The women's volleyball team returned to the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive year, and saw multiple victories before an ultimately, disappointing loss in the quarterfinals.

The team lived up to its potential throughout the entire regular season by establishing a record of 35-2, achieving a national rank of 21st in the Division III polls.

The Mustangs recently won the Commonwealth Conference championship in a dominating fashion, not losing a single set, and beating Messiah College in the championship game. The team hoped to ride this momentum into the tournament as they leaned on each other to get through the biggest games of the season.

Stevenson started off its NCAA dreams on the right foot by defeating Salisbury University in a dominating 3-0 sweep. Dave Trumbo, head coach, anticipated the difficulty of these games, and he was correct.

As he predicted, the first set came to an end with Stevenson squeaking by, 25-23. The team continued to dominate by capturing the next two sets, 25-14 and 25-20, and advancing into the second round.

The Mustangs quickly found themselves down 2-1 against Juniata College, who only needed one more set victory to clinch a spot in the third round. However, Stevenson’s women fought back and came out on top after a thrilling finish by taking the second set 25-20 and then clinching the match with a 15-12 win in the fifth set. The win marked the Mustangs’ 37th in 2013, a new school record for wins in one season.

The team met their season goal of getting past the second round of the NCAA tournament, but fell short with a 3-0 loss to Eastern University. The Mustangs had previously lost to the Eagles in straight sets on Oct. 5, but this loss ended their season on a tough note.

After failing to reach 20 points in each of the first two set (25-17, 25-19), Stevenson powered through the final set against the 17th-ranked Eagles, eventually falling by a much closer score of 25-23.

Looking to the future, captain and junior libero Samantha Perillo said that the team must always “remember to rally around teamwork and to always have fun. We have the most success when we’re having fun.”

Trumbo also believes that the key ingredient to any future success will come down to teamwork, but more importantly their individual support in clutch situations where they must perform at their best.

“It’s [always] going to come down to 23-23,” said Trumbo. “It always does in the big games, and feeling the support from their teammates to perform will help them win. And knowing even if they don’t, they’ll still love [each other].”

He praised this feeling of team unity in practice, noting that it helped each member get better throughout the 2013 season.

With Perillo rallying the team on the court to perform, and while Trumbo and his staff study film and research upcoming opponents, the squad is ready to take on the challenges of the 2014 season as they hope to go further in the NCAA tournament and continue to reach their goals as a team.

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Under Armour representative talks business at sixth annual lecture

by Chris Ledgerwood
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Steve Battista, creative senior vice president of Under Armour, spoke to over 225 students, faculty, staff, and guests during Stevenson University’s sixth annual Shapiro/Rouse lecture in the Rockland Center on November 12.

Battista welcomed the audience. His talk began with a video showing the early days of Under Armour, from its modest beginnings in a basement in Baltimore to its current status as a leading athletic apparel manufacturer.

Battista emphasized the importance of innovation and persistence in business. He shared stories of Under Armour’s early struggles, including how they had to compete with established brands and deal with financial challenges. Nevertheless, Battista and his team believed in the potential of their product and continued to work hard, eventually gaining the support of key players like former NFL players Terrell Suggs and Julio Jones.

Battista also discussed the role of social responsibility in business. He highlighted Under Armour’s commitment to supporting athletes and communities through its “#IWill” campaign, which promotes the idea of setting personal goals and working hard to achieve them.

The audience was highly engaged throughout Battista’s talk and asked several questions during the Q&A session.

Drag-U-Cation educates students about LGBTQIA community

by Annie McCooch
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Stevenson University’s Q-Group hosted an event titled “Drag-U-Cation” on Nov. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Rockland Banquet Room on the Owings Mills campus.

The Q-Group is a LGBTQIA group that helps support the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual community and ally students on campus. This group also looks to educate others about these types of communities and encourages a positive and accepting environment.

Drag-U-Cation included famous and local drag queens who performed and educated spectators on the LGBTQIA community. Sue Nami, Anita Minnet, Divya Flowers, Shaunda Leer, and Stevenson’s own Althea Imnotosure were the local performers.

The show also included two performers from “RuPaul’s Drag Race,” Phi Phi O’Hara, who finished in the top three of season four, and Jade Sotomayor, who was a season one contestant.

The show was $5 for students and $10 for guests. Benefits from this event were donated to an organization entitled “Our Youth,” located in northern New Jersey. This organization provides scholarships to senior high school students who want to pursue higher education.

“I was really excited about bringing Drag-U-Cation to Stevenson University. I’ve been trying to push for the event since last year and I am so excited that it has finally happened,” said senior Lega Dela Cruz, one of the club officers.

Johnny Mills, a senior business communication major, is the director of public relations for the club. He is an avid supporter and said the event took a lot of hard work.

“Drag-U-Cation was an incredible event to have brought to Stevenson. It was an amazing event filled with music, dancing and wildly fun entertainment,” said Mills.

The Q-Group was satisfied with the event’s success. “It was a great way to bring something new to the campus and to leave Stevenson with a bang,” said Dela Cruz.

“I’m so proud to be a part of such an incredible experience that allowed the Stevenson community to become more aware of LGBTQIA initiatives and experiences that are enjoyable for everyone,” said Mills, in reference to the Q-Group and the event.

The Q-Group offers entertaining events and activities that embrace the LGBTQIA community throughout the year. There are three main events that the Q-Group hosts every year, which include the Coming Out Monologues, the Vagina Monologues, and the Gala.

Students who are interested in the Q-Group or its events can contact Dela Cruz or Mills via campus email.
Graduating from college is a time to celebrate the great accomplishment of earning a degree after spending several years working hard, cramming for exams, writing research papers, and pulling all-nighters to finish projects. It’s a time to look back and reflect over past achievements and revel in the fact that all of the hard work has finally paid off.

As the December graduation date quickly approaches, it is easy to get caught up in school work and projects. However, the Office of Career Services notes that it is vital that upcoming graduates invest ample amounts of time preparing for their career and future after college.

Career Services offers a variety of resources that are beneficial in aiding upcoming graduates in their job search process. It provides students with the opportunity to meet individually with career counselors to assist in career exploration, resume development and preparation for the job interview process. The office gives students the advantage of being better prepared during an interview by coaching them about what to expect when applying for jobs in their field.

Students can interact with hiring managers of major corporations at on-campus recruiting events. Career Services will host a nursing career fair on Dec. 2, as well as a sports industry symposium on Feb. 19 for students who are interested in a career in sports management and marketing.

Recent Stevenson University graduate, Brigitte Keimig, says the best advice she has for upcoming graduates is to utilize all of the resources that Career Services has to offer. “Job searching is a stressful process. With the help of career services and career fairs I was able to find a job that I love less than a month after graduating.”

Graduation will be held Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. in the Greenspring gymnasium. Doors will open an hour prior to the start of the ceremony for guests to reserve their seats.

Graduation awards will be presented to seniors who were nominated by members of the campus community. These students have exhibited outstanding academic success throughout their time at Stevenson.

Pam Daniels, assistant registrar for graduation, has advice for upcoming graduates: “Senior year is a time to stay focused. Don’t give into senioritis. End your undergraduate college career successfully. If you are taking on a lot of activities, make sure to take care of yourself and not get too stressed out. Take advantage of all of the resources that Stevenson has to offer.”

For more information on the graduation process, please contact Pam Daniels by campus email.
Holiday Helping

by Colby Giacubeno
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The holiday season is traditionally a time of joy and togetherness. While many words come to mind when people think of the holidays, one word in particular rings true to being the ideal holiday characteristic: giving. When this concept is mentioned, people jump to conclusions and grip their wallets in haste, knowing that this can be a costly time of year. However, there are many ways to practice giving that do not involve emptying one's pockets.

The holidays can be rough for people who do not have a lot of money; do not have much family, or are simply going through a hard time. Life's burdens can make a time of happiness seem hardly enjoyable, but it is important to remember that the holidays are about sharing and being with others.

Regardless of how people may feel about the holiday season or what might be going on in their lives, the concept of giving is paramount because of its simplicity. Therefore, I'd like to propose five ways to give during the holiday season:

1. Even though money isn't plentiful, especially with such an enormous shopping list, consider donating to a charity or a cause. Contributing a dollar or even some pocket change to Santa's bucket for the Salvation Army makes a difference. Recently, the House of Ruth set up donation tables at Owings Mills in order for students, faculty, and staff to have the opportunity to help battered women and their children.

2. Give to the community. Try volunteering at a service event or donating canned goods, toys, or clothes to a donation box. Although some of these kind acts are anonymous, people who are in need appreciate them.

3. Give back to your family. Help with decorating, baking, wrapping presents, and all the other festivities that are typical of the merry season. The people to whom we are closest often appreciate the little things.

4. Give to your friends, co-workers, bosses, and any other influential people in your life. If you do not have much money to spend, a simple holiday greeting card can let people know that they are in your thoughts.

5. Give yourself a gift. Consider writing yourself a letter. It could be about this year's highlights, your goals for years to come, or even something as simple as what you did to celebrate. Seal it in an envelope, and open it up next year or years down the road.

While the holidays are often a stressful time of year, especially on campus with final exams, studying, and grading as the semester draws to a close, it is important to remember that they are a time for giving, peace, and most of all, joy.
Abnegation faction where they are taught to serve others instead of themselves. Activities that encourage self-enjoyment and self-indulgence are forbidden. They are also expected to be quiet and not call attention to themselves.

When Beatrice turns 16, she is required to take an aptitude test to find out which faction would best suit her. She has to choose whether she wants to stay in the Abnegation faction or convert to another, which means that she will never see her family again.

Although Beatrice knows that she does not agree with the Abnegation teachings, she is shocked to discover that her test results are inconclusive and that she does not belong to just one faction. Instead, she is a part of the rarest and most dangerous group in society, called Divergent, and she must keep this information a secret.

“Divergent” is not a novel without flaws, but Veronica Roth brings the reader into a complex world that is unlike any other dystopian story. Roth has the gift of writing action-packed, adventurous scenes that continue to intensify throughout the entire novel. The reader is constantly questioning why this society is the way it is and why being Divergent is so dangerous.

The characters, although flawed characters, are very relatable. Although Beatrice is considered a heroine, she makes many mistakes and is faced with decisions similar to those of most girls her age.

Roth has created a flawed character whom readers can identify. Beatrice is strong, but she can also be self-absorbed. She thinks about herself before others, but she will still defend the new friends she makes in her new faction.

On the other hand, there are some flaws in “Divergent.” Because the story is told in first-person perspective from Beatrice’s point of view, the reader does not get to experience life in the other factions.

Beatrice briefly describes the values of each faction, but her descriptions contain bias. In addition, Roth provides very little explanation of why Chicago is the only city that is split into factions.

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**Application makes studying simple and convenient**

**by Colleen Shipley**

Villager staff writer

StudyBlue is an application that makes studying simple and convenient with women.

With finals just around the corner, most students are looking for an efficient way to study. StudyBlue provides an easy, fun way to learn.

StudyBlue is an application that allows users to create, share, and review flashcards as well as organize them into folders. Users can also customize the flashcards by adding photos and recordings along with text, which allows them to customize their cards to their learning needs.

Once the flashcards are made, they can be turned into review sheets and quizzes. StudyBlue has multiple options in order to study the cards, such as hardest to easiest.

In addition, the program keeps track of any progress made during studying. This application is available for free in the App Store for iPhone, free in Google Play for Android users, and online at www.studyblue.com.

Once installed, a free account must be created in which to store all the cards and study tools. From the account, users can save, share, and access their cards from other devices as well.

Although StudyBlue is a useful tool overall, there are flaws within it. The free version of the app contains advertisements and additional features.

However, users can choose to upgrade for $9 per month or $36 per year. The upgrade allows people to eliminate the advertisements, hide the cards they know correctly, choose custom text color and formatting, and use media on both sides of the card.

The quizzes made by StudyBlue are helpful, but they can also be confusing. One flaw of the quizzes is that during definition questions, users have to type the exact wording that they originally entered to create the question.

Another problem is that when cards are answered incorrectly, there is no explanation as to why the answer is wrong. This can slow down the user’s progress in reviewing and retaining the material.

Users who are not visual learners may have a hard time with this app, because StudyBlue is entirely electronic and not as interactive as studying with real flashcards or with a partner.

However, students who have busy schedules are sure to love StudyBlue. Now with access to all major technologies including the Kindle and iPad, one easy click can turn any spare minute into study time.
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ART EFFECTS

Orientation
Reception: December 4, 6-8 p.m.
Art Talk: December 10, 1 p.m.
Art Gallery, Greenspring Campus

The shape of a particular country can be such an interesting and beautiful thing, especially when taking any nationalistic thoughts. David Brown will exhibit a series consisting of monumental "map" drawings where the viewer may focus on the organic shape of the map rather than the particular country it represents.

Io, Tu, e La Moda Italiana: Me, You, and Italian Fashion
Reception: December 6, 6-8 p.m.
St. Paul Companies Pavilion
Greenspring Campus

Students from SU’s fashion design program will collaborate with students from the Carroll County Career and Technology Center on this second annual exhibit to create garments and displays inspired by Italian designers.

Saluto al Mondo della Musica Italiana
December 7, 8 p.m.
Inscape Theatre, Greenspring Campus

The Greenspring Valley Orchestra with Robert Suggs, DMA, Music Director and Conductor, celebrates the Year of Italian Culture with a program of all Italian music, including Verdi, Vivaldi, Rossini, Puccini, Respighi, and other surprises.

Tickets: General admission $10, students and seniors $5. Call 443-334-2433 for tickets.

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College students boomerang home after graduation

by Marilyn Lovo
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The stigma attached to young adults who move in with their parents after their college graduation no longer exists. Today’s generation of young adults seems content to living with their parents if it means that their future finances will be secured.

This generation of young adults is known as the boomerang generation because of its tendency to move out of the family home and then “boomerang” back home after they graduate.

After college graduation, young adults may be faced with high debt from college loans, which makes it difficult for them to be able to support themselves. Even though college graduates have degrees, they may be unable to find jobs in their field of study.

According to a study conducted by the Pew Research Center, 24 percent of young adults have moved back in with their parents in the past couple of years after living on their own because of the state of the economy. Not, instead of trying to live on their own, young adults prefer to live with their parents.

Young adults find themselves settling for jobs that often do not pay enough for them to be able to support themselves. Many young adults find themselves stuck, unable to adjust to their adult lives, so it becomes easier and more common for them to reside with family and save money.

Multigenerational Households

Today, 3 in 10 young adults live with their parents, the highest number of young adults living in multigenerational households since the 1950s, according to a Mar. 15, 2012 article by Husna Haq in the Christian Science Monitor. Multigenerational households are homes in which a child, grandchild and/or parent live together under one roof.

In the 1980s, 11 percent of young adults lived in multigenerational households. That percentage has since increased up to 28 percent. These young adults, between the ages of 25 and 34, reported that they either never moved out of their parents’ homes or have returned home because of the economy, according to Haq’s article. The percentage of young adults who live with their parents is even higher for young adults between the ages of 18 and 24.

According to Haq’s article, 53 percent of young adults within this age group live with their parents. These figures might suggest that the percentage of young adults who lived in multigenerational households was much lower in the 1980s because of the strong economy that helped students become independent from their parents. After college graduation, young adults are expected to find jobs in their fields, become wealthy, and start a family, but this is no longer the expectation. According to Haq’s article, 3 in 10 young adults postponed marriage, starting a family, or both because of the economy.

Costs of the Boomerang

When these young adults move back in with their parents, their financial situation becomes extremely dependent on that of their parents. This means that if their parents are struggling financially, they will too. According to a study conducted by the Pew Research center, 60 percent of young adults between the ages of 18 and 34 are financially dependent on their parents.

Another study found that 19 percent of young adults between the ages of 18 and 34 receive money or financial help from their parents or other family members on a regular basis, affecting the financial stability of the family. Parents find themselves adjusting their finances in order to meet the needs of their children. According to a study by the Pew Research Center, 20 percent of parents are remortgaging their homes in order to help their children pay off debt. Additionally, two-thirds of parents reduce their daily living costs and spend about 10 percent of their income to support their children.

This also affects future retirement plans of the baby boomer generation. Another study by the Pew Research Center found that the retirement savings of 30 percent of baby boomers have taken a hit.

This causes parents and grandparents of these young adults to change their retirement plans.

Benefits of the Boomerang

Young adults have reported that their relationship with their parents has been positively affected by the boomerang phenomenon. According to a study conducted by the Pew Research Center, 34 percent young adults between the ages of 18 and 34 reported that moving back home with their parents has been good for their relationship with family.

Another study found that the boomerang generation is most likely to care for their aging parents. As a result of living with their parents, young adults are able to save money; therefore, they are willing to repay their parents by caring for them in old age. Even while living at home, these young adults report contributing to the household in many ways.

According to a study conducted by the Pew Research Center, 96 percent of young adults between the ages of 18 and 34 say they do chores around the house. Another study found that 75 percent of young adults even contribute to household expenses such as groceries, and 35 percent even pay rent to their parents.

Future Plans

The boomerang phenomenon has had such an effect on today’s generation that more young adults plan to move back home with their parents after they graduate from college. According to a study conducted by the Pew Research Center, 85 percent of college graduates plan to move back home after college graduation.

“I plan to continue with my graduate studies, so moving in with my parents will make it easier for me financially,” said Dixie Hoyle, senior biology major at Stevenson University.

Chris Miller, senior psychology major from Stevenson University said that although he would prefer to live on his own after he graduates, he would probably most likely return home in order to pay off his college debts, continue onto his graduate studies and find a job that pays well.

“I’m not sure if I will be able to continue my graduate studies. I’m hoping to, but money is definitely the deciding factor for me. Moving back home is the only option I have if I want to save money,” said Miller.

Unlike Miller, Hoyle does not receive any financial assistance from the government, so she relies on her parents to pay for her studies. She plans to work while she studies in order to pay her parents back.

The Larger Trend

The boomerang phenomenon is part of a larger trend of young adults moving back in with their parents and living in multigenerational households, not only in the United States, but also globally.

A 2011 Pew Research Center report shows that the largest increase in the number of young adults living in multigenerational households, an increase from 46.5 million to 51.4 million, occurred from 2007 to 2009. The boomerang generation is changing how young adults are entering adulthood and the professional world, and as the economy worsens, the trend will only continue to increase.
Stevenson University students had the opportunity to watch President Obama be inaugurated into his second term as President of the United States of America.

MAP hosted Saturday Night Live’s Seth Meyers as the first spring comedian headliner. Seth Meyers’ stand up routine was relevant to college students and faculty alike.

Seth Meyers

In a tight race, Shannon Wilson and Chris Ambrose came out ahead as the new SGA president and vice president.

SGA Elections

Rockland opened the new “My Zone” near the salad bar to specifically aid students with gluten and nut allergies.

“We know we have students with gluten intolerances,” Binotto said. “This station has gluten-free bread and cereal and is a ‘safe zone’ because there is no risk for cross-contamination.”

Gluten-Free

During spring break students were able to travel to Japan and Florence for class credit. Students were able to use their skills outside of the traditional classroom, while enjoying the sights and new experiences.

Study Abroad

The Office of Career Services held a competition testing students’ professional awareness of resumes, cover letters, and interviews. Brad Crespo won a $200 Visa gift card after competing in three rounds against other students.

Film Fest

Stevenson University and MAP movies held its fourth annual Film Fest, sponsored by the film and video department. The Film Fest focused on showcasing the talent of Stevenson students and building a community tradition. There were 17 student submission including music videos, animation, commercials, and trailers.

March Madness

For the fifth year, Stevenson students traveled to New Orleans over spring break to reconstruct homes affected by Hurricane Katrina. The 105 students had the chance to make connections not only with each other, but with those whose lives they helped rebuild.

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Relay for Life
April 19-20, 2013
Relay for Life was a fundraiser event that lasted all night and raised money for the American Cancer Society. The event was held in Mustang Stadium and 439 people participated within 40 teams, raising over $38,000.

May 10, 2013
Graduation
May Commencement honored the graduating class of 2013 with a ceremony that featured speaker Jason Winer, director of “Modern Family,” as well as student speakers.

May 26, 2013
NCAA Lacrosse Division III Championship
The men’s lacrosse team set a milestone, winning the NCAA DIII Championship for the first time in Stevenson history. The final score was 16-14, allowing the Mustangs to finish their season with 22 wins.

June 5, 2013
Stevenson Name Change 5th Year Anniversary
The five year anniversary of the name change from Villa Julie College to Stevenson University was celebrated by faculty and staff. The university grew and improved over the last 5 years, by expanding and making positive changes.

August 18, 2013
Ravens Training Camp
The Baltimore Ravens traveled to Mustang Stadium for their final practice before the pre-season began. Fans of the Super Bowl XLVII Champions were able to watch their favorite players practice.

August 26, 2013
Opening of Owings Mills North
The former Shire Pharmaceuticals was transformed into an expansion of the Owings Mills campus, moving half of the School of Design into the freshly renovated buildings. President Manning and his family dedicated a studio in the new building to his brother-in-law.

October 14-19, 2013
Homecoming
The week leading up to Homecoming allowed students to show their spirit with days like “Go Green” and “Jersey” day. The Fanfair tailgate before the football game against King’s College got everyone excited through many activities.

November 22-24, 2013
Hoopsville
Stevenson hosted the largest on-campus event for Division III basketball. This event showcased the talent of 10 teams, including Stevenson University, from all over the United States.

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Holiday Sale
December 2 – December 20

Get your last minute shopping done at the Campus Store! 20% off clothing (Under Armour discount 15% MAX) and 25% off all gift items. Exclusions include food & drink, textbooks, electronics, graduation and markdown items.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!
Starting December 2, donate $1 or more in either Campus Store and put your name on a snowflake to hang from the ceiling to help us decorate! All donations collected will be donated to the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital to make the holiday season a little brighter for as many children as we can. So please come fill the stores with snowflakes and LET IT SNOW!

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Large Enough To Serve You, Small Enough To Care
Roger Bridges began teaching at Stevenson University in the fall of 1985. He teaches many religion classes including World Religions, Eastern and Western Religions, Introduction to the New Testament, Jesus of Nazareth, and many other classes at Stevenson University.

Bridges emphasized that although the school is still a small college, it has had an enormous amount of growth since he first started teaching. However, Stevenson has managed to maintain small classrooms in order for students to get the one-on-one attention that they desire.

Bridges also explained what he likes best when working with students: “I’ve learned how students can surprise me, both in good ways and in bad ways… I like the classroom; I like dealing with the students. I like when a light goes off in people’s head when they see something they haven’t seen before. I like the challenge of getting people to think about what they’re doing, and about life,” Bridges said.

Bridges hosts a weekly Bible study on campus called Campus Crusades (Cru). He provides a friendly and positive atmosphere to the Bible study, and he even brings snacks for all who attend. Bridges spoke about how he has seen great things from his students, but he has seen even greater things from Bible study.

“I have seen a lot more maturity and a sense of responsibility in Cru than I have seen before…I am continually amazed and proud of the way that Cru handles things,” Bridges is looking forward to continuing his time at Stevenson, and he is excited to see what the future has in store for him.

Claire Moore started her journey at Stevenson University in the 1960s when the school was named Villa Julie College, and only 180 students were enrolled. Moore returned many years later to start a career at Stevenson University when she became the director of Student Affairs, which was a part-time position.

“My experience as a student was awesome,” said Moore, and that’s why she decided to come back. Over the years Moore’s responsibility has grown, and she is now the Vice President of Student Affairs. She is responsible for judicial affairs, multicultural affairs, student activities, residence life, and the wellness center.

Moore has made an everlasting impact on the school and its community for the last 31 years. She believes that her biggest contribution to the school and the students is being able to share the story of the founder of Villa Julie.

“Because I’ve lived through the growth and the history of Stevenson, I can share the beautiful story of Julie Billiart, who founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who in turn founded Villa Julie College. Julie’s message was for the Sisters to treat the students with respect and for the students to respect each other. Also, she said that we should teach the students to use their heads to think critically, and I continue to pass that message around to our current faculty and our students,” said Moore.

Moore loves her job and wouldn’t change it for anything. She enjoys her time at Stevenson University working with students and helping make sure they have the best experience possible here. Moore has seen Stevenson grow over the years from 180 students to the current enrollment of nearly 4,000 students.

She has seen it all at SU and remains a huge part of this school. She has dedicated a much of her life to Stevenson University, and her dedication has played a huge role in the school’s growth over the years.

Sally Harris, now an adjunct professor, has been part of the Stevenson University faculty for 40 years. She first started her career at Stevenson in 1965, joining the theater department.

Harris spent the next 35 years at Stevenson where she served as chair of the theater/video department. She retired from Stevenson University in 2000; however, in 2007, she was asked to return to teach theater part time.

She is happy and content with teaching two classes twice a week. Harris says her reasons for returning after seven years of retirement is the challenge of working with students who are non-theater majors. “I enjoy showing them what theater has to offer and the growth that comes from it. It’s a good thing to be doing,” said Harris.

She has seen many changes occur at Stevenson University over the years. “It’s been a lot of change, but it’s a progressive change. Things are opening up as they are in the world,” she said.

Harris describes a time when dance, art, and music were all under one major. “The growth was gradual but constant,” she said. The department was eventually split up into separate majors to cater to students who had settled in one specific field of the arts.

Harris has introduced many courses to the theatre department, and she also recalls introducing video into the major. There were many conferences and performances that she organized including recruiting a dance troupe from England to perform at the campus and live among the students.

Harris remembers Chris Roberts, the current program coordinator of theatre and media performance, being one of her students. She is proud of how far theater has come at Stevenson University and looks forward to the new and exciting things that come from it.
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The Italian Government has declared that 2013 is the year of Italian Culture. Stevenson has adopted this declaration by performing the Saluto al Mondo della Musica Italiana. This event will include Italian music of all kinds, ranging from choral to orchestra to opera.

The event will begin on Dec. 6, and will open with the choral concert. The very next day will be the orchestra’s turn, which will also include some opera. The event will include two professional opera singers who were hand-selected to train in the Washington National Opera program. The orchestra will also perform Italian music, including a violin solo.

The musicians hope that people in the community come out and support this event as a sign of appreciation to all of the hard work that they have put in.

As Bob Suggs, music director at Stevenson, said, “This event involves a lot of music that [most people] aren’t exposed to.” Those in attendance will experience music that may be different and stimulating.

Suggs added, “Opera is the only art form that brings in everything together.” Opera music brings together both drama and vocal music. It depicts a story told only through singing, a very unique way to connect to people.

This is also the first time in Stevenson history that the school has hosted such an event. The fact that the Italian government chose 2013 as the year of Italian culture coincides with the idea that this is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Suggs said that the orchestra is comprised of those from the Greenspring community who have put in countless hours of rehearsal. They want to make sure that when the event takes place, they do justice to the rich history and artistic value of the music. Suggs also noted that music of this caliber needs to be respected by the performance.

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Men's basketball looks for focus and chemistry as season begins

by Chris Ledgerwood
Villager staff writer

Stevenson's ice hockey team began its second season winning back-to-back home openers against SUNY Canton. With a new head coach, Tracy Johnson, the team will maintain a focus on teamwork to increase their victories for the season.

With five games under their belt thus far, the Mustangs hope to continue their success by working hard in early morning practices and conditioning.

After earning her career first win as a coach for the Mustangs, Johnson is motivated to improve not only the team's record for this season, but to improve the overall development of the program to eventually win a national championship.

With a new mindset, the team is focusing on creating success through having fun and working hard.

"Working hard and having fun do not have to be mutually exclusive. I also don't believe that having success and having fun, you can have one without the other. I think you can be successful, but if you're not having fun, that's not a sustainable success," said Johnson.

In the home openers against SUNY Canton, the Mustangs beat the Kangaroos 4-2 and 4-0. Goals by Madison Lange, Molly O'Neil, McKenzie Taggart and Jessie Capanelli provided scoring for the Mustangs in the first game, and goals in the second game by O'Neil, Megan Donahue and two by Taggart gave the Mustangs the momentum to finish the weekend unbeaten. In the goal, Mackenzie Bruch had 19 saves in the first game and Sarah Mozdelewski 15 in the second.

Following their home opener, the team traveled to Division I Sacred Heart, falling short 3-1. Taggart had her fourth goal of the season in the loss.

Explained Donahue: "In our second season, our team is continuing on the journey to make history, have fun and get into a conference for the next season. Our motto this year is 'PrACTice like a champion,' which means you can't just practice like a champion and then make poor decisions off the ice. The motto is an incentive to work hard and be the best you can be, as a student, an athlete and as a person."

The Mustangs faced Sacred Heart University once again as the Pioneers came to Stevenson's home facility at the Reisterstown Sportplex for a doubleheader Nov. 15-16. The first game ended in a 3-3 tie in overtime, with two goals for the Mustangs by Taggart and one by Megan Alexander. In the final game of the three-game series, the Mustangs took home a 4-1 victory on goals by sophomore Katie Abbott and Erin McLaughlin, as well as Taggart and Lange.

With the season just beginning, the team is focusing on creating a positive attitude. Donahue said, "We've had a positive outcome from our first few games of the season, and I believe that we will continue to get better and win! I am fully confident in any one of my teammates, and our goals for this season. Every day of the season, we strive to be better players than we were the day before."

"We always challenge each other at every day with a purpose, with goals to meet, one of which, in the coach's words, is to "win every day." According to Stewart, winning every day doesn't mean winning a game every day; it means making everything the team does count: win this drill, this homework assignment, or this battle against the alarm clock in the morning.

Senior guard Jeff Holmes is in his third year playing at Stevenson and is back from last year's injury, ready to kick the season off with his team against Cairn University Nov. 16.

Against Cairn, junior Justin Kunetz had 14 points in the 89-69 season opener. According to Gormustangs.com, he was 5-for-6 in the opening half with 10 points in just 12 minutes of playing time. As a team, the Mustangs shot 62.5 percent from the floor.

"A couple years ago we were 6-19. To go from that to 16-10 last year says something about our team," said Holmes. He mentioned the values instilled by the coaching staff are carried out by the players not only on the court but in the locker room and beyond.

Holmes loves the chemistry he sees in the team: "There's focus, everyone's buying in, we are all close knit, and we are translating our social chemistry into basketball and vice versa."

"I feel good about having a tough schedule and being in a tough conference. It will force us to prove ourselves and work even harder," said Boswell.

As the team started their season, they faced off at the 30th Annual Emmanuel College Invitational Tournament. Against a home team on Nov. 16. In the 65-52 loss, the Mustang's Martinez had 12 points and junior guard Ty Bender had 11. Harmon had 8 rebounds.

In the second game of the tournament, Stevenson suffered a 62-48 loss to St. Lawrence University. Martinez had 16 points and Harmon had 13, and Bender and Milchling each had 5 rebounds.

Women's basketball returns 14 in 2013-14 season

by Annie McCooch
Villager staff writer

The 2013-2014 season for the women's basketball team is looking promising for the Mustangs. Coming off of a .500 record last year, the team is confident in their players and coaching staff. This will be the second year that the team is competing in the Commonwealth Conference, in which they won four games last season.

Graduating only one senior last year, the team has 14 returnees, bringing a lot of experience to the court for the Mustangs and providing a sense of confidence.

According to head coach Jackie Boswell, leadership and experience will be the keys to success this season, in addition to athleticism and mental toughness. Boswell is confident in her team this season, as she has noticed much growth and improvement among the returning players.

A few key returners include sophomores Stephanie Martinez and Mattie Milchling, juniors Kayla Kelly, Kayleigh Guzlek, and Kyarra Harmon.

Martinez finished the season last year as the team's leading scorer, averaging 10.9 points per game. She was ranked 13th in the Commonwealth Conference and was named Rookie of the Year for Stevenson.

Returning sophomore forward Mattie Milchling is looking for a strong season both personally and with the team.

"We always challenge each other at practice; there isn't a moment where one teammate isn't pushing another teammate. Everyone has realized that in order to beat the best, we have to act like we are as good as the best," said Milchling.

The coaches and players want to make it to the Commonwealth Conference playoff tournament.

"I want to be above .500 this year, and I believe this is possible just from our two scrimmages. I would love to get to the Commonwealth Conference playoffs. I also believe this is possible; we just have to work hard," said Milchling.

The team is picked to finish seventh in the Commonwealth Conference this season, an improvement over their pick to finish ninth last season. Three teams from the Commonwealth Conference went to the NCAA tournament last year.

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The Mustangs will return to play on Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. against Alvernia.
After starting off the season 3-0, the Mustangs finished the season this past weekend with an overall record of 4-6, just missing a chance for a Division III Bowl game.

The Mustangs were able to beat their two-year record of 2-8 from both the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

Stevenson took a tough 30-6 loss to the #25-ranked Lebanon Valley Dutchmen on Nov. 9. The Dutchmen held the Mustangs to 42 rushing yards and forced five turnovers. Junior linebacker Tim Campbell led the Mustangs defensively with 12 tackles, while senior wide receiver Jeromie Miller led the offense with six catches totaling in 62 yards.

The only touchdown for the Mustangs was scored on a defensive play by junior defensive end Scott Lange after a forced fumble with a seven-yard touchdown return.

The Mustangs planned for a victory going into the final game of the season against the Lycoming Warriors on Nov. 16, since a win would have advanced Stevenson to a Bowl game.

The team fell short in the second half resulting in a 36-20 loss. Junior wide receiver Neil Harps led the team offensively with five catches for a career-high of 138 yards and a touchdown. Junior safety Shane Clough also led the team defensively with 10 tackles.

The season-ending game also paid tribute to the nine seniors on the team, four of whom have been with the Mustangs since its foundational year in 2010: Jeromie Miller, David Wright, Alphonso Mayo, and Nigel Stanford. The remaining seniors included Marlon McLain, Max Wilson, Tre’von Wilks, Charlie Cornell and Byron Barnes. Two managers were also recognized for their service: Tiera Willey and Kali Miller.

The team is now in the off-season where they will evaluate their performance in past games as well as prepare for the upcoming year. Staying healthy, being productive in the weight room, and building confidence are things the Mustangs want to focus on for next season.

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“We took a blow when we constantly lost starters due to injuries,” said head coach Ed Hottle. He added, “Some of these injuries were inevitable, but it’s tough to rebound when starters are unable to play due to an ACL tear or a season-ending shoulder injury.”

The team is still young and expects almost all of the starters back next year. In addition, the junior varsity team has finished its season; those players will now have college experience and be more fitted to make an impact next year.

Although the players feel like they have become a family during their time together this season, they believe that there are things outside of the team’s chemistry that need to be adjusted.

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