA with ample community service and an essay prompt.

The scholarship is valid for use at any four-year institution in the United States. There will be one male winner and one female winner, who each will be awarded a $25,000 scholarship check. Cole aims to award his first two recipients by fall of 2015. He says that he is extremely close to reaching his goal to award his scholarship to the community.

Dr. Kevin J. Manning congratulates Cole on his scholarship efforts.
On-campus music groups offer variety, creativity, passion

by Hayley Jacobs
Villager staff writer

Although Stevenson University does not offer a music major, several groups on campus might help to satisfy the musical bent of students, faculty and staff.

The Greenspring Valley Orchestra, the Chorus, the Gospel Choir, and the Sounds of Stevenson Glee Club allow students to pursue their passion for music.

The Greenspring Valley Orchestra was formed in fall 2002 by director of music and professor Robert J. Suggs. Currently, the orchestra has 65 musicians, including students, staff, alumni, and members of the community.

Most recently, the orchestra celebrated the Year of Italian Culture with a performance featuring Italian music, which Suggs considers one of the group’s greatest accomplishments.

“That was a long time in the planning. We connected with the Italian Consulate and had first-class opera singers perform, so it was a big event,” Suggs said. This year, the orchestra will hold its concert on April 27 and will continue the very popular Summer Concert Series.

The Stevenson University student chorus began in 1994 and is currently directed by Suggs and Jared Denhard, adjunct instructor in music. The 20-member chorus performs a wide variety of music, which Suggs prefers to keep timely in order to appeal to a large audience.

The group also collaborates with the ukulele ensemble on campus during their concerts. Their most recent performance took place at the memorial service for deceased student Tori Chandler. The chorus’ next scheduled event is their concert on April 24.

Stevenson’s Gospel Choir formed as an addition to the Black Student Union in fall 2010. With 33 members, it is a Christ-centered, student-run organization that is open to all students. Singers do not have to audition to join, but the group is looking to increase its diversity.

“This group is for everyone who is passionate about singing for a purpose. Singers from any cultural background are welcome,” said student director Charmaine Oden. Their most recent event was held at Messiah Community Church, but they will be hosting many on-campus events during the upcoming semester. Their next large event is Stevenson’s second “American Idol”-style competition that will take place on March 30.

The Sounds of Stevenson Glee Club began in fall 2012. The group is very active on campus and holds many events throughout the year. Last semester, the group performed Christmas carols in the dormitories and held the Night of the Arts.

President Diane White sees the Arts event as their greatest achievement. “We had over 100 people come out to celebrate and acknowledge the arts,” said White. The group typically holds auditions during the beginning of the semester and they encourage all students who are enthusiastic about music to join. The Glee Club will host their second Night of the Arts on Feb. 26 in the Ratcliffe Community Center. All are invited.

Students engage in jobs on campus

by Britany Post
Villager staff writer

Stevenson University offers students plenty of opportunities to build their skills for future careers. The student employee program is one that allows students the opportunity to work on campus, offering a wide variety of positions that might appeal to every student talent.

There are currently about 700 students working on campus, which includes work-study students, paid interns, as well as hourly jobs. Students can qualify for work-study based on their FAFSA application. However, students do not need to be work-study in order to be hired for a position on campus.

Many student employees do not fall into the work-study category, but opportunities still abound. Having a job on campus can offer many opportunities and benefits.

Student Employment Manager Morgan Somerville says that having a job on campus is not just a great resume builder, but it is a “wonderful opportunity for students to get involved on campus, and for students to utilize their skills.”

Students who are looking to work on campus can go online at http://stevenson.peopleadmin.com and find current job openings, job descriptions, and applications. Some positions require a resume, which Career Services can assist students with perfecting.

There are a wide range of job opportunities in various areas. Students do not need to stay within their major when searching for a position, but applying for something in a field of interest may help secure a job in the future.

Positions are available in almost every department, including admissions, athletics, and residence life. Additionally, Somerville stresses that “supervisors understand that you are a student employee. The student part comes first.”

On average, students work 10-12 hours a week, but are limited to no more than 20 hours of work a week.

Being a student employee is not just about working, but also fun celebrations. April 15-19 is National Student Employee Appreciation week. Somerville celebrates the week with nominations for employee and supervisor of the year. The nomination form is posted on the SU Portal.

The banquet at which the winners are announced will be held on April 15. Families, nominees, and the nominators will all be invited to celebrate with the winners and other nominees.

For further information about student employee programs, contact Somerville by campus email.
Winter session would be a positive addition

by Alaina Peterson
Villager staff writer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to expand your winter break by two weeks to earn credits or possibly study abroad? Winter sessions are gaining wider acceptance throughout colleges across the country. For example, the University of Delaware participates in both summer and winter sessions. Their winter session lasts approximately five weeks between the fall and spring semesters. Students can earn up to seven credits and choose from a wide variety of courses in the day or evening.

I believe Stevenson University should consider creating a winter session program. This extended winter break would give students an opportunity to take a variety of new and experimental courses, or to study abroad. Having a winter session would also give professors an opportunity to teach specialized courses. Ideally, a winter session would start in early January and last until mid-February.

Many students have positive feelings about a winter session and believe that it would give students an advantage in their coursework.

Dear Editors,

Thank you for the Villager's recent coverage of the launch of the redesigned Stevenson website. While the article accurately conveyed the purpose for the website redesign—and the new mobile-friendly responsive design that it employs—it did convey several misconceptions about the campus’s SU Now Portal.

You were correct in saying the Portal was specifically created for internal users—SU faculty, staff, and students. The Portal is an absolute necessity when you consider the wealth of information and resources that we all need here to live, learn, work, and function at Stevenson—such as up-to-date news and student activity information, Blackboard, WebXpress, Career Connections, Human Resources forms, and more. The Portal is the one-stop place where all these things can be found via easy-to-use menus and links, such as the QuickLinks. But it was not launched “six months ago” as the article stated. In fact, it has been used at Stevenson for nearly three years. It did undergo a redesign and reorganization last summer, and it continually grows and develops as departments and offices across the campus add new content and update their Portal pages, not to forget SU videos, SU-PON deals of the week, and more. That’s why we all need to check it frequently — it will help you keep up-to-date about what’s happening at SU.

Furthermore, while you report some students and staff stating the Portal “does not feel secure,” in fact the Portal was specifically set up by our Office of Information Technology to be a very secure place accessed only via your own Stevenson login and password. Once signed on, you can only access your account information, your Blackboard, your WebXpress account, and other applications. As you would with any other site you access on the web via a private login and password—your Facebook page, your bank account, and so on—you need to log out when you are done as a standard personal online security measure. There is a “sign out” in the drop-down menu under your name at the top right of the Portal when you are signed on.

Lastly, the Portal is viewable on mobile and tablet devices. While it does not use responsive design, it is accessible and viewable by simply “pinching and expanding” on your mobile device.

Thank you for letting me clarify this for the SU community.

John Boettner
Associate Vice President for Digital Communications

Editorial response:

Thank you for bringing to the reader's attention the Portal, which is the one-stop place where students can access the latest news, information, and resources. The Portal was specifically designed to be a secure and easy-to-use platform, and it has evolved over the years to meet the needs of the students and staff.

While the Portal has undergone redesigns and improvements, it has always been accessible on mobile devices. The Portal’s responsive design ensures that it is viewable and usable on a wide range of devices, making it a valuable resource for students and staff alike.

Your feedback is important, and we value the input of our community. Please feel free to reach out to us with any concerns or suggestions for improvement.

Michelle Larkin
Associate Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITORS
Blue Moon Café provides unique food and atmosphere

by Jessica Keech
Villager staff writer

One of the best parts about visiting any city is the unique food and dining experience that cannot be found anywhere else. The hole-in-the-wall diners, bars, and restaurants are limitless, and for the people of Baltimore, the Blue Moon Café in Fell’s Point sits at the top of the must-visit list.

Blue Moon Café opened in 1996 when Baltimore-based owner Sarah Simington opened its doors with the help of her mother. Since that time, the Simingtons have been creating and perfecting their menu for people from all over the world.

The diner is undeniably personalized with its indie and eclectic decorations and style. Simington’s unique rock-and-roll taste comes through in everything she does, from the food to each mismatched piece found in the building.

Every visit will produce a unique experience because the art and sculptures are always changing and growing. The space is charming and special in every sense. Style and charm aside, the most compelling reason to journey to Blue Moon is the famously unrivaled food.

Not only is this café Zagat rated, it was featured on the Food Network’s “Diners, Drive-ins and Dives” hosted by Guy Fieri, who visited in 2008 on the episode titled “Comfort Food” and highlighted the diner’s signature dish: Captain Crunch French Toast.

The first breakfast feat includes three large slices of French toast coated with Captain Crunch cereal, cooked until golden brown and topped with fruit and whipped cream. The now-famous dish is truly inimitable because it can only be found at the Blue Moon Café.

The breakfast menu is impressive from top to bottom. It’s filled with heaping servings of omelettes, benedicts, sandwiches, and more, which means Blue Moon has something for everyone.

True to its Baltimore roots, the menu also features a few unique breakfast dishes that include crab. These dishes capture the spirit of the historic neighborhood in which Blue Moon thrives. The cuisine is truly fitting of the term “comfort food” and will leave any visitor satisfied.

Fells Point is filled with life and culture that is specific to Baltimore, and no trip to the city is complete without a fulfilling meal from Blue Moon Café. Make a day out of the experience and visit the local shops and monuments that line the streets all around the diner.

The restaurant has weekday breakfast hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and service runs 24 hours a day on weekends for the perfect midnight or after-bar snack. The classy Café is located at 1621 Aliceanna Street.

The iPhone 5S introduces innovative technology, efficiency, and security

by Kelsey Spriggs
Villager staff writer

Sept. 20, 2013, was a big day for those standing in line hoping to get the new iPhone 5S. The majority of Apple iPhone users wait with great anticipation for the newest version of the iPhone to be released.

The iPhone 5 and 5C both left devoted Apple followers wanting something new and improved. The iPhone 5S exceeds the expectations of Apple’s consumers because of its new software and features.

Though the 5S is just a modified version of the 5 and 5C, it doesn’t stop buyers from putting it at the top of their list, even though it only came out about a year later. This group of Apple iPhone customers trumps all other smartphone competitors for the obvious reason that Apple took a step up in order to provide the newest technology and features for its customers. Though these new models may have been created solely for marketing purposes, users are not complaining.

The classy, silver, space gray, and gold-colored models make the phone stand out because they are unique and different. There is also a fingerprint-identity sensor as the home button that creates extra security and offers a unique way to unlock the phone.

It is also possible to allow multiple fingerprints to access the phone in case different people use the same phone.

While some users may question the extent of their privacy because their fingerprints are being used to unlock the iPhone, the terms of agreement specify that fingerprints won’t be used for anything else. This means that consumers can feel secure while they are using the new technology.

If those features aren’t enough, the 8MP sensor iSight camera and faster processor should be convincing. The camera’s features include True Tone flash, burst mode, improved stabilization, and slow-motion video options.

Burst mode allows users to take multiple pictures just by holding down the button, which can be helpful when taking pictures of a subject in motion. The camera also has many of the features that iPhoto has; however, it includes different filter options.

The 64-bit A7 processor for the iPhone 5S is better than the 32-bit processor, but it will not benefit anyone who has it until other developers update their systems. This model comes with the new AirDrop feature allowing people to easily place photos or files.

The iPhone 5S also has noticeably less glitches than other iPhones. Some of these glitches include frozen or shut down applications.

Some of the other beneficial features of the phone include longer battery life, better quality images, and a sleeker look altogether. The only disappointing feature is the new lightning charger that is different from all other models before the iPhone 5.

Though it is inconvenient to buy new chargers, it is a smart move on Apple’s part. The company is helping its target market move forward with new innovations and technology advancements. Apple is always moving forward, evolving, and giving its consumers what they want.

“Red Dragon” portrays action-packed, graphic thriller

by Chris Ledgerwood
Villager staff writer

The first book of the Hannibal Lecter series, “Red Dragon,” is not for readers with a weak stomach. The psychological thriller, written by Thomas Harris, is filled with horror through the life of a disturbed individual. The graphic imagery lists hard from the beginning and will haunt readers’ dreams throughout their journey reading the book.

The agent Crawford has in mind is not an agent anymore due to almost becoming a fatal victim of the last killer he cornered. This case would be a tough sell for Crawford.

Hannibal Lecter makes his debut appearance as an inmate who is assisting the FBI agent who captured him, Will Graham, with the case that brought him out of retirement. Lecter is valuable in assisting the case but is coy in his demeanor. Lecter forces Graham to engage in conversation to amuse himself while he is incarcerated.

The language changes drastically throughout the novel, and sometimes the words become uninteresting as they meticulously detail scenes. This almost loses the readers’ attention while they scroll across the pages idly, but each time this happens, there is a sudden change of pace.

The language is transformed multiple times, and there is a sense of speed-reading. Without any notice, the chapters end, leaving the reader unsatisfied and wanting more.

There is a see-saw of language use that gives the pace of the book that is also true in the substance. The dull spots that may seem less entertaining are actually spots where the information is useful in order to truly enjoy what is to come.

These dull moments don’t last long, and if the reader does not gain the information in these parts, the action-packed moments will not be truly appreciated. Every word has its purpose, and no detail is left without closure.

The ending of the book comes later than expected. When things draw to a close and the reader expects the end to near, there is a jolt of excitement left.

The details seem to have closure and the language slows the pace almost to a halt when there is an interesting twist waiting around the corner. The last few pages will bring a surprising ending to what seemed to be a story already closed in an action-packed, gut-wrenching fashion.
Men break stereotypes, pursuing female-dominated majors

In a perfect world, there would be no such thing as male-dominated or female-dominated majors. However, in our society, there are still stereotypes involving which majors are predominantly populated by men or women. Some of these male-dominated majors include information systems or business, while female-dominated majors often include education, nursing, fashion merchandising and fashion design. However, at Stevenson University, all majors are open to both genders. A person’s passion determines what major he or she chooses, not their gender and the related stereotypes that accompany this gender. The men featured here are just some of the Mustangs who decided to follow their dream, despite the tradition, and enter a major where they felt they could succeed. Their stories are all different, but their passion and drive to work towards who they want to be, perhaps despite societal judgment, is apparent in each one of them.

Marshal Weimer - Nursing

Marshal Weimer is a senior nursing student. The desire to help others and the appeal of the job’s consistency within the medical field are two factors that influenced Weimer to work towards being a nurse.

Becoming a nurse is not without hardships; Weimer experienced the greatest difficulty with managing his time since the program demands a rigorous class schedule. Nursing students experience classes and clinical requirements along with the need to balance their school work with outside obligations, such as jobs and sports. Through his four years at Stevenson, stereotypes have not been something Weimer has had to experience.

“At most of my clinicals, there has been at least one male nurse there,” Weimar said. “No one bugs me about being the only guy there; I’m doing the same thing as everybody else.”

If anything, Weimar has gained a great support group with fellow nursing students who can all relate to the experiences and struggles they face. With graduation approaching quickly in the spring, Weimar plans to enter psychiatric nursing.

“With psychology, it was different because where I was, they weren’t in bed and sick - they had a mental illness,” Weimar said.

~by Colleen Shipley

Matthew Shelly - Nursing

Junior Matthew Shelly chose the nursing program because he had always shown an interest in the health care field and biology.

Nursing seemed like a good fit because it allowed him to work with patients, without having to be in school for very long. However, it was also a career field that would provide him with the opportunity to return to school to gain more advanced degrees whenever he wished.

The program includes a demanding course load filled with information that must be memorized. After the information has been committed to memory, the student must then apply that information to the physical skills that students are required to master and perform. To the program and hospitals, Shelly is just another giving soul who is committed to helping others. However, Shelly did experience stigma when he first made his decision to become a nurse.

“I always got asked, ‘Well do you think you’re going to be a doctor?’” Shelly said “‘Why don’t you want to be a doctor?’ But the farther I get into it and the more that people are exposed to male nurses today, there is less of a stigma.”

Stereotypes have never stopped Shelly from continuing to pursue his dreams. With senior year approaching, he is eager to participate in one-on-one practica that emphasize hands-on experience. Once finished the program, Shelly hopes to explore Baltimore’s opportunities and land a job at an excellent hospital such as Johns Hopkins.

~by Colleen Shipley

Dylan Thai - Fashion Merchandising

Dylan Thai is a junior transfer student who decided to study fashion merchandising because of his experience and passion for the subject. As a model and aspiring fashion photographer, Thai felt like the program was a natural fit for him.

His goals after graduation include moving to New York City to pursue a career as a stylist, buyer, or a fashion public relations representative. He is currently interested in finding an internship position with a designer name-brand company. Thai’s experience in retail, modeling, and photography helped him choose fashion merchandising over fashion design.

Thai pointed out the that there are several men who are respected leaders in the fashion industry, though the fashion merchandising community at Stevenson University has a considerable female majority. Representing a small demographic in his field of study seems to have very little effect on Dylan.

“People are free to have their own opinions, but all that matters at the end of the day is that the person who is studying fashion is happy with his or her major,” Thai said.

~by Matthew Perry
Jon Grant - Fashion Merchandising

Jon Grant is a junior fashion merchandising major, and says he was drawn to the program because he liked how it combined business and creative aspects into one.

Grant is currently seeking out internship opportunities at the U.K.-based company, Trusox, which specializes in performance-enhancement athletic socks. After graduating from Stevenson University, he hopes to secure a job as a buyer for a small company.

He admits to noticing a large presence of women in his classes, but he challenges the idea of fashion merchandising as a gendered study.

“Most people have an inaccurate perception about what fashion merchandising really is,” Grant said. “If you asked a room full of guys if they want to work for Nike, a majority of them would raise their hands. You’d get a way different response if you asked about fashion merchandising, but it’s basically the same thing.”

He emphasized the difference between fashion design and merchandising, explaining that merchandising focuses more on the business aspect of the industry, whereas design focuses on the clothing itself. To further clarify the difference, the fashion design major is housed in Stevenson's School of Design, while fashion merchandising falls under the School of Business and Leadership.

~ by Matthew Perry

Hayden Yerashunas - Education

Hayden Yerashunas is a junior education student who chose the major because he wants to impact children’s lives in a positive way. At his placement at Pikesville Middle School, Yerashunas teaches math to seventh graders, where he directly influences children he teaches.

In the future, Yerashunas hopes to not only teach high school algebra, but also to coach high school football. Before an injury, Yerashunas played football for Stevenson’s football team, so he hopes to continue enjoying his passion by coaching his future students.

“Ultimately, education just seemed like the right path for me,” Yerashunas said. “If all goes perfectly, I’d like to receive more education and move up in the teaching world.”

Even though the education major is traditionally dominated by females, Yerashunas admits that he didn’t think about it in that sense, and that studying a major that more women studied didn’t affect him.

“Women make great teachers, but so do men,” Yerashunas said.

~ by Alyssa Yuan

Eddy Klepper - Nursing

Eddy Klepper, a senior, is one of the few male students in the nursing program at Stevenson University. Although no major is gender-specific, it is refreshing to find males interested in a program where female students outnumber the men. With more female nursing students than men, it is not surprising to see classes with only women in them.

“I am the only guy in some of my classes,” said Klepper. “Everyone treats me with respect, just as I treat everyone else with respect.”

An experience years ago influenced Klepper’s plans about his future in college and his career. At 17, he was hospitalized for a week after being diagnosed with pneumonia. His hospital stay was far from pleasant, and he decided then that he wanted to make a difference.

As graduation approaches next year, Klepper has big plans for his future. He currently works in ICU at Greater Baltimore Medical Center and plans to continue working there after he graduates. He later wants to work towards his Master’s degree.

“The whole thing has been a challenge itself, but I’ve never regretted doing nursing,” Klepper said. “I’m pretty happy with my major; I can’t really see myself doing anything different.”

~ by Avonte Jackson

Kyle Pottieger - Education

Kyle Pottieger, a sophomore, currently teaches sixth grade at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School. He felt that teaching was the right path for him to take because of his love for interacting with and helping children. Teachers also have summers off, which he thinks is a great bonus. This would allow him to spend time with both his family and friends.

The idea of a female-dominated major is bittersweet for Kyle. On one hand, Kyle doesn’t mind being in a major that is predominantly filled with women.

“It’s actually nice because a lot of the women are caring and loving,” Pottieger said. “I learn a lot from them on how to deal with a student who is upset or hurt.”

However, the major does come with its disadvantages, as he found it is sometimes hard to connect with other education majors because they are women.

Kyle hopes to take his passion of teaching with him in the future, wanting to become a middle school math teacher and coach at least one sports team.

~ by Alyssa Yuan
Mardi Gras Costume Ball

Enjoy the night dressed up for a Mardi Gras extravaganza!

Tickets available at The Rock starting Monday, February 17th

Friday, February 21st

Rockland Banquet Room
8:00PM - 12:00AM
The large variety of clubs and organizations at Stevenson University engage in fundraising activities to achieve their goals. Some provide a model for innovation that extends far beyond their club borders.

Mission: I’m Home takes an alternative spring break trip to New Orleans to aid in the rebuilding efforts from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. The club fundraises year-round with events that include a 5K race, the Chick-fil-A Challenge, restaurant benefits night, and bingo. The group also holds a 50/50 raffle and has t-shirt sponsors. The 50/50 raffle tickets are sold at football games in the fall and the winner is announced at bingo in February. Additionally, they sell t-shirt sponsorships as an opportunity for organizations to donate to the trip and get their name printed on the back of the annual trip t-shirt.

Mission: I’m Home uses many tactics to get the word out about their events. Promotion occurs both on- and off-campus. Fliers on both campuses promote the activities as does the SU Portal. Ads on Wild Stang Radio as well as on other social media sites garner attention.

“We use every sensory to promote Mission: I’m Home’s trip to New Orleans and the different fundraising opportunities. We reach out to those on campus and our other friends in the community. It’s a win-win,” said Morgan Somerville, staff advisor of Mission: I’m Home.

Phi Sigma Sigma is another organization on campus that utilizes novel approaches to fundraising. They hold different events throughout the year including a Yankee Candle fundraiser, basket bingo, and a quarter auction. Phi Sigma Sigma uses fliers around campus to promote their events as well as word of mouth through students and staff members.

“Basket bingo in the fall is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We always have a good turnout and everyone seems to enjoy themselves,” said Emily Singleton, Phi Sigma Sigma member.

In its effort to fight cancer, Relay for Life relies on fundraising as well. Throughout the year, the organization holds different events such as restaurant benefit nights and raffles. Their big event of the year is the actual Relay in the spring, an all-night event to raise awareness.

“Fundraising keeps Relay going. It is all for such a great cause and everyone is very gracious,” said Will Comotto, Committee Chair for Survivors.

The Bingo fundraiser for Mission: I’m Home will be Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. and the Relay for Life event will be April 11-12.
STEWART UNIVERSITY SPRING 2014
ARTS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare
February 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and March 1 at 7 p.m.
Studio Theatre, Greenspring campus
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The Stevenson University dance team, coached by Regina Kroll, recently attended the Universal Dance Association’s Collegiate Dance Team Competition in Orlando, Florida, from Jan. 17-20 for the fourth year in a row.

With their “You Better Work” and “Touchdown Baltimore” routines, the team prepared a solid set to impress the judges at the Walt Disney World Resort.

The Mustangs competed against 19 other Div. III schools and came home just two places short from making it to the final round.

The team says they have worked diligently and continue to push themselves in order to succeed.

Not only do they perform competitively, but they continue to stay involved by performing at various university events including football games, basketball games, club events and more.

“Each year the team gets stronger and stronger,” said Kroll. Whether competitive or not, the team puts 100% into their performances.

Their next big appearance will be at the men’s basketball team’s senior night on Feb. 18 in the Owings Mills gymnasium.

In addition to shining on the dance floor, the team has also continued to take part in an assortment of volunteer opportunities including Relay for Life and support for breast cancer research.

In honor of one of their teammates, Nicole Dover, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006, the team walks every year.

The team did not learn their dance moves overnight. Kroll taught the dancers everything she could. She has been dancing since she was a child, and has over six years of experience teaching dance.

As an alum of Villa Julie College, Kroll has been with the school since she graduated in 2001. But before she became the coach for the dance team, she taught hip-hop, jazz, and ballet at B. Funk Dance Studio in Ellicott City.

Kroll has even participated in many Monsters of Hip-Hop conventions, training with the best choreographers in the business, some of them working with singer/actor Justin Timberlake and others starring in the movies “Step Up” and “Step Up 2.” She even had a small role in “Step Up 2.” Even though she juggles being a wife and a mother of one, with another child on the way, Kroll was still able to lead the 13 girls on the team.

Kroll said, “I am really proud of my team, and it is a great group to try out for!”

Anyone interested in trying out or asking any questions can contact Kroll at sudanceteam@hotmail.com.
Women’s hoops looks to stay on top in second half of conference play

by Gabrielle Kuhar

With a 12-9 record, the Stevenson University women’s basketball team ended a three-game winning streak with a loss to Widener University on Feb. 5., but they rebounded three days later with a 61-57 win against Lycoming.

Against Widener, the Mustangs had a second-half comeback; however, it was not enough to beat the Pride, ending the game 68-63. Junior guard Ty Bender led the team with 17 points and 6 rebounds, while junior guard Kayla Kelly followed close behind adding 16 points and 5 rebounds.

In the past two weeks, the Mustangs have also defeated Lycoming, Hood and Alvernia. Bender led the Mustangs with 14 points in their 61-42 victory over Hood, while sophomore guard Caitlyn Roy contributed to the win with 8 rebounds. Bender also led the Mustangs with another 14 points in their 58-52 victory over Alvernia, with help from Kelly, who added 8 rebounds. Against Lycoming, the Mustangs had two players in double digits: Kelly with 23 and junior guard Kayleigh Guzek with 10.

Although the Mustangs have a 10-4 record in the conference, the team is still looking to improve in the remainder of the season. Assistant coach Rob Slopek believes that every team has room for improvement, no matter where they are in the conference standings.

“I feel that we need to improve on playing our game for a full 40 minutes and not taking time off, and becoming a better rebounding and passing team,” said Slopek.

A major goal for the Mustangs is to be more effective when it comes to executing plays. Sophomore guard Stephanie Martinez also thinks the team needs to work on limiting their number of fouls. Slopek added, “If we can continue improving in these areas, as well as focusing on defense, then I think we’ll be a tough team to beat this month.”

According to Slopek, the Mustangs are focusing only on the present. Whoever they are battling at the time is considered their biggest competitor.

“We are really just focusing on getting better every day and trying to play our best basketball for the rest of the season,” he said.

“We want to make the MAC Commonwealth conference playoffs, and of course, win the conference, and then we will see where we stand from there for the NCAA playoffs,” said junior guard Abbey DeLeo.

The Mustangs are entering the bulk of the second half of conference play. In the next week, they will face Messiah, Albright, and Elizabethtown.

The team believes it is important that they stay focused and maintain intensity while finishing up the season. The Mustangs will take on Elizabethtown on Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.

SAAC gets involved on Stevenson’s campus and helps with different activities in the community

by Charlie Taylor

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) at Stevenson University is made up of student athletes assembled to provide insight on rules, regulations, and policies that affect their lives. They not only work with the NCAA, but also play a very important role on campus and in the community.

The committee requires two student athlete members from each NCAA sport on campus. The president of SAAC this year is Molly Malloy, a women’s soccer player, and the vice president is Rob Wingert, who is on the men’s volleyball team.

NCAA regulations require all member institutions to have Student Athlete Advisory Committees on their campus, but the SAAC at Stevenson goes beyond expectations, according to Laurel Martin, head coach of field hockey and coordinator of SAAC. They have spent countless hours teaming up with organizations including the Special Olympics, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Relay for Life to bring positive change to the community.

Martin shares that SAAC participated in the Salvation Army’s Adopt-A-Family program. The goal of the program was to raise money for gifts that would be delivered to less fortunate families the week of Christmas.

“For the Adopt-a-Family program, SAAC decided it would be best to help a family in our local community rather than give to a large, nationwide organization. Since people were struggling in our own community, we decided to help those in need,” said Martin.

The students collected donations from student athletes representing each of the 22 teams at Stevenson, and that money was used to purchase gifts for the family.

The Mustang Maniacs are another group that SAAC has recently helped to organize. The group’s Facebook page notes, “The Mustang Maniacs’ mission is to create a fun, positive atmosphere that will showcase our Mustang Pride! We also want to enhance the home field advantage for our athletic teams.” The group is very vocal as they show school pride at different sporting events.

One of the most exciting things about SAAC is that Martin has “I truly enjoy working with these bright and hardworking young people. These are the type of people who will absolutely find success in life. I am just the person who organizes. All of the students do the hard work.”

Men’s basketball heads towards tournament

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11-2 record. When they don’t win the rebounding battle, they are 2-5.

Stevenson currently is tied for third in conference standings at 9-3. With four conference games remaining before the tournament, Stevenson could improve their seed. If the Mustangs are going to make a move for a higher seed, it’s now or never. One game that is circled on everybody’s calendar is Feb. 12, when the team travels to Messiah, the #1 squad in the conference.

The Mustangs love their home court, going 8-2, as opposed to 5-5 on the road, so the team will be glad to see two out of their next four games at home.

Assistant coach Alex Franz said, “We’re going to have to dig deep, win games on the defensive end and rebound the basketball. We just have to get back to the intensity we had earlier in the season.”