Women’s basketball earns NCAA bid

by Ryan Winner
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Headed to the NCAA tournament, the Stevenson women’s basketball team has been on fire, winning their first conference championship in the 20 years that Stevenson University has had a women’s basketball team.

Finishing the year with a record of 23-3, they rarely met an opponent too difficult, and for most of the season, they were riding a 19-game winning streak. With a 54-50 championship in the Commonwealth Conference tournament against Albright College, the Mustangs clinched a berth in the national tournament.

This year’s squad has become a terror to opposing offenses, consistently forcing a high number of turnovers. Sophomore Ty Bender are both averaging over three assists per game. Senior Aimee Boswell said, “I think that the kids are so confident in that defense now that they can rely on it and fall back on it.”

A former Division I freshman of the year award-winner, Tarbert has taken DIII basketball by storm. Averaging 18 points and 10 rebounds per game, she has been the catalyst for the team this year. Opposing defenses have had no answer for her, as she has shot 53% from the floor and been a nightmare on the boards.

A basketball player most of her life, Tarbert has played on many different teams. However, she believes this team is far better than any other. Boswell, now in her fourth year, has seen this team grow from an average team to a championship squad.

“It’s been an amazing four years, and we’ve been through it all,” senior guard Kayleigh Guzek said. “Seeing this team progress all four years and continue to improve has been amazing.”

With the championship victory, Stevenson grabbed a spot in the NCAA tournament, and as the second seed in their region, they are slated to play third-seeded Williams College in Massachusetts in the first round at Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey, on March 6.

The Ephs (rhymes with “chiefs”) of Williams College went 20-6 in the 2014-15 season, are members of the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) and received an at-large bid when they lost to Tufts University in the NESCAC tournament semi-finals. They have appeared in the NCAA’s nine times in the last 18 years, including a spot in the Final Four in 2013.

If the Mustangs advance on March 6 against Williams College, they will play the winner of #1 seed Montclair State and #4 seed Regis College. That would take them into the round of the Sweet 16 to be played on March 7. Sectionals begin on March 13 for the advancing teams.

The NCAA 2015 bracket includes 64 Division III teams, including Stevenson opponent Salisbury University.

Office of Information Technology offers tips for cyber protection

by Courtney Johnson
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Students who are not knowledgeable about internet safety risks may find themselves falling into cybertraps, so to avoid these pitfalls, the Office of Information Technology continues to offer tips and warnings to all computer users.

The Office of Information Technology offers some advice to users:

• Create an administrator account on your computer and only log in to this account if you need to install software. Do not log in with this account for everyday use.
• Keep your system fully up to date, including all the apps, such as Java and Flash.
• Don’t click on every link you are offered, no matter how enticing they seem. Other advice for internet users:
• Beware of email that comes from unrecognized senders. Look carefully at the email address of the sender to be certain it is legitimate before opening the message.
• Disregard “spam” that tries to threaten, bully or frighten you into opening up a link in the email message. No good will come of that.
• If you need to conduct a purchase online, look for a sign that the site is secure such as a lock icon on the browser’s status bar or a “https” URL (the “s” stands for “secure”) rather than a “http:”.
• Never email passwords, personal or financial information to anyone, even if you are related to or friends with them. Anyone at any time can have their email compromised.
• Beware of pop-ups. Never enter personal information in a pop-up screen. Do not click on links in one, and don’t copy the web address into your browser from a pop-up.
• Make sure your computer is protected with a firewall, spam filters, anti-virus and anti-spyware software. Stevenson University’s system is strong and reliable. On your computers elsewhere, make sure you keep all the protection updated.

Ray Cardillo, manager of technical services, says that some of the most common mistakes made are “clicking links in emails, Facebook, clicking to download, clicking to install add-ons, etc. If folks don’t click, or are more judicious in their clicking decisions, they will usually be okay.”

Those who work in cyber security constantly warn users that whatever is posted online remains there indefinitely and at any time can be traced back to the initial user.

Those who are having any trouble with a computer, or need a simple question answered, should be sure to put in a ticket with the OIT. The office’s contact information can be found at oit.stevensonuniversity.org.
Flex dollars offer students a tasty and convenient meal alternative

**by Siegfried Schmidt**  
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The average college student is faced with the same question every day: “What will I eat today?” Stevenson also offers students with meal plans Flex dollars to use at local restaurants in the Owings Mills area.

There are 15 different locations (listed below) for which Stevenson students can use their Flex dollars. Some of these locations have been taking Flex dollars for the past few years, including Terri’s Café, Dunkin Donuts, and Subway. Three new locations have just been added this year: Pie Five, Hummus Corner, and CVS are taking Flex dollars now.

Some of these offers offer great discounts. At Terri’s Café, Stevenson students receive 13 percent off their entire order and are given complimentary sodas and water with their purchase. Terri’s Café is a locally owned and operated eatery that offers a home-style feel, located just off Crondall Lane north of the Owings Mills campus.

Pie Five offers a rewards system called the “Circle of Crust” which gives diners a free pizza every 10 purchases, and when customers sign up online, they are given half the points they need towards the next free pizza. This program will also allow diners to add a salad or a piece of pie and a drink, all for $9.99. Pie Five is a franchise that offers quality and customizable pizza in five minutes or less. It is casual fast food that has a Chipotle-esque ordering system.

Don’t forget to ask for “magic dust” as a topping for your pizza.

Soft’s Crepes, located just off Craddock Road, is offering Stevenson students and faculty the opportunity to make the official Stevenson University crepe. The staff of Soft’s Crepes will choose the winner based on which one they think will represent Stevenson the best. To look at menu toppings, go to sofiscrepes.com and click on the menu button. To enter your submission, email Nina Knoche at sofiscrepesOM@gmail.com.

Annual “March Madness” game pits students against staff, faculty

**by Taylor Cunha**  
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Stevenson University’s SGA has organized an annual faculty and staff vs. student basketball game called March Madness to raise money for Relay for Life. This year’s game will be held in the Owings Mills gym on Wednesday, March 25, from 6-8 p.m.

Being able to watch classmates play a friendly game of basketball against their faculty and staff makes it fun and exciting for everyone. Last year’s game was a thriller as the faculty and staff’s three-year win streak came to an end when the students beat them in their first-ever win with a minute and a half left.

Over 200 students, faculty, and staff along with SGA members attended the game, which ended up raising $250.

This basketball event has been held for the past four years, raising money for Relay for Life; 100 percent of the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

“For year number five, the SGA is being ambitious, with an overall fundraising goal of $1000. However, we cannot reach this goal without the support of our faculty, staff, and students to cheer on their respective peers,” said Andrew Clayton, SGA’s director of philanthropy.

The game is memorable event for returning players and continues to be very successful at raising awareness for Relay for Life.

Tonia Cristina, assistant director of recruiting and admissions for Stevenson’s Graduate and Professional School, said, “We have played on the faculty/ staff team for the past three years, commented on the event; “Faculty and staff want to average that close loss last year by putting in two-a-days to prepare for the game.”

Tickets for the game are available at the Rock for $3. There will be free popcorn for the first 50 people and a chance for all to enter and win $125 during the half-court shot contest. Students from Suilbrook Magnet Middle School will play in a short scrimmage at halftime as entertainment.

LOL Stevenson to feature nationally known comedian on March 8

**by Anthony Bunn**  
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On March 8 at 8 p.m., Gabriel Iglesias, professionally known as “Fluffy,” will perform his comedy in the Owings Mills gym as part of Mustang Activities Programming.

Iglesias made his debut in 1993 in the Spanish program “Llene, por favor” and later began appearing in various episodes of the Nickelodeon series “All That.”

Over the years the San Diego native became known for his hilarious standup comedy and insane voices, and recently appeared in “Haunted House 2” and “Magic Mike.” He also hosted his own series on Comedy Central in 2011.

This is MAP’s fourth annual LOL Stevenson comedy. Three years ago MAP created the comedy slot at Stevenson to give students an opportunity to see some of their favorite comedians.

The group has already brought in some well-known comedians including Saturday Night Live regulars Seth Meyers, Sidley Strong, and Mike O’Brien.

Jeffrey Scott, the president of MAP, said that many students have been asking to see Gabriel Iglesias for a while, and he and the MAP crew did not want to disappoint fans.

The process of planning for such a large-scale event is a complex one that begins with a consultation with the athletics department to see what days the gym is available. The next step is to work with an agent to see who can be booked affordably.

Once their choices are known, the next step is to match some proposed dates with comedians who are available.

Tickets are now on sale for $20 and are available at The Rock. Tickets are also available online at tinyurl.com/LOL-SU2015.
Q Group fosters awareness, acceptance, positivity

by Shannon Burt
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Within Stevenson’s 50 clubs and organizations are various cultural groups whose goal is to spread awareness and understanding throughout the university’s multicultural community. One of these groups is the Q Group.

A Stevenson exclusive, the Q Group was created in the spring of 2009 by Kate Mooney and Rachael Carter. Founded on a mission to spread awareness, the Q Group aims to inform others of various current events, and encourages more acceptance of others. Though the group focuses on informing others about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) communities, the Q Group invites new members with open arms.

Co-president Maddy Stock said, “I would want people to know that we would love to have them come and join!” Being open to everyone—not only members of the LGBTQIA community—the group is a “safe zone” in which group members offer advice to anyone, from those struggling with coming out, to those who want to become more accepting of others.

The group makes an effort to continue this comforting and non-threatening environment by listening to member input while also being a supportive and caring set of friends.

Although many may have heard of the Q Group through word of mouth or through their various events and activities, some may still be curious about the name of the group itself.

In an effort to encourage the acceptance of others, the title of the Q Group not only stands as an identifier for the organization, but it also makes a stand in a very different way:

Said Stock: “The ‘Q’ stands for queer; to embrace the word and make it stand for something positive instead of the negative connotations that it has had in the past.”

The Q Group also hosts many events including the Vagina Monologues, the Coming Out Monologues, and the annual Gala, which will take place in the spring, as it takes a firm stand in redefining the traditional prom. This event is a “second-chance prom” for those who could not bring their ideal date to their original prom.

While these events are a great source of entertainment, they also act as a reminder to display the utmost respect to others as one never knows the trials that others face.

To those interested in becoming a contributing member of this diverse community, the Q Group extends a friendly hand. To become a member simply send an email expressing interest to qgroup@stevenson.edu, or attend a meeting, held every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the School of Business room 301.

Stevenson males offered opportunity for community, education, skills

by Edward Bennett
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Stevenson University fosters professionalism, experience, and education, but an organization within Stevenson University tailors these qualities toward young men. M.I.L.E. (Male Initiative Leadership and Excellence) is a cohesion of young men who have become a community.

As the only all-male organization at Stevenson University, the members take pride in the organization, which began a few years ago when six or seven men noticed isolation and tension among males at Stevenson.

The mission of M.I.L.E. is to prepare men for graduation and an occupation after that, but the ultimate goal is to develop maturity in the young men at Stevenson University.

The application process for M.I.L.E. begins every fall; however, a rolling admission has recently been instituted for any male who would like to join.

Daison Johnson, the president of M.I.L.E., says, “We look for males who are willing to give back to the community, have the ability to show leadership, and want to become a part of a brotherhood.” Members of M.I.L.E. participate in weekly meetings which involve workshops which focus on public speaking, communication skills, leadership skills, and professionalism.

According to Johnson, these sessions help create a deeper sense of brotherhood, togetherness and professionalism for each M.I.L.E. member.

M.I.L.E. organizes recreational events such as campus parties and even thrift store events. Motivational speakers, financial speakers, and figures on campus come to speak to them about education, finances, and service to society.

The organization also hosts LinkedIn workshops and gives back to charity through various community service projects.

Johnson describes M.I.L.E. as a “big family” because they care for each other and support one another. There is a trust factor among members of the organization and an expectation of confidentiality and openness. Each member of M.I.L.E. is seen as an individual, as well as a part of a cohesive group of young men moving towards the goal of graduation.

M.I.L.E. believes their positive message and goals allow them to be who they are today.
Rethinking “Shades of Grey” in light of abuse

by Justin Elam
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“Fifty Shades of Grey” is considered by some a literature power house. The series has sold over 100 million copies, and the movie took the box office by storm – making 10 times the money it took to make the film. Denying the impact on today’s culture would be illogical. Many people would consider the book to be a romantic piece with a BDSM touch. But in reality, “Fifty Shades of Grey” is a representation of an abusive relationship taken too far.

A study published by the Journal of Women’s Health revealed some shocking information when women between the ages of 18 to 24 who read the book were polled. More than 25 percent admitted being in abusive relationships.

By why is this the case? Why might abused women go after a series like “Fifty Shades of Grey”? Analyzing the character of Christian Grey could shed more light on the situation.

Christian Grey handles the relationship with Anastasia as a power trip. He was molested as a child – so it makes some sense in his perspective to be the way he is. His obsession with the world of BDSM, having to go so far as having a whole room dedicated to his kink, showcases a hobby in which Christian Grey could shed more light on the situation.

Now is this implying all children who were abused will turn out like Christian Grey? Absolutely not. But looking at “Fifty Shades of Grey” as an individual case is necessary. Grey’s past must be play a part in how he treats his relationship with Anastasia.

Grey has never gotten help before the relationship with Anastasia. Rather than seek counseling, he embraces his mental problems with abusive sex. Many argue BDSM is supposed to be a rough time for the submissive partners involved.

Those familiar with the territory have noted that there are problems with how “Fifty Shades of Grey” handles BDSM. Grey has a contract with Anastasia so there aren’t any surprises for her if she gets involved. But he violates the agreement several times, though BDSM is supposed to be consensual. There are safe words for partners to avoid any discomfort. What Grey is doing is far from consensual – he rapes and abuses Anastasia.

He screams at her for getting pregnant and isolates Anastasia from her friends. He criticizes what she eats – and these are just several examples of why a relationship such as theirs is dangerous. The series implies that a hierarchical structure in relationships is a good thing. The series glorifies predators reigning supreme over their victims.

Not only are women being disrespected, but men are too. If a man is looking for a meaningful relationship – then not being Christian Grey can help. There’s nothing wrong with wanting charm and wealth. But the series is shallow on the subject of what a woman wants and how a man should treat her.

Healthy relationships involve a trust between two individuals. Communication is key – knowing what a person likes and dislikes builds a stronger sense of understanding. But “Fifty Shades of Grey” disregards those principles in favor of something more destructive and dangerous.
An Póitin Stil features solid Irish and American fare close to campus

by Christine Edwards
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Saint Patrick’s Day is approaching fast, and Stevenson students may be wondering what their options are for the upcoming holiday. An Póitin Stil in Timonium offers delicious Irish cuisine, friendly service, and a good selection of craft beers.

More commonly referred to as “The Stil,” the restaurant is located on York Road north of Timonium Road. The Stil was established in 1999 and has been a favorite of locals ever since. The outside of the Stil is designed to look like storefronts of an Irish town, while the interior is similar to that of other Irish pubs, with medieval weapons, stone fireplaces, and medieval-themed decor. The weekends can be quite crowded, but on this particular night we were able to get a table right away. Our server was personable, polite, and attentive. Little touches like bringing water along with our meal and ensuring we had a place to put our drinks made our experience enjoyable.

The food selection is a combination of Irish and American fare. Entrees can be a bit pricey for a college student on a budget, but the menu includes a variety of options for different dietary preferences. The desserts are particularly delicious, with options like Murphy’s and Boddington’s.

“The Mindy Project”: romantic comedy with a controversial twist on Fox

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“The Mindy Project,” a television series in its third season, is a controversial romantic comedy focused on the life of a New York gynecologist.

Mindy Kaling (played by Mindy Kaling) plays an obstetrician/gynecologist working at a small medical practice called Shulman & Associates. With fellow co-workers, Daniel “Danny” Castellano (played by Chris Messina) and Jeremy Reed (played by Ed Weeks), Mindy must endure the social challenges that bring to her personal life and to the medical practice where they work. Over the course of the series, Mindy tries to find the balance between her social and her professional life.

“The Mindy Project” is different from other American romantic comedies because its controversy stretches the limits of topics that are not usually addressed, such as feminist expectations and racism.

Mindy gives these serious issues a humorous twist, which allows this show to stand out in comparison to other romantic sitcoms. During the third season, the show features guest stars including James Franco, who plays Mindy’s replacement doctor at the medical practice, and Kendra Wilkinson, who plays a MMA ring girl and Mindy’s patient.

Kaling, who is also the creator and executive producer of the show, got the inspiration for the TV show from her own mother, who was an obstetrician and gynecologist.

Throughout the first season, Mindy dates several men, ultimately learning that one has been cheating on her throughout the entire relationship. When Valentines Day approaches, Mindy finds herself in a love triangle and unsure of the next step for her love life.

Season two episodes start with Mindy returning for an emergency surgery from her trip to Haiti. This is when Dr. Paul Leonard (played by James Franco) is introduced to the sitcom, and Mindy is forced to decide whether she wants to continue her practice in New York City or go back to Haiti with Paul Leonard. During this season, the relationship between Mindy and Danny starts to heat up, and everyone can feel the sexual tension between the two.

Presently in the third season, Mindy is finding it quite difficult to keep her love life romances a secret from her co-workers in the office. Mindy also finds herself in a predicament as to whether she should tell everyone about a secret she found out or to keep it to herself.

The TV series has won six awards, including the People Magazine Award and the Critics’ Choice Television Award and shows on Fox Tuesday nights at 9:30.

Beats Studio Wireless Headphones feature noise cancellaton coupled with smooth sound

by Tony Rossi
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The ever-popular Beats Studio Wireless Headphones have reinvented and improved themselves. While the headphones were never heavy, they’ve become both lighter and more durable. They also feature a new digital signal processor, can be folded, connect to any Bluetooth device, and cancel out sound. They also feature softer ear-cups for comfort, and a built-in microphone for phone calls.

Users can answer calls by tapping the Beats logo in the middle of the left ear cup. Tapping it again causes paused music to resume playing, tapping twice skips to the next track, and tapping three times moves back a track.

“Beats by Dre” headphones are hot on the market. Professional athletes, including Richard Sherman and Lebron James, have been promoting the headphones in commercials, and it is not uncommon to see younger athletes wearing them. These comfortable, sleek, and portable headphones have gotten a lot of buzz lately, but are they worth it?

For a price tag of $379.95, enjoy noise cancellation and Bluetooth technology, but not at once. The headphone’s biggest flaw is the fact that, while the headphones feature wonderful noise cancellation when music’s not playing, it becomes much weaker when music is playing.

Therefore, beats are worth it if you’re more into traditional pub fare, the Backyard BBQ Burger is quite tasty. It includes 8 oz. of Angus beef, topped with the Stil’s homemade BBQ sauce, caramelized onions, Applewood bacon, mozzarella and cheddar cheeses on a Hawaiian roll.

Save room for dessert. I highly recommend the amazing Chocolate Lava Cake which had rich chocolate sauce oozing from the center of the warm chocolate cake and served with whipped cream and vanilla ice cream.

The weekends can be quite crowded, but on this particular night we were able to get a table right away. Our server was personable, polite, and attentive. Little touches like bringing water along with our meal and ensuring we had a place to put our drinks made our experience enjoyable.

“Beats” headphones are very popular, attracting buyers with the brand, the look, and the quality of sound. Their Studio Wireless headphones come in white, blue, red, titanium grey, and matte and glossy black, fit over-the-ear and are made of plastic. They play decent sound up to 12 hours at a time, coming with a rechargeable battery. Battery life can be read on the 5-light LED gauge under the power button. Users can connect to any Bluetooth device wirelessly, and the headset is lightweight and can be folded up and put in your pocket.

The headphones come with an Apple-friendly remote, and cords that come in red for all models. Cords are used for charging the headphones, as well as plugging them into other devices if desired. The headphones will last eight hours longer when they’re plugged in, however the sound quality is better when they are not. This is because the technology the headphones use is better optimized for a wireless connection than for a wired one.

Still, are these headphones worth it? For $379.95, Beats Studio Wireless headphones will leak sound when played at high volumes, hiss when in sound-canceling mode, and utilize only weak noise cancellation when music is playing. Beats claims that while playing music the headphones are in “adaptive” noise cancellation mode, which supposedly balances outside noise cancellation with your music. You’ll have to decide if they’re worth it.
Get back to nature

Appalachian Trail, Maryland

For people who are active and adventurous, enjoy a nice long hike up the Appalachian Trail that extends through Maryland from Maine to Georgia, for a total of 2,180 miles through 14 states. The path through Maryland is one of the easiest to hike and is a total of 40 miles long. There are designated shelters and campsites in which people can camp and sleep comfortably. This hike, either long or short, will help people reconnect with nature and free themselves from midterm stress. Travel west along route 70 and look for the signs to various starting points.

Shenandoah National Park, Virginia

A 105-mile drive at 35 miles per hour will take you on a tour of the beautiful scenic Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. Enjoy driving the Skyline Drive for $15 a car. If the group is more adventurous, there are mileposts along the drive featuring different points of interest, including stops for hiking, fishing, horseback riding, or birdwatching. Stop by the visitor’s center, and they will be happy to suggest a path that fits any schedule or need. For people who want to stay longer than a day, lodging and camping options are available.

Luray Caverns, Virginia

Visiting Luray Caverns, Virginia, provides tourists with the most fascinating sights inside a cave that was discovered in 1878. The drive to this destination will take only about two hours and 30 minutes. Costs depend on the age of the visitor, ranging from $14 to $25. In this cave, which was not man-made, there are magnificent huge stone formations. These towering stone columns are all natural. The only thing that has been touched is the paved walkways for pedestrian safety. Pictures are allowed here.

Swallow Falls State Park, Maryland

For an adventurous spring break trip, Swallow Falls State Park provides a 1 ½ mile hiking trail that is located right next to the Youghiogheny River, about three hours away. While hiking through the beautiful scenery, visitors are taken around the many waterfalls, including Muddy Creek Falls, which is a spectacular 53 feet tall. When entering the parking lot, Maryland residents pay only $3 per car and non-residents pay $5 per car.

Factory Tours, Pa.

Have you ever wondered how things are made? Take a few hours and explore the factories of some of your favorite companies whose homes are located in Pennsylvania.

- Turkey Hill Experience, Columbia, Pa. For $9.95 you can explore the factory to see how ice cream is made and enjoy unlimited free samples. The experience is available seven days a week, but times vary so check before heading out.
- UTZ Factory, Hanover, Pa. Witness how UTZ potato chips are made free of charge. The factory is open for tours Monday–Thursday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Martin Guitar Factory, Nazareth, Pa. Visit any weekday between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and learn how guitars go from lumber to musical instruments. The visit is free and fascinating.
Explore the city

NYC on Megabus

The Megabus takes travelers to a variety of places for bargain prices. The earlier you book, the cheaper your ticket will be. One of the most popular locations is New York, NY. Once in NYC, there are plenty of things to do on a budget. Walking the Brooklyn Bridge will allow you to see the New York skyline. Grab lunch from a fresh market and walk through Central Park. On a Friday night, between 4-8 p.m., MOMA is free if art is what you like, and the museum offers student discounts at other times. The subway is a cheap way to get around in NYC.

Annapolis, Maryland

Walking around the curvy, brick-lined streets of the historic district in Annapolis can provide adventure for another great day trip. With this destination only an hour away from Owings Mills, you’ll have plenty of time to enjoy the sites of Annapolis. There are over 400 miles of shoreline, which gives the city a fantastic view of the water. There are daily public cruises for less than $40. These tours provide the opportunity to view the beauty of Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay. The tours provide a knowledgeable guide who reveals where the best restaurants are and speaks knowledgeable about the city’s history. A visit to the U. S. Naval Academy is also a highlight.

Harper’s Ferry, West Virginia

Harper’s Ferry stretches across three states with the majority in the historic town of Jefferson, WV. Each corner of Harper’s Ferry is filled with options for relaxation and adventure. In town, shopping in unique boutiques is an option. For the historian, there are museums and exhibits as well as guided tours and living history workshops. The Great Flood is the highlight of the history in Harper’s Ferry. If adventure is more your thing, then for $10 a car, the national park is the way to go, with 20 miles of hiking at all different levels. Riverside strolls, battlefield walks and difficult mountain climbs are prevalent. The park is open year round from 9 a.m.-5p.m.

Washington, D.C.

Visiting our nation’s capital will give you more than a day’s worth of activities. Some of the many options include the Smithsonian’s National Zoo, which is free of charge. There you can see the newest baby panda, Bao Bao, and many other animals. For a sense of history, take a walk around the National Mall and see the Washington Monument. There are many other historic sites and monuments to see as well. If museums are your thing, there are 15 free Smithsonian Museums. You can explore history, space, art, natural history and more. For a reasonably priced lunch, check out the many food trucks that are always found throughout DC at lunchtime.

Tanger Outlets, Delaware

A spring break getaway that gives just a taste of summer is a journey to the Tanger Outlets in Rehoboth Beach, located right on Coastal Highway. At nearly three hours, this trip can be a bit of a drive, but it is a perfect day trip for those shoppers who want to take advantage of all the crazy sales. Designer and name-brand products range from 50-70 percent off, including Nike, Kate Spade, Polo Ralph Lauren and much more.

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Malik Naanaa always strives to go above and beyond. Malik has worked as an Academic Link tutor since his freshman year, and in the fall of 2014 he began his job as a resident assistant in Herring Run Hall. In addition, he is the public relations officer for Stevenson’s chapter of the American Chemical Society.

He is also a recipient of the prestigious Geraldine and Sam Dell Endowed Scholarship for Character and Excellence in the Sciences. Along with this honor, which provides a substantial scholarship, Malik has been selected to travel to Denver, Colorado, with the chemistry department from March 20-25 to participate in the 249th ACS National Meeting and Exposition.

At this conference Malik will not only be there to accept the “Commendable Chapter” award for Stevenson’s chapter of the American Chemical Society, but he will also be presenting research that he conducted this past fall with his chemistry professor, Dr. Dawn Ward and his research partner, Robert Chen.

“I’m super excited about presenting my research on Hepatitis C inhibitors to professionals in the chemistry field at the conference at Denver,” said Naanaa. “It will be really cool to see that I played a part in a potential solution for the Hepatitis C disease. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I know it will be a lot of fun.”

This year has been life-changing for Malik, and he is grateful for all of the opportunities he has been presented.

“It’s truly an honor to receive the Dell Scholarship. It’s just nice to have all of your hard work recognized and appreciated by others, especially those within your department who see potential in you,” said Naanaa.

Malik Naanaa (right) and his research partner, Robert Chen (left), presented their research at the School of Sciences poster session in December.
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Entering Saturday afternoon’s final playoff game against the Crusaders of Alvernia College, the Stevenson men’s basketball team had a regular season record of 17-8, a conference record of 10-6, and a first-round victory against the Blazers of Hood College.

They entered post-season play as the second seed in the conference behind the Lycoming Warriors. However, the season ended for the Mustangs with a disappointing 56-51 loss to Alvernia in an eerie repeat of last season’s final.

With six of the eight losses for the Mustangs coming in conference play, it is evident that the Middle Atlantic Conference is one of the toughest in the region.

“The Middle Atlantic Conference has the combination of talented student athletes, great coaches, and attractive institutions to attend,” said head coach Gary Stewart.

He added, “When you combine those three things, it makes for some very good programs.”

In just his fourth year at Stevenson, Stewart has helped the team reach conference playoffs in each of the last three consecutive seasons, in addition to winning the ECAC Southeast Championship in 2014.

Feb 25’s game against Hood featured two exceptionally athletic teams, but the discipline and execution of Stevenson proved to be too much for the Blazers to handle. During the regular season, the two teams split road wins, with Stevenson winning 69-61 and Hood winning 75-72.

That game began with both teams struggling to score against their opposition’s tough defense. Despite the slow start, the Mustangs built a 21-11 lead with just over five minutes to play in the first half. The Blazers reduced the Mustangs’ lead to six points entering halftime, with a score of 35-29.

Both teams traded baskets in the early minutes of the second half before Hood used a 13-7 run to knot the game at 40-40.

The Mustangs then showed why they had been unanimously picked to win the MAC Conference in preseason polls, by building a lead of 18 points with less than six minutes to play.

Hood brought the game back within 10 points but that was the closest they got to the surging Mustangs, who closed out the game with two layups from junior forward Erik Fisher, and two free throws from senior guard Colby Giazacabeno.

The Mustangs moved on to the conference tournament final against Alvernia, who defeated Stevenson in last year’s conference championship on a heartbreaking buzzer-beater. Despite a 17-point halftime lead built on the shoulders of Fisher and senior forward Justin Kuntz, the Mustangs could not maintain their momentum as the Crusaders surged to the win. Shooting only 24 percent in the second half, the Mustangs watched helplessly as their lead dwindled. Turnovers contributed to the loss, as did a 50 percent free throw percentage, against Alvernia’s second-half 76 percent.

The men’s team looks to hit the floor hard and redeem themselves next winter.

Stevenson University swim team ends inaugural season with a splash  

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The inaugural season of the Stevenson University swim team came to a close after the MAC Conference Championships Feb. 12 -15.

In their first season, SU swimmers recorded their best times and set a precedent for the future. The team consisted of six female and one male swimmer.

Head coach John Stuhltrager has coached collegiate swimming for 12 years, spending the past 11 years coaching at Stevenson’s rival school, Albright College. In his first season with the Mustang’s swim team, he helped each swimmer set personal goals for the course of the season.

All of the swimmers were new to the pool and head coaches from other teams. “When you swim, it creates this bond, because there’s no other sport where you don’t speak for two hours,” said Stuhltrager.

Gary Stewart.

As a swim team, we had a responsibility to show Stevenson that we were here and ready to compete,” said junior Alison Smith.

The meet held at McDonough High School was packed with Stevenson fans who were there to support the team. The crowd included students faculty, members of the athletic department, President Kevin J. Manning, CFO Tim Campbell, and head coaches from other teams.

Stuhltrager said that the first home meet was the fastest the team swam all year long.

In the MAC championships, Zachery Cather swam his personal best time of 50.35 in the 100-yard freestyle. Smith swam her best time of 59.85 in the 100-yard freestyle. Finishing out the weekend was a 400-yard freestyle relay team of seniors Megan Grishaber, Smith, and sophomores Laurel Kamosa and Adrianna Kamosa. In their event, the team finished 10th overall helping the Mustangs finish 12th overall. This was a great meet for the Mustangs and they are looking forward to competing next season.
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“We are fully aware of what we are going to face in the NCAA tournament,” Boswell explained, “but the only opponent that can beat us is ourselves.”

“We just want to thank everyone who has supported us. Not just this year, but throughout the years,” Boswell said, “and we’re not done yet.”

Against Albright in the Commonwealth Conference Championship, Stevenson relied on work by senior guards Kayla Kelly (17 points, 11 rebounds) and Kyarra Harmon (10 points, 10 rebounds) after Tarbert was limited to under 10 points for the first time this season.

Defense again proved to be key, since the Mustangs’ caused turnovers (25) resulted in 26 points. Despite shooting only 21 percent in field goals for the game, the Mustangs were able to grab the victory in the game’s waning moments. Ty Bender was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player.

Tarbert was named an All-Commonwealth Conference first-team selection. She also led the league in scoring and steals, setting a new Stevenson record for points, made field goals, field goal percentage, and steals.

In addition to being named the conference’s Most Valuable Player in the Commonwealth Conference Championship, Bender earned the final Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week title on March 2. She was also ranked first in the conference in assists to turnover margin, while being ranked second in the conference in steals and fourth in assists.

Mustangs runners prepare for outdoor season

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Under the leadership of coach Erick Camodeca, the Stevenson University track and field team is looking to build on the progress made during the winter season. After placing ninth in the MAC Indoor Championship, the Mustangs are hoping to become solid contenders in the MAC Outdoor Championship this spring.

While the squad has not been a statistical powerhouse over the last few seasons, the team hopes that newly found leadership can provide the tools to push them over the top.

“We had a great season with Coach Camodeca during winter break and cross country season for his first stint with us,” said junior Lanie Swanhart.

She added, “Now that he has been here for about a year, he knows his athletes and where he wants to take them. Paired with our distance coach, Coach Berlan, they make a great team. They have big goals, but they are realistic for the team and individuals to accomplish.”

These objectives have given the runners more motivation to better themselves, and the realization of their potential has been encouraging.

The team is well-rounded and has a lot of potential on the track. The team has a much greater numbers then past years with a presence in both track and field events.

This rehabilitated mindset that the Mustangs have begun to grasp in the wake of Camodeca’s hiring is partly due to a more consistent schedule implemented by the new coaching staff.

“Everyone has responded well to a more rigorous schedule,” said Camodeca. He added “I believe they were craving the structure and consistency. They put in a lot work and showed their dedication, which in return led to our team’s success.”

Stevenson’s track and field athletes will have the opportunity to travel to Miami over spring break for more training. They will also be a part of the team’s first-ever Talent Night at the end of the season.

While Stevenson does not currently have track and field facilities to host meets, some meets take place at colleges nearby. On April 4, the Mustangs will compete at Goucher College in the Goucher Track & Field Classic. The team will travel to Johns Hopkins on April 11 for the Hopkins/Loyola Invitational. On April 18, Stevenson will run at Morgan State University, and in early May the Mustangs will compete at Coppin University for the Coppin State Invitational.

Under first-year head coach Steve Grossnickle, the men’s volleyball team has improved significantly since last year. The Mustangs are looking to make a run in the playoffs.

The team has an overall record of 9-8 and stands with a record of 3-1 in the conference. Overall, the Mustangs feel that their record is not a strong reflection of how well they actually play.

“When we all play as one unit, there are few teams that can beat us,” said libero Kyle Johnson.

He added, “With 12 games left, we have the potential to make it to the playoffs if we continue to work as a unit and do not lose that mindset.”

The team encourages each other to take each match one game at a time. Instead of focusing on high-caliber matches that occur later on in the season, they focus only on the next game.

The Mustangs traveled to Elmira College in New York for the Mark Twain Cup where they faced Elmira, Wells, Nazareth College and Penn State-Behrend. The team finished with two wins (Wells and Penn State-Behrend) and two losses (Elmira and Nazareth).

Stevenson will host Lancaster Bible College at home on March 11 in the Owings Mills gymnasium at 6 p.m.

**Volleyball reaches halfway mark of season**

*by Sean Smith*

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**ATHLETES of the WEEK**

Kyle Wisner
**Senior**
Men’s volleyball

Kyle Wisner led the Mustangs to sweep Penn State-Behrend in the final day of play in the Mark Twain Cup. Wisner finished with a team high of 11 kills.

Kayla Kelly
**Senior**
Women’s basketball

Kayla Kelly finished with a double-double in the Commonwealth Conference championship game. She totaled 17 points, 11 rebounds, and three assists.

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