Fashionable Stevenson

by Peighton Perrone
Villager staff writer

Students in the SU fashion design program have been hard at work preparing for their fourth annual fashion show on Saturday, May 9 in the Inscape Theater on the Greenspring campus.

The show features close to 150 garments designed and constructed by students in the program. Fashion show co-chairs Katie Ellsworth and Jocelyn Williams said that the production is almost entirely student-run and requires about 200 people producing and volunteering backstage along with about 70 models coming from as far as Virginia and Delaware.

While seniors are not the only ones who present their work in the show, they do have their own section at the end that serves as a capstone project. Their work is on display not only for friends and family, but also potential employers, including representatives from Nordstrom, Under Armour, Victor Rossi, as well as fashion bloggers and members of the press.

According to Leslie Simpson, fashion show advisor and program instructor, success like this results from the positive and nurturing environment that is unique to Stevenson’s fashion design program. Simpson has worked in different areas of the fashion industry all over the world, from Shanghai, China, to New York City.

This environment also provides fashion design students with a variety of experiences, including a trip to Spring Fashion Week in New York City, organized by Sally Di Marco, fashion design program coordinator. Three Stevenson alumni and 15 design students had the privilege of showing their work at Pittz’s Fashion Marketing Week NYC 2015 at the historic Hotel Pennsylvania ballroom.

In the past, students also traveled to Italy with their major where they had the opportunity to show at the Pucci Museum in Prato. Ellsworth raved about the opportunities that Stevenson’s fashion program has for students, saying, “I touched Roberto Cavalli’s desk; where else could I have done that?”

Williams said that even her friends at Fashion Institute of Technology don’t get that kind of opportunities despite “being in New York where Fashion Week actually is.” Many programs are very cut-throat and competitive, but instead Stevenson provides a nurturing and collaborative environment, said Simpson, emphasizing the fact that the group is very supportive of each other.

Stevenson students were the only university group that had the opportunity to present at Fashion Week. They even had the opportunity to talk to the press and answer questions about their work.

Updates and photos will be posted to the program’s Twitter account, @fashionSU, and their Instagram account, @SU_FASHIONDESIGN. Follow them for more information about the program and the show.

Allure models hope hard work pays off at annual BSU fashion show

by Chazi Diggs
Villager staff writer

It was a dreary night on the Greenspring campus, but that did not stop the Black Student Union’s Allure models from holding practice on March 31, to prepare for their show that will happen on May 8 in the Inscape Theater on the Greenspring campus.

The tempo of their practice is serious, but the members still manage to enjoy modeling. Sophomore model Dalis Carter said she enjoys the bond between herself and the other models because at the end of the day, it is a relief to feel that all their hard work has paid off.

She explained that these models are a family. At the head of the family is captain Victoria Smith, who, alongside manager Alexandra Porte, seeks to put on the best fashion show Stevenson has seen.

The theme for this show is “Allure.” This means that throughout the show, the audience will see something they would not ordinarily see, said Smith. She is referring to the clothing as well as the models’ personalities. The clothing will be items strictly for the fashion runway, and Smith says that the audience will see a different side of their friends as the models are walking down the runway.

Allure models will showcase two local fashion designers: Aaron Handy and Maria M’Bouje’s. Aaron Handy is a designer based in Washington, D.C., who co-founded Models, Inc., a modeling company in Washington. Maria M’Bouje’s is based in Baltimore with her own boutique.

The show features 50 models, the majority of whom are Stevenson students, but there will be models who do not attend Stevenson as well.

The show starts at 7 p.m. and the cost is $10 for students and $15 for guests. Smith’s goal this year is to deliver a better show than in past years. Last year, she said, the show received a positive review from President Kevin J. Manning, and this year she is hoping to surpass last year’s success.
World record challenge sets goal of over 1,000 participants

by Jen Antonelli
Villager staff writer

On May 6, Stevenson University will be calling all members of the community to help break the Guinness World Record for the world’s largest exercise ball class.

The idea of the World Record Challenge was formed when Mark Hergan, vice president of enrollment management, “acquired a massive number of exercise balls,” said Morgan Somerville, director of student engagement. “We wanted to find a creative way of using them, so we ran the monthly meeting last semester this idea was formed.”

Joining Hergan and Somerville on the Challenge’s original team are Mike Beck, Will Ellis, and Dan Waters, senior business administration majors.

“It’s exciting to have been part of this team from the beginning. I have seen it grow from just a silly idea to something with a set date and people actually signing up to participate in,” said Ellis.

The previous Guinness World Record for the largest exercise ball class had 353 participants and was set on the beginning. "I have seen it grow from just a silly idea to something with a set date and people actually signing up to participate in," said Ellis.

The previous Guinness World Record for the largest exercise ball class had 353 participants and was set on the Today show on April 10, 2014, with the Biggest Loser fitness trainer, Michelle Bridges, as the class instructor.

Somerville’s goal is to have over 1,000 members and guests of the Stevenson community participate. “This event has the potential to be one of the largest activities held at SU,” she said.

All are welcome to participate in the event. A donation of $5 is required for registration with all proceeds directly benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project.

The record is set to be broken at 4 p.m. on the Mustang Stadium field at Owings Mills. The half-hour long exercise class will be taught by M.C. McFadden, the athletic administration coordinator.

Registration will begin at 3 p.m. on the day of the event, but attendees have the option of registering online beforehand. To register, visit https://stevensonuwc.eventbrite.com or contact Somerville through campus email.

Those unable to participate in the event can still help. The planning committee hopes to donate any remaining exercise balls to local non-profits or schools following the event.

Don’t forget to follow the official Twitter account: @StevensonUWRC for more information or sign up for the event, Stevenson University’s World Record Challenge, located on Stevenson’s Student Activities’ Facebook page.

Alcohol Screening Day targets risks

by Savannah Lawrence
Villager staff writer

National Alcohol Screening Day is an annual initiative promoting education, outreach and awareness to the public regarding harmful drinking behaviors. Thousands of colleges and community-based organizations nationwide participate in the event, according to Screening for Mental Health, a national organization providing mental health programs for schools, companies and communities.

Stevenson’s National Alcohol Screening Day will take place on April 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Greenspring campus.

Stevenson’s National Alcohol Screening Day is coordinated by the wellness center staff, REAL Peer Educators and Phi Sigma Sigma.

Stevenson participates in National Alcohol Screening Day in order to raise awareness about the damaging effects drinking can have on students’ lives.

The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) recognizes the serious consequences students face due to excessive drinking, such as assault, sexual abuse and even death.

Alcohol can also lead to poor academic performance and suicidal thoughts and behaviors in students.

Each year, approximately 1,800 college students age 18 to 24 die from alcohol-related causes. Each year, more than 650,000 college students age 18 to 24 are assaulted by a student who has been drinking, according to NIAAA.

These statistics highlight the importance of raising awareness about alcohol abuse on campus as four out of five college students drink alcohol, and half of those students participate in binge drinking, according to NIAAA.

Student Activities promotes the event in conjunction with the Spring Fling, as well as the increased drinking associated with social events.

“As a 21-year-old student, I understand the want and need to have fun and go to social outings, but the amount of alcohol you drink shouldn’t be a factor in how much fun you have,” said Taylor Cunha, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

According to Brenda Boggs, a nurse practitioner for Stevenson University and the advisor of Nation Alcohol Screening Day at Stevenson, students are asked to fill out a 10-question screening tool to determine how much alcohol they consume.

Students are placed into one of three categories based on their answers – no risk, moderate risk, high risk. Students placed in the high risk category are referred to the wellness center for additional assistance.

Boggs said, “Students seem to be pretty honest about answering appropriately,” noting that last year over 700 students participated in the day’s activities, and to her, the event is “more about raising awareness” than anything else.

Boggs wants to open students’ eyes to what is considered safe in terms of drinking.

The local health department and police assist in educating Stevenson students. Police officers bring a drunk car simulator so students have the chance to experience firsthand the dangers of drunk driving.

Students also have the opportunity to wear beer goggles and then attempt to walk in a straight line.

While the event is focused on educating students, there will also be music, food, t-shirts and giveaways.

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Baltimore archbishop to celebrate Mass here April 19

by Jen Rosenbloom
Villager staff writer

Stevenson will have the honor of Roman Catholic Archbishop William Lori saying Mass on April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Rockland banquet room. The last time an archbishop said Mass on campus was in the ’60s when Archbishop Borders celebrated the occasion. Stevenson is honored to be the only non-Catholic university Archbishop Lori has visited.

After Dr. Kevin J. Manning, president of Stevenson University, met Archbishop Lori, the archdiocesan leader offered to say Mass at Stevenson. All are welcome to join this celebration, both Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Sister Jude Cianfrigna, SSJ, one of the Catholic Campus Ministers, explained that the Mass will be a “celebration of a leader of a community,” as well as a celebration “for Stevenson as a whole.”

“It is for everyone,” she said. Tickets to attend Mass are free, but those who wish to attend still need to RSVP due to spacing. As of press time, there have been around 180 responses.

Mass will be held in the banquet room on the second floor of Rockland Hall, with 280 seats at full capacity. Students interested in attending should email Maumi Chatterton through campus email.

Some may wonder what role an archbishop plays in the hierarchy of the Catholic church, a hierarchy made up of priests, monsignors, bishops, archbishops, cardinals, and the pope. Among other Catholic duties, the archbishop is responsible for ensuring that Catholics are free to celebrate in universities. This is why most universities have some type of Catholic campus ministry. It is the archbishop’s “job and desire to help keep the faith alive,” said Sister Jude.

In addition to Archbishop Lori, Monsignor Lloyd Aiken and Father Hamilton Okeke, of Sacred Heart Parish in Glyndon, Md., will concelebrate Mass. Members of Stevenson’s own clubs will participate during Mass, including the Catholic Campus Ministries with music from the Black Student Union Gospel Choir at 5:40 p.m.

Students interested in attending should contact Matt Laumann, the manager of Stevenson’s arts and cultural events programming.

Student photographs from Eastern Europe trip on exhibit through May

by Bradley Crumbacker
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This spring Stevenson University’s School of Design students will be displaying a gallery full of the photos they took on a study abroad trip throughout Europe.

The students’ exhibit is called “E3: Exploring Eastern Europe,” and will feature photos taken by traveling photography students in the School of Design program. The students’ study abroad trip lasted 12 days and took place in several countries in Europe. They journeyed through Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Czech Republic, and Austria.

During their stay at these different locations, the students were able to get snapshots of locations including the Danube River in Budapest, Hungary, and the Vltava River, located in Prague, Czech Republic. During their time in Poland, they got to experience a rare moment when they went on site to Auschwitz and Birkenau, World War II concentration camp locales. The students got a better understanding of what people during that time period suffered.

A total of 19 students attended this study abroad expedition as a part of an advanced photography course, and most agreed that they enjoyed every moment of their trip.

On Feb. 26, in a free public reception for the exhibition, the community was able to see the students’ photographic work from the trip. The exhibit collected 24 photos portraying the places the students explored first-hand. These photographs are on display in the St. Paul Companies Pavilion until May 22. If anyone has any questions about the art gallery or any questions about the art gallery or cultural programs contact Matt Laumann, the manager of cultural programs.
Greek life offers often-overlooked advantages

by Emily Rosenthal
Village staff writer

Greek Life has been getting a bad name recently, and the media have overlooked the benefits and positive influences that fraternities and sororities have on their members, their campuses, and their surrounding communities.

The University of Oklahoma’s chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been making headlines recently due to a racist chant that was recorded and made public. This type of racist and discriminatory act has not been uncommon in fraternities in sororities, but while these discriminatory attitudes are not acceptable, these actions certainly do not represent Greek Life as a whole across the United States.

Here at Stevenson University, the Zeta Chi chapter of the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority is among the largest groups on campus with approximately 90 members. Phi Sigma Sigma was founded in 1915 under the ideals of diversity, as it was the first nonsecular sorority.

Being a part of a fraternity or sorority provides a great support system for a college student. According to the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), over 70% of all members of Greek Life graduate, while only 50% of non-Greek students graduate.

Fraternities and sororities also provide many chances for members to get involved within and outside of the organization, providing the members with many marketable skills for careers and life.

“Having a leadership role has shaped me into being a better professional because I run into challenges that I learn how to handle,” said Anna Sanchez, a member of the Zeta Chi chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma, and a junior human services major.

The National Panhellenic Conference, which has 26 member groups on 655 campuses in the United States and Canada, states in its 2011-2012 annual report that over $2.83 million has been raised for philanthropic events through Greek life.

Stevenson’s Phi Sigma Sigma chapter participates in the annual Relay for Life, consistently placing as one of the top fundraisers. The chapter also has supported local firefighters and troops, and has initiated many other efforts to contribute to the community.

Members of fraternities and sororities are highly successful in their life after college. The NIC also states that of the top 10 Fortune 500 CEOs, 50% are fraternity members, and 15% of Fortune 100 CEOs were fraternity members.

Passing judgment on fraternities and sororities based upon the actions of a small group of fraternity members is unfair. There are many great examples to show how Greek life can positively benefit a campus community.

Where would you like to study abroad?

“Probably Italy, because I just think the culture is interesting and, honestly, it’s pretty there.”
- Kelsey Kinney, elementary education

“Italy because I’m fascinated by the culture.”
- Katelyn Ensminger, biochemistry

“Ireland because it’s wide open, beautiful scenery would help me focus.”
- Ryan Harman, biology

“Germany, because my grandparents are from there.”
- Amanda Herron, biology

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Bleacher Report keeps sport lovers amused and informed with its app and site

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Bleacher Report, a unique sports media website, is a must-visit destination for all sports fans.

According to BleacherReport.com, “Bleacher Report, a division of Turner Sports, is the leading digital destination for team-specific sports content and real-time event coverage, and is one of the fastest-growing digital properties in the U.S.”

What sets Bleacher Report apart from other sports media outlets like ESPN, Yahoo Sports, and CBS Sports is that it not only covers breaking sports stories, but it also provides in-depth sport-specific news. This is accomplished by giving every team its own “stream,” where articles exclusively regarding that organization are posted.

For example, Baltimore Orioles fans who want to read up on the team before the start of the season could go to the Orioles’ stream, where all of the articles would be about the O’s. This is very convenient to both casual and hardcore fans because casual fans may not care to read about any other team besides the one they like, and hardcore fans can easily do in-depth research on a single team right from the team’s stream.

A key feature to Bleacher Report is its mobile app, Team Stream, which is free and available to download on iPhone, iPad, Android, BlackBerry, and many other mobile devices. Team Stream allows users to stay up-to-date on all of their team’s news on the go.

According to BleacherReport.com, Team Stream is the industry-leading, top-rated smartphone app with over 10 million downloads to date. This type of personalized fan experience cannot be matched by any other sports media outlet.

One downside to Bleacher Report is the jocular tone that characterizes some of its articles. Many articles found on Bleacher Report contain some type of humor, which may make the reader feel like the content of the story is not legitimate.

On the other hand, other readers may prefer this less serious approach. Using humor makes Bleacher Report personable and unique because it allows the reader to relax and connect to the article on a deeper level.

The last cool feature that Bleacher Report offers on its website and its mobile app is the ability to check live game scores and get real-time play-by-plays of current games. This feature is convenient for those who may be on the road and cannot get to a TV to check the score, or those stuck behind a desk at work while the big game is on.

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Personable, affordable, and informative, Vogue magazine is worth a read

by Sydnie Marshall
Village staff writer

Vogue magazine is not just a publication, it’s a brand.

Vogue, a now global company, began in 1892 and continued to grow as the years went by. Its content includes articles on current events as well as occasional glimpses into the past. Vogue magazine releases monthly, and, while each magazine has a different focus, the general topics covered are consistent.

Vogue is an extremely large fashion company that reaches out to a wide audience of various backgrounds, genders, ethnicities, and ages. All of its models and content are diverse so that any reader can relate to it in some way.

The look throughout the magazine is modern and sophisticated, while professional photography presents each brand in the best way possible. The magazine includes seasonal styles that are trending on and off the runway.

Let’s face it: most of us are not super rich with money to throw away, and Vogue understands that. The average reader can still relate to the magazine, which includes advertisements from stores including H&M, Nordstrom, Target, Macy’s, and Express, where good quality merchandise can be purchased at an affordable price.

Vogue also focuses on topics other than clothes, such as tutorials on makeup, so that readers can achieve their own creative look. Perfume and Cologne samples are often found on an inside flap so that readers can smell the scent before taking that trip to the mall. Hair tips, health tips, and life tips are also included.

A letter from the editor is usually found within each magazine, where editors discuss their favorite things in the issue as well as what is to come. A note from someone on the other side confirms that the editorial staff actually cares about their work, providing a chance to give back in response to the support they are gaining.

Letters from readers are inserted in recent issues. These short notes are from ordinary people who want their voice to be heard. They may want to know more about a topic, make suggestions for future topics, or simply critique. This is an important aspect that provides the magazine with feedback to allow Vogue to continue to expand.

Covering trending topics is a major staple in maintaining an audience today, as everybody wants to buy new things or to find out about the latest news. Unfortunately, Vogue does not focus on the hottest gossip, but it does something better by providing in-depth facts about popular topics. The magazine highlights popular movies with spotlights on main characters, and provides special articles on both well-known and up-and-coming music artists. The magazine also covers technology for those interested in the latest gadget. Popular events, theatre productions, cooking, and books are also topics discussed in this remarkable magazine.

Vogue provides a subscription stub inside each issue in case readers would like to order more magazines. Most of the time there are specials, such as offering a free tote with a year’s subscription. In the current releases, the website is spotlighted for viewers to enjoy. Embrace Vogue!

Plus-sized women have new options with three fashionable retailers

by Zuryna Smith
Village staff writer

Plus-size fashion is quickly becoming a booming enterprise as more fashion retailers begin to acknowledge that the average woman is a size 14.

In light of this new realization, clothing companies such as Lane Bryant, Ashley Stewart, and Torrid have adjusted their catalogs to include more fashion-forward and trendy clothing. Flowers, frills and uneven hems have been revamped and made to fit a curvy or full-figured body.

Lena Bryant started Lane Bryant in 1904, specializing in comfortable and fashionable maternity clothing. The company then ventured into clothing for the plus-sized woman.

Today, Lane Bryant specializes in workplace apparel for full-figured women. While workplace apparel is its main staple, consumers are also able to purchase active wear apparel, shoes, accessories, and swim wear.

The prices at Lane Bryant range from about $45 to $360, and while these prices are not necessarily accessible for the struggling college student, there are a few quality pieces that are necessary for the wardrobe of a young professional. Based on the price range and the clothing options available at Lane Bryant, the target audience is more than likely plus-sized women in their late 20’s up to their late 40’s.

A more affordable and equally stylish clothing option for full-figured women is Ashley Stewart. Prices range from as low as $15 to as high as $130. Shoppers can find several “must-have” pieces there, including blazers and dresses for both work and evening events.

The clothing at Ashley Stewart is comprised of vibrant and youthful colors combined with trendy style reminiscent of clothes found in mainstream department stores. The clothing is made of breathable fabrics that flatters fuller figures while providing coverage for areas that need it.

In addition to its low prices, Ashley Stewart offers pop-up sales and discounts which make an already affordable clothing company even more appealing. The designs and options available at Ashley Stewart are suitable for plus-sized women ranging from their early 20’s up to their mid 30’s.

A final retailer that specializes in trendy plus-size clothing is Torrid, which began in 2001 and is owned by Hot Topic. Torrid specializes in apparel for women sizes 12-26. Torrid is different from Ashley Stewart and Lane Bryant because it targets teenagers and young adults.

Clothing at Torrid ranges from $65 to $120. In addition to their low prices and high-quality clothing, Torrid offers a large number of coupons and discounts for consumers. These discounts are extremely helpful for its younger target audience.

Torrid is most famous for its jeans, with over 10 varieties and styles to fit various body styles and shapes. Torrid even offers jeans that are specifically tailored for women who are shorter than 5’5”.

Plus-size fashion is becoming more of a phenomenon and with the help of stores such as Lane Bryant, Ashley Stewart, and Torrid, full-figured women are now being given the opportunity to be fashion forward.
Eleven business communication students traveled to Puerto Rico over spring break as part of a study abroad trip attached to a class in Advanced Intercultural Communication. The five-day trip had students visit Old San Juan, the governor’s mansion, a cathedral, the University of Sacred Heart, and other historic places.

At the University of Sacred Heart, the students had the opportunity to sit in on a business class, where they bonded with the local students and participated in class activities. Dr. Deric Greene, the Stevenson University’s students’ professor and one of the faculty chaperones, hopes to lead a faculty exchange program with this university.

Communication skills that the students learned in courses such as interpersonal communication, intercultural communication, and public speaking played a vital role during this trip. These skills helped the students understand and appreciate the diversity they encountered while out of the country.

Greene said he especially appreciated watching the students grow and adapt during their time in Puerto Rico. The students were not shy about using flexible communication skills such as interacting with locals and attempting to speak in a new language.
Over spring break, 35 students from the Advanced Digital Photography class traveled on a 10-day grand tour of Italy. According to Elizabeth Crisman, an adjunct professor of art and visual communication design, “The photography department believes it is important to travel internationally and broaden student’s horizons.” Because of the country’s rich history and great photographic opportunities, the department chose to revisit Italy to allow students the chance to experience the history, architecture, and diverse landscapes there.

Crisman, the trip coordinator, said, “Traveling allows students to better understand other cultures and people.” The trip was carefully planned with the idea of visiting a different city almost every day. Traveling in each city began with a local-guided tour to give students a first-hand look at the history, architecture, and people. The trip began in Venice, where students observed a glass-blowing demonstration, followed by a leather-making demonstration and a cathedral visit in Florence. Next, they visited the archaeological remains of Pompeii still evident today from Mt. Vesuvius’ eruption in A.D. 79, and then the group hiked up the active volcano. In addition, they visited the Coliseum and the Forum in Rome and took a boat ride around Capri, among many other experiences.

There will be a photo exhibit displayed in the St. Paul Companies Pavilion on the Greenspring campus sometime during the spring 2016 semester.

Written by Megan Donahue, photos provided by Mollie Meeder

This year marked the seventh spring trip that Stevenson University students traveled to New Orleans as a part of Mission: I’m Home. Fifty students, staff and faculty members attended this seven-day trip to assist Habitat for Humanity and the St. Bernard Project in rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

The half of the group that assisted Habitat for Humanity worked on building the foundation for four future houses, while the other half of the group assisted the St. Bernard Project in rebuilding a residential home. The resident and her grandson, 5, were grateful for the work the students did for her through restoring her home that had been severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

In addition to the five days of hard work, the students were able to attend a family-friendly St. Patrick’s Day parade, eat dinner in the French Quarter, and visit three museums.

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By Zachariah Jefferson  
Villager staff writer

For those who know and appreciate Anime, joining Stevenson’s Anime Club might be a smart move. Anime, a style of Japanese film and television animation, has brought together an easy-going group of students with one thing in common: their love for manga, Japanese comic books and graphic novels.

The Anime Club was established at Stevenson University once already, but its time here was short-lived. With interest peaking once again, Nicole Heil, current co-president of the organization, has been able to bring it back to life.

“Heil was able to link up with another student with the same interest in anime. One conversation led to another and thus came about the rebirth of the Anime Club.

The club sponsors several activities such as Anime “Name that tune,” a Cosplay contest, and of course, they watch anime together. Cosplay is a performance art in which participants wear costumes and fashion accessories representing specific characters or themes.

Many anime shows the group watches are selected from a whiteboard system. Heil said, “During our first club meeting, all club members, previous and incoming, write one anime that they want to watch on the whiteboard and we try to watch them all by the end of the semester.”

She believes that being a part of this organization has helped her become more interactive and vocal. The club meets two hours every week in a routine that adapts to the majority’s schedules. Those who would like more information on the Anime Club can find them on Facebook at Stevenson University Anime Club.

“Our officers put up most of our posts, whether it be funny pictures or upcoming activities in the area for friends and followers to check out,” said Heil. It seems like this time around, Stevenson’s Anime Club is here to stay.

CALENDAR
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Upcoming Events: April

Monday 13
Women’s golf
Stevenson Spring Invitational Noon
Student Employment Banquet 2-5 p.m. Rockland Banquet

Tuesday 14
Men’s tennis v. Immaculata Greenspring courts 3 p.m.
Dragapella Show Rockland Banquet

Wednesday 15
Brown School of Business Awards Banquet Rockland Banquet
Women’s lacrosse v. Alvernia 4 p.m. Mustang Stadium
Baseball v. Neumann 4 p.m. Greenspring diamond

Thursday 16
National Alcohol Screening Day Both campuses
PAWS Club BINGO 8 p.m. Rockland Banquet

Friday 17
C3 Career Fair 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockland Banquet
Baseball v. Messiah 3:30 p.m.
Forensic Science Club CSI event 5 p.m. Rockland Banquet

Saturday 18
Mustang Craft Festival 11-3 p.m. Rockland Banquet
Men’s/ women’s tennis v Messiah 3:30 p.m. Greenspring
Men’s lax v Leb. Valley 7 p.m. Mustang Stadium

Sunday 19
Mass with Archbishop Lori 6 p.m. Rockland Banquet [RSVP]
Phi Sigma Sigma meeting 6 p.m. Wooded Way lounge

Monday 20
Pre-registration begins for Fall, 2015
Q Group Pride Week begins
Psychology Club speaker series
5:30 p.m. SBL 301

Tuesday 21
Administrative Professionals Day
Softball v. Frostburg 3:30 p.m. JCC
Faculty/Staff room dedication and Dinner 5:30 p.m. Rockland

Wednesday 22
Bee Green Day beginning at noon Greenspring campus
Softball v. McDaniel 3 & 5 p.m. JCC
Baseball v. Penn State 4 p.m. Greenspring diamond

Thursday 23
MILE Blackout party 8:30 p.m.
Rockland Banquet
Side by Side by Sondheim 7 p.m. Inscape Theatre

Friday 24
Fall Marching Band meeting 12:30 p.m. Rockland Banquet
Dance line auditions 5-8 p.m. Greenspring gym

Saturday 25
SU Open House
SU baseball v. Albright 1 p.m.
Greenspring diamond
Humans v Zombies dance 10-midnight Ratcliffe CC

Sunday 26
SU baseball v. York 1 p.m.
Greenspring diamond
NRHH Banquet 1:30-3 p.m. Rockland Banquet
RA Banquet Rockland Banquet

Monday 27
Women’s lacrosse Conference first round

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Men’s lacrosse executes offensively, beating Hood College 20-2

by Ricky Karnes
Villager staff writer

After defeating Hood College 20-2 on April 7, the men’s lacrosse team maintained their undefeated conference record. As mid-season arrived for the Mustangs, their focus has shifted to the next six regular season games.

On April 4, the men’s team dropped a close game to Lynchburg 13-9. The team’s loss to the Hornets will delay their chance to advance in the standings from #7 to a higher spot.

Against Lynchburg, Stevenson’s offense was led by juniors Pat Candon and Matt Tompkins and senior Billy Burgoyne, with two goals each. Junior Stephen Banick finished the game with four assists, and Candon had two assists.

The Mustangs put 45 shots on goal, compared to Lynchburg’s 41. Stevenson’s man-down effort kept Lynchburg from capitalizing on more than three of eight man-up opportunities. Defensively, the Mustangs caused eight turnovers and got the scoop on 32 ground balls, led by seniors Callum Robinson and Josh Rufolo, and junior Chad Williams.

On March 28, the team faced Commonwealth Conference rival Albright College. The Mustangs grabbed an 18-7 victory led by Burgoyne and Banick, scoring three goals each.

“The team can’t change fatigue, getting roughed up and injuries,” said head coach Paul Cantabene. He added, “I believe we are playing more cohesively as the season progresses.”

Conference games account for the next six games left.

“Conference games are important, and we will respect each opponent and play the best we can,” said Cantabene.

Assistant coach Tim Puls explained how the Mustangs use the “next man up” mentality, inspired by the Baltimore Ravens’ run for the 2013 Super Bowl. He believes that competitiveness in practice offers equal opportunity for every player; and that effort and success in practice leads to game time, no matter the status of any player.

The team has a history of high-pressure offensive and defensive strategy. As other teams try to slow the ball down, the Mustangs speed up ball movement.

Equipped with personnel to execute fast-paced plays, the Mustangs are undefeated (3-0) on the road in 2015. Nearly half of the schedule includes away games.

“Success on the road is a combination of mental preparedness and focus of the team,” said Puls. He added, “We have always been a great road team; our guys don’t get intimidated, and it’s just another stop for us.”

On April 18, the team will take on Lebanon Valley at 7 p.m. for a conference game at Mustang Stadium.

Mustang tennis looks to bring conference title to Stevenson in 2015 spring season

by Matthew A. Staud
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According to head coach Matt Russell, Stevenson University’s men’s and women’s tennis teams have a promising season ahead of them. On April 2, the men’s team dropped a match against Alvernia College, the #3-ranked team in the Commonwealth Conference.

Russell started his role as head coach halfway through the 2013-14 season and moved both teams in a positive direction. His ultimate goal was to bring another conference title to Stevenson University.

Along with being a competitive team, Russell encourages all of his athletes to be successful students first and athletes second. He also teaches physical education classes in tennis.

Unlike most sports at Stevenson, the tennis season is split between the fall and spring. During the fall season, there are many exhibition matches where coaches are able to watch players progress and see how their teams look for the spring season. Individual tournaments also occur in the fall.

Russell believes that there are many strong Stevenson prospects who have the potential to compete for individual titles in coming years. After seeing the potential of the teams during the fall 2014 season, he encouraged all of his athletes to participate in a vigorous winter program to get them in shape for the 2015 spring season.

Both teams started their conference seasons against Alvernia College on April 2. The men’s team took an impressive 5-4 victory against the Crusaders. Although the women’s team fell to Alvernia, they showed that they were determined and ready to work hard this season.

In the non-conference season opener against Shenandoah College, the men’s team lost 6-4. However, doubles teams of Bryan Gieselman and Conrad Ellis, and James Bishoff and Peter Hoblitzell were victorious in their matches.

The women’s team grabbed two early season wins against Lancaster Valley, 8-1, and Delaware Valley, 9-0, followed by losses to Shenandoah, 7-2, and Alvernia, 9-0.

Russell said he wants to increase attendance at the matches on the Greenspring courts. He encourages students to come out and support their fellow Mustangs.

To boost attendance, the teams will be offering giveaways during the last two home matches on April 14 and 18.
**STEVenson golf prepares for spring**

*by Will Comotto*

*Villager staff writer*

With a stellar fall season already in the books, the men's and women's golf teams hope to repeat their success in the spring.

“Their success comes from hard work and determination,” said head coach Chris Ramer. He added, “Both teams worked very hard to get to this point. I expect them to be very competitive, and put in a lot of effort this upcoming season,” said Ramer.

The men's team won a tournament at home and the women's team was named the ECAC champions at a fall tournament.

Ramer took over the head coaching position for the men's team in 2006, and the women's team in 2012. Under his direction, both groups have undergone great improvement.

According to Ramer, the men's team went to nationals in the 2007-08 season, as well as in the 2012-13 season. The women's team has improved greatly on their average, dropping to a solid 370 this past year as a group.

The women's team now has a total of eight players, and are hoping for a strong spring season.

“It's been a great experience playing on the golf team,” said freshman Alex Button. She added, “We've really bonded over the past few weeks and we can't wait for the spring season to really kick off!”

The men's team just returned from a three-day tournament from March 26-29 at the Intercollegiate Golf Championships at Camp Lejeune. This was a special trip for Ramer and the team because for the first two days of the competition, the team played golf with retired Marines.

“This is a great opportunity for both myself and the men's team,” said Ramer. He added, “It's something I'm sure they'll never forget.”

On the third day of the event, the men competed against 32 other colleges. This is just the start to a very busy year for both teams.

Both the men's and women's teams will compete on April 13 at the Albright Invitational at Berkshire Country Club.

**SU track and field qualifies for Middle Atlantic Conference championship**

*by Heather LaPiano*

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The Stevenson University track and field team is reaching new heights under the leadership of coach Erick Camodeca as several of his athletes have qualified for the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships.

It is clear that Camodeca loves the nature of track and field and believes that the sport tells a lot about how people respond to challenges.

“It is an individualistic sport. What you put into it is what you will get out of it,” said Camodeca.

On March 25, the Mustangs began their outdoor season at the Eagle Twilight Meet hosted by Coppin State. Senior runner Shane Skyers and sophomore jumper Brandon Shepherd both qualified for the MAC championship in the triple jump.

Senior sprinter Monier Hill qualified for the MAC Championships in the 200m dash with a sprint time of 20.33. Junior sprinter Takeria Smalley earned her spot in the 100m dash, finishing with a time of 13.69.

On March 29, the Mustangs participated in the Towson Invitational, as the men's team placed fourth out of eight teams. Shepherd placed second overall in the triple jump.

Junior distance runner Janie Swanhart qualified for the MACs in the 800m run. Junior sprinter Christyna Falden and junior thrower Sherrie Wallace qualified in shot put with throws of 100.1 and 9.80.

On April 1, the Mustangs took part in the York College Spartan Invitational. Sophomore sprinter Devon Williams placed fourth overall and also qualified for the MAC championships after finishing with a time of 51.24 seconds in the 400m dash.

The women's relay team includes Hill, Falden, Smalley, and senior sprinter Josephine Athienou. The team set a new school record for the 4x100m relay. The Mustangs took second place in the event with a combined time of 50.93 seconds.

On April 3-4, the Mustangs competed at the Colonnels Relays hosted by William and Mary. Williams qualified for the ECAC championships in the 200m dash after running it in 23.02 seconds. He also placed 12th overall out of all 83 competitors from all three divisions.

Hill ran a personal best in the 200m dash with a time of 26.92 seconds, according to gomustangsports.com, placing 81st overall.

The men's relay team consists of Skyers, junior sprinter Dalonte Simpson, Williams, and freshman sprinter Seun Omojola. They ran a combined time of 44.23 seconds.

Hill, the men's leader, said, “It's been a real learning curve this season”

-M.C. McFadden

**Women's lax bounces back from three-game losing streak**

*by Brittany Bryant*

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A win against Albright on March 28 ended the women's lacrosse team's three-game losing streak, improving their Mustangs' overall record to 5-6 and 1-1 in the Commonwealth Conference.

During spring break, the team played two games in Florida. On March 17, the Mustangs earned their first victory against Vassar College, 9-7. However, the team dropped their second game to Clarkson 16-7. However junior goalie Maggie Lawder had a career-high 11 saves.

“It's been a real learning curve for the girls this season,” said M.C. McFadden, athletic administrative coordinator. She added, “We have a lot of younger recruits on the offensive end, and they work so hard. The veterans, who are mostly on the defensive end, are really stepping up this season and leading them in the right direction, and they're going to be really good with more experience.”

On March 25, the Mustangs held their conference opener against Messiah College, one of their toughest competitors. The Mustangs lost a close game 11-10, and although they outscored Messiah in the second half, they could not come back from a six-goal deficit. The Mustangs' leading scorer, Kathryn Merrick, was shut down for only the second time in her career.

**The Villager ATHLETES of the WEEK**

**Conrad Ellis**

Junior

Tennis

Conrad Ellis won straight sets over his #3 ranked opponent at the Commonwealth Conference Openers against Alvernia on April 2. Ellis and his doubles partner also defeated Alvernia 8-6.

**Monee Hill**

Senior

Track & Field

Monee Hill ran a personal best time of 26.92 seconds in the 200m dash at the Colonial Relays on April 3. Hill also placed third in her heat, finishing in 81st place overall in a DI, DII, DIII competition.

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