Lady Hawks' bowling team makes history

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore rightfully can lay claim to being home of America’s best women’s bowling team.

On consecutive weekends earlier this month, the Lady Hawks won two national tournaments – the NCAA Division 1 title and the United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships.

The dual titles make UMES the first school in collegiate bowling history to win both events in the same year.

For seniors Kristina Frahm, Martha Perez and Maria Rodriguez, the accomplishment marks the end of remarkable careers that began with an NCAA title when they were freshmen.

A come-from-behind victory in the final match of the 2011 NCAA tournament over Vanderbilt University marks the second time in four years the university has brought home the coveted national title. The team followed up that feat with a resounding charge through a 16-team field in the ITC tournament, beating Lindenwood University of St. Charles, Mo., in the finals.

In the NCAA tournament, UMES won nine of its 13 matches – coming out of the losers’ bracket of the round-robin/double-elimination tournament to win the collegiate sport’s top prize. The Lady Hawks defeated Fairleigh Dickinson University, the nation’s top-ranked squad, three times in this year’s tournament and Vanderbilt twice to do the trick.

Frahm, a dean’s list student in accounting who received the university’s top all-around student honor – the Bernstein Achievement Award - was named the 2011 tournament’s Most Outstanding Performer.

Other members of the Lady Hawks’ championship roster are: junior Paula Vilas, sophomores T’nia Falbo and Anggie Ramirez and freshman Megan Buja.

The Lady Hawks overcame a two-games-to-one deficit against Vanderbilt of the Southeastern Conference to win three consecutive games and the best-of-seven match.

UMES grabbed the lead with a 215-197 win in the opening game, but Vanderbilt answered with a 193-164 win in game two. The Commodores recorded strikes in each of the first six frames en route to a 248-201 win in game three.

The Lady Hawks rebounded with a 30-pin win to pull even in game four.

Rocket engineer teaches UMES course

Ricky Stanfield has worked on some of America’s critical defense and science projects, including Army tactical hardware, Navy missile-flight tests and payload development for NASA’s sounding rockets.

Now, the Northrop Grumman Corp. engineer is applying that real-world experience in a UMES classroom, where he teaches a fluid mechanics course.

“I was a relentless builder of things growing up,” Dr. Stanfield said. “It all started with Lego sets and model kits.”

Fluid mechanics is the study of liquids and gases under stationary and moving conditions. Students who major in mechanical, aerospace and civil engineering will likely encounter fluid motion issues when designing cars, medical equipment and duct systems, to name a few.

“Fluid mechanics is very difficult,” said Derek Cooper, a 21-year-old mechanical engineering major at UMES. “But Dr. Stanfield definitely makes it easier to comprehend.”

Northrop Grumman relocated its engineering and fabrication operation from Virginia to Somerset County in
Honors students receive first in competition

Students representing the Richard A. Henson Honors Program at UMES are recognized for their first place finish in a competition at the 19th annual conference of the National Association of African American Honors Programs (NAAAHP). Dr. Jacqueline Brice-Finch, interim assistant vice president for academic affairs, (far right) congratulated students (from left) Jeffery Locklear, Michael J. Taylor, Quiana A. Montgomery and Ashley M. Bell. The NAAAHP University Feud tournament took place at North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, N.C., as part of the conference.

Alumna receives award as a first-year special education teacher

A Maryland State Department of Education Teacher of Promise for 2010 is living up to expectations. Mary Collins, a May 2010 graduate of UMES, was recently named the First Class Teacher of the Year for Dorchester County Public Schools.

Collins, a special education teacher at Choptank Elementary School in Cambridge, Md., was selected among 11 nominees for the award. She works with the life skills students at the school. According to Jennifer Ruark, principal at Choptank Elementary, Collins “is always smiling and is always looking for new strategies to facilitate breakthrough opportunities for her students.”

“My first year has been a rollercoaster of learning experiences,” Collins said. “I am not sure who has learned more, my students or me.” Collins lists the Alternate Maryland State Assessment as one of them, having to learn how each child could access the tests and learning the information to become successful.

As for her biggest surprise—the extra hours invested apart from the school day to get all of her work completed. “It is not a 9-to-5 occupation,” she said. The extra time was well worth it. “Overall this year, I have been filled with new information and a great foundation to my future teaching.”

Collins attributes her success in her first year to supportive teachers at UMES and valuable internship experiences as part of the university’s Teacher Education Program. “Nothing could replace the hands on experiences that UMES provided me with to prepare for my first year of teaching,” she said.

UMES Day in Annapolis

Dr. Anthony Jenkins, (top row, far left), vice president for student affairs, and Gains Hawkins, (top row, far right), vice president for institutional advancement, accompanied a group of students to the annual UMES Day in Annapolis along with Louise Gaille, (fourth row, far left) coordinator, student activities. The students toured the Lowe House Office Building (where members of the Maryland House of Delegates have offices and meeting rooms), the James and Miller Senate Office Building (Maryland Senate offices and meeting rooms) and Government House, home to Maryland governors (Gov. Martin O’Malley and his family). Del. Addie Eckardt (R, District 37B—Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Wicomico counties) met with students in the Legislative Services Building to talk about the process of citizen ideas becoming bills and subsequently laws. Sen. James Mathias (D, District 39—Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties) and Del. Charles Otto (R, District 38A—Somerset and Wicomico counties) met the students for lunch and talked about issues impacting the Lower Shore. The students also heard from three UMES classmates (Sade Parker, Phylicia Henry and Clifford Glover) currently participating in political internships. The trip was funded by donations to the UMES Foundation.
Mosely Gallery highlights student artwork

UMES’ 2011 Graduating Senior Show, “Art through our Eyes,” will be on display at the Mosely Gallery from May 5 - 19.

An opening reception for the bi-annual exhibit—which features paintings, graphic illustrations, photography and comic book art by UMES seniors—will be held on Thursday, May 5, from 4-6 p.m.

“My artwork is a direct reflection of who I am as a person,” said Katherine Brown, one of six artists showcasing their work. “I do all of my art in the moment and find it varies daily. Art is an excellent way to express yourself.”

“Art through our Eyes” participants also include Robert Bennett, Yasmin Dunwell, Josh Herstein, Vivienne McCabe and Stephanie Whitley, said Dr. Anke Van Wagenberg, gallery director.

“A person makes art because there is something in that individual’s DNA that compels him or her to do so,” said Whitley, who completed her internship at the Mosely Gallery. “For that person to deny art — it would be like denying his or her own existence.”

Events at the Mosely Gallery are made possible with the generous support of the Maryland State Arts Council and the Somerset County Arts Council. The exhibits are free and open to the public.

The gallery is located in the Arts and Technology building on the UMES campus. It is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about upcoming events, call 410-651-7770, e-mail gallery@umes.edu or visit www.umes.edu/arts.

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Room dedicated to school’s first dean of the library

An exhibit room in UMES’ library now bears the name of the institution’s first dean of library services, Jessie Cottman Smith.

Smith’s alma mater paid her tribute by naming the second-floor space in Frederick Douglass Library, where she worked almost 34 years and became an institution herself.

Family, friends and former co-workers turned out for a 75-minute dedication ceremony featuring speakers, who shared colorful stories and words of praise for the woman many affectionately refer to as “Miss Jessie.”

“I almost feel important,” Smith said with a smile.

2010 to support a U.S. Navy contract. Stanfield is engineering director and deputy program manager at the facility in the Princess Anne Industrial Park.

“Part of the attraction to moving to Princess Anne, for me, was the chance to teach at UMES,” said Stanfield, who once considered teaching high school physics. This spring, he teaches a class with two mechanical and two aerospace engineering majors.

Stanfield graduated from Longwood College in Farmville, Va., with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics.

“Longwood is about the same size as UMES,” he said. “I enjoyed attending a smaller college since it gave me the chance to be more involved with the college itself. Those were leadership experiences that I have been able to apply in my career.”

Stanfield’s first job was with the Department of the Army, where he worked as a physicist for 10 years.

“I worked on landmine countermeasures and tactical deception systems,” he said. “Despite my title, they were using me more as a mechanical engineer than as a physicist, so I steered my graduate studies in that direction.”

The New Jersey native, who grew up in an Air Force family, earned a Master of Science in engineering and a doctorate in mechanical engineering from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

“I attended all of my graduate school classes while working full time and raising a family, so I understand the pressures that non-traditional students have when balancing school, work and family,” Dr. Stanfield said.

Next time someone says, “It’s not rocket science,” check with Stanfield’s students. The answer might surprise.
Dr. Salina Parveen, an associate professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology and a member of the Agricultural Experiment Station, both at UMES, has spent the last five years dedicated to research aimed at improving the safety and quality of seafood. As principal investigator working in tandem with other UMES and USDA researchers, Parveen has been awarded more than $1.2 million in external funding through the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s Capacity Building Grants Program and the National Research Initiative. One study involved Listeria contamination in blue crabs and the other Vibrio bacteria in oysters. Findings for the crab study are shared with the Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries Association and the Maryland Department of Agriculture Seafood Marketing Program, while oyster research findings are shared with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the FDA and other organizations. She is pictured above with doctoral student Meshack Mudoh. Parveen also collaborated on a journal article, “Qualitative Map of Salmonella Contamination on Young Chicken Carcasses,” which was one of the most read articles in the Journal of Food Production’s September issue.

Paul Butler, major gifts officer in the Division of Institutional Advancement at UMES, has recently had his second book published. The book, “Winning at High School,” is aimed at motivating teens to “be their best every single day.” The book provides answers, tips and strategies to identify their passions and strengths and turn them into a successful career. Butler’s first book, “Better Practices, Better Players, Better Team,” was geared to youth and high school basketball coaches. Butler has had a lifelong interest in sports, competing in high school and college athletics and as the sports director with WBOC-TV 16 for three years prior to coming to UMES. He is president and head coach of the Delmarva Basketball Academy and volunteers at Parkside High School as an assistant men’s basketball coach. The book is available at www.paul-butler.com and www.lulu.com. Butler expects it to be available on Amazon.com soon.

Research Associate Professor Fawzy Hashem is a recipient of the 2010 Project of Excellence award from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture National Water Program for his contribution in a study that examines E. coli and Salmonella in runoff water on the Eastern Shore. Hashem’s award-winning presentation to the National Water Program was titled "Microbial Transport in Run Off from Soils Amended with Different Manure," and is part of a larger UMES study titled “Pathogen Testing Metrics for Gaps in Delmarva Leafy Greens/Fresh Produce and Poultry Litter Compost.” For the full story and for more information on the run-off study or on other research being conducted at UMES, visit www.umes.edu/aes.
Michel Demanche, professor in the Department of Fine Arts at UMES, was the featured artist at a recent art exhibit at the Causey Contemporary gallery in Brooklyn, N.Y. The show, “Michel Demanche... Corrected to 20/40,” highlighted the artist’s abstract “Icarus” silverprint series and her sharply focused color work in her “Triage...Tagged Tree” series—each series a sharp contrast to one another. One series investigates perception, the other is an experiment in cognition and biodiversity.

Dr. Anke Van Wagenberg, art historian and director of the Mosely Gallery at UMES, received a Franklin Research Grant from the American Philosophical Society in support of the Weenix Project. The Weenix Project is a scholarly, art-historical research project that entails the works of the Dutch, 17th-century painters Jan Baptist Weenix (1621-1659) and his son Jan Weenix (1640-1719). According to Van Wagenberg, the research will result in a monograph on both artists, whose works are represented in the most important museums of the world as part of the Golden Age of Dutch painting. “The publication will fill a gap in art history,” Van Wagenberg said. “The Weenix project can be considered as a stepping stone in the process of shedding more light and creating a broader base for the appreciation of Dutch art.” Since 2004, Van Wagenberg has documented over 650 artworks. The grant will fund fieldwork and travel expenses to address questions of attribution and evaluate paintings in public collections in Germany, Austria and Russia.

Judith Streeter is this year’s recipient of the Kendall Service “Excellence in Teaching” Award. Streeter is the program director of Hotel and Restaurant Management for UMES at the Universities at Shady Gove, a position she has held for five years. This is the second time in the last three years that a UMES faculty member has been awarded this honor, said Dr. Ernest Boger, chair of the HRM Program at UMES. Prior to teaching, Streeter spent 31 years in management and leadership positions in the hospitality industry. She retired from Marriott as senior vice president for human resources. “I knew for more than a decade that I wanted to teach at the college level and help prepare students for successful careers in the hospitality business,” Streeter said. Streeter is pictured receiving the award from presenters (from left) Stewart Edelstein, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University System of Maryland and executive director at USG; Joseph Chirico, group vice president of corporate banking at Capital One North America; and Michael Priddy, chair of the USG board of advisors, president and CEO of Intervise.

Marcelle Schiff, instructor of music education and voice in the Department of Fine Arts at UMES, was selected to present research at the Music Educator’s Eastern Division Conference held recently in Baltimore. Schiff’s research, rooted in her dissertation work at Boston University, addresses teachers' difficulties implementing music composition in the classroom—a core standard in music education. According to Schiff, the research (with the goal of creating a theoretical model) focuses on an analysis of the educational writings of Canadian composer R. Murray Schafer, whose approach is an outgrowth of the Creative Music Movement in Canada and Great Britain during the 1960s and ‘70s. “Schafer’s work is being brought forward because it has much to offer today’s music educators and their students as it moves students from the role of imitator to creator,” Schiff said.
UMES sponsors Big Band Bash
Three collegiate bands unite for Jazz Appreciation Month celebration

In celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM), held each April, UMES is hosting the first annual Big Band Bash. The jazz ensembles of Bowie State, Morgan State and UMES gather on one stage to perform music from some of the greatest jazz composers—Charlie Mingus, Duke Ellington, Frank Foster and Count Basie—that ever lived, John R. Lamkin, director of bands at UMES, said. The event takes place on Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in the Ella Fitzgerald Center for the Performing Arts. General admission is $7, with students admitted for $3.

“The concept was the dream of one man—Tom DeLane, a retired music administrator from Baltimore City schools and a member of the Jazz Heritage Society, Lamkin said. “I felt compelled for this to come to fruition for him.”

Lamkin said each band will play a half-hour set with members from all of the bands uniting for one final piece. Following this inaugural event at UMES, each campus will take a turn in rotation in subsequent years.

Call 410-651-6571 for more information.

Conference probes health disparity challenges

American Health Program” — an organization committed to eliminating health disparities and improving the quality of life for blacks in Montgomery County, Md.

“The challenge was my motivation,” said Hunter, an exercise science major. “We had to conduct research projects and give oral presentations. I didn’t have the best weekly progress reports, but that only encouraged me to work harder.”

Warren, 21, currently serves as president of the Exercise Science Club at UMES. He said the internship reinforced his decision to eventually work at a public health facility, like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hunter and Warren both plan to attend graduate school after they receive their UMES diplomas in May.

Dr. James E. Heimdal, chairman of UMES’ Department of Exercise Science, plays a role in recruiting students for the internships. “It’s an opportunity for students to expand their horizons,” said Heimdal. “These students are our future leaders.”
Pharmacy students attend Rx Impact Day on Capitol Hill

UMES School of Pharmacy students recently participated in Rx Impact Day on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the event was for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) and pharmacists to lobby members of Congress to support a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote medication therapy management under Medicare part D prescription drug program. It also proposes fair reimbursement for pharmacists providing medication therapy management services. The students met with Faye Powers from Rep. Roscoe Bartlett’s office, James Ulwick from Sen. Benjamin Cardin’s office, and Nick Michel, from Rep. Andy Harris’ office. They also attended a press conference and a Senate meeting. Deanna Dunn, a first-year pharmacy student said, “It was an exciting and fulfilling experience for me.” Pictured from left are (front row) Tanaya Hampton; Powers; Natalie Hemphill; (back row) Dr. Nicholas Blanchard, dean, UMES School of Pharmacy and Health Professions; Justin Ogoti; Lisa Acedera; Jared Steward; and Dr. Zachary Heeter, assistant professor, UMES.

Pharmacy students take part in Maryland Legislative Day

UMES’ Pharmacy Class of 2013 visited Annapolis in mid-February for Maryland Legislative Day.

The event provided an opportunity for the burgeoning health professionals to speak with legislators about important health care issues. Students met with delegates Norman Conway, Charles Otto, Heather R. Mizeur, Tony McConkey and state Sen. Ed Reilly.

“The event gives pharmacy students a chance to interact with government officials on an individual level,” said Natalie Hemphill, a first-year pharmacy student. “The discussions we had with the legislators helps us ... understand a mindset (that is) different from our own, and gives us a chance to educate the officials on the real-life merits of the bills they vote on.”

Abduselam Suleyman and Padraic Keen also thought the day was well spent. “I felt involved and (it) made me realize how it’s important to support efforts like this for the betterment of the field of pharmacy,” Keen said.

Pharmacy Service Day promotes volunteerism

UMES pharmacy students (from left) Kiesha Patterson, Mira Sin, Agnes Elangwe and Kyle Odenwelder plant 40 tree saplings at the Somerset County Centralized Athletics Complex facility in Westover, Md., as part of Pharmacy Service Day. Students also fanned out in the community on April 13 as volunteers with Habitat for Humanity with landscaping services and for the Blood Bank of Delmarva with a blood drive at the university. According to Suzanne Murray, account executive for the Southern Division of the Blood Bank of Delmarva, 63 pints of blood were collected at the recent UMES drive. During a fall blood drive here, 48 pints were collected. Combined, the two events netted donations from 172 people—the most on record in one academic year from UMES. “Our goal is that these events will cultivate a strong sense of service and commitment for our students and future graduates to their respective communities,” said Celia Williams-Fowlkes, director for student affairs, UMES School of Pharmacy.
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