Stevenson community mourns the deaths of three students

Spencer Tarason, a senior at Stevenson University and a paralegal major, passed away Nov. 27, 2014; he was 21. Spencer played four years of varsity soccer at Centennial High School before joining the NCAA Division III soccer team at Stevenson in his freshman year. John Plevyak, Stevenson’s head men’s soccer coach, remembers Spencer as a “wonderful student who was always willing to help his classmates.” She added that he was very patient, intelligent, engaged, and kind. “Spencer was an invaluable assistant coach and will be greatly missed,” Michaud said.

Shannon Henretty graduated from Stevenson University as a nursing major in May 2014. After graduation, Shannon began her dream job in August in the Intensive Care Unit at Sinai Hospital. She passed away on Dec. 26, 2014, after a battle with pneumonia; she was 23. After transferring from Virginia Tech, she joined the cross country team, and then became good friends with Jill Benko, another runner and fellow nursing major. Benko described Shannon’s character as “radiating positivity and someone who made everyone feel special.” Shannon participated in Mission: I’m Home and also served as chair of Stevenson’s Relay for Life Committee. Benko has co-founded a Relay for Life team, Shine like Shannon.

Emmanuel Paul, known as EP, played three seasons as a member of Stevenson’s NCAA Division III football team, appearing in 21 games. This past season, Paul rushed for a touchdown, an 11-yard score on Homecoming during the Mustangs’ 8-3 season that was capped by a Bowl win. EP was a senior criminal justice major, with plans to go into law enforcement. He passed away on Jan. 22, 2015, from complications after a short bout with illness; he was 23. At his death, he was surrounded by members of his family in North Carolina. Edward Hottle, head coach of the football team at Stevenson, described EP as a “relatable teammate with a solid work ethic. His sense of humor seemed to strike everyone.”

by Emily Rosenthal, Villager staff writer

January Term classes resume for the first time in over a decade

In Stevenson University’s first January Term of classes since 2003, over 100 students participated in the winter session in one of 12 accelerated learning opportunities, according to the Office of the Registrar.

Classes ranged in type from science independent studies, to an archival field experience, to traditional classes, to service learning and trips to New Orleans and India.

Emma Ragon, a sophomore business communication major, enrolled in the “Community as Your Classroom” offering, which offered students a background of service learning and provided some opportunities to apply that knowledge.

Ragon participated in a project to collect a directory of community partners while another group worked to solve and implement a plan for a food waste problem at Stevenson.

“Everyone in my class at the end thought they could really make a difference,” said Ragon.

Another group of students put service learning into high gear and spent the first two weeks of classes at Stevenson taking either an Information Systems (IS) Management Special Topics course or a Leadership and Service Learning course before traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana, for a week.

Romas Laskauskas, assistant professor of business, was one of the founders of the annual alternative spring break trip to New Orleans to help rebuild after the devastating 2005 Hurricane Katrina and taught the Leadership and Service Learning class.

Because the Stevenson groups had previously worked with the Sisters of the Holy Family at St. Mary’s Academy, the Sisters asked if Stevenson could provide any computers to create a computer lab for the elementary school students there.

“In collaboration with Information Technology, we were able to secure computers that we could then take down to New Orleans,” said Laskauskas.

Stevenson donated approximately 70 computers that had been replaced across campus, according to Laskauskas.

Art Fifer, assistant professor of information systems, said that getting the courses approved, collecting the computers, and pulling the project together was a “miraculous” event.

“My favorite part was being able to work with a partner, the Sisters, whom we have known for six years and really make a difference for them,” said Fifer.

The 30 students who participated in the trip and service project built two computer labs, repaired some of the school’s laptops and built two mobile computer lab carts for the students to use. They also painted the front office of the school and renovated a science lab with a science mural and the school’s crest.

Laskauskas recalled that his students were not all from the School of Business. The group also included students from the School of Education and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, which created a well-rounded environment where students could learn.

“I think that next year’s January Term will be even better,” said Laskauskas.
The Black Student Union was established on the campus of Villa Julie College by four African-American students who wanted to create unity among minorities. Today, the Black Student Union, commonly nicknamed BSU, is one of the largest on-campus organizations. The BSU is separated into three groups, the General BSU, BSU Allure Models, and the BSU Gospel Choir.

The BSU Gospel Choir consists of powerful vocalists who use their talents to spread the word of Jesus Christ. While the name of the organization is the Black Student Union Gospel Choir, Charmaine Oden, director of the group, said, “The choir is not just for African-American vocalists, but for anyone who loves the Lord and is willing to sing for Him.”

Oden describes the dynamic of the choir as vocalists from different walks of life who have experienced hardships, trials and pain.

“Every year we grow closer together, sharing personal stories with one another,” said Oden.

Community outreach through song and ministry is another aspect of the choir. Throughout the semester, the group visits various churches in the Baltimore area to sing. They have also performed for the American Red Cross Greater Chesapeake & Potomac Blood Services.

Additionally, they have received various personal invitations to attend other college campuses in the Delaware and Maryland area to spread the word of God through music.

Students at Stevenson University who are interested in a chance to showcase their talent should be aware that the choir will host auditions for their second annual Stevenson’s Best on February 23, 2015. Stevenson’s Best is a gospel singing contest, similar to the hit television show on BET. This contest will allow students who are not involved with the Gospel Choir to minister to others on campus through song.

Oden said, “The SU community can support the BSU Gospel Choir by coming out to our events.”

The majority of the organization’s events are attended by family members and relatives of the choir members. Oden said that the choir would love to see the Stevenson community attend their events and support them as they share their love of God.

### Psychology club hosts local competition as part of national “Brain Bee”

**by Megan Donahue**

Villager staff writer

The psychology club hosted a local Brain Bee competition in the St. Paul Companies Pavilion on the Greenspring campus on February 22 from noon to 4 p.m.

High school students from Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School, Glenelg Country School, Richard Montgomery High School, Poolesville High School, Urbana High School, and several home-schooled students were in attendance.

The Brain Bee is an event for high school students interested in demonstrating their knowledge of the brain.

Topics that are used as a basis for the questions include intelligence, emotions, memory, sleep, vision, hearing, sensations, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, stroke, schizophrenia, epilepsy, depression, addictions and brain research, according to the International Brain Bee website.

The neuroscience competition is aimed at students 13 to 19 years of age and is held annually in conjunction with the World Congress of Neurology. The competition has three levels: the winners of local competitions compete in their respective national championships, and national winners then go on to represent their countries in the International Championship.

Students prepare for the competition by studying books that are freely downloadable from the internet and responding to sample questions on the International Brain Bee website.

The International Brain Bee was founded in 1998 at the University of Maryland by Dr. Norbert Myslinski, and the competition has been transformed into a world-wide neuroscience competition for students in 30 countries on six continents.

The Brain Bee is a program of the non-profit foundation Mankind for International Neuroscience Development, Inc. (MIND, Inc.)

Their vision is bold: “to motivate young men and women to learn about the brain, and inspire them to consider careers in basic and clinical neurosciences.” Stevenson has started a chapter in order to promote education and encourage students to learn about the brain with the hope that some students will develop a strong interest in neuroscience, said psychology club president Maria Hooe. Students gain a sense of appreciation of the brain that may lead them to study and pursue psychology and neuroscience, which in return will allow them to pursue rewarding careers and make notable contributions in various fields of discovery.

The environment throughout the event was relaxing, engaging, and slightly competitive. Following the conclusion of the last question, awards were distributed and light refreshments and snacks were available.

All of the participants received a certificate for participating in the competition. The third-place winner won a $25 gift card; the second-place winner won $50, and the first-place winner won $75 and the opportunity to compete in the National Brain Bee later this year, which is slated to be held in Baltimore, Maryland.

### “Mystical Monday” events aim to bring together variety of diverse groups on campus

**by Zuryna Smith**

Villager staff writer

One particular event on campus may not be well-known by many but has been presented at Stevenson University since 2009. This event, presented by the Black Student Union, is called Mystical Monday. “Mystical Monday is a place for all ethnicities to come together and speak our mind and be ourselves,” said Alexandra Porte, president of the Black Student Union.

Mystical Monday’s goal is to bring the community together, hoping to accomplish the by scheduling the event during a time when most students, regardless of major, are available. It is held on one Monday a month between 7 and 9 p.m. in the Radcliffe Community Center at Owings Mills.

The Mystical Monday for the month of February occurred on February 9, a drizzly Monday evening with little and rain on occasion. Due to the inclement weather, the audience was not massive and the show was postponed for 30 minutes. Regardless of the unforeseen weather events, the event was still packed with positivity.

The show was a tribute for Black History Month, and it consisted of black history facts, impersonations, and performances. An act within the show was a performance of Lauryn Hill’s “Killing Me Softly” by junior Jennifer Scotfield. After she performed, Scotfield said, “It was a first-time experience, but I enjoyed myself.”

The show ended with a closing song by Stephanie Jean who performed “I’m Feeling Good” by Michael Bublé. After she performed she apologized to the audience not for her performance but, for the lack of performances that evening.

Nonetheless, Porte wants the attendance to continue to grow. Her hopes for Mystical Monday include a growth of diversity in the audience and with the performers. She disapproves of the common misconception, that, in order to be a part of Mystical Monday, students have to be African-American.

Porte said, “Color is not an object to us. Don’t let the Black Student Union name affect your coming; come out regardless of what you see.”

The next Mystical Monday will be held on March 2. During next month’s show, Porte hopes to implement an award system for the best performer of the night.

Members of the BSU Gospel Choir sing on stage at Stevenson’s InScape Theatre. The group holds auditions regularly for anyone who can sing in praise of God.
Video games club members enjoy competition, fun

by Jenifer Antonelli
Villager staff writer

Interested in playing Super Smash Bros., Pokémon, or any of your other favorite video games while on campus? Stevenson University’s Video Games Club offers students a chance to meet once a week and play anything from Xbox to Atari.

Current president Ryan Scherr and vice president Ryan Harman, both seniors, founded the Video Games Club in the summer of 2013. They began the organization simply because one didn’t exist at Stevenson.

“We assumed that there was already a club like this on campus, and when we found out there was not, we wanted to bring one to Stevenson,” said Scherr.

Every semester, the organization hosts a few major events that are open to the entire SU community. In the past, their most popular events have drawn close to 100 students, including their annual kickoff event, and Fright Night, a Halloween-themed event featuring horror video games.

This semester the club is striving to make their events even better. Coming in March, they are planning an off-campus trip to a nearby video game arena, and in April the club will bring back Humans Versus Zombies.

Besides these large events, the club hosts weekly meetings which Scherr and Harman are hoping to form into mini-events for all SU students to enjoy.

Meetings begin with a brief recap of important announcements and upcoming events for members to know about. After that, members can break into smaller groups and play any of the video games brought for that day.

The board is focused on taking their members’ thoughts into consideration by adding tournaments to each week’s meetings, an idea that came from a survey taken by the club’s members. At each meeting members vote for the following week’s tournament game; they can then choose to either play in the tournament or leisurely play one of the other games.

Those who enjoy playing video games for fun or for competition are welcomed to join regardless of their abilities. “Anyone can join,” said Harman. “That was one of the deals we founded the club on. We wanted anybody and everybody to be able to enjoy our club because, honestly, who doesn’t enjoy playing video games?”

Those interested in joining the club can find more information on their Facebook page: Stevenson University Video Games Club. This semester the club meets on Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Ratcliffe Community Center.

Multicultural Awareness Week offers daily activities starting in March

by Jen Rosenbloom
Villager staff writer

Multicultural Awareness Week will begin March 2 at Stevenson University, a four-year-old tradition that welcomes Alvin Roberts as the new Director of Multicultural Events this year. Roberts joined the Stevenson community in October, 2014.

“The focus of Multicultural Awareness Week this year is giving access for people who haven’t or don’t have the opportunity to interact with other cultures,” said Roberts. The week will include the following events, subject to change:

Monday: Workout Madness with the International Student Association, including a hula hoop workout inspired by Native American story telling.

Tuesday: the Glee Club will bring “Night of the Arts” to campus, a compilation of music and dance.

Wednesday: a World Music Performance, titled “Music From Round The World,” will feature musicologists Christopher James and Jon Seligman, who use a unique blend of traditional and contemporary world music, playing such instruments as the ukulele, bodhran, bamboo flutes, and the Middle Eastern tabla, among others, according to Stevenson’s flier on the event.

Thursday: Stop in to watch the movie “Women Between Worlds,” 30-minute documentary following several women who have immigrated to America and who share their experiences in American society. After the film, stay for a Q and A with Stevenson filmmaker Exsul Van Helden. Some of these questions may be used in a follow-up documentary.

Friday: A Career Diversity Symposium hosted by the Career Services Office will bring “Night of the Arts” to campus, a compilation of music and dance.

Saturday: A Career Diversity Symposium hosted by the Career Services Office will bring “Night of the Arts” to campus, a compilation of music and dance.

Sunday: "Multicultural Week in the past, Roberts points out that there are some changes this year. First, no guest speakers have been scheduled at this time. Second, what had been known as the “Tunnel of Oppression,” has been renamed the “Tunnel of Hope,” and will become a standalone event for employees,” according to Roberts.

“Multicultural” signifies more than just race because, as he says, everyone has something to offer. “We all have culture in one way, shape, or form,” he explains. Roberts calls the programs this year “fun and engaging,” and a “stepping stone for more in-depth and fruitful conversations.”

Stevenson is one of several colleges across America that offers multicultural awareness events. The state of Maryland has also seen an increase in cultural diversity courses being offered, according to the Maryland Independent College and University Association.
Antidote for overdoses presents medical dilemma

by Matthew Staud
Villager staff writer

A father walks into his house and sees his son’s car still in the driveway, in the same spot as it was when he left that morning. He walks into his home and calls his son’s name, but no one answers. The father walks up to his son’s room -- the outstanding football player, student, and musician -- but when he opens the door, he is horrified to see what he sees: his beautiful child is lying on the bed not breathing, a bottle of Oxycodone from a recent football injury has spilled on the floor.

Every hour in the United States, one or two people die of an opioid overdose, according to the Washington Post. What is this crazy drug killing so many people, and why is it so available? Opioids are sometimes harmful street drugs, such as heroin, but also include pain medications such as Oxycodone, codeine, and morphine, which are prescribed by a doctor to patients after a severe trauma, a medical episode, or surgery.

Recently there has been a large effort to slash these statistics by introducing an “opioid antagonist,” called Naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan, both to the public and to first responders. Dan Harold, the Ambulance Coordinator and the Supervisor of Collingdale Fire Company #1 EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Division, has been an Emergency Medical Technician for 10 years. He has responded to over 50 opioid-related overdoses in that time, and has seen the effects of Naloxone use first-hand. According to Harold, “Narcan is a medication used to counter the effects of opioids, especially in overdoses, more commonly heroin overdoses and overdoses on prescription pain medications. The purpose of administering Naloxone is to reverse the depression of the central nervous system, respiratory system, and hypotension [low blood pressure].”

Until recently in most states, only a paramedic was allowed to administer Narcan to a patient experiencing opioid overdose. In a new effort, social action groups are advocating that the drug be available to all first responders including, but not limited to, police officers, fire fighters, and emergency medical technicians. Each of these professionals would receive training to administer the drug intranasally (through the nose) and through an auto injector, such as an Epinephrine pen.

There is also a campaign to make the drug available to the public so a doctor could prescribe it to a family member concerned about an overdose by an opioid addict. However, Harold has concerns about this.

“The downside to prescribing Naloxone to the ‘wrong person’ would be that someone might feel that an addicted could take his or her drug addiction a little further knowing Naloxone could be available to a family member in the same household. Making Naloxone available to the public could ultimately save many more lives, but I believe we would also see a drastic increase of opioid overdoses for the same reason,” said Harold. The issue remains complex and worrisome.

According to whitehouse.gov, 20 states have made Naloxone available to the public, including Maryland. Those interested in learning more about Naloxone can visit www.getnaloxonenow.org.

What clubs or organizations are you joining this semester?

“I am in Glee Club, Gospel Choir, and a member of the Criminal Justice Student Association.”

“Princeton Gorham, criminal justice

“I haven’t joined a club yet, but I’m looking forward to joining PAWS because I work at a doggy daycare.”

“Amanda Herron, biology

“I am a SRA, the president of OLAS, a student ambassador, and a member of NRHH and the women’s golf team.”

“We are looking forward to joining PAWS because I work at a doggy daycare.”

-Wally Wiscowitch, business administration

“I’m not involved with any clubs at the moment, but I plan on getting involved with the Criminal Justice Student Association this semester.”

-Tevin Isley, criminal justice

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Cakes and papers
It’s not easy being a student. Many of us have to balance schoolwork with a part-time job, or schoolwork with family issues, and a surprising amount of us have to balance schoolwork with trips to the hospital. More than anything, though, I know a good portion of the difficulty comes from writing papers; they’re long, they require a lot of research, and writing in the proper style can be difficult. It seemed like an area ripe for comment, but I was hungry when I wrote this and knew that students also like cake. So if you remove the parts about writing, then you’ll have a wonderful recipe for a flourless chocolate cake.

The first step is to gather your ingredients. For this you’ll need 1/2 cup water, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 3/4 cup white sugar, 1 ounce bittersweet chocolate, 1 cup of unsalted butter, and 6 eggs. These ingredients are your sources, and they vary from online professional journals to physical books in the library. You want a lot of them, and they need to be different. Something you read in them could inspire you to change your avenue of research or decide against what you planned to write.

Slowly stir the salt and sugar into the pot of water at medium heat until they’re dissolved; then set it aside. There’s no real paper equivalent for this; it’s just part of the cake process.

Next, you want to prepare your cooking surface. Grease a 10” round cake pan, and preheat your oven to 300 degrees F. Be sure to have another pan larger for a later step. After getting your research together, it’s time to prepare your work surface. Cleaning your desk or tidying your environment can do wonders for the quality of your paper — suddenly you’ll be comfortably uncluttered, and you’ll remove potential distractions.

The next step is to melt the chocolate. This can be done in the microwave or, if you’re feeling fancy, in a double boiler. Pour it into a bowl. This is your brainstorming step. You have all your research together, now you just need to decide what’s useful. Just make sure that, whether it’s melting chocolate or brainstorming, you do it slowly. Too fast and you’ll wear yourself out or burn your chocolate.

Cut the butter into pieces and beat it into the chocolate one piece at a time. Next beat in the hot sugar water, and then the eggs, one at a time. After brainstorming, it’s time to write. Beat your ideas together and combine them into what looks like a paper.

Pour the batter into the greased 10” pan, and then place the entire thing into the larger pan. Fill the latter with boiling water halfway up the sides, and then bake at 300 degrees F for 45 minutes. At this point, you’re wrapping up your paper and checking it for style, so that it both looks right and reads well.

Chill the cake overnight in a pan, then remove the next day and eat it. Enjoy your results of your labor, and watch the grades come in. If you did well, then excellent! If not, then at least you just made some comfort food.

If you want other recipes, go to allrecipes.
Apple TV provides a cheap, fast way for students to watch their shows and movies anywhere

by Andrew Grimm
Village staff writer

Apple TV, an all-in-one entertainment hub, is an affordable product that every college student needs.

According to apple.com, Apple TV weighs a little bit more than a half a pound, is about 3.9” wide, 3.9” long, and just about an inch tall, an easy-to-store device. An Apple single-core A5 chip processor powers it. Included in the box are the Apple TV, a remote, a power cord, and documentation.

Apple TV brings all of your favorite shows, movies, sports, and music to one place. It comes with many pre-installed apps to play shows and movies including Netflix, Hulu Plus, HBO GO, Fox News, Watch ESPN, MLB TV, Watch Disney, and many more. Apple TV also comes equipped with the music apps iTunes Music, iTunes Radio, and Beats Music.

The convenience of being able to access such a wide array of apps all from the same location is one feature that makes the Apple TV such a good product.

The coolest part about the product is that you can wirelessly stream anything on your Mac, iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch to your TV by using AirPlay, a program that is already installed on all Apple products. This feature works by mirroring whatever is on the screen of the device you are using and displaying it on your TV screen. This can be useful for things such as displaying notes on a tv screen for a group study, or even just watching a movie.

For college students living off campus, Apple TV could essentially be a cheap alternative to cable. Apple TV can be purchased on apple.com for $99 or $90 on bestbuy.com, and both of these prices are a lot less than a year of cable.

The downside to this creation is that Apple TV is only compatible with Apple products. Only Apple products have the AirPlay feature, which is required to stream content, making this product a lot less appealing to a person who has a PC or phone that is not an iPhone. However, such users could still enjoy all of the preloaded apps that come on the Apple TV.

Apple TV is a high quality, must-buy product for all Apple users. It is an affordable all-in-one entertainment hub that has many different convenient features. To purchase or to find more information, visit apple.com.

“Her Fearful Symmetry” explores the relationship between twins, lovers, and dead relatives

by Savannah Lawrence
Village staff writer

“Her Fearful Symmetry,” by Audrey Niffenegger, tells the story of twin sisters struggling to find their own individuality after years of doing everything together. Their struggle is complicated by the death of their aunt, who was their mother’s twin.

The twins, Julia and Valentina Poole, inherit a flat in London from their late Aunt Elspeth. News of the inheritance comes as a great surprise because their mother, Edie, has been estranged from their aunt for decades.

The twins know little of the cause of Elspeth’s sudden death or of Elspeth herself. Her posthumous contact comes as a great shock to the twins and their mother.

However Elspeth’s ghostly spirit remains stuck in her flat, conscious but unable to speak or appear to anyone. She is lonely, spending her days observing the twins.

As months in London go by, Julia and Valentina clash. Julia is strong-willed and controlling, while Valentina is timid and unsure of herself. Being on their own in a foreign city allows both girls to realize the need to separate and become independent from each other in order to find happiness.

Valentina longs for freedom, and that longing is further enhanced when she meets Elspeth’s former lover, Robert, who lives in the flat below Elspeth’s. Valentina and Robert fall for one another, and Robert expounds her to a world without Julia’s control.

Meanwhile, Julia befriends Martin, a man with crippling OCD, who also lives in the same apartment building whose wife recently left him because of him refusing treatment. He develops a relationship with Julia as she takes on the role of his caretaker.

The twins’ new loves and growing discomfort with one another begins driving them apart, and Elspeth, still watching them, becomes distraught, reminded of her own relationship with Edie.

Just as Robert is beginning to move on from Elspeth, she finally gains the strength to reveal herself to the twins and Robert. After months of practice attempting to move objects, she communicates with them by writing a message in the dust on the piano top.

From that point on, Robert sits in the flat for hours communicating with Elspeth, reliving their cherished memories. This complicates his love for Valentina.

Elspeth also communicates with the twins, but refuses to answer questions about her rift with their mother.

Valentina wakes one morning surprised to find she can see Elspeth’s ghostly figure; however, Robert and Julia remain unable to see her. Julia becomes jealous with her sister, as her inability to see Elspeth means that she cannot have a relationship with her aunt as Valentina can.

Valentia, plagued by jealousy and friends.

The secret between Edie and Elspeth, and the conflict between Julia and Valentina, focuses not only on the close relationship between sisters, Niffenegger tells a complex story, mixing love and fantasy together to play on the human desire for individuality and autonomy.

“Her Fearful Symmetry” speaks to the complicated nature of relationships between sisters. Niffenegger tells a story about the diversity of love, and how it can occur when people become too interdependent. “Her Fearful Symmetry” is the perfect read for those looking to find themselves, as it encourages readers to break from what is comfortable in order to find their true identity.

“American Sniper” wows audiences with emotional story of American Navy veteran

by Will Comotto
Villager staff writer

“American Sniper” is the semi-biographical story of a sniper in the Navy SEALs, and wowed audiences with not only an impressive war story, but also the emotional tale of what happens after the fighting stops.

Many war movies from the past have really moved audience members in dramatic ways. “Saving Private Ryan,” “Black Hawk Down,” and “Zero Dark Thirty” are a few that come to mind as powerful and compelling.

The newest in this genre, “American Sniper” follows the life of Chris Kyle (played by Bradley Cooper), a man from Texas who joins the Navy SEALs at a young age to serve his country. It follows his success as a sniper for the SEALs, examining his personal life as well as how the time he spent in Iraq impacted his family and friends. Directed by Clint Eastwood and nominated for six Oscars, the film is somewhat biographical of the story of Chris Kyle.

Many expected “American Sniper” to be another typical war movie, but its impact is indescribable. It is not typical, and it is not easy to watch. Some other war movies offer nothing more than two straight hours of warfare and little else, but “American Sniper” is different. What makes, “American Sniper” so different is the story behind it, a tale of triumph, and one of tragedy, a personal glimpse into what war can do to anyone’s psyche.

While he enlisted as a Navy Seal, Kyle took part in four tours of Iraq, which take a toll on him mentally and physically. Once he returns home, Kyle spends much of his time at bars, not talking to his family or friends, and his post-traumatic stress disorder causes him to becomes aggressive when he hears noises that trigger memories of combat.

Kyle isn’t the only one in his family who enlisted in the war; his younger brother enlisted in the Marines, but ended up going home shortly after enlisting, allowing audiences a glimpse of the man Kyle could have been.

Throughout his four tours in Iraq, Kyle was credited with a total of 160 kills, an astounding number that earns him the title of “Legend” from his fellow SEALs.

While “American Sniper” is indeed an emotional war movie, it is much more than just that. From the moment the movie starts, we become part of Chris Kyle’s life. We see what he does growing up, and we understand what leads him to become interested in the armed forces.

We also see what the war does to him mentally and physically, and the toll it ultimately takes on his family and friends.

At the end of the movie, the theatre is completely silent, stunned into an emotionally drained state. If you haven’t seen American Sniper yet, do so. There are not enough words to describe how powerful it really is.

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The event is dope, and I like to see the SU community come together and learn about other cultures and organizations.

-Devante Rogers, Senior, M.I.L.E Member

It looked like everybody had a good time!

-Brian Rudo, All About Fun Productions

I think it was really wonderful and very entertaining! It looked like the kids had a good experience. Everyone, don’t forget to fill out your FASEF!

-Jamie Cardillo, Asst. Director of Financial Aid

I had a lot of fun. I learned how to juggle. I ate popcorn. I’m enjoying listening to the glee club and watching others play musical chairs.

-Amy Woods, Sophomore

I thought it was very informative and it gives you another opportunity to see what clubs you want to join.

-Megan Moore, Freshman
I haven’t really been able to see anything, but I enjoy scaring others.
- Matt Aasen, Green Potted Plant

Very creative! I brought a lot of people out to this great event with the SU family. They robbed me of my repeat! I enjoyed it though.
- Matthias Ojo, Sophomore; Musical Chair Winner

It was fun. I had a good time. I have never seen musical chairs done like that! There were a lot of cool acts that were different from last year.
- Dianne Patterson, Junior

Very loud! I like the free stuff! Very informative! Very helpful!
- Briana Hamlett, Junior

It gets better and better every year. I like seeing everyone wearing the financial aid stuff because I work in financial aid.
- Raven Belford, Senior
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A capella vocal group  
Rockland Banquet  
7 p.m.  
Freshman Council  
Rockland C  
7 p.m. | Baseball v. Neumann  
2 p.m.  
Study Strategies workshop  
Rockland A  
7 p.m. | Sports Industry Symposium  
Rockland  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
March Madness Basketball  
6 p.m.  
-- OM Gym  
Vagina Monologues  
Performed by the Q Group  
Rockland -- 8 p.m. | Travel photography reception  
Pavilion  
6 p.m. | SU Scholars Showcase  
Greenspring classrooms  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| **28** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
| BSU Movie Night  
Rockland | Psi Chi induction ceremony  
Pavilion  
1 p.m. | Multicultural Awareness Week begins  
Anime Club meeting  
SBL 405  
7 p.m. | Glee Night of the Arts  
Rockland Banquet  
7 p.m. | Women’s lacrosse  
v. Franklin & Marshall  
3 p.m. |
| | Catholic Campus Mass  
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7 p.m. | | PAWS meeting  
SBL 407  
9 p.m. | CRU meeting  
Rockland A  
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| | Men’s volleyball  
v. Rutgers  
7 p.m. | | | Men’s volleyball  
2 & 6 p.m. |
| | | | | Baseball  
v. Frostburg  
2:30 p.m. |

### STEVENSON SPOTLIGHT: SOPHOMORE NICOLE SHERMAN

*by Zachariah Jefferson  
Villager staff writer*

Nicole Sherman is a sophomore nursing major whose kind heart and awe-inspiring level of work ethic make her a standout in any crowd. Nicole not only meets the requirements for her major, but she sets a standard for herself so high that she has exceeded her own expectations and those of others.

According to Stevenson’s Policies for Continuance & Progression, nursing majors entering “a junior-level course sequence must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all their science courses and a 3.0 cumulative GPA overall.” Nicole currently has a 3.82 GPA while taking 17 credits. She also works on campus in the Academic Link as a tutor in statistics, chemistry, and biology. She believes being a tutor is integral to the success of her fellow students. “It’s very important because I must be able to reinforce course material to my tutees so that they can leave with a clear understanding.” Now that’s a woman on a mission!

Nicole’s willingness to help others makes her the type of person we all would like to get to know. She is living proof that success isn’t just for the “special ones” among us, but it is out there for all of those who wish to work for it.

In the photo, Nicole (left) and her friend Shayla (right) pose at Stevenson’s “Wet’n Wild” event last year.

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Men’s basketball gets ready for Commonwealth tournament

by Sydnie Marshall
Villager staff writer

The men’s basketball team continues to shine this season, with an overall record of 16-8 and 9-6 in the Commonwealth Conference as of Feb. 18.

Last season, the team won the regular season conference championship and received the #1 seed for the conference tournament. The team is right on track to earn a top spot again this season. With only a couple regular season games remaining, the Mustangs are determined to stay focused and play their best.

According to head coach Gary Stewart, “Any team we face is considered a challenge.”

The Mustangs won seven straight games, maintaining the longest winning streak in the league before playing their last three games.

Players including juniors Eric Fisher and Christian Roberts and senior Colby Giacubeno continue to perform well this season, challenged by a bench that is deeper than many teams the Mustangs play.

“America is a democracy, so [playing time] is very competitive,” said Stewart. He instills motivation into each of his players. “One of the things that I think is essential to any relationship is whether it be a parent-child, husband-wife, boss-subordinate–in any relationship you have to have honest, consistent communication.”

He offers this advice to his players: “Maximize your day, trying to be the best that you can be.”

The Mustangs welcomed back 6’7” senior forward Justin Kuntz after the holiday break.

On senior night, Feb. 17, the Mustangs dropped a close one at the buzzer, 76-74, to the Commonwealth Conference’s first-place team, Lycoming College.

Another nail-biter, this one against Hood College on Valentines Day, saw the lead change six times in a hard-fought battle that came down to a Hood basket with only second remaining on the clock.

The Mustangs lost 75-72 in a game in which Roberts scored his 1000th point.

At Alvernia on Feb. 11, the Mustangs outscored their opponents, but could not compete with the Crusaders’ hot shooting through the game. The 79-69 loss broke the Mustangs’ seven-game win streak. Tournament semifinals begin on Feb. 23, and the finals take place on Feb. 28. The Mustangs are currently sitting in fourth place, tied with three other teams.

Volleyball welcomes new coach, gets good start on the season

by Sydney Rebecchi
Villager staff writer

The Stevenson men’s volleyball players started their 2015 season on January 22 with a win over Lancaster Bible, 3-0, and stand at 6-5 as of Feb. 13.

The outstanding moments for the Mustangs this season include defeating one of the Clash, the Mustangs lost a shutout four-set win against Medaille College on Jan. 31, and followed that with a straight-set win against Medaille College that same weekend. On Feb. 1, the Mustangs lost 3-2 to D’Youville College, their first loss on the road for the season.

In the Clash at Kean on Feb. 6, the Mustangs started off with a win against Rivier University. On Feb. 7, the final day of the Clash, the Mustangs lost a shutout to three-time national champion Springfield College and dropped the final game 3-2 to Lasell College.

Against Eastern Mennonite on Feb. 11, the Mustangs grabbed a 3-1 win, and then beat Cairn University 3-0 two days later, giving them a 6-5 record as of that point.

According to Grossnickle, “For being a winning team [6-5] isn’t an ideal place to be,” adding that a record of 8-3 or 7-4 would be more ideal. However, the coach also mentioned the team is more cohesive this year and believes he has a good, strong group of players.

Wisner was gomustangs.com athlete of the week for Feb. 12, totaling 11 block assists, which ties the school record. “I feel like I’ve been playing well so far this year, but there is definitely room to improve,” Wisner said.

Although Grossnickle said he doesn’t have one particular MVP on the team, he spoke highly of Wisner, as well as Kyle Pottieger and Nate Ellis.

The outstanding moments for the team have yet to come this season. Upcoming home games include March 4 against Marymount and Ramapo, March 6 against Rutger-Newark and March 11 against Lancaster Bible.

Grossnickle encourages Stevenson fans to support the Mustangs, who will be facing the #1 team nationally (as of January), Juniata College, later this season on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.
Ice hockey ends season 16-8-1

by Peighton Perrone
Villager staff writer

Stevenson’s NCAA Division III women’s ice hockey team wrapped up their season on Feb. 14 in a Valentine’s weekend doubleheader against SUNY Oswego.

Overall the Mustangs ended with a 16-8-1 record, leaving the team with plans for an even stronger 2016 season.

The team had a successful season, beating top 10 division ranked schools Neumann College, Sacred Heart University, and Utica College. Additionally, the Mustangs won their first Codfish Bowl in program history in January at UMass Boston.

Head coach Tracy Johnson is very proud of the team’s play this season.

“I am pleased with how the team has been performing and that they are continuing improve on the ice,” said Johnson.

The team practiced and hosted eight home games at the Reisterstown Sportsplex.

Johnson described the team as having a lot of depth.

“We have a lot of production from several different people...with the depth that we have, that production can come from anybody,” she explained.

The program recently joined the new ECAC North Atlantic Hockey League. This move will be extremely beneficial for Stevenson’s program, including a shot at post-season play.

The team and coaches are thrilled to be able to have this opportunity to play in their first finals tournament.

“This is particularly special for the seniors, since they are some of the founding members of the team who started the program,” said Johnson.

Competitors within this conference include Becker College, Daniel Webster College, Endicott College, Johnson and Wales University, Morrisville State College, Salem State University, and SUNY Canton. These seven teams, along with Stevenson, make up the new league.

While hard work and discipline are evident, both the coach and the players attribute some of their success to the chemistry of the team.

“We have really developed as a unit and have meshed extremely well,” said captain Victoria [Tori] Emmoff.

The Mustangs will take the ice again next winter, where they look to make a name for themselves in the new league.

On Feb. 14, Stevenson honored seniors Abby DeFeo, Sabrina Vaitkevicius, Kayla Kelly, Ty Bender, Kayleigh Guzek, Kyarra Harmon, Pee-Jay Gunn, and Kia Dawkins in pre-game senior day festivities in the Owings Mills gymnasium.

UPCOMING GAMES

2/27 Men’s volleyball vs. Elmlria @ 4 p.m.
2/28 Baseball vs. Penn State Abington @ noon
2/28 Softball vs. Arcadia @ 1 p.m.
2/28 Men’s lacrosse vs. Western New England @ 7 p.m.
3/4 Women’s lacrosse vs. Franklin and Marshall @ 3 p.m.
3/4 Men’s volleyball vs. Ramapo @ 6 p.m.

Women’shoops ranked #3 in regional poll

by Heather LoPiano
Villager staff writer

Stevenson’s women’s basketball team is taking this season by storm with an overall record of 21-2 and an undefeated run in the Middle Atlantic Conference. The Mustangs are currently ranked #3 in the NCAA Division III Mid-Atlantic Region poll.

The team has 16 consecutive wins, making this season the best start in the program’s 21-year history. “All the girls play very unselfishly,” said head coach Jackie Boswell.

Stevenson beat St. Mary’s College (Maryland) 67-51 on Dec. 30. Sophomore forward Sara Tarbert led the team with 25 points and 12 rebounds, and senior guard Kyarra Harmon totaled 16 points and 6 rebounds.

On Jan. 3, the Mustangs won a close game against Alvernia College, 57-55. The Lions tied the game at 55 all with only 31 seconds left in regulation. Senior guard Kayla Kelly scored with only 2.9 seconds left, giving the team their seventh consecutive win.

“My teammates trusted me to make a good decision with the time left,” said Kelly. She added, “Once the clock hit 0.0, I was overwhelmed with excitement.”

The Mustangs continued their winning streak with a 57-49 win over Messiah College. Tarbert had a game-high 13 points and 8 rebounds, and senior guard Ty Bender had 13 points and a game-high 9 steals.

The Mustangs beat Alvernia College 65-47, with several players earning career highs. Harmon had 21 points, and Tarbert made her fifth career 20-point performance, according to gomustangsports.com.

On the road, Stevenson beat Messiah 59-46 on Feb. 7 and Alvernia 62-45 on Feb. 11. Bender, Tarbert, Guzek, and Kelly were all key contributors.

On Feb. 14, senior day, the Mustangs beat Hoot College again, 85-58. Tarbert had a game-high 19 points, Bender had 17 points and Harmon led the team with 8 rebounds. Stevenson honored seniors Bender, Guzek, Harmon, Kelly, Kia Dawkins, Abby DeFeo, Pee-Jay Gunn and Sabrina Vaitkevicius.

Against Lycoming College Feb. 17, the Mustangs breezed to a 64-38 victory.

The Commonwealth Conference Championships begins on Feb. 25, and the Mustangs are undefeated at the top of the conference rankings.

ATHLETES of the WEEK

Lanie Swanhart
Junior
Track & Field

Lanie Swanhart set a new indoor track record in the 800m run with a time of 2:33.72 at the Susquehanna Invitational on Feb. 15. The Mustangs broke a total of three school records at this meet.

Zachary Cather
Freshman
Swimming

Zachary Cather swam a personal best time of 23.43 seconds in the 50-yard Freestyle at the Mid Atlantic Conference Swimming Championship on Feb. 13. He finished in 21st place overall.

Athletes of the Week selected by The Villager’s sports editor

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