Stevenson mourns loss of two more from the community

by Kylie Handler
Villager staff writer

Dr. Christopher “Chris” Barat, associate professor of mathematics, passed away February 22, 2015; he was 52.

Dr. Barat received his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from Brown University and had over 25 years of undergraduate teaching experience. He joined the Stevenson community in 2005, during which time he taught statistics to all math and non-math majors and helped with coordinating and developing statistics courses.

Dr. Barat enjoyed discussing topics of mathematics and cartoons, such as Duck Tales and Disney. He planned each course to make sure that all students could understand the material.

In December 2005, Dr. Barat founded a chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon (KME), a mathematics honor society, at Stevenson for which he and his wife, Nicole (Nicky), spent many hours working on projects. He and his wife were also a familiar pair at Stevenson football and basketball games, delighting in the Mustangs’ competition.

Ellen Roskes, the associate dean of chemistry, mathematics, and physical sciences, remembers Dr. Barat as “a very bright, gentle and caring man.” She added, “He loved Stevenson and cared about each of his students.”

Susan Gorman, senior associate vice-president and dean of the School of Sciences, said, “Dr. Barat was a gifted educator and a conscientious colleague who followed the beat of his own drum in his life’s journey.” His mother, Rosemary Teaney and Andy Barat, survive him.

Elaina LoPresti, a senior human services major who has also been the top fundraising participant for Relay for Life for the past five years, said. “You can stay the whole time, or you can stay for just a couple of hours. We just like to see people come out and have fun.”

Zeyu “Peter” Zhang, a transfer accounting major at Stevenson University, passed away February 17, 2015; he was 26.

A car accident on a snowy highway was the cause of his death. Before transferring to Stevenson in the fall of 2014, Zhang attended Howard Community College and Drexel University, transferring to Stevenson believing that it was the best fit for him.

Susan Gorman, senior associate vice-president and dean of the School of Sciences, remembered Peter as “always having a smiling face and being very active in the classroom.” His mother, Fengxia Zhou who resides in China, and his father, Rui Zhang who resides in Ellicott City, Md., survive Peter.

Relay for Life teams gear up for sixth annual event

by Alaina Maracotta
Villager staff writer

Relay for Life is an annual 12-hour event that raises money for the American Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer and assist patients and their caregivers in paying for treatments for this life-threatening disease.

According to relayforlife.com, “Each year, more than 4 million people in over 20 countries raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer through the Relay for Life movement.”

Alexis Cohen is the Logistics, Marketing and Event chair for Stevenson University’s Relay for Life. She joined the team this year and is excited about what this initiative has to offer. Cohen looks forward to some of the fun events to expect at this year’s Relay: “We’re going to have a ‘Miss Relay Pageant,’ where the guys get to dress up and show off their talents. We will also have a hair-cutting station where people can donate their hair. And of course, we’ll have the jail!”

Elaina LoPresti, a senior human services major who has also been the top fundraising participant for Relay for Life at Stevenson for the past two years, hopes that this will be her third.

“I Relay in honor of my younger sister, Gabriella LoPresti’s battle with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma,” she said, participating with her sisters every year. “I take part in Relay so that no other sibling has to hear ‘Your brother/sister has cancer.’ Her cancer changed my family’s life and we are thankful that God gave her a second chance at life,” she added.

Stevenson University has participated in Relay for Life for the past five years. This year’s 12-hour Relay event will be help April 10-11 from 6 p.m.-6 a.m. in the Owings Mills gym.

People can participate in Relay by donating through the Relay for Life website, attending one of the various fundraising events, or joining a team for the 12-hour event by visiting Relayforlife.com and entering “Stevenson University” to sign up and start raising money. 72 cents of every dollar raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

“This is a really great cause,” Cohen said. “You can stay the whole time, or you can stay for just a couple of hours. We just like to see people come out and have fun.”

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Dr. Chris Barat, shown here with his wife Nicole, passed away on Feb. 22.

Zeyu “Peter” Zhang

The Baltimore Ravens head coach, John Harbaugh, will be the keynote speaker at the University’s 62nd Commencement Ceremonies on May 21. Harbaugh, 52, has coached the Ravens since 2006, leading the team to playoff appearances in six of his first seven seasons, including a 2012 Super Bowl title. Stevenson’s relationship with Harbaugh includes the coordination of two Ravens open practices at Mustang Stadium in 2012 and 2013. The Commencement ceremony is a ticketed event not open to the public.
Sondheim musical revue engages talented, energetic singers

by Maia Milas
Villager staff writer

The Theatre at SU will present “Side by Side by Sondheim,” directed by Chris Roberts, opening April 16 in the theatre on the Greenspring campus.

The show is a musical revue of songs by Stephen Sondheim, a lyricist known mainly for his significant role in musical theatre. The songs, including “Anyone Can Whistle” and “Send In The Clowns,” have a common theme that is tied together by a narrator.

“I select the shows based on the talent I have, and the available talent just fit this musical,” said Chris Roberts, director, and professor of theatre said about the cast, which includes Aleka Farha, Ebi Short, LaShea Johnson, Lydia Rios, Matt Amrhein, Min-lo Woundin, Nicole Woody, and Weston Black.

Woody is enjoying the choice of show, saying, “I had to learn to adapt to Sondheim’s style, which I now love.”

Roberts said, “The cast generates so much energy during the ensemble numbers. Every time they do a number together... they get so into it.”

Nevertheless, a show is more than just its cast – the crew is an equally necessary aspect of every performance. Samantha Atwell, stage manager, said, “I make sure [the show] runs exactly as rehearsed.”

“I want people to come see all of the blood, sweat, and tears that have gone into this show,” said Amrhein, who plays a narrating caretaker in the presentation.

Overnight Visit program revamped for a more targeted experience

by Chloe Redmond
Villager staff writer

Stevenson’s new Overnight Visit program for accepted students has grown immensely since its start in the fall of 2014.

Accepted students are invited to join the Overnight Visit Program, which is different from other Stevenson prospective student events, and is a collaborative effort between the Offices of Admissions and Residence Life.

“They’re interacting with us; we aren’t looking over them through all times of the day...they are really getting the social experience of what Stevenson is all about,” said Jeriann Lynds, an admissions counselor.

The original program included 20 visitation dates, and students chose one of those days. Those who visited before fall 2014 stayed overnight with Stevenson students from any class level.

“Student Ambassadors who give tours on campus gave tours to [prospective] students. Student Ambassadors could be a senior on campus, someone of the same age or not the same age,” Lynds said. The previous program did not have a set schedule; prospective students attended whatever events Stevenson students were attending for that night. In the morning, students attended classes with their ambassadors, or roommates, who were not necessarily studying in the same major as their guest.

The new Overnight Visit Program includes only three dates in which students can visit. First-year students are responsible for giving tours, night visitation, and accompanying high school students to class. The visiting students rank the classes so they can preview more classes relevant to their preferred major. Planned activities are scheduled, and visiting students can mingle with other incoming freshmen.

“They are getting a much fuller experience than last year,” said Lynds.

Last year the program included a total of 55 students. With only two events this year, Stevenson already has had 65 visitors and is expecting 30-40 more. The program would have included even more students, but because of the high numbers, a wait list was created.

Student feedback helped the Admissions Office make changes to the program, as students and parents are given specialized surveys to fill out before departure.

“We want students to walk away saying, ‘Yes, this is the school for me,’” said Lynds, who added that their goal is to increase enrollment after prospective students attend the program.

“Taste of Cultures” is about the tastes

by Lia Harris
Villager staff writer

The International Student Association’s Taste of Cultures and Urban Vibe hope to involve anticipation in students during their event April 11 in Rockland, conveying the different cultures of the world through music, dance, clothing and especially food.

This year’s hosts will be David Parker and Za-maine Brookshire.

Urban Vibe plans to open the show, dance throughout it and end the show with even more dance.

Josephine Ashutwum, manager of Urban Vibe, describes different musical and American cultures that will be celebrated during the event, including a special closing scene. Ashutwum believes that when people from other cultures come to Taste of Cultures and “hear that we’re doing something from their culture, it makes them happy to see that other people are celebrating and acknowledging their culture.” She also looks forward to showing her culture’s clothing off at the event.

Members of ISA make the event food themselves, and also receive donations from organizations including Popeye’s, China Wok and others.

With members from Ghana, India, Burundi, Puerto Rico and more, ISA does not have a problem finding diverse food. Parth Gadani, a Stevenson junior and ISA president, said that “people who live here and don’t travel the world and who don’t get to taste the food, they’ll have the benefits of tasting the food here because it’s from all different countries.”

According to ISA, the food is the most significant part of the event: “People come to Taste of Cultures for the entertainment and to see people perform, but that’s not the main reason why Taste of Cultures is held,” said Parth. “Taste of Cultures is held because people actually come to taste the food; the event’s geared toward tasting what different cultures are really made of.”

Other performances include a fashion show displaying clothing from different cultures, performances by the Glee Club, Step Team, Gospel Choir and some individual students.

Taste of Cultures will also include performances from different schools, including Goucher College, University of Maryland at Baltimore, Bowie State University, John Hopkins University and more to be announced. Tickets are available at the Rock.
On-campus recruiting in education provides benefits for all

by William Murphy
Villager staff writer

Stevenson’s School of Education works closely with Career Services to assist senior education majors with employment. In addition to the time spent on interview practice and resume building, one of the most successful methods of kick-starting an education career is through on-campus recruitment.

In their seminar in the fall semester, the senior education majors declare in which county they would like to work.

This information is then given to Career Services, where the results are analyzed and popular counties are selected and contacted. Counties that choose to participate in the recruitment process are then given a date when they will come to Stevenson and participate in on-campus recruitment. This phase begins in February, and on average, 12 counties participate in this process.

After the participating counties are confirmed, students are able to go to the Career Services website and sign up for an interview with a recruiter from their preferred county.

On the day of the event, participating counties send as many recruiters as needed to interview the students interested in starting their career in that county. Thus, counties with a smaller number of interested seniors will send fewer recruiters.

These recruiters spend their time in the Career Services offices in Wooded Way on their established day. This is where the seniors will attend their scheduled interviews, each of which are slotted to last a half-hour.

Following the completion of all of the scheduled interviews, a representative of Stevenson’s School of Education will join the group of recruiters for lunch. During this lunch, the recruiters from each county give the representative some general feedback regarding how the interviews went. This feedback does not discuss the performance of individual students, but focuses on the overall performance of the interviewers.

Each county has its own method of following up with seniors whom they view as prospective employees. These may include offering advanced contracts, scheduling second interviews, and other, less common follow-up methods.

The on-campus recruitment process has proven to be effective and innovative. It is also a solid learning tool, as the feedback provided by the recruiters provides the School of Education with important information that will be used to develop many of its programs.

Spoken word artist and social activist to perform in Rockland April 7

by Tyler Turk
Villager staff writer

Sponsored by MAP, renowned spoken word artist Drew Law will perform at Stevenson University on April 7.

He will conduct a poetry and creative workshop in Rockland starting at 1 p.m., and an open mic poetry slam workshop in Rockland starting at 7 p.m. an open mic poetry slam on April 7.

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Drew Law is a nationally recognized spoken word artist that MAP had the opportunity to see perform at a recent conference, said Miller. He has performed at many colleges including the University of North Carolina, Georgetown, Winston-Salem State University, and George Washington. He is a two-time member of the D.C. Beltway Slam team, and a member of D.C’s team “Treat Yo Self,” that took first place at the 2013 Southern Fried Poetry tournament.

Law is also known for his social work, as a teaching artist for Split this Rock, an organization that uses written and spoken word as an agent for social change, and Poetry NOW, a nonprofit that creates spoken word curriculum for high schools and government entities in the northern Virginia and D.C. area, according to his website.

He has coached several youth poetry slam teams in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, including the 2013 DC Youth Slam team that finished second in the Brave New Voices poetry competition.

Law is inspired by his heritage and references it in his spoken word poetry. At the end of his performances, he hopes his audiences understand him on a personal level. He knows his way around words and can find his rhythm and tell a vivid story to educate, motivate and aspire others to be comfortable with their creativity.

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More than 80 percent of college students felt overwhelmed by all they had to do in the past year, and 45 percent have felt things were hopeless, according to the National Alliance of Mental Illness. Thirty-one percent of college students have felt so depressed in the past year that it was difficult to function, and more than 50 percent have felt overwhelming anxiety, making it hard to succeed academically, according to the American College Health Association.

These statistics may seem alarming to some people. Why? Most anxiety problems go unnoticed because students are too ashamed to admit they have a problem. Whether the issues stem from school-related stress, financial instability, or relationship woes, many are privately fighting their own battles.

If you feel as though you fall into this statistic, do not feel alone. In the past three months, I have been going through a heart-wrenching breakup, math classes that are really testing my patience, an unstable life, financial instability, a hostile work environment, and other random stressors that occur daily. I lost my focus for a long period of time, which caused me to fall behind in my schoolwork, crash on my friend’s futon for a month straight, and even perform at Navy Stadium in Annapolis, the Owings Mills gym.

For the upcoming season, the band’s optimum goal is to reach a total of 150 members. With the looks of it, they should have no issue surpassing that number. A lively, cheery show is already being planned for next fall, and the odds that they will disappoint are slim to none. Yet as the pride of the university, high expectations are set but the Marching 100 is ready to accept the challenge. Through their continuous success, the Stevenson University Marching Band has proven that the only way to go is up.
Stumbleupon app falls over itself for a unique web browsing experience

by Kaitlin Kirkwood
Villager staff writer

Click, breathe, blink, and voilà, StumbleUpon finds users a brand new website geared specifically to their unique interests free of charge.

Everything in life should be as easy as browsing new websites on StumbleUpon. Creating a free account or logging in using existing Facebook accounts, people can utilize the site’s great ability to shuffle the users’ interests into the form of miscellaneous websites.

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Just as easily as people scroll through other social media apps, reading news updates and their friends’ statuses, users can now browse a series of websites, catered to them, specifically. For example, a user could be viewing a video of a cat dancing, instantly switching to learning a new recipe and then switching to a page on gardening, all in a matter of seconds. The user can easily rate the sites they stumbled upon, so that, similar to Pandora, they are getting the best experience possible.

When creating an account, users are prompted to select topics and interests they have, which is how the system finds related sites. Users are allowed to change or edit their “interests” at any point. The site also allows users to leave comments on specific sites they are brought to, as well as share them with others through Facebook, Twitter, and e-mail. Connecting with friends who also stumble is made easy when connecting through Facebook. The site keeps track of the users’ history so that it is easy to find a site that was “liked” at any point of time. When searching for popular sites, there is a section to view trending sites, located with “Recommended,” “Activity,” and “Lists.”

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XFactor contestants form new group, launch empowering debut album

by Shane Messick
Villager staff writer

Fifth Harmony released its debut album “Reflection” on Feb 3, 2015. This all-girl pop group got its start on the second season of the XFactor USA where the group came in third place.

Fifth Harmony’s members are Lauren Jauregui, Camila Cabello, Normani Hamilton, Ally Brooke and Dinah Hansen. These five auditioned for the XFactor as individual singers, but were brought together as a group later in the show. After their elimination, Simon Cowell said, “I have a feeling that we are going to be hearing and seeing a lot more of these girls in the future.”

Since competing on national television in 2012 with their first performance of Shontelle’s “Impossible,” Fifth Harmony released its debut EP titled “Better Together” on October 22, 2013, reaching the #2 spot on iTunes. In addition to being at the top of the music charts, the group won the “Artist to Watch” award at the 2014 MTV VMA awards.

“Reflection” has been on the Billboard top-200 chart three weeks since its release, with a peak spot of #5. The album has a style that can be described as upbeat and easy to dance to. Fifth Harmony’s lyrics focus not only on being in love, but also on loving yourself.

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Track #2, “BO$$,” gives a shout out to first lady Michelle Obama. Lyrics like, “Boss, Michelle Obama, purse so heavy getting Oprah Dollars,” gives listeners hope of becoming strong, successful women like Obama or Oprah Winfrey.

Track #5, “Them Girls Be Like,” tells a story of being a respectable woman and loving yourself. Lyrics include, “We ain’t like them girls that do too much, if you thirsty you can’t sit with us. Why you think them boys be missing us?”

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Movies made easy: Flixster app simplifies the movie-finding process

by Anthony Allen
Villager staff writer

Modern movie lovers often have two questions they want answered: where’s the closest theater, and what is it showing? Flixster, a popular movie website, has provided a new app to answer those questions quickly and conveniently.

Movies by Flixster, with Rotten Tomatoes, gives users the ability to find movie theaters near them, as well as playing, with just a few quick clicks.

Besides being able to locate theaters and seeing what they’re playing, the app allows users to buy their tickets, watch high-quality trailers of movies they want to learn more about, stream and download select movies, find reviews through well-known movie critique website Rotten Tomatoes, and even manage their Netflix accounts. Having all of these features in one simple app will save everyone time, struggles, and those worrisome “I hope they’re not sold out” moments.

The app is well-organized and easy to use, access, and navigate. Those who have used the app agree that it just makes the movie experience easier. I felt pressured until I had no other choice but to download the app for myself, and let me tell you that it has made my movie-going nights so much better.

The app is available on Apple and Android devices, as of March 12, 2015. The large majority of the app’s Android reviews give it five stars, while Apple’s App Store reviews have suffered due to recent conflicts with iOS 8.2. Movies by Flixster, with Rotten Tomatoes calls itself “the #1 app for movie reviews, trailers, and Showtimes.”

I highly recommend this app, just take the 30 seconds to download the app, and, when the time comes to go to the movies, remember to give it a try. I’m certain you won’t be disappointed. Movies by Flixster, with Rotten Tomatoes is an essential app for any smart phone owner.
**Space Telescope Science Institute**

Avery Yancey, a senior business information systems major, has interned at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Md., since December 2013. Yancey stated that as an intern, he utilizes and maintains the helpdesk tracking software and application security, event investigations, as well as enforces policies and regulations. Yancey also performs basic security administration functions, which include creating profiles and accounts for customers.

“As an intern there, I have had the opportunity to experience a lot of different departments. I have been able to get my hands on everything in each department and to figure out what exactly everyone does in the different departments there,” said Yancey.

His favorite thing is experiencing the security aspect because “it is the most challenging department, and it is also ever-changing,” said Yancey. He is interested in staying at the Space Telescope Science Institute because it is a growing company.

**Pandora Jewelry**

“Meaningful, busy, and fun”—these are the words Ellen Olson would use to describe her marketing internship at Pandora Jewelry. The jewelry company is a fairly large international organization, but the office life at the American Headquarters in Maryland reflects a much smaller and more personal atmosphere.

“Everyone was friendly and seemed to know each other in the office,” Olson said.

Olson’s visual communication design major helped prepare her for the various day-to-day tasks of designing collateral for the public relations, training, and marketing departments. Mostly, she created social media images, advertisements, and training materials for Pandora. She was even able to work on designs in French and Spanish to be used in the Canadian and South American markets.

“I chose to intern at Pandora Jewelry because of the company’s great attitude and respect for employers,” Olson said. She graduated in December 2014 and acquired a marketing assistant position at CareMerX.

**Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital**

Kadeem Wyllie, a senior biology major, is an intern at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital. Wyllie currently shadows various pediatricians, psychiatrists, nutritionists, endocrinologists, and other doctors. As an intern, he is able to assist in administering shots and giving physical exams. He has learned a lot about diseases, disorders, and various methods of caring for a patient.

“Being here, I feel like I am making a difference in a patient’s day, despite being an intern. That is my favorite thing about interning here. I like to see the smiles that both parents and children show when they leave this facility. Interning here has made me more confident and driven to become a future doctor,” said Wyllie.

When he first started interning at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, Wyllie was passionate about many fields but was unsure about what he wants to do after college. His internship has allowed him to decide that he would like to pursue his career in the field of pediatrics.

**Bancroft Press**

Michael Stabile would choose the words “illuminating, relatable, and relaxed” to describe his two internship experiences at Bancroft Press in editing and marketing. The company is run from the home of the owner, Bruce Bortz; his employees work at his dining room table while he takes up his office in the basement.

Stabile’s English major led him to an editorial internship in the fall that consisted of editing books. He had the opportunity to read many interesting works including a book about the Kennedy Assassination that not only explored the night of the incident, but also garners Lee Harvey Oswald’s childhood. While his spring marketing internship still involves some editing, Stabile also has the added task of marketing books toward a target market. He recently researched top schools with broadcast journalism programs to market a book they were publishing on the subject.

Although Stabile chose Bancroft Press because of its close proximity, he is grateful for the career clarity the company has given him in his time there.

“It’s helped me figure out that editing is what I want to do and what kinds of books I like editing,” he said. Stabile’s two internships at Bancroft Press have helped him discover his desire to edit and his passion for books that challenge people’s way of thinking.

**The Data Tamer**

For Ryan Ferguson, a computer information systems (CIS) major, searching and obtaining an internship that would allow him to expand his knowledge in the field of computer science was crucial.

Ferguson interns with The Data Tamer, an information technology consulting firm that creates and maintains custom database applications for businesses and organizations.

As an interaction designer, Ferguson’s responsibilities include gathering user requirements, assisting with the creation of applications, developing user forms, interviewing clients as well as observing users.

“So far, I discovered that time management is key. Balancing academics with my internship has proven to be stressful, but I know that perfecting time management will better me as an individual and a professional,” said Ferguson.

Because of his strong interest in the field of computer science, Ferguson is passionate about and interested in the work he does with the Towson-based firm. He can assess any situation from the perspective of the user and the developer with this knowledge.
Law Office of Kent Greenberg

The words “challenging and motivating” are how Savannah Beavers would describe her paralegal internship at the Law Office of Kent Greenberg. The firm specializes in family law with a focus in divorce and child custody cases. As a career field that can be highly intimidating, Beavers was surprised at first with how the office was so small and close-knit.

“It’s a great experience because we know how to get our work done, but still have that personal connection along with it,” she said.

As a paralegal intern, Beavers’ day-to-day tasks involve drafting paper work, digging up evidence, and keeping clients up to date on their cases. She has even been given the responsibility of building her first trial binder that entails gathering information and evidence that may help in a client’s case.

“Stevenson set us up so well,” she said. “The internship has become more of a reinforcement of all that she has been learning at Stevenson and has given her confidence in her paralegal abilities.

Beavers is a passionate family person, which made her decision to choose a firm focusing in family law an easy choice. She also chose the Law Office of Kent Greenberg based on her small-town roots and desire to work for a small firm. The Law Office of Kent Greenberg is located in Owings Mills just above the Stevenson bookstore.

Maryland Public Television

Ben Block, a junior film and video major, interned at Maryland Public Television (MPT) in the fall of 2014, where he gained hands on experience in editing, producing, and many other aspects of the broadcasting industry.

Block worked in both production and post-production during his tenure with MPT. He was eager to learn and asked his supervisor to immerse him in all aspects of television and video.

While with the local television station, Block was able to observe and question in order to gain knowledge in a field about which he is extremely passionate. From his first day working on the teleprompter to his last day with a director, Block credits MPT for allowing him to learn and grow during his time as an intern.

“I absolutely enjoyed my internship! What I liked most about working at MPT was how friendly everyone is… they were wonderful to work with,” Block said. He hopes the knowledge and skills he gained will be reflected through his work with SU-TV and in his future career.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Laura Duenas, a senior criminal justice major, interned at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), during the fall 2014 semester.

Some of her responsibilities at NCIS included drafting various investigative reports, helping review cases, participating in presentations, assisting in the process of destroying evidence, and attending mission briefs at the NCIS Field Office at the Washington, D.C. location. Duenas also sketched crime scenes for ScenePD, a tool that officers use when diagramming a crime scene.

Her favorite thing about being at intern at NCIS was the ability to learn a new side of law enforcement. “I learned a lot more about NCIS than I knew from watching various TV shows, and from my knowledge of other federal agencies,” she said. From this experience, Duenas learned that in the future she does want to pursue a career as a federal agent, especially for NCIS.

Monumental Sports & Entertainment

Alex Parker’s day is never short of excitement. As an intern in the community relations department at Monumental Sports & Entertainment with the Washington Wizards, Parker’s day is never short of excitement.

“I am really enjoying my experience,” notes Parker, a senior business communication major. She travels to Washington, D.C. to work in the office at games and at other events as needed.

Her responsibilities include assisting with player appearances, attending autograph sessions, enhancing community programs, and responding to fan mail. In the office, she also corresponds with community partners about group non-profit tickets, auction tickets, giveaways and donations. At a Wizards game, Parker can be seen serving as a liaison between the team and the front office.

“I am getting to combine my passion for sports with my education, skills, and love for helping people,” Parker said. Besides managing donation requests and assisting with community operations for the Wizards, Parker serves as an editor for The Villager and will use experience from this internship to obtain a job following her graduation this future career.

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Robert “Rob” Wingert is a student advocate for Stevenson pride and has utilized his time at Stevenson by involving himself in as much as possible.

He holds many student roles within the Stevenson athletic department. He is a member of the NCAA Division III men’s volleyball team, a squad that is nationally renowned and begins the second half of the season competing for a place in the NCAA tournament.

During the Hoopsville basketball tournament, Rob serves as head student ambassador in charge of escorting the visiting teams wherever they need to be.

He is also a student employee as head student athletic equipment manager. This has allowed him to learn more about what occurs behind the scenes in the athletic department.

Rob is also one of the women’s volleyball managers and volunteers his time assisting in volleyball camps with the women’s team.

He is currently the vice-president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and will move into the president’s seat in the upcoming semester. In the fall, he applied for a seat as a national SAAC representative from the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). He was also chosen to attend the NCAA convention in January, 2015. Rob recounted his experience: “I got a better understanding of what my role as a national representative will consist of.”

In his role as national SAAC representative, he believes that “we have a chance to take a stance on proposed legislation and help construct what we want the student-athlete experience to be like at the Division III level.”

The student body may know him as the head of Mustang Maniacs and the school-spirited and loud man in the front. With optimistic personality, Rob stands out from the crowd.

He wants to encourage other students to get involved in the Stevenson community in any way they can. “The more you put into your time at Stevenson, the more you get out of it. I’ve found that during my time, every student here has a chance to make a real difference.”
Competition cheer team prepares to compete in Daytona

by Alex Parker
Villager staff writer

The 2015 Stevenson University competition cheerleading team, under the direction of head coach Tom Judy, an alum and former Mustang cheerleader himself, is preparing to compete nationally.

Along with Judy’s connection to the university, he was also a member of the Baltimore Ravens’ co-ed cheer team. By the end of his career, he had become captain of the Ravens’ stunt team. Judy brings a decade of coaching experience into his sixth year coaching Stevenson’s competition team. Under his leadership, the Mustangs finished seventh at the NCAA Collegiate National Championship in 2012 and 2013. Additionally, the cheer team won the first three Capital Athletic Conference cheer competitions from 2009-2011.

The success of the competitive cheer team is the result of Judy’s skills, leadership, and knowledge of the sport, along with the cheer team’s hard work and dedication, according to senior Fya Powell.

On March 14, the Mustangs won first place and the Grand Champions title in the school division championship. The team is looking to carry over this success throughout the rest of the season.

To date the competitive cheer team has competed in showcase tournaments in Ocean City, and College Park. On March 21 the Mustangs competed in Upper Marlboro, and the team will travel to Daytona, Florida, for the collegiate national meet from April 8-12.

The ultimate goal for the team is to make it into the top three at Daytona. This is the biggest competition on the Mustangs’ schedule.

“Our toughest competition will be the schools we compete against in Florida,” said Powell. She added, “The teams with the highest scores in our division are Elmira, Bridgewater, Montclair, and Endicott.”

In preparation for cheer competitions, the team practices four days a week in both the Owings Mills and Greenspring gymnasia. Occasionally, the Mustangs work out at the All-Star gym in ....

Without every member, the cheer team would not be as cohesive. The Mustangs are looking to be a force to be reckoned with this season, according to Powell.

“What I enjoy most about cheering is the adrenaline rush I get when competing,” said senior Alexis Erie. She added, “I also love being on the mat with every single one of these women.”

Mustang baseball aims to win NCAA Division III World Series

by Alex Schoen
Villager staff writer

As of March 19, the Stevenson University’s baseball team has a 3-1 conference record in the MAC. The team’s main goal is to win the NCAA Division III World Series, but first win the conference and region.

Since last season came to an end ed sooner than the team expected, the Mustangs have worked hard to make sure that doesn’t happen this year.

Last year the team finished with an overall record of 14-26. However, the team’s graduate assistant coach, Joseph Harbach, feels very optimistic about this season.

“We rely on a team effort to help achieve our goals,” said Harbach. He added, “We are looking for our seniors to help lead the team both on and off the field to make the rest of team better players on the field and better people off the field.”

The coaches are still examining the lineup to find out which works best for the team as a whole.

“Our returnees are maturing as baseball players, and the addition of freshmen and transfers is putting us in the right direction to reach our goals this season,” said Harbach.

As of March 24, the Mustangs are 4-6-2, with early season losses to Hampden-Sydney, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Brockport and Alvernia.

In the Mustangs’ home opener on Feb. 14, freshman Jake Dimon finished 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBI’s in his first collegiate appearance.

On March 7, the team dropped two games to SUNY Cortland at N.C. Wesleyan, 7-5 and 9-5. The next day the Mustangs played at J.P. Riddle Stadium in North Carolina, losing to SUNY Brockport 6-1. The team lost a conference game to Alvernia on March 13, 9-4.

On March 18, the Mustangs earned their first win of the season on the road against Washington and Lee, 4-1. After tying with Bridgewater (Va.), the team defeated Hood College (6-4, 7-4, 5-4) in three conference games. On March 24, the Mustangs lost to Gettysburg at Kirkhoff Field, 4-0.

However, it is a long season and the team hopes to get back into the rhythm.

“We have guys every year graduate and move on to start their careers in different fields,” said Harbach. He added, “It is our job to replace the guys who left with incoming players to keep us competitive. It is a struggle every program in college athletics has.”

On April 4, the Mustangs will take on Widener at home in a double header at 1 p.m. on the Greenspring campus.

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| Fri., Mar. 20 | Cabrini | 3 P.M. |
| Sat., Mar. 21 | SUNY Cortland | 8 P.M. |
| Sat., Mar. 28 | Albright * | 7 P.M. |
| Sat., Apr. 4 | Lynchburg | 7 P.M. |
| Wed., Apr. 8 | Hood * | 7 P.M. |
| Sat., Apr. 18 | Lebanon Valley * | 7 P.M. |
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Softball opens season in Clermont, Florida

by Brittany Punte
Villager staff writer

Stevenson’s softball team started their season over spring break under the leadership of fourth-year head coach Joey Lye.

“My expectations are always high, but with the talent we have, they are even higher,” said Lye. She added, “I would love to win the conference this year.”

Last year the team finished the season with a 16-25 record. This season the Mustangs are finding a perfect balance of skill development, mental acuity and team cohesion to improve their record.

Lye has a full roster this season with 21 players total, including 13 returnees. “I think the new additions will fit right in on the field,” said Lye. “We have a great combination of talent, experience, and mutual respect.”

The Mustangs traveled to Clermont, FL, over spring break for their first set of games this season, finishing with a record of 3-6.

On March 17, the team dropped back-to-back games against St. Thomas (Minn.), 5-3, and Minot St., 7-1. Senior Abby DeFeo, Mueller, sophomore Jenna Fanningo, and freshman Kate Finnen all contributed to the Mustangs’ offense, combining for nine hits in both games.

DeFeo scored the only run in the game against Minot in the third inning. Senior Briana Pichalski made her first appearance this season allowing only one earned run.

In the final days of play, the team fell short to Greenville (9-4), St. Lawrence (6-5), but defeated McDaniel (3-4). Fanningo and junior Laura Welch combined for four of the team’s seven hits. Both Fanningo and Welch went 4-for-6 at the plate.

The game against McDaniel was a huge win, ending the Mustangs’ four-game losing streak. Sophomore Naomi Fields drove in the game-winning run in the ninth inning for an 8-7 win. Finnen went 2-for-3 with one RBI while Soller went 2-for-4.

Starting the season, the team felt confident about their performances although they had not actually played a game in Maryland prior to the break. They battled the weather seven weeks into season, only practicing outdoors on the stadium turf field.

The team hopes to continue to strengthen their offense and defense as they prepare for competition, including Salisbury, who is always a ranked team.

“During the weather delays, the team worked hard to maintain their conditioning,” said Fields. “We trained hard to stay in shape.”

As of March 9, Robinson was again named the Commonwealth Conference Defender of the Week after picking up nine ground balls and causing five turnovers in the 11-5 road win at Roanoke. On March 17, the team lost to undefeated Tufts University 18-12. The Mustangs brought the game back within reach during the third quarter, but the Tufts offense was too much to handle.

The Mustangs split two games in the Greene Turtle Classic March 21-22, losing to Cabrini 8-6 and beating Cortland 11-9.

The team believes having a strong bond and good chemistry on the field is necessary for them to produce this season. The Mustangs’ toughest competition this year will be Lynchburg and Salisbury. However, Stevenson was selected as the favorite in their conference, and a consensus top-five national selection heading into this season.

In the pre-season, Stevenson was ranked at #3 in the Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Yearbook, #4 in the USILA Division III Preseason Coaches Poll and #5 by Lacrosse Magazine in its Nike Division III Men’s Preseason Top 20. As of press time, the Mustangs were ranked #7 in the coaches’ poll.

Returning in prominent positions for the Mustangs are Robinson; junior defender Chad Williams; senior attackman Paul Danks; junior attackman Stephen Banick; senior midfielders Billy Burgoyne, Connor Cuffin, Colin Dalney, Tony Ross and Sam Wyatt, and senior goalie Ben Richards.

On April 4, the Mustangs will take the field at home against Lynchburg at 7 p.m. for one of their biggest games this season.