October 5, 2013, marks the fifth anniversary of Build Community Day, a Stevenson University service program that “provides community service to various partners in the Baltimore region and demonstrates one of the values of Stevenson University: community,” said Anne Scholl-Fiedler, vice president for Career Services.

Build Community Day started at Stevenson five years ago as an effort from a variety of groups on campus. The program started out small, and was funded entirely by the university. Now, the program has several sponsors including the Office of Career Services, the Future Alumni Counsel, the department of Business Communication, the School of Sciences, Student Activities, the School of Education, Sodexo, Steve’s Deli, and Wegmans.

For five years, Build Community Day has been a way for faculty, staff, and students to visit different communities and make a difference that could change lives. Every year, a variety of different sites are chosen, and volunteers from various areas of the university are dispersed among those sites. This year’s sites include Civic Works, Villa Maria, Baltimore Reads, the Maryland Zoo at Baltimore, Irvine Nature Center, Project Oliver, the Humane Society, First Fruits Farms, and the United Way.

“We’re a pillar in the community,” said Scholl-Fiedler.

This year’s program will include roughly up to 430 volunteers, and has helped thousands of people over the five-year span.

At press time, the work groups for Build Community Day 2013 include the staff of the Office of Career Services, members of the Future Alumni Counsel, students and faculty in the department of Business Communication, students and faculty from the School of the Sciences, members of the Student Activities Office, students working in campus employment, Stevenson athletes and coaches, and members of the Service Corps.

Kayla Kelly, a member of the woman’s basketball team, said, “It was a great experience [last year]. I got to work with Habitat for Humanity in the east Baltimore area. We did a lot of weed pulling and mulching. It’s always humbling to know that you can help a community to rebuild itself.”

A lot of communities look forward to Stevenson’s participation in Build Community Day. Scholl-Fiedler said, “Our communities are very grateful, very thankful. They love Stevenson students.”

Any faculty, staff or students who are interested in signing up for the program can contact Tracey Cantabene through campus email.
“Two Rooms” highlights political issues facing United States and Middle East

by Matthew Perry
Villager staff writer

The theatre department at Stevenson University will open a production of the political drama, “Two Rooms,” starting October 10 in the Studio Theatre on the Greenspring campus. The production will run through October 19.

The play illustrates the shaking of the American consciousness in the aftermath of the abduction of an ordinary American. The hostage and his wife, according to Chambers, creates a familiar connection with the audience that brings seemingly far-reaching topics very close to home. Given today’s strong media presence, familiarity with social issues and political pressure between the United States and the Middle East, audience members will have no problem relating to the production.

Adding to the familiar feel of the play is a humble cast of only four characters, including the hostage, his wife, a journalist and a politician. The limited number of characters allows for a more dynamic plot.

Stage Manager Allie Meyer explains that the characters “show the importance of loyalty, integrity and passion.” However, separate loyalties, misguided integrity, and conflicting passions ignite tension among the four characters.

The dynamic between the opposing characters has broad implications for the relationship between the public, the media and the government in modern-day America. Meyer also emphasized that “Two Rooms” includes a cast of incredibly talented actors telling a significant story.

In light of ongoing political turmoil between the United States and the Middle East, “Two Rooms” is as relevant today as it was 30 years ago when it was first written. Its commentary on the modern American political and social environments gives everybody in the audience a sense of involvement that unfolds throughout the production.

The two-hour production runs October 10-12 and October 17-19 at 7 p.m. in the Studio Theatre on the Greenspring campus. Tickets can be bought at the box office in the main lobby of the theatre.

M.I.L.E. provides leadership opportunities for males on campus

by Elizabeth Jerzyk
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The Male Initiative of Leadership Excellence (M.I.L.E.), new to Stevenson University, seeks to get males involved on campus.

Kyle Turman, Assistant Director of Student Activities and club advisor, felt males were not involved enough on campus. He noticed they weren’t doing well academically and felt they were in need of more focus and tailoring.

According to Turman, M.I.L.E. seeks to help students succeed, whether that entails writing the perfect resume, meeting new people, landing a dream job, or continuing their education.

M.I.L.E. provides an overall enriching experience. As senior Onzi Elam explains, “there was nothing like this when I was a freshman. I am happy to be leaving them with something”. Although M.I.L.E. is new on campus, Turman predicts their membership will only continue to increase.

M.I.L.E. meets twice a week. If students are interested in learning more, contact Travis Douglas at tldouglas967@stevenson.edu.

MAP launched first ever week-long musical series patio jams

by Avonte Jackson
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Mustang Activities and Programming (MAP) has provided its current and former students, even professional artists, a chance to perform their music at Patio Jams.

During the week of September 10, Patio Jams took place in front of Pandini’s at the Rockland Center. With a new artist performing each day, the week kicked off with performer Jared Mahone, who has performed previously at Stevenson.

Levi Stevens was also invited back to perform Wednesday evening Jon Grant, a current Stevenson student, performed original songs on Thursday. The band Faceless Ones, made up of a former Stevenson student and his friends, ended the series on Friday.

This fall semester’s Patio Jams brought out about 104 people. “There were people singing along to part of my own original songs, which is crazy to me,” said Grant.

This year was the first that an entire week was dedicated to music every day. In the past, Patio Jams occurred once a week during the month of September.

The event got its start during the spring of 2011. Members of MAP wanted to plan an outdoor music series to allow different musicians to showcase their music.

“We had the idea to do outdoor music when the weather was nice,” said Hope Miller Miles, assistant director of Student Activities and club advisor. “It went over so well that we kept it as a tradition.” A notable past performer is Javier Colon, who later went on to win NBC’s singing competition “The Voice” in 2011.

Patio Jams is a free event and open to everyone. It allows students, faculty and staff to enjoy music and free food.

“First and foremost, I love that it’s free and it’s such a great platform,” said Grant. “It’s nice to have the support of your peers because those are the people who make it that much easier to do what you love, whatever that may be.”

Students who are interested in performing at future Patio Jams events may contact MAP with a demo of their music and a brief introduction.

“We are considering doing a spring semester Patio Jams series,” said Miller Miles. “We’d love to see enough students get together so that we could do an open mic night as well.”
The Academic Link at Stevenson University is a part of the Academic Support Services, which offers an abundance of free services including personalized tutoring, supplemental Instruction (SI), and Smarthinking. Now, the Link is offering Late-Night Study Sessions for English, math, and science, which began on Sept. 8.

The study support sessions will be held every Sunday and Monday from 9-11 p.m. in the Academic Link in Caves 249.

Christine Flax, director of the Academic Link, encourages students to get help early because tutoring can help increase understanding of course content.

Late-Night Study Sessions are the perfect option for students who are involved in extracurricular activities or those who have jobs or internships. The late-night hours and convenient location are also perfect for commuter students who need that extra boost outside of class.

Current Late-Night tutor Dixie Hoyle, a biology major, says she loves to see new faces at the study sessions. Hoyle explained that she was once a student in the science classes for which she now tutors and “know(s) how it feels to be confused on a topic, and…figured out how to break down the problem into simpler terms, so everybody can understand the concept better.”

Tutoring is free to all Stevenson students, and tutoring is offered in almost any subject. All tutors are recommended by faculty and are trained by Kaitlyn Marralzo, assistant director of the Academic Link, to properly assist students with their learning.

The Academic Link’s brochure directs students to “sign up for tutoring at the Academic Link in KH 201 or at the John L. Stasiak Academic Link in Caves 249.” In addition to tutoring, students can sign up for Supplemental Instruction (SI), a service that will match students with a class coach who is responsible for reviewing course content with them, as well as reviewing helpful tips to succeed within the classroom.

Students also have the option of signing up for Smarthinking, a 24/7 online tool for students to interact with live tutors, available through the Stevenson Blackboard site.

“As of Sept. 6, 238 tutoring sessions were held on both the Owings Mills and Greenspring campuses. There is ample Academic Support Services for students who need it,” said Flax.

For more information on the Academic Link, visit the site’s website or contact Flax through campus email.
Facebook: An addiction that is affecting society

by Alyssa Yuan
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Facebook has changed our society by addicting people and affecting their communication skills. It seems like no one today is without a Facebook, and society looks down on those who they cannot friend on Facebook or stalk their timeline.

This social networking giant has become an addiction for many individuals. A Tech Addiction article from spring 2013 stated several statistics that support this statement: One in 13 people on Earth has a Facebook account. A Facebook user logs on every day, and 48 percent of 18-34 year olds check Facebook when they wake up in the morning. In just 20 minutes, a million links on Facebook have been shared, over 1.9 million friend requests have been accepted, and over 2.7 million photos have been uploaded.

The statistics speak for themselves: people are becoming addicted to Facebook. A 2012 University of Chicago study found that social media can even be more addictive than cigarettes and alcohol. This study also found that features like “likes,” referring to Facebook likes, gives users a burst of dopamine, an addictive pleasure neurotransmitter.

What does community service mean to you?

“Community service means a lot to me, creating experiences and helping others.”
-Malugeta Wondmagegn, junior, nursing

“I enjoy helping my community and giving back to others.”
-Rebecca Wong, senior, chemistry

“It’s the opportunity to help those in need and spreading generosity.”
-Regan Anderson, sophomore, visual communication design

“It’s doing the little things to make a big difference in someone’s life.”
-Wyleigh Hindman, senior, biology

Facebook has become infused into society. “Did you accept my friend request?” or “just invite me to the group.” Before Facebook existed, these phrases would have had absolutely no meaning, but now, these casual requests come up in an everyday conversation.

Spending extreme amounts of time on Facebook has made it very difficult for individuals to express themselves effectively and communicate face-to-face. It seems as if people are distributing information through Facebook messages and all posts rather than actually talking to a person in a face-to-face conversation.

According to a spring 2013 article from Tech Connection, 57 percent of people talk to people more online than they do in person. Think about it, before the Internet, it would have seemed impossible to tell people something instantaneously without using a phone or a conversation face-to-face. Now, this phenomenon is an everyday occurrence.

Facebook has been a creation that may have started out as a technological miracle, but it has turned into a diabolical addiction for teenagers. Try to go a day without Facebook. Communicate in person. Read these suggestions out loud. Are they really that difficult?
“Star” magazine provides readers celebrity gossip, fresh style tips and entertainment

by Kasio DeGraffinried
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Get in the loop with the most up-to-date news on the hottest celebrity gossip, tips, styles, and most recent pictures by purchasing “Star” magazine. This entertaining magazine always has an intriguing image on its cover, and inside readers can find the main story, great photos, and other fascinating elements.

Everything about this magazine is catchy. Some features of “Star” include celebrity news noted with bold fonts to grab the readers’ attention and mini quick facts to learn before starting the full article.

Just skimming through the magazine can provide news on what readers may have been missing in the world of pop culture, and the articles come from reliable sources that have interviewed the stars themselves.

“Doctor Who” integrates past, present and future

by Jahlan Harris
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For over 50 years, BBC blessed televisions all around the world with the hit series “Doctor Who.”

An alien being with the alias “The Doctor” travels across the expanse of the universe through time and space after being exiled from his home planet. Usually accompanied by a human companion, The Doctor explores the territory and rescues the citizens of whatever planet he is visiting.

Unlike other “superheroes” who save others for self-gratification, The Doctor’s multiple personalities often conflict with the surrounding citizens’ sense of justice.

This show, while mostly history-and-science-based, also ties in some humor and drama. These qualities that make up “Doctor Who” are just enough to keep a steady stream of viewers.

“Doctor Who” is a show that always leaves the audience wondering what will happen next. As a series that mostly centers on time, it has a strange sense of chronology to it.

Logically, each episode following another would occur at a later time period; yet, one episode’s plot could appear to be completely out of order from the previous episode.

As a show that has literally evolved over time, “Doctor Who” continues to relate to the real world. There have been several instances where characters make references to pop culture; for example, Facebook and Twitter have been referenced.

Making references to social media of the 2010s keeps the 50-year-old show fresh.

Though a worthwhile show, it is not without its flaws. Because it is a half-century-old, younger viewers might not have access to earlier episodes, most of which include pivotal information about the development of The Doctor from past to present.

Another major issue with the show is that it is hard to follow if one does not pay attention. As previously mentioned, this show has an odd sense of chronology. Though each episode occurs after the events of the previous one, what happens in a following episode does not necessarily mean it happened later in time.

One thing that will always stick with the viewer is the complexity of The Doctor. A recurring title he assumes is “the mad man in a box.” This simple phrase illustrates his true complexity.

In this context, the word “madd” could mean crazy, insane, or most likely, incomprehensible. While centering around time and space, “Doctor Who” also examines his relationships with the people around him.

In the show, The Doctor is also known as “The Oncoming Storm.” He continues to travel time and space with various companions and shows no signs of stopping.

“Doctor Who” airs on BBC America Sundays at 9 p.m., so be ready to travel the vast reaches of the universe with “the mad man in a box.”

Stone’s Cove Kitbar brings unique, flavorful dishes

by Erin Smiley
Village staff writer

Stone’s Cove Kitbar opened its second location in Owings Mills, Md., last May, bringing a unique twist on food to the area. While offering an array of innovative options, from “appetitas” to “edibations,” Stone’s Cove is certainly not the typical place to eat.

“Recess for adults” is the slogan the restaurant uses to describe its one-of-a-kind design. Offering happy hour space after a long day at work, or simply a meeting place for a bite to eat, this restaurant’s inviting atmosphere is a great place to relax and unwind.

The word “Kitbar” blends the idea of a kitchen and bar together, giving an open feel to the entire restaurant. Centered in the middle of the space is the kitchen, where patrons are able to watch their meals being prepared by chef tenders.

Rather than employing waiters, bartenders, and chefs, Stone’s Cove trains all of their employees to master all of the tasks efficiently. Each chef/tender interacts with the customers, prepares their drinks, and cooks all of their food, which allows the customers to create a different type of relationship with the staff.

The variety of options available at this restaurant allow everyone to be able to get just what they want, without having to settle.

The appetitas are petite dishes that combine small tapas and appetizers and offer a range of selections. The most popular choices are the lobster cones, which combine a chipotle lobster salad with basil, guacamole and tomato in black sesame cones.

There is also a great assortment of soups, salads, and flatbreads, which come in an array of flavors. For those who are on the go, the picnic options at Stone’s Cove are the perfect choice.

Some of these options include a sandwich, such as a honey-italapeño chicken wrap, paired with chips and a bottle of water. The entrees offer a unique twist on the typical American-style food, from tequila-glazed tilapia to shrimp and grits.

The tasty specialty drinks are as exotic as the rest of the menu. The pear flower martini is the perfect selection for those who are looking for something sweet. A spicy selection is the mango mojito.

The edibations offered at Stone’s Cove will be sure to tantalize customers’ taste buds. These treats are spoons filled with a bite-sized piece of meat or seafood covered in a liqueur-based sauce.

Calling to make a reservation is recommended for big parties because there is limited seating for large groups.

Overall, Stone’s Cove Kitbar is a great place for anyone to go and enjoy a drink or meal. The diversity of the available options makes it very easy to find a dish and drink that fits every mood.
Career Services prepares students for life and careers after college

by Jessica Keech
Villager editorial staff

The Office of Career Services, located in Wooded Way, is a resource for students and graduates who need professional and immediate career advice.

This office offers numerous services to counsel students through the difficult process of finding jobs, internships or graduate school. Career Services also hosts events, online services and networking opportunities.

The main goal of Career Services is to partner with students from the beginning of their experience at Stevenson and journey with them until they have found the career of their choice. The skilled counselors also help ensure that students are confident in the major that they select. They also provide career assessment, teach interview skills, review resumes, and form connections with employers.

Counselors including Sabira Vohra, the director of career services and planning, are willing to meet students whenever they may be in career planning. Vohra started working at Stevenson in August 2012 after spending the past 10 years in the same position at Mount Saint Mary’s University.

“Career counseling goes across the boards and is learning skills to fend, from first years to senior year. Alumni can also use our services, free, for life,” Vohra explained. This one-on-one counseling piece focuses on the individual, his or her career choices and assessments, values, as well as career skills.

On-campus recruiters often visit to interview students and host in-class presentations. “We help students write their resumes, and we will critique them. We offer mock interviews where we actually film the student in order for them to go back and see what they do well and where they can improve,” said Vohra.

Beyond counseling, Career Services provides valuable networking and learning opportunities throughout the year. Students can search for internships or job postings, in and out of state. Employers from the area often send professionals to Stevenson to host seminars, career fairs, tech talks, and workshops.

The most recent example of such events was the Senior Seminar, held on September 7, 2013. This event helped give seniors an idea of what they should be doing at this point in their education and helped them network directly with employers. Career Service events can be found under the “events” tab on the Stevenson University home page.

Tech Talk, another service provided by Career Services, includes not only information about careers in technology, but also focuses on topics like government security clearances. Career Fairs are open to everyone and help bring students and the community together. Vohra emphasized unifying of businesses, community and students as the main focus of these events. “These are all major opportunities to bring students in front of employers,” she explained.

These opportunities all come together on the Career Connections website, accessed through the SU portal. The website provides user-specific resources and is the hub for locating all of the services offered. For those students who are job searching out of state, Stevenson is connected to NACElink, the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Students can search job postings nationwide through this online service found on Career Connections.

Appointments can be scheduled directly through the Stevenson University website, though email or phone. Career Services can also be found on social networks including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

“Career Services can really help students with any element of the career development process, and we encourage them to come by,” said Vohra. She welcomed all to the resources online, in the office, or if nothing else, to check out the impressive life-size Lego display in the office.

Career Services Senior Seminar was held in the Rockland Banquet Room. Students were able to network with Alumni and potential employers.

Service Corps allows students to work in the community

by Jasmine Stuart
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The members of Stevenson University’s Service Corps dedicate their time to serving the surrounding community because they believe it is essential for people to give back in order to help improve the community as a whole.

Andrew Clayton, vice-president of Service Corps, believes that the group not only offers a great opportunity to help others, but it is also a great chance to help one grow as a person. Volunteerism is beneficial to the school and the surrounding community because, he says, it is a terrific way to give back.

Service Corps has three main groups, one of which is the hunger group, whose members serve the community by dedicating themselves to helping fight hunger in Baltimore. They volunteer regularly at soup kitchens, homeless shelters and food banks across the city.

For the first time, the group will be going to the Maryland Food Bank this year to help prepare and donate food that will be shipped out to different areas across Maryland to help feed those in need.

Another cohort of the Service Corps assists with child care at Villa Maria. The Corps’ most popular group is the Animal Rights group, which partners with an organization called The Defenders of Animal Rights. The members help care for animals that have been abused and are homeless.

The Service Corps also organizes a variety of activities on campus in order to increase awareness among students. Last year’s food drive was very successful; Stevenson students made over 200 peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches that were donated to local food banks across Baltimore. They will also be participating in the Homecoming Bonfire where they will be passing out candy with fliers to help raise awareness of hunger.

Clayton believes that volunteering is vital in order to improve the community and build character.

“Volunteering is important to me because it helps cleanse the soul. It helps keep me happy knowing I’m giving back to the community considering how much I’ve taken. I believe Stevenson as a whole should give back through volunteering because if everyone pitches in, the world would be a better, stronger place.”

Those interested in joining Service Corps can contact Clayton through campus email. Interested volunteers can reference the box to the right that suggests places in the community to serve.
Commuter Student Association involves those off-campus

by Kelsey Spriggs
Villager staff writer

The Commuter Student Association, a newly established group on campus as of the beginning of the 2013 fall semester, is dedicated to involving commuters on campus through events specifically created for them.

“The Commuter Student Association was started because we want to make sure we have a specific group of students advocating for what commuters need,” Kyle Turman, assistant director of student activities, said. “They also help me facilitate events specifically for commuters. [The association’s goal is] to get commuters more engaged and involved on campus.”

The association has already started out the year with events that are getting commuter students more involved within the Stevenson community.

Some of these events include the Welcome Week at the beginning of the semester, the Fruittake Giveaway where the association partnered with Edible Arrangements, and their most recent event, the Commuter Brown Bag Luncheon on Sept. 13. These events are just the beginning of a year-long program.

Getting involved with school events and activities, as the residents do, is essential for all students. The board of the Commuter Student Association knows that it is hard to manage time and attend everything going on around campus.

There are a couple steps commuters can take to get involved in this initiative. The first is to get included on the email list. These emails contain pertinent information that will keep commuters updated. Opportunities for giveaways and discounted MTA bus passes can also be found on the emails.

The group’s Facebook page, the Stevenson University Commuter Page, has pictures from different events, and statuses are posted with event dates and times to keep commuters in the loop.

Commuters are also urged to attend events. The chair of the Commuter Student Association, Laura Harpool, estimated that roughly 180 participants came to the Brown Bag Luncheon event, where commuter students could make bagged lunches to take with them. The event also included a raffle, prize giveaways, and a discount card for 10 percent off at both campuses’ dining halls.

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DJs at Wild Stang Radio speak out through revamped radio station

by Colby Giacubeno
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The DJs at Wild Stang Radio (WSR) offer a variety of radio talk shows and hope to grow the radio station for the enjoyment of Stevenson University students.

One of the many DJs at the station, Jasmine Moses, a sophomore business communication major, has been working at the radio station ever since she came to Stevenson. Being on-air has always been one of Moses’ interests, so when she saw the opportunity to work as a DJ as part of the work-study program, she took advantage of the opportunity.

Even since she started working at WSR, she has had thoughts of making radio broadcasting a career because she enjoys it so much. Talking on the radio comes naturally for Moses since her public speaking skills have helped boost her confidence in speaking. During her time slots at the station, she introduces and plays popular R&B and Pop music. On Fridays, however, you can listen to Moses co-host a show about upcoming events taking place at Stevenson.

Another DJ, Jamal Williams, a junior business communication major, has been working at WSR for two years. Williams’ friend, Frankie Reynolds, another junior business communication major, suggested that he should give radio broadcasting a chance, and now Williams hosts the sports talk show “4 Quarters.”

During the show, Williams talks about both Stevenson and professional sports. To make the show more interactive, he interviews guests from Stevenson, and in between commercial breaks, Williams also plays a variety of music.

WSR is played throughout the university, including Rockland, the Greenspring Student Union, Garrison Hall, and in the bookstores on both campuses. Students can also listen to WSR through the Internet or mobile access at live365.com/stations/stevenson. There is also a mobile app for laptops, desktops, and Androids.

WSR offers many different program options for the DJs. The categories include sports talk, celebrity gossip, music, and campus talk. DJs are now able to pre-record their shows if they would like them to be aired at an earlier or later time. The station has encouraged the DJs to find guests related to their topics for more interactivity and interest.

Looking into the future, Moses pitched an idea to Aaron Harris, the director of WSR, which would allow listeners to call in to the radio show. Her idea was that listeners could call in to the radio to suggest a song to be played or to address a topic from one of the talk shows.

Even though Moses explained that her idea will probably not happen during her time at Stevenson, it shows that the DJs are not only looking to improve WSR now, but also in the future.
SU alumni following passions find success, happiness

Sammi Albrecht, a graduate of the nursing program, not only thrived at Stevenson, but is now flourishing at University of Maryland Medical Center. Within the four years at Stevenson, Albrecht had many great achievements including being elected on the executive board of her sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma. Albrecht’s experience in her sorority helped her become a more confident woman.

She says she was the “mom” of the sorority and took care of all pledges to ensure they knew everything about the sorority. She was able to communicate with many people, which helped her networking skills, and these skills helped her get to where she is today.

Albrecht was also in the nursing honor society, maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA, a daunting task considering the difficult courses and all the extracurricular activities she had. She also had a part-time job at Stevenson working at the alumni office, where she helped plan alumni events and interacted with all alumni. Through all these activities and classes, Albrecht learned how to manage her time and to maintain a social life while studying. For her, time management was a very important skill to master, and learning this helped her manage her lifestyle today.

Albrecht now works at University of Maryland Medical Center as a pediatric nurse. She is also pursuing a master’s degree in pediatric nurse practitioner at the University of Maryland. Now that she has been working at UM Medical Center for two years, she has received a leadership spot to teach incoming nurses, much like what she did in her sorority.

“Stevenson prepared me for the work force. I felt confident in what I was doing,” said Albrecht.

~ by Lucianna Diaz

Palmere’s Bar and Grill: home of great food, drinks, a lively atmosphere and the former Villa Julie’s own Michael Palmere. At Stevenson -- then still Villa Julie -- Palmere was an Interdisciplinary Studies major. He graduated in 2002, but while he was here, he played on the lacrosse and basketball teams, while also writing for the Villager.

Through high school and college, Palmere worked in bars, and after college, he went to work as a civilian with PAL, the Police Athletic League, for eight years in various recreation centers. During these years he continued to work nights bartending, including a stint at a bar named Dego Dames, owned by an old friend. It only made sense then that when the owner was ready to sell, Palmere was one of the first to inquire about the purchase. Palmere was eager to buy and to turn the place into his own.

Palmere’s Bar and Grill opened in the spring of 2011 at 1018 Eastern Ave. It prides itself on being about the people and the neighborhood experience, in addition to the food.

“We are dedicated to catering to those who live, work, and visit the Little Italy and Harbor East area,” said Palmere. Just as the Baltimore Sun stated in a 2011 review, Palmere’s adds an “American Flair” to the otherwise unchanged Little Italy. “In a neighborhood full of fancy restaurants, this low key bar is just the thing,” wrote Sun critic John Houser III.

How is Palmere doing now? His bar and grill is a hit with the locals and SU alums. Many of Palmere’s old classmates and teammates make frequent appearances. He is pleased with his decision two and a half years ago and excited for what awaits. If you ever find yourself hungry in Little Italy, be sure to stop in and grab one of the best burgers in Baltimore.

~ by Lanie Swanhart

Stevenson University graduate Tina Uddeme always knew she wanted to be a teacher. She explains, “I would play ‘school’ with my stuffed animals and little sister. I loved the idea of helping others learn to read and making it fun like my teachers always did for me.”

After graduating in 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education, Uddeme got a job teaching the fourth grade at the Monarch Academy, a charter school in Glen Burnie, Md. The Monarch Academy uses Expeditionary Learning, which is an engaging and inquiry-based method of teaching. Uddeme says this type of learning allows for “students to discover new ideas with what seems to be little guidance from their teachers.” Charter schools do not have to wholly follow the county curriculum, which lets the teachers collaborate with one another and create a “powerful and engaging curriculum designed for the students.”

Uddeme chose Stevenson because of its tailored education program. “I loved the opportunity I would be given to be in the classroom starting sophomore year and all of the professors were welcoming during visits.” She credits Stevenson for helping her achieve some of her career goals. “Stevenson set me up for success. I was given many experiences in the classroom, with interviews and professional development, and extracurricular activities and clubs,” says Uddeme.

While it can be sometimes difficult for her to balance her personal and professional life, Uddeme still finds time in between teaching to enjoy running and spending time with her boyfriend.

For her future, Uddeme is looking forward to finishing her master’s degree in education for reading instruction and completing her reading specialist certificate. She says she is projected to complete these programs in spring 2014 from Goucher College.

~ by Michelle Larkin

Since graduating from Stevenson University in 2008, Will Beatson has lived many people’s dream of working for the New York Yankees and presently for the National Football League.

He graduated from Stevenson on a Friday and by Monday he was in New York City working for the Yankees, staying there for three years before starting at the NFL. Now Beatson is the manager of Business Development, where he focuses on the sponsorship of media sales; this includes all integrated marketing partnerships for the NFL.

“My group is a four-person group, and we work with all the different groups within the NFL: officiating, player operations, travel, marketing, or any other groups that we have. We are kind of the sales arm that goes out and makes introductions between our experts and another company’s experts,” said Beatson.

Currently, he and his team members have reached out to Microsoft to offer them a “credible marketing opportunity” by partnering with the NFL. Beatson and his team realized that Microsoft could benefit by being seen by 19.3 million fans who watch each game; and in return, Microsoft would become the solution to the communication problems on the sideline of every game.

By this time next year, binders and phones on the sideline may be relics of the past; Microsoft Tablets will be used by all 32 teams.

Although Beatson has made a life for himself in New York City, he doesn’t forget how he got there and how challenging the journey was at times. With support from family, friends and professors, he worked hard during his years at Stevenson, juggling classes, Division III lacrosse, and a job at the Baltimore Ravens. He keeps in touch with President Kevin J. Manning and some of the pivotal professors who taught him the business fundamentals he uses everyday; he is, in his words, “a proud Mustang.”

“I remember my friends because they made it worth while, I remember Chip (Rouse), Steph (Verni) and the coaches because they’re the ones who said to me, ‘Look, you have to do this,’ and they really did help me get it done.”

~ by Meghan Rockwell
Stevenson University is taking part in celebrating the culture of Italy this year along with others around the United States, an idea that was proposed by the Italian government and one that is being widely embraced in 2013.

The first of many exhibits is now on display in the St. Paul Companies Pavilion featuring a local artist’s 16-year journey through Baltimore’s Little Italy. In a neighborhood that is often overlooked as one may drive through Harbor East, Little Italy is vividly captured by artist Harry Connolly. He looks closely at the unique traditions that have been maintained within the community and passed down through generations. This is the first time the general public has had the opportunity to see this collection which shows religious ceremonies, togetherness among the different generations within the community, and love.

Matthew Laumann, manager of cultural programs at SU, explained that Connolly has deep ties with the Villa Julie community as well, having photographed many of the newer buildings on the Greenspring campus. A journey to document one year of culture has since turned into 16 years of collecting over 20,000 images, interviewing residents, and being welcomed into the lives and homes of many.

Not a history or art major? That’s perfectly fine; Laumann encourages students to learn the stories behind the camera. There will be a reception on October 3, from 6-8 p.m., where all members of the Stevenson community can get a taste of authentic foods and games while interacting with Connolly and many residents of Little Italy.

An Art Talk on October 22 at noon will give the artist time to speak more deeply about his 16-year journey.
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**STEVENSON UNIVERSITY FALL 2013 ARTS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS**

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**Little Italy, Un Cuore Grande**

**Reception:** October 3, 6-8 p.m.

**St. Paul Companies Pavilion Greenspring Campus**

This cultural celebration featuring the work of Baltimore-based photographer Harry Connolly showcases his 16-year endeavor to capture and document the story, people, and personalities of Baltimore’s historic Little Italy neighborhood.

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**Commedia dell’Arte Theatre Workshop**

**October 7, 1 p.m.**

**Studio Theatre, Greenspring Campus**

Members of the Faction of Fools Theatre Company will lead a Commedia dell’Arte workshop. RSVP for the workshop to Chris Roberts, chrisroberts@stevenson.edu.

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**Romeo and Juliet by Faction of Fools Theatre Company**

**October 7, 7 p.m.**

**Inscope Theatre, Greenspring Campus**

Rare to Baltimore, the Faction of Fools Theatre Company, based in Washington, D.C., will offer its unique take on Shakespeare’s classic play.

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**Borderlands**

**Reception:** October 9, 6-8 p.m.

**Art Gallery, Greenspring Campus**

‘Nora Sturges’ paintings depict the edges of human habitation—outposts in the wilderness of the Arctic and overlooked margins of densely populated areas nearer home.

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Stevenson University's field hockey team has had a promising start to the 2013 season; with only four losses thus far, the Mustangs are hoping to qualify for either the ECAC or NCAA tournament.

Coach Laurel Martin has led the team to a record of 5-4, with wins against Neumann College (2-1), Washington College (2-1), Shenandoah University (3-0), Goucher College (3-0), and Wilson College (3-0).

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SU women’s volleyball gets victory over Messiah College 3-1

by Colleen Shipley
Villager staff writer

Last year Stevenson’s volleyball team dominated the court all the way to the second round of the NCAA championship where a loss ended their season. This year, new additions, growth in skills, and upbeat fans may push them even further. With the team currently ranked 20th in the nation in the NVCA DIII Coaches’ Poll, and with their win streak now at 18, the Mustangs are on a roll.

Five new freshmen have joined the team, and they are just as eager to get on the court and play as the returners are. Head coach, Dave Trumbo described his new players: “The best part about the freshman is they’re really competing in practice, they’re just making us a much better team, and all 15 girls have pulled together, played really hard for us as a team to get better.”

The freshman are the not the only ones ready to kill it on the court: “Everybody’s a year older so they are a year better,” Trumbo added. Returning players include five first- and second-team all-conference players. In fact, sophomore Imani Hudson, who has played all six positions, is a key player in the Mustangs’ offense.

Additionally, for the second time in two weeks, senior Jessica Gieselman earned player of the week honors for the Commonwealth Conference for the week of Sept. 16.

The results of all the practice are evident; Stevenson has started off strong and remains undefeated. During the weekend of Sept. 14-15, the Mustangs participated in a tournament against Vassar College, Hamilton College and Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Penn. Stevenson defeated Vassar 3-0 and Swarthmore 3-1 and later destroyed Hamilton 3-0 and Vassar 3-0, coming home with first-place trophies. Conference games, including a Sept. 19 3-1 win against Messiah College, are the games for which the team spends more time in preparation. By winning conference matches, the team could progress to a bid for the NCAA tournament.

Since the start of the season there have been only four home matches; yet 230 eager fans came out on the first night, Sept. 4, in a 3-0 win against Widener, to support their team. These numbers were outstanding considering the Mustangs were playing a rather inexperienced team. Enthusiastic fans and bright lights have been enough to rattle any opposing teams that step foot in the Mustang gymnasium.

The men’s volleyball team also comes out to support the women’s games.

“They come to all our games, supporting and cheering us on; giving us more motivation and excitement for each and every point,” said junior Samantha Perillo.

With an 18-0 record as of press time (3-0 in the conference), the team will continue to be a thrill to watch. Their most recent 3-0 victory over Johns Hopkins provided a packed Stevenson house with an evening of excitement in the victory. Perillo added, “We want to win for not only ourselves, but for the team, our fellow athletes, and our school.”

Men’s and women’s golf teams see promising season ahead in 2013-14

by Sterling Cooper Smith
Villager staff writer

This year’s men’s and women’s golf teams are showing great potential for the Mustangs. The men’s team is coming off a strong season in which they went to the NCAA III championship for the second time in six years. The women’s team, on the other hand, is coming off a season in which they showed great promise with only five players and still managed to qualify for the NCAA III championship as well.

For the fourth year now, the Golf Coaches Association of America named the men’s team as an All-Academic Team for having a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher, one of only 25 schools in the 284 Division III schools chosen.

This year’s men’s team is led by Senior Ben Lukehart, who is statistically the best player at Stevenson University with a 77.9 average throughout his entire college golfing career.

“He practices every day, that’s how you get good...” said coach Chris Ramer.

Lukehart leads and inspires both the men’s and women’s teams.

At the Penn State Harrisburg Invitational Sept. 10, the men’s team came in at 4th place out of 7, and the next day, at the Messiah Falcon Fall Classic, the team tied for third place out of 18. In two days of play at the Tom Kinder Memorial Tournament at the Lakeview Golf Course Sept. 14-15, the Mustangs came in at fifth and sixth place out of 18. Their last outing, Sept. 19, was at the Gettysburg Invitational Tournament at the Bridges Golf Club, where the team tied for tenth out of 13 teams.

The women have played in two tournaments this year, at the Dickinson Fall Invitational at the Blue Ridge Country Club and at the Stevenson Invitational.

Candice Jones, a sophomore golfer, said, “Ben’s practice schedule and the way he plays makes me want to just try that much harder.”

Last year was Jones’ first year ever playing golf, but she looks to improve throughout her college career.

“My goal is to be a better golfer than I was the day before.” she said.

The women’s team also should improve this year. The team is also set for future success by seeing their roster of five grow now to nine.

Last year was the first year that Ramer worked with the women’s team. He says he’s very impressed by how the women played last year with only five players. The women’s team didn’t win the conference but still made it to the NCAA III championship like their men counterparts.

“Our goal for this year is to be just that much better compared to last year,” said Jones. She added, “We were nowhere near the best last year, but this is a fresh start and we have the potential to do better this year.”

Under the supervision of their three-time Coach of the Year, both teams have great possibilities ahead of them.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men’s soccer vs. Lebanon Valley  Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m.
Field hockey vs. Widener  Saturday, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m.
Women’s soccer vs. Lycoming  Sunday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Alvernia  Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

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ATHLETES of the WEEK

Chris Panian
Senior
Men’s Soccer

Midfielder Chris Panian was named MVP of the 2012 season. He is a leading scorer and continues to contribute to the Mustang’s offense.

Alexis Siejack
Freshman
Women’s Soccer

Freshman Alexis Siejack led the Mustangs with two big goals against Frostburg State. She has scored six goals so far this season.

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