Owings Mills campus locked down after shooting scare

by Michelle Larkin
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At 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 31, students, faculty, and staff received an suAlert text message and email that an active shooter was on the Owings Mills campus.

Nearly three hours later, the Stevenson community received news that everything was all clear and it was safe to leave the buildings.

The active shooter alert was prompted by two students who thought they saw a person on campus with a gun. After Baltimore County police arrived on the scene and investigated, it became clear that two male students had been hunting in nearby woods with pellet guns.

Fortunately, there was not an active shooter and no injuries were reported from the incident.

All-night event raises money to benefit cancer research and treatment

by Jessica Keech
Villager staff writer

On April 11, the Student Activities Committee, in collaboration with the American Cancer Society, will sponsor the fourth annual Relay for Life at Stevenson University.

This fundraising opportunity seeks to aid those affected by cancer and ultimately find a cure for the disease. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. in the Owings Mills gym, beginning Friday evening and ending Saturday morning.

For the past four years at Stevenson, the American Cancer Society and other local sponsors have worked with students on campus to hold Relay for Life. The sponsors aim not only to eliminate cancer altogether, but also to soften the hardships that cancer can create for families and patients waiting to find a cure.

All funds raised benefit cancer research, treatment, as well as organizations like the Hope Lodge that provide housing for loved ones near major hospitals during cancer treatment. The fundraising goal this year is $40,000.

The event is designed to reflect the overall mission of Relay for Life: Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back. The first lap of the relay is walked by cancer survivors to celebrate their triumph, followed by a lap for caregivers.

During the evening, a Luminaria ceremony commemorates those who have died. This is a lap where illuminated bags with the names of those who lost their battle with cancer are placed around the track in memory.

The event ends with encouragement and prevention methods to show participants how to fight back.

“Relay for Life is a unique and powerful experience that students won’t be able to find anywhere else,” said Cristal Willis, event chair.

Students can form teams to participate in fundraising, either individually throughout the year by collecting donations, or during the event itself by selling various items or sponsoring games.

The teams will each set up camps in the gym with different members walking the track during the entire night. The goal is to have someone walking the track at all times to symbolize the commitment to finding a cure.

In addition to walking, students can expect different games and speakers throughout the evening. President Kevin J. Manning will speak during the opening ceremony, and cancer survivors from the Stevenson community will give testimonies.

There will be performances including glow-in-the-dark Zumba, Urban Vibe and other dance teams and bands.

Participants can also compete with one another to win additional prizes. One on-site fundraiser this year will be “Ms. Relay,” where male participants can dress like females and compete to be crowned the winner of the pageant.

“Relay is a great way to have fun with your friends for a good cause,” said Jordyn Hoffman, co-chair.

Any students, family, faculty and community members are welcome to attend the event.

“Relay gives students a place to find strength in supporting their loved ones and themselves through difficult times. Relay has given me hope that one day I won’t have to watch anyone suffering due to cancer,” said Willis.
Tori Chandler Foundation raises money for scholarship

by Brittany Post
Villager staff writer

On October 10, 2013, Tori Chandler, a human services major, was involved in a serious car accident. After surviving for five weeks in Shock Trauma, Chandler passed away on Nov. 15, 2013. Those who knew Chandler said that she was always looking to help others, and in her honor, the Tori Chandler Foundation was created in February 2014.

All proceeds raised by the foundation are used to fund a scholarship, set up by Chandler’s father, Russ Chandler, to help other human services majors who have transferred to Stevenson from Carroll Community College.

According to the foundation’s webpage, “The mission of the Tori Chandler Foundation is to continue the selfless work that Chandler started but was unable to finish. Her goal in life was to help individuals and families in need of guidance and support. The foundation was established to provide financial assistance to college students...[so they can] help the people that she never had the chance to.”

In honor of his daughter, Russ Chandler, family friend Nikki Haschert, and others involved in the Tori Chandler Foundation will hold “Tori’s Dance: A Daddy Daughter Date” on April 5, 2014. The event will be held at the American Legion Post 31, 2 Sycamore St., Westminster, MD 21157.

“Tori’s Dance” will be from 7-9 p.m. and tickets are $20 a person. Purchase is required in advance while supplies last. All proceeds will go towards the scholarship funded by the Tori Chandler Foundation.

The night will be filled with dancing, music, refreshments, raffle prizes, giveaways, and much more. Haschert is helping the foundation organize this event and stressed that, “this daddy daughter date is for girls of all ages, even older girls who still feel like they’re daddy’s little girl.”

So far, the foundation has raised $6,500 to fund the scholarship in memory of Chandler.

Other events hosted by the foundation will include a Brewers to Buds Motorcycle Ride on July 13, 2014, as well as Tori’s Trek 5k on Sept. 13, 2014. For more details on these events, or to make a donation towards the foundation’s scholarship, please visit torichandlerfoundation.com.

In the words of Chandler, “Laugh, love and forgive like it is your last day. Forgive, but don’t forget the tears. Always keep laughter in your heart. Remember me: I’ll remember you. Love always.”

National Alcohol Screening Day entertains and educates students

by Matthew Perry
Villager staff writer

On Thursday, April 24, Stevenson University will host the annual National Alcohol Screening Day event. NASD is a traditional event on campus where student clubs join together with the Wellness Center to screen students and staff to raise awareness about the negative effects of alcohol.

Activities will take place during the afternoon on both the Owings Mills and Greenspring campuses.

“...to make the event another popular and educational experience for all involved...”

The success of the program depends on the cooperation between students, staff, and the community to make college campuses safer from the negative effects of alcohol. The site claims that this undertaking is a group effort, so all members of the Stevenson community are encouraged to attend and participate.

The university has a long history with NASD, often praised by local media outlets. This event has been held annually for over 10 years, and Stevenson has ranked No. 1 in local schools for screening since 2007.

Brenda Boggs, a nurse practitioner at the Wellness Center, is overseeing the event this year and intends to make the event another popular and educational experience for all involved.

The attendance record in previous years has been impressive, and Boggs hopes to maintain this success in the upcoming event.

“The students and faculty who attend always seem to enjoy the experience and take away valuable information,” she says, “and I think holding NASD definitely makes a difference for the better.”

Very few other events on campus demonstrate such a combination of community involvement, entertainment, and information.

Students played a driving video game with "drunk goggles" during last year’s NASD.
Students invited to relax and kick off the new season at Spring Fling

by Annie McCoach
Villager staff writer

It’s almost the end of the school year, meaning warm weather, springtime, and more time for fun. The Freshman Class Council of the Stevenson Student Government Association (SGA) will host an event called Spring Fling on April 9.

It will be an end-of-the-year event to kick off the spring season and a chance for students to relax before the semester comes to a close.

The Spring Fling will take place on Wednesday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the quad of the Greenspring campus.

This event is the council’s first school-wide activity that will include the entire student body, faculty and staff.

Plenty of planning and preparation has gone into organizing the event. Organization and budgeting are the key aspects that will make this event a success.

The students have been making all of the decisions with the aid of their advisor, Jen Milam, assistant director of student activities.

The Council is very optimistic and excited about the Spring Fling, hoping that the amount of hard work and time they have put into this event will pay off. They are confident that their efforts will not go unnoticed and hope for a successful event.

“Spring Fling is one of my favorite events because it gets everyone out on the Greenspring campus. Faculty, staff and students all take advantage of the event,” said Milam.

The Spring Fling will include a variety of different events and activities. There will be a bungee run, t-shirt tie dying, photo telescopes, and an inflatable obstacle course.

The Council is partnering with the Wellness Center who will be hosting the National Alcoholic Screening Day at the same time. There will be a drunk driving simulator where students can experience what it is like to be in a car with an intoxicated driver.

“Hopefully, students will take advantage of the activities planned at the event,” said Milam.

Free lunch will be provided to the attendees. “Everyone should swing by to check out spring fling. There will be a lot of fun things at this event from tie-dying t-shirts to an obstacle course and free food,” said freshman class representative Dana Girouard.

Catholic campus ministry encourages students to stay active in their faith

by Kasio DeDraffinried
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Stevenson University’s Catholic campus ministry was established to allow students who want to remain active in their faith to practice their religion with other students.

This Catholic ministry has been active for over three years and has accumulated more than 45 members.

Students do not need to be Catholic in order to become a member. The ministry welcomes students of all religions to participate in their events and activities.

The president of the ministry is sophomore nursing major Katelyn Krudock. She is an active Catholic and urges students to join the ministry.

"By joining this ministry students will have a place to volunteer and help grow in one’s spiritual life," she said.

In addition to the students who are involved with the ministry, there are also advisors to help students answer any questions they may have or to offer advice. Deacon Jim and Sister Jude, who are staff at Sacred Heart Glyndon, are available to make Spring Fling an event that kicks off the spring season with games, activities, and plenty of food. Spring Fling will take place on April 9.

Stevenson’s International Student Association organizes Taste of Cultures event

by Hayley Jacobs
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The International Student Association has been visible on campus for the past six years. They plan to showcase the diverse backgrounds of Stevenson students and faculty in the Taste of Cultures event on April 5 in the Rockland Banquet Room from 6 - 9 p.m.

The event, hosted by Michael Dandridge, will include a fashion show, performances, and food from a wide variety of countries. Participants and restaurants from the Owings Mills area will provide dishes from different cultures, which ISA advisor Maumi Cannell-Chatterton hopes will “broaden the attendees’ horizons.”

Many groups from Stevenson will perform during the event, including the step team, Glee Club, Distinction, and Urban Vibes.

Performers from Bowie State University, Goucher College, University of Maryland, and University of Maryland Baltimore County have also been invited to attend the event and showcase their own cultures.

In addition, a fashion show will allow participants to express their backgrounds through their clothing. Kimberly Brown, senior, and president of ISA, believes that clothing has a large impact on culture.

“There are many cultures on campus and you really see the diversity of our students when they’re wearing their cultural outfits,” Brown said.

Once the performances are over, ISA will also host the Celebration of Cultures Dance. This after-party will take place immediately after Taste of Cultures in the Rockland Banquet Room from 9:30 p.m. to midnight.

ISA’s Taste of Cultures has in the past attracted many students, and Cannell-Chatterton says that it helps to create a well-rounded community at Stevenson.

“You can’t look at one person and assume that you know who they are, so this event is very important. We want to share people’s pride in who they are.”

Taste of Cultures is a free event and tickets can be picked up at The Rock. However, tickets for the Celebration of Cultures Dance are $3 and must be purchased separately. There will be no entry to the after-party after 11 p.m.

Students must also present their student ID, and guests are required to present their state ID in order to attend.

Since these events are expected to sell out, the ISA urges any interested students or faculty to purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

For more information about Taste of Cultures or the International Student Association, please contact Chatterton-Cannell or Kimberly Brown by campus email.
College athletes should not be paid to play

by Colleen Shipley
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Student athletes should not be paid to play in college. While some people may view college sports as the next step toward professional leagues, college athletics are primarily seen as the next phase in a life for further one’s education. There are several arguments that support ideas against paying college athletes. First, there is not a current payment system in place to administer money to the athletes; second, athletes already receive compensation; and third, there are other resources available to athletes that can help them financially.

The issue of not having an established payment system in place poses many problems. First, without a payment system for schools to use it can be time-consuming and difficult for schools to construct their own. Professional sports have a payment system that consists of contracts that promise a certain amount of money for a season or number of years based on that player’s talent, but this system would not work at the college level.

Setting up a payment system is not an easy task. There could be a flat pay rate per hour or per game; however, due to their status on the team, starter athletes may want more money than the benchwarmers. Another problem is that a universal system would not work for all universities because different colleges have various division levels and amounts of money available. With different payment levels, students could be more compelled to enlist in schools that pay better. This could lead to the closing of universities that don’t receive enough athletic interest because the schools could lose funding.

College athletes are already compensated for playing. According to Morris, athletes, on average, are compensated $55,000 per year for playing at a Division I or II college or university. This money is paid through partial or full scholarships that cover a student’s housing, books, meal plan, and any other academic costs.

If student athletes want to be paid because they are struggling financially, there are other resources that they can use. These resources include federal grants and the NCAA Student Athlete Opportunity Fund. There are also the traditional student loans any qualified student can take. Payments for these loans are usually not required to start until six months after graduation.

In the end, paying college athletes would cause many problems. Colleges could be negatively impacted, but student athletes could as well.
GoPro provides new versatile mountable camera

by Alaina Peterson
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GoPro is a San Mateo, Calif.-Based company that was founded in 2002 by creator and CEO Nicholas Woodman. The company’s net worth is about $1.3 billion, according to “Forbes” as of March 2014.

Woodman started the wearable video camera company by building the first camera prototype with his mom’s sewing machine and a drill. GoPro just recently announced its third generation camera, known as the Hero 3.

GoPro’s mission statement is “Think it. Do it.” The company’s website explains that their passion leads them to create experiences and realities that can be captured to inspire people by sharing moments with those around them.

This line of high-quality waterproof cameras with wide-angle lenses is known as the world’s most versatile camera line, and it enables people to share their lives through incredible photos and videos. The cameras are known for being lightweight, rugged, wearable and mountable.

The technology and innovation behind these cameras has evolved, making the Hero a 3 a complete game-changer. There are three versions of the third-generation GoPro.

The White Edition, which is the perfect entry-level GoPro, features video resolutions up to 1080p30, 5MP photos up to three frames per second, an ultra wide-angle lens, built-in Wi-Fi, and a waterproof housing case. The Silver Edition captures high-quality 1080p60 and 720p120 video and offers dramatically improved low-light performance.

The Hero 3+ Black Edition includes high-resolution and high-frame-rate video modes, resulting in professionalism-quality footage allowing liquid-smooth, slow-motion playback.

GoPro uses a variety of professional athletes from different backgrounds to endorse these products. The company’s main promotional advertisement for the Hero 3 features three professional athletes: Alana Blanchard, Lakey Peterson and Camille Brady.

There are many professionally articulated videos of GoPro products in action, displaying what the Hero 3 has to offer as well as the additional accessories that are compatible with it. This camera can be used for anything from extreme sports to amateur athletes to even a toddler having the time of its life, belly down on a skateboard, as shown in one of their new advertisements.

This company started as a simple idea that evolved into an ever-changing trend of digital cameras. GoPro has changed the world of photography and videography because it gives a new perspective to the way people see others around the world experiencing life.

The mounting accessories help people see what it is like from someone else’s point of view during different activities. This company has already been extremely successful since the first-generation camera surfaced, creating a phenomenal reputation. I would recommend the Hero 3 for anyone wanting to capture life in a creative way or share experiences with others.

The movie “Vampire Academy,” released in February 2014 and directed by Mark Waters, is based on the best-selling fantasy book series by Richelle Mead. The series contains six books that follow two teenage vampires.

Rose Hathaway, played by Zoey Deutch, is a Dhampir, which is half human and half vampire. Rose is in training to become a guardian who protects her best friend, Vasilisa Dragomir, played by Lucy Fry. The guardian’s main goal is to fight off and kill the Strigoi, which are evil vampires, blood-thirsty monsters who only want to kill humans and good vampires called Moroi.

When the film begins, Rose and Vasilisa are on the run from the Guardians from their school. The Guardians eventually catch them and return them to St. Vladimir’s Academy for vampires.

The headmaster originally wants to expel Rose, but after a few negotiations she is allowed to stay. At the academy, Rose and Vasilisa must learn to deal with the typical high school issues like mean girls, new friends, bullies, new romances, and rumors.

However, these high school issues should be the least of their worries. The Strigoi secretly begin building an army and are planning a full attack on the school and everyone inside it. In the meantime, Rose starts her training for becoming a Guardian with her mentor, Dimitri Belikov, for whom she eventually develops romantic feelings.

During this time, Vasilisa attempts to continue practicing her training with all four elements and tries to master the secret power of mind control, which would allow her to convince anyone to do anything.

“Vampire Academy” brought in $3.9 million during its opening weekend and produced a total net of about $8 million. The movie didn’t see as much success as other movies that were released on the same date, but it was still high on the list for all vampire fans.

One of the best things about the movie is that it stayed true to the book series and added a minimal amount of extra details. Although it did not do as well as expected in the box office, it received high ratings from fans, especially because those who enjoyed the book series were also able to enjoy the film version.

Surprisingly, there are quite a few viewers who are not fans of vampire movies and books but enjoyed watching “Vampire Academy,” which makes it suitable for many audiences.

Best-selling author presents readers with laws of power

by Marilyn Lovo
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Power is an amoral game as Robert Greene, author of “The 48 Laws of Power,” emphasizes throughout his New York Times best-seller. This step-by-step instruction manual is not just for the power-hungry; it’s for people who want to defend themselves against power or want to gain an understanding of the vicious power game.

“The 48 Laws of Power” instructs readers how to amass great power, and Greene cites historical and philosophical anecdotes in order to support his arguments. Sun Tzu, author of “The Art of War,” and Niccolo Machiavelli, author of “The Prince,” are among the expert examples of power that he discusses throughout the book.

In fact, Greene’s how-to guide to power is quite reminiscent of Machiavelli’s treatise. Both authors have similar rules on how to gain power, such as Greene’s law of assuming formlessness and Machiavelli’s law of adapting to new situations.

Greene’s book of laws has received a lot of criticism. It has been described as the “anti-book of virtues” by Kirkus Reviews, and others would agree. With laws like “Get others to do the work for you, but always take the credit” and “Think as you like but behave like others,” it is easy to understand why some may see this book under a negative light.

But as Greene points out, power is amoral, meaning it doesn’t take into account a sense of right or wrong. The book simply instructs the reader how to gain power over any situation, regardless of the consequences. Needless to say, the game of power is not for the weak-willed.

From a business standpoint, some laws are quite applicable, like “Preach the need for change, but never reform too much at once.” The author explains that when an individual in a position of power attempts to create change at a rapid pace, it can stir up anxiety and eventually meet resistance.

In an organization, when a top executive tries to implement instant change, it can stir anxiety in lower-level employees. Those employees will then begin to resist change. In this scenario, Greene’s advice proves solid. Likewise, in other scenarios, these laws can prove invaluable.

The author has a collection of New York Times best-sellers, including “The Art of Seduction,” “The 33 Strategies of War,” and “The 50th Law,” which he wrote in collaboration with rapper 50 Cent.

Greene’s highly anticipated fifth book, “Mastery,” will delve into the lives of historical figures like Charles Darwin, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Henry Ford among others.
For hard-working young adults, a delicious and reasonably priced meal is very essential. Stevenson University students are lucky enough to have Courtney’s Bagel Cafe and Deli, just a short walk across the street from the Owings Mills campus.

Courtney’s started its business in May 1999. For the past five years, Stevenson has been closely affiliated with Courtney’s and Sal McCalla, its manager.

“We really do enjoy working with Stevenson,” said McCalla. “It has been nothing but positive.”

Flex dollars are vital to Stevenson students who wish to save their own money. Courtney’s is one of the 16 off-campus locations that accept Stevenson’s Flex dollars. Their convenient location and their assistance with the men’s lacrosse team played a major part in Courtney’s becoming one of those locations. McCalla said that working with the men’s lacrosse team was an honor for his company.

A majority of the customers at Courtney’s are Stevenson students who are always warmly welcomed. One of McCalla’s favorite aspects of the partnership is being able to watch the different students come and go.

“Seeing all of the different students and watching them grow into young adults is amazing,” says McCalla. “I’ve watched a lot of them grow.”

Courtney’s Bagel Cafe and Deli is closed on Mondays but is open Tuesday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. While fresh bagels are their specialty, their menu also includes a variety of delicious sandwiches, including roast beef, the chicken salad melt, and the most popular, turkey cheddar melt.

Chick-Fil-A is another restaurant that works with the Stevenson community.

In collaboration with Stevenson’s club, Mission: I’m Home, the Chick-Fil-A challenge relies on a partnership with the company each year.

The club raises the funds year round to support its annual spring trip to New Orleans to help rebuild homes destroyed from Hurricane Katrina.

The Chick-Fil-A Challenge is one of the club’s main fundraising events that occurs annually. The event consists of a variety of events in which teams of four compete. One of the events monitors how fast participants can eat a Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwich.

Mission: I’m Home has been working with Chick-Fil-A for the past five years. Along with helping this club, Chick-Fil-A has also recently participated in freshmen move-in day by providing guests with Chick-Fil-A iced tea and lemonade.

“We absolutely love working with Chick-Fil-A because they are very supportive of our cause and easy to work with,” said Annie McCoach, the vice president of Mission: I’m Home.

Being able to work with this fast-food establishment that is so close to Stevenson’s Owings Mills campus has proven to be extremely effective.

Times at college can prove to be tough on both a student’s pocket and stomach. However, support from many restaurants near the campus allows students to purchase meals with their Flex dollars. Some restaurants also provide students with donations and fundraising options for a variety of causes and events.

Chick-Fil-A
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Courtney’s Bagels
by Avonte Jackson
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Students participate in the annual Chick-Fil-A Challenge, designed in partnership with the local restaurant to raise money for Mission: I’m Home.

Stevenson Flex Off-Campus Dining Options

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Courtney’s Bagel Cafe & Deli
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Papa Gil’s Pizza & Pasta
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Subway
Terri’s Cafe
Uspoon
Vito’s Express
by providing discounts, donations and fundraising opportunities

Buffalo Wild Wings
by Ashley Mil
Villager staff writer

Stevenson University stands for community involvement, and Buffalo Wild Wings helps Stevenson students with fundraising and also has provided give-aways during campus events.

Buffalo Wild Wings has focused on fundraising, and Stevenson University appreciates the corporate support.

Buffalo Wild Wings in Owings Mills has been involved with multiple clubs and organizations on campus, helping students raise funds for a variety of causes. The restaurant holds Spirit Nights, where 15 percent of the night’s profits go to the club or organization hosting the event.

BWW provides the club or organization with tickets to hand out to the community. During the night of the event, people with a ticket can participate in the fundrais-

Terri’s Café
by Avonte Jackson
Villager staff writer

Many students who reside on campus can probably admit that they miss a home-cooked meal every now and then. Luckily for Stevenson students and faculty, Terri’s Café offers good quality meals, and it is just three minutes away from the Owings Mills campus.

Tucked away in the business district of Cronhill Drive, the affiliation between Terri’s Café and Stevenson began three years ago when the café opened up in September 2011.

“We do enjoy our partnership with Stevenson very much,” said owner, Terri Menellos. “Through the students and faculty, it’s definitely brought us exposure.”

The atmosphere inside Terri’s Café is undeniably welcoming. Upon walking in, an instant greeting from the kitchen makes customers feel right at home.

Terri’s Café supports Stevenson athletics, as well. Stevenson athletes may even find their own picture in an amazing window display of the sports teams. “We love kids, and we love sports,” says Menellos.

Stevenson students appreciate the generosity that Terri’s Café shows its customers.

Megan Brush, a sophomore, enjoys Terri’s Café so much that she is considered a regular there.

“I’m here once a week,” said Brush. “I love it here.”

Not many cafés can say that they give their customers a 15 percent discount and free drinks. The discounts for Stevenson students make the locale a popular choice.

“One student even mentioned that they wished we were on campus,” Menellos said.

Customers can visit Terri’s Café Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The menu includes a variety of tasty breakfast and lunch choices. The café even named its chicken cheese steak the “Philly Stevenson Mustang Special.”

Uspoon & Papa Gil’s
by Brittaney Doss
Villager staff writer

Laurie and Jason Sklar, owners of uSpoon and Papa Gil’s, have felt very much a part of the Stevenson community since they enrolled in the Stevenson University off-campus dining option two years ago.

Each meal plan selected by students comes with a separate account called “Flex Dollars,” which can be used at local establishments that have agreed to allow students to use their accounts to pay for each transaction.

“This has been a win-win situation for both us and the students,” said Laurie Sklar.

The owners have hired Stevenson students in the past, and currently, more than half of the staff at both Papa Gil’s and uSpoon are Stevenson students.

Papa Gil’s and uSpoon are giving the students at Stevenson more than just a full stomach by providing students with part-time job opportunities.

“We often give students their first real job,” said Laurie Sklar. “It is a pleasure to watch them grow and transition from a young student or student-athlete to a member of our organization.”

Students have also used their starter jobs at the Sklar’s establishments as networking platforms.

“A few months ago, one of the student employees was serving a regular customer and ended up getting a lead for a possible full-time employment opportunity after graduation,” said Laurie Sklar.

Students have enjoyed the service at Papa Gil’s and uSpoon, and as a result, more students are visiting frequently.

“I love the frozen yogurt and service at uSpoon,” said Catherine Llanos, a sophomore. “Now it’s me and my mom’s normal stop after church on Sunday.”

Several athletic teams, clubs and organizations have hosted fundraisers at both uSpoon and Papa Gil’s.

“We feel like they are our students too, and we try to help however we can,” said Laurie Sklar.

The Sklars hope to get more involved with campus events and are pleased with the support from the SU community.
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PNC Bank has come up with a specialized Virtual Wallet for college students that makes budgeting, saving, and spending easier. Making, saving, and spending money is a large part of everyday life for college students. It is stressful enough managing daily activities, so why add more stress by constantly having to worry about whether or not you have money in your bank account? According to PNC’s website, 79% of users would recommend the virtual wallet to a friend, and many of these reviews have come from college students.

First, take a look at the features that are specifically designed for college students to help manage and save money: reimbursements, joint accounts, and Popmoney. Use the reimbursements and joint accounts with parents in order to easily transfer and reimburse items by notifying via email how much was spent. Popmoney is used to transfer money as well, but this could be between friends by simply providing an email or phone number.

The Virtual Wallet encourages users to take care of everyday spending and bills, as well as short-term and long-term accounts. All of this can be managed with the click of a button from a smart phone or computer. When the account is viewed, a money bar will show up; this contains scheduled payments, free (available) money, and reserved (saved) money. Money can easily be transferred from the free account to the reserve if need be. There is a calendar that can track all of the important transactions going out as well as coming into the account. Reminders via email of payments can also be sent at the convenience of the user.

These reminders may also become crucial when there are certain times each month when income is lower than others. For example, in between paychecks can be a tough time …especially after paying expenses for that month. The Virtual Wallet saves money by letting the user know what could be a “Danger Day;” according to PNC, this is “an alert that you may be at risk of overdrawing your Spend account, if your Available Balance is less than Scheduled bill payments and transfers.” Consequently, this saves users money by avoiding costly and untimely overdraft fees.

Saving money may be difficult, but with the Virtual Wallet, it is made more attainable. College students may not be able to save a lot of money at various points of the month. Features such as “Punching the Pig” and creating a “Spend Zone” allow the user to set goals and transfer any amount of money at any point in time to a separate account that could be used to save for future books, events, food, or any other interests.

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Sweeney Todd
by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler
April 9, 10, 11, 12, 7 p.m.
Inscape Theatre, Greenspring campus

Sweeney Todd returns to Fleet Street to seek revenge against the people he believes murdered his wife and kidnapped his daughter. His victims meet an interesting end when he and an old friend, Mrs. Lovett, join forces. Directed by Chris Roberts, Program Coordinator and Professor Theatre.

Tickets: General admission $10, seniors $6, students $5. Call 443-334-2613 for tickets.
The Stevenson softball team is on an impressive three-game winning streak. The Mustangs swept Penn State Harrisburg on March 23, winning game one 8-1 and game two 8-3. The team totaled 16 runs in their doubleheader while they held the Lions at four.

Coach Joey Lye said, “The wins over Penn State are setting us up with confidence going into a weekend where we have four conference games. Our conference games are the ones we want to focus on. They’re the most important for conference placement going into end of season.”

The Mustangs hope to use their momentum to continue their winning streak this week.

Lye adds, “Getting the sweep against Penn State Harrisburg was good for us because it was the first one of the year. It allowed our girls to hit the ball a little more, get some more reps at the plate, gaining that confidence going into the two conference doubleheaders.”

Lye was quick to mention key players who held the team down both offensively and defensively.

She said, “We had a lot of different people figure into the win. Our pitching unit contributed; junior Briana Pichalski, sophomores Molly Hoyt and Laura Welch, all did a great job. We had a few home runs -- freshman Naomi Fields hit her first home run on Sunday, and sophomore Kristen Mueller hit two over the fence. She started the game on Sunday with a first-pitch home run, so that set the tone for the rest of the day.”

She added, “Keeping this boost going is very important because this weekend we’re traveling again for both games. That can get monotonous, especially since we have played a lot of away games. We have had a lot of bumps in the road and faced a lot of adversity, so having this doubleheader sweep gave us a positive feeling going into the next three road games.”

Over spring break, Stevenson traveled to Clermont, Florida for several games. The team ended with a 5-3 record. A highpoint in Florida was the five-inning slugfest against Franciscan College. The Mustangs won 22-0.

While the Mustangs success is the result of teamwork, sophomore third baseman Kristen Mueller leads the team with 12 RBIs and a batting average of .375. Her efforts are matched by sophomore pitcher Molly Hoyt, whose 10 RBIs and .379 batting average are among the team’s most impressive.

The Mustangs will take on Alvernia College, Arcadia University and Lebanon Valley College on the road. This week will return home on April 10 facing Gettysburg College at Weinberg Fine Stadium, the team’s home field in Owings Mills.
Men’s volleyball works hard to finish strong in hopes of winning title

by Colleen Shipley
Villager staff writer

The men’s volleyball team is gearing up to end the 2014 season with a championship. Their recent involvement in the Kean Invitational on March 21-22 brought them a step closer to their goal.

The Mustangs played Kean University, Elmira College, and York College (N.Y.) over the weekend and ended with a 2-1 record.

Stevenson started the invitational with a 3-1 loss against 15th-ranked Kean. The following day, they came back to beat both Elmira and York in three games.

Assistant Coach Steve Grossnickle commented “Coming into the beginning of this season, we took a lot of things for granted, both the coaching staff and the players, and we got beat up a little bit. However, over the past month I think this team has had more focus on our end goal.”

According to Grossnickle, hard work and determination have propelled the Mustangs to work through their season. With an overall record of 16-7 and a 5-1 conference record, they have worked hard to live up to the title of 15th in the country.

In regards to the team’s focus and effort, Grossnickle added, “There was a point that we came to in the season where the team could have given up and thrown in the towel or make some adjustments and fight through it... and I think they have done a great job fighting.”

The team posted another win against Eastern Mennonite (3-1) on March 28 and their most recent win against Marymount (3-1) on March 29.

These wins secured their second seed spot in the Continental Volleyball Conference Championship. Alongside this team accomplishment, senior right side Jon Martin and outside hitter Austin Jacoby have reached over 1,000 career kills making them two of the three players to hold a school record.

With the CVC championship approaching, the Mustangs are practicing hard in hopes of earning a title.

Sophomore setter Robert Wingert said, “We watch a lot of film, get ready, get in the gym, work hard, and just do the best that we can.”

By winning the championship, the Mustangs would receive a bid to the NCAA tournament, the team’s aspiration from the beginning of the season.

“It’s been the goal since day one, to be the first team in school history to do that, it’s been a big driving force for us,” Wingert said.

UPCOMING GAMES

Baseball vs. Mount Aloysius --- Tuesday, April 8 at 3:30 p.m.
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Hood --- Wednesday, April 9 at 4 p.m.
Softball vs. Widener --- Saturday, April 12 at 1 and 3 p.m.
Women’s Golf / Stevenson Invitational --- Saturday, April 12 at noon
Tennis vs. Wilkes --- Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m.
Baseball vs. Arcadia --- Saturday, April 12 at 1 and 4 p.m.
Women’s Lacrosse vs. Lebanon Valley --- Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m.
Softball vs. Lycoming --- Sunday, April 13 at 1 and 3 p.m.
Men’s Lacrosse vs. Widener --- Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

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ATHLETES of the WEEK

Jon Martin
Senior
Men’s Volleyball

Kristin Mueller
Sophomore
Softball

Jon Martin aided in the victory over Marymount University with a season-high 19 kills and seven digs bringing him to a total of 1,004 for his career, becoming the second player in school history to total 1,000.

Kristin Mueller led the team with four hits and two home runs, helping the team post its first doubleheader sweep of the season and second consecutive multi-homer game.

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