Remembering Lives Lost

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Lance Johnson
By Zachary Thompson

Dr. David Stephen Kirby, a beloved faculty member, professor, and friend, passed away on June 26, 2012 while on a vacation in Florida. Kirby, 46, was chairman of the Pfeiffer Music Department, Associate Music Professor, and Director of Bands at Pfeiffer. When asked to remember Dr. Kirby, or "DK," as his students liked to call him, one can see a light go off, as fond and cherished memories begin to surface. Students, faculty and alumni remember this man as he was: brilliant, caring and humble in every way.

"The thing that struck me most about DK was his attitude. He had a profound and honest love for all of his students. He would fight tooth and nail for us and keep us in the loop," junior Kelly Buck said.

"He enjoyed participating in the extra things that made him special to many students. He attended volleyball and baseball games and played with the pep band at home basketball games as well. He traveled extensively to support fellow musicians and attend events supporting instrumental music. He could make a clarinet sound as clear as a crisp winter's day, or like a deep, blue, slowly moving river, or even like popcorn bouncing with joy. His presentation of "The Water is Wide" brought me to tears every time I heard him perform it..."

-Dr. Ann Crutchfield

"DK was always available for anything you needed, whether it be musical advice or personal issues. It was always frustrating because he always answered your question with another question, but he just wanted you to figure out the answer," senior Desmond Harrill said.

"Dr. Kirby was tremendously supportive and very passionate about teaching and playing music. He was a strong impact to so many people he encountered in his life. Most of all, he loved his students like they were his family. I was proud to call him my friend," alumnus Lindsay Megill said.

"The Music Department will present a memorial concert Sunday October 7th at 6pm in the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel. For more information contact Joe Judge, Director of Vocal and Choral Music.

By Jamie Alcala and Jessica Homrich

The Pfeiffer community is mourning the loss of student Lance Johnson. Johnson, a member of the men’s volleyball team and the music department, passed away unexpectedly on July 29 as the result of an automobile accident.

"He was one of my best friends," student Quentin Moore said. "He made me a better person."

"Lance Johnson: you were an amazing guy. A guy to make jokes, a guy to have fun with, a guy to work hard, a guy to win the championship, a guy who was my great roommate, a guy who helped me in America, a guy I visited and his great family. A guy I’ll never forget. R.I.P. our number 11, the Great Johnson," former student, teammate and roommate Konstantin Weise said.

"I miss you everyday at classes and lessons, but I cherish the memories I have of you buddy," junior Kelly Buck said. "I will now wear number eleven as proud as I can and every chance I can get."

Johnson’s life gives students at Pfeiffer a bigger reason to pursue the things they love with the same passion Lance showed when..."
By Kane Hathcock

With all the changes taking place on campus this year, there is one that is raising a lot of controversy. The Knapp Sack on the South side of campus has officially closed.

"The Knapp Sack was a place for commuter students to relax between classes and buy snacks and drinks. With its closing a new hangout has been formed on the other side of campus called Sandella's. "We are striving to make a more student dynamic environment," said Dr. Russ Sharples, Dean of students.

According to Sharples, Sandella's will be open later and accepts cash in order to be more convenient for students and staff.

But not everyone likes the change. Rhonda Benton, a commuting student, said she thought the new location was "ridiculous." With most of Benton's classes at Pfeiffer being taught in North side buildings like Jane Freeman, the only convenient way to grab a snack is now gone.

"It's right on top of the cafeteria!" Benton said.

"Students with five or ten minutes between classes only had The Knapp Sack, now they have nothing unless they're on the South side of campus." Josh Mullis, President of Student Ambassadors, spends much of his time outside of class giving campus tours. Between balancing his own studies and his duties as an ambassador, he doesn't have much time to go searching for food.

"Options are always better," Mullis said. "I'm not always on the South side."

Sharples assures students that there are already plans in the works to address the problems put forth by commuter students. The "Blue Room" above the cafe is planned to be used as the new relaxation area for commuters.

It is equipped with couches and a big screen TV. He says he is also open to other suggestions and welcomes input about how to make the campus more commuter friendly.

By Shea McDonnell

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When traveling around campus, simple things remind students and staff of Lance’s life. He inspired many around him to always keep their head up even in the toughest of situations. Lance was never afraid to be himself and to chase his dreams. He was a genuinely amazing man of God, the most ideal friend, a wonder for all those around him and a spark in every room. He was there for anyone and everyone for whatever they could have possibly needed: always there to lend a helping hand, a beaming smile or a heartfelt and comforting hug.

In the upcoming weeks the men’s and women’s volleyball teams will be selling remembrance bracelets for $2.00. All proceeds go to the Lance Johnson Memorial Fund at Pfeiffer University.

Lance Con’t

From Pg 2

he was here.

“Every time both the volleyball teams step foot onto the court for practices and games, we’re dedicating it to Lance,” Moore said.

With each thing he did, Lance gave everything he had. Whether on the volleyball court, in class or behind an instrument, he always gave more than what was expected. He was a light in the darkness on campus and never failed to put a smile on anyone’s face. With his never-ending positive attitude, he was a model for other students on campus to follow. Lance was determined to make a difference in every aspect of his life. Willing to make sacrifices and go the extra mile for the people around him, Lance was an outstanding friend and truly one of a kind.

By Marie Wood

There is something new and mysterious on campus. Returning students are guaranteed to notice the novel way we are now required to order our books. Students are no longer expected to go into the bookstore, hunt for our class numbers, and hope to find all of the required text for several different classes at once. The bookstore has finally decided to join the twenty first century. Now students can go online and fill out a checklist of course names and numbers to receive instant feedback about required and optional texts, including ISBNs and prices.

“It’s a lot less crowded. I remember weaving through a ton of people to find my books [at the old bookstore]. This time I ordered them while I was eating lunch. It was a lot more peaceful,” junior Brittany Loder said.

Diamond Pate, a senior who has worked at the bookstore for several semesters, had a similar perspective.

“It is very helpful because we had a lot of people browsing just to get the ISBNs [in the old bookstore] and lots of people needed our help to find what they needed. This year it’s easier because people can go online and look up their classes and see exactly what they need and the prices are right there,” Pate said. She likes the new system as both a student and an employee.

“It’s still a little confusing sometimes. I mean it’s a transition year and we’re using a completely new system. It’s kind of like a baby horse trying to walk for the first time, because it’s new. Overall I think it’s just simpler,” Pate added.
**WI-FI WOES**

By Ryan Goldsmith

Now that Pfeiffer students have moved into their dorms and settled down, it's time to get to work. But if you're working online, you may experience problems. Students say that around parts of campus the Wi-Fi connection is weak. "It's just annoying. If I have to write a research paper it's going to take me twice as long as opposed to doing it somewhere with decent Wi-Fi. And if you need to stream a video you might as well just forget about it," sophomore Dale Ashford complained.

If you're an avid YouTube user you're going to have to learn to be patient, really patient. If you choose to watch a video in HD, you might have to let it load and come back to it. If you can't wait, you might have to watch the video in 240p, which is the lowest quality video that YouTube will let you view. "Watching 240p videos is a pixelated mess. I'm thinking about buying my own hotspot," sophomore Jermaine Hibbert said.

IT is aware of the wireless issues and is working on the problem. If you have any complaints or questions about Wi-Fi you can contact IT at (704) 463-3002.

**PRINTER ADJUSTMENTS**

By Joleen Hill

Pfeiffer has instituted a new printing policy for the fall semester. It all started with Pfeiffer acquiring thirteen new printers across campus. Although this recent addition has helped students with new resources for their classes, the technological advance has been met with much confusion. The seemingly most confusing aspect has been the actual process of printing. Many students do not understand the new directions on how to print. Some students are also having trouble with the new login.

"The directions [to print] that are supposed to be self-explanatory are too difficult. IT is so busy that you can't rely on them right now," sophomore Mary Boyd said.

"It took close to ten minutes to print something when it used to take a couple of minutes at most," senior Jane Meyer said.

"People have had problems, but I have not. They are slow at times, but I like the new login. They are more convenient," English Professor Kristi Embry said.

"Check email. We sent an email on directions. If you have any questions, call IT. We would be happy to answer any questions regarding the printers," IT's Brian Edwards said.

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By Jane Meyer

Recent increases in fuel prices are affecting commuter students at Pfeiffer. Students travel from various area cities outside of Misenheimer. At the beginning of the summer, prices in North Carolina averaged around $3.14 for one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline. As of August 23rd, prices ranged from $3.62 to $3.69 for the same gasoline. This increase came about the same time that students were returning to school after the end of the summer.

Current senior and commuting student Michael Brown is one of many facing this challenge.

“Gas prices are high but it’s still cheaper than living on campus,” Brown said.

Freshman Ashlyn Freeman drives thirty minutes from Stanfield, and is also feeling the pinch.

“Gas is going up every day. It’s hard, especially not having a job,” Freeman said.

The Pfeiffer University commuter student population consists of approximately 200 people. For a commuter in Salisbury or Albemarle attending Pfeiffer five times per week, driving can equate to around 100 miles per week. With an average of 25 mpg, that is four gallons of gas alone just for school. While that number may not seem like much, four gallons of gas at $3.50 a gallon adds up fast as the year progresses.

“If gas wasn’t so high, I could go home between classes. But now I can’t, it costs more,” junior Amanda McClure said.

Picture by Tyler Smith

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By Kelly Hoey

As classes begin and syllabi are handed out, students have been noticing that final exams will be taking place a week later than usual this year. Pushing back finals and making the semester a week longer is a result of mandates by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). SACS, the agency that is responsible for the accreditation process, requires that the academic calendar be 15 weeks long and students spend 15 hours per credit in the classroom. For a standard 3 credit class this means there must be 45 complete hours of scheduled class time. In the past Pfeiffer has included exam week as part of the 15 weeks but they are no longer allowed to do so. SACS determined that exam week could no longer count as the final week of the semester since so many professors either don’t offer a final exam or schedule it the last day of class.

“We looked into the possibility of starting the semester a week earlier, but unfortunately due to the graduate programs summer schedule it would have overlapped with classes and August graduation,” Registrar Lourdes Silva explained.

Reaction to the calendar change has been overwhelmingly negative.

“I didn’t mind the schedule change until I realized how much more difficult it made planning the Give Kids the World winter break trip,” Francis Center Alternative Break Trip Coordinator Beth Kaufman said.

“I disagree with it because I enjoy my Christmas break and I’m here enough as it is,” junior Zach Thompson said.

“I find it very inconvenient because it cuts into the time I get to spend with my family for the holidays, and flights are much more expensive the week of Christmas,” senior Thomas Sennett said.

Spring semester will begin a week earlier as well. Visit Pfeiffer’s website and click on the calendar tab before making your winter travel plans.

By Ashley Bowers

There are many things about Pfeiffer that make it special, and homecoming is one of them. Homecoming events are held annually on the Misenheimer campus during the last weekend of September. This year, homecoming will kick off with student events throughout the week that lead up to the weekend of September 28th-30th. Does that sound like the same song and dance as in years past? Well, here’s a twist.

This year’s homecoming theme was selected not by the Advancement Office or alumni, but by a Pfeiffer student. Brad Kenn entered and won the “Name The Theme” contest. This competition showed the student population what campus leaders are always talking about: they want to hear the students’ voices.

Kenn’s suggestion for the 2012 Homecoming theme was “I Care about Pfeiffer Because…” Using this theme, the campus started buzzing with activity as departments came together to plan the week long festivities.

“Homecoming doesn’t happen with just a single person, it’s a group effort,” commented Laura Hill, Coordinator of Alumni Events & Advancement Services. Homecoming is usually seen as a time for alumni to revisit campus and catch up with classmates, but that will be just a small part of what takes place during the 2012 Homecoming event. This year there will be more student involvement. This will also be a time to include the community that supports Pfeiffer.

Website coordinator, Callie Furr, has put in some much dedicated time to giving Homecoming its voice on the Pfeiffer webpage. There will be a link on the website that will make the alumni auction items available, as well as a place to bid on those items. The website will also contain a schedule of cultural events that are being coordinated by Sylvia Hoffmire. Students and staff won’t be the only ones involved in the events.

“Faculty involvement will increase this year,” Furr previewed.

Join the Homecoming 2012 spirit by visiting The Falcon’s Eye website and sharing your thoughts about what makes Pfeiffer special. We will include some of your responses in our next issue.
FRESHMAN FRENZY

By Kimberly Goodell

Late nights, early mornings, left over pizza and microwaveable popcorn, cute men and women and unbearable lectures, combined with a cramped dorm room, a ghastly bill, and you have the typical college experience. Many incoming Pfeiffer freshmen find themselves already overwhelmed and missing home.

“I’m planning on going home this Saturday,” freshman Katie Peeler said. “My life feels incomplete without my family by my side.”

“It has been kind of fun and kind of scary... I feel homesick,” reveals international freshman Christina Lukudu. “Even though the campus is beautiful, it is just not home.”

“I feel as if I do not belong. Like there is no place for me here,” concedes freshman Lauren Witcher. “I miss my family and it is so hard not seeing them.”

Others welcome the change.

“Do you know how long I’ve been waiting to move out?” Veronique Nero stated.

Transitioning into a new setting can be difficult for many of us, not just freshmen. But in order to ensure wonderful memories and a successful, lasting career after college, Pfeiffer has the “Pfeiffer Journey” program. Deborah Burris, Coordinator of this program, understands this transitioning process.

“In a predominately athletic campus it is especially important for non-athletes to feel a sense of connectivity, to have a support group, and to know that they matter,” Burris explained. “By instituting coaching... where freshmen are required to meet four to five times with an advisor and taking an emotional assessment test, freshmen will be granted the opportunity to coordinate everything for their future.

And consider the words of one confident and comical Pfeiffer freshman:

“I cannot stand when people tell me that I’m going to hit the ground hard once I am out in the real world. My answer to them is always that I did NOT fall, the floor just needed a hug.”
NEW SPANISH PROFESSOR

By Samuel Soto

With Professor Maria Caba out on leave for fall semester, there’s a new face to teach Pfeiffer students how to roll their R’s and hold up a conversation in Spanish. Professor Stephanie Luna-Wallace has stepped in to fill the void. Luna-Wallace is from the Concord, North Carolina area, but she has also lived south of the border in Guadalajara, Mexico. She studied at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as well as New Mexico State.

“I want students to perform well in this increasingly bilingual job place [market] and to make them aware of cultural differences,” Luna-Wallace said.

“I like Spanish class, and I think I’m going to like her,” senior Morgan Wood said.

In addition to language lessons, Luna-Wallace can also show students some moves.

“I am quite good at Latin dance,” Luna-Wallace added.

“PSYCHED” FOR THE NEW SEMESTER

By Amanda McClure

A new year at Pfeiffer brings with it new coaches, new students, and new teachers. That includes new psychology professor Rosalie Kern. Kern taught at Michigan Technological University before deciding to come to Pfeiffer.

“I really like it, people have been really nice,” Kern said.

Kern said she accepted the job because Pfeiffer felt like home.

“It had a nice atmosphere here. Everybody was really nice and genuine.” Students like her as well.

“She seems very energetic and passionate about her job,” student Tyler Smith commented.

Kern is teaching several classes this fall, including the History of Psychology.
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By Ashley Bowers

As each new academic year begins, students bring the campus back to life after a summer slumber. With all of the excitement, many students are too busy meeting new friends, learning where their classes are and unpacking to remember the one piece of advice that every mom and dad give: “Be careful!”

Campus safety has become more and more important over the years after the shootings of Columbine High School, Virginia Tech and most recently the cinema in Aurora, Colorado. Pfeiffer school officials and the campus police are always striving to put the safety of students first.

“Our biggest problem is that people keep the resident hall doors propped open,” commented Officer Beaver of the Misenheimer Police Department.

When students make it easy to gain access to the dorms, other problems such as theft and vandalism have an increased chance of occurring.

“The Misenheimer PD has created a list of safety tips and precautions that apply to all students and faculty on campus. These tips are also vitally important to the incoming freshman who may be experiencing life away from home for the first time.”

SAFETY TIPS:
1. Keep dorm room doors locked at all times.
2. Do not allow unauthorized people into the resident halls.
3. Do not prop resident hall doors open.
5. Always keep vehicle doors locked.
6. Record the serial numbers of property (cell phone, laptop, etc.) and engrave property with a distinct marking.
7. Avoid walking alone at night, use the buddy system.
8. Use the crosswalk to cross the street and use the light signals.
9. Stay alert and know the environment.
10. Show confidence and use common sense.
11. Let a roommate know if you’re leaving campus (who, where, when) and call if it will be late when coming back.
12. Know the details of an event if leaving campus (who, where, when).
13. Do not believe everything that is posted on the internet.
14. Do not give out personal information (address, cell phone number, credit card information).
15. The best way to engrave property is to use your driver’s license number.

It is unique to one person and would help us increase the chances of returning property to the student,” Beaver advised.

Students and parents may not think that crimes can or are committed in the small community of Misenheimer. But Misenheimer is not exempt from burglary and other crimes. In 2010, there were 14 burglaries reported, two people were arrested on drug abuse violations, four people were arrested for liquor law violations, five people had campus disciplinary referrals for drug abuse violations, 71 for liquor law violations and one for weapon law violations.

Pfeiffer has a police officer on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If any student has a question about safety precautions or need to report any crimes, contact the Misenheimer Police Department at 704-463-3000.

TEACHER PLACEMENTS

By Kati Furr

Last semester there were many education majors who did not get placed at a local school for field experience until halfway through the semester. This caused a lot of stress and anxiety among students and faculty in the Department of Education. Most classes that require field experience expect students to have at least 15 hours in the given school. Some students take two or three classes that require field experience, making the total number of required hours 30 to 45 hours in such a short amount of time.

“I was fortunate to be one of the first several students who received their placement,” Elementary Education major April Hinson said. “But it was still several weeks into the semester when I was placed.”

New requirements by the Stanly County Board of Education is possibly to blame for the prolonging of student placements.

“The process to be placed with the schools was stressful, having to wait for clearance was the biggest concern,” education major Joleen Hill said.

Dr. Dawn Lucas, Dean of the School of Education, says she has been working hard through the summer with Stanly County schools to make this year’s process go smoothly. Lucas says the students’ experience in Stanly schools is invaluable.
Pfeiffer University recently gave three freshman students, Morgan Barnes, Lindsay Cisco, and Sarah Hill the opportunity to travel to South Korea over the summer for a Women’s Leadership and Peace Seminar. Every summer the trip is sponsored by Scranton Women’s Leadership Center in Seoul, South Korea. Other participants included women from Bennett College and Paine College. There were also Korean-American women students from all over the country. Many people may be unaware of the fact that Pfeiffer has had a partnership with the United Methodist Women of South Korea for well over a hundred years through school connections. In fact, Pfeiffer has its very own Pfeiffer Hall at Ewha Women’s University in Seoul.

“It was a big culture and food shock. Everything seemed complete opposite of America and honestly, the history of Korea was amazing. I loved it,” Morgan Barnes said.

The program consisted of an English Vacation Bible school during the first week and a peace seminar during the second week. The students worked with children of different age groups ranging from 1st-5th grade during the English Vacation Bible School. Prior to the VBS week, participants got to know each other and learned leadership skills it would take to work with the children. They were also able to attend church services at Chungdong Methodist Church.

The main part of the peace seminar was held in Seoul. Participants visited the War Memorial of Korea and the War and Women’s Human Rights Museum. They also listened to lectures by peace activists Dr. Jong Nam Oh and Reverend Dr. David Kwang-sun Suh. There was a debate on the issue of nuclear power development. At the end of the week, students traveled to another province in Korea, Inje, where they were able to explore the DMZ forest with a guide and go to the Eulji Observatory, where soldiers are stationed directly in front of North Korea. At the end of the peace seminar, there was a ceremony held for students to declare their commitment as peacemakers and what they planned on contributing to the world.

“My experience in Korea was both a teaching and learning experience in which people from all types of backgrounds exchanged their hopes and dreams of what peace would be like not only in their own country but nationally,” sophomore Lindsay Siaco said.

“We became teachers and advocates of peace not only in our country, but in our homes, schools, and community,”

– sophomore Lindsay Siaco.

By Sarah Hill
A lot of changes have taken place at Pfeiffer since spring semester. But one change in particular has had professors, current students, and even alumni staring wide-eyed. It’s business professor Toby Poplin. For years, Poplin could be recognized by his fashion attire, consisting of all black—slacks, shoes, and shirt. But at the start of fall semester, something changed that caused people to take another look at this long standing icon of Pfeiffer academia. Poplin had been bitten by a bright, white fashion bug.

Upon return to campus, students saw a man no longer dressed in “Johnny Cash” black, but a white shirt and tie instead. Returning students who have had the pleasure of being a Poplin veteran were startled when they sat down in front of this “new” instructor.

“I had no idea it was him,” senior Sam Miller stated. “I have taken his classes for years and he always had on black.”

Questions swirled as to why this sudden change of fashion.

“He had to wait until I left to change his wardrobe,” remarked Pfeiffer alumni Michael Benson. “As soon as I leave he decides to go upgrade.”

When asked what the reason was for this fashion makeover, Poplin brushed it off.

“I didn’t even notice that I was doing anything different,” Poplin stated. “Over the summer, I realized that Elvis died, so I put on white as a show of mourning.”

Whatever the reason for this new look, it adds to the many positive changes on the Pfeiffer campus this fall. So when you are walking through Jane Freeman and you see a professor with colorful ties and he looks familiar but you just can’t place him, know that it’s Mr. GQ himself, Toby Poplin.
By Cathyleen Rice

A HAUNTING AT MERNER

One building, three halls, twenty-four residential members, and a host of ghosts to roam one place. On August 16, freshmen all piled into Merner Hall, expecting to have a great year. No one told them that the showers would be lukewarm, their rooms would be freezing cold, and, most importantly, that the place they were living in was haunted!

During the day, the halls are all quiet, but legend has it that ghosts roam the building.

“At night this hall is creepy,” proclaims student Janae Gill-Woods. “I hear noises, especially during the night, and I know for sure that paranormal activity is happening in my room, every night when I leave to shower. When I leave, my curtains will be shut, and my homework is on my desk, nonetheless, when I return, the curtains are open and my homework is on the floor, although my door is locked!”

Could this be a prank, brought on by a fellow roommate, or is this just her imagination? Can anyone explain the unknown noises coming from vents above the third floor of Merner?

“I think it’s funny how the girls on this hall freak out and get all scared because they believe we’re being haunted by ghosts. I love ghosts, and I think that they are funny and cool!” freshman Goddess Steele said.

“I’m not really scared but I do feel these halls are creepy and that someone is watching me,” freshman Lindsey Shoaf said.

Who else is dwelling in the same place as the inhabitants?

Is there any truth to the legends? Do ghosts play hosts in Merner? Well, it appears that at least some freshmen do believe in the apparitions.

Picture by Jessica Homrich
By Tongtong Xue

If you pay more attention to our college, you can see there are many international students at Pfeiffer this semester. They come from different countries, they may have different color skin, they may speak different languages, they may have some special habits, but in each of them may be your classmate, your room mate and your friend. I'm an international student from China. This is my second semester at Pfeiffer. Everything here is new and strange for me, especially the culture. The culture in the USA really is different from the culture in China. It's just like being a child again, but I think this is a great chance and challenge!

I think the orientation for international students is a very good activity for those foreigners and new freshmen from other countries. From this orientation, international students can learn all kinds of basic information about the USA. It tells them how to make sure that their VISAs are up to date, how to ask for help when they get into trouble with their courses, how to get a drivers license, how to get good grades, and how to live in a new country.

So if you run into one of us international students, please try to embrace us and help us adapt. You can help us learn about America, and perhaps we can teach you a thing or two about our culture. WELCOMING THE WORLD
ENTERTAINMENT

FALL CAMPUS EVENTS

By Mariana’ Melvin

Glow in the Dark Putt- Putt
Stokes Community Room
September 14, 2012
8:00pm

Coffee House
September 20th, 2012
Stokes Lounge

Wayne’s Skating
Albemarle, NC
September 21, 2012
6:00pm-9:00pm

Backpacking with COL
September 21th, 2012
Cold Mountain

Homecoming Festivities
September 24-30th, 2012

Old Skool Dance Party
October 6, 2012
Stokes Community Room

Rock Water and Wood
October 13-16, 2012
With COL

Coffee House
October 25th, 2012
Stokes Lounge

Trunk or Treat
October 26th, 2012
Front of Admin

Haunted Trail
October 27th, 2012
Gibson Lake

Laser Tag
October 28th, 2012
Knapp

Halloween Dance
October 31st, 2012
Stokes Community Room

Star Watching and Hiking
November 3-4th, 2012
With COL

Dance
November 19th, 2012
Stokes Community Room

Coffee House
November 15th, 2012
Stokes Lounge

Angel Tree
December 7th, 2012
Stokes Community Room
NEW COACHES ON CAMPUS

By Arianna Papaj

Last year, Pfeiffer sports closed with some great records and even a championship. But as always, there are coaching changes from year to year. There are four new assistant coaches, three new head coaches and one team is still searching for a coach.

Women’s soccer welcomed assistant coach Rich Stoneman. Stoneman has a lot of experience. Before coming here he coached at East Carolina and at Louisiana Tech.

“I love it so far. A small school suits me,” Stoneman said. “I decided to come to Pfeiffer to be in a different environment – to be in a sports environment that is family oriented, which is different from the other [Division I] schools I coached at. Also being in an environment like Pfeiffer, I get to know my players better as people and learn more about them, rather than just know them as kids I coach. It gives me an opportunity to teach more.”

Stoneman is optimistic about his team’s prospects.

“I think we will do well this year. We will be a young team but we have good leadership. This year is the opportunity for the kids who want to play to show what they have,” he added.

The men’s basketball team has two new assistant coaches, Matt Adams and Steve Enright. Both coaches bring a wealth of experience to guide the team. Adams comes from Keene State College. Steve Enright has coached at Mount Ida College and Endicott College. Enright will be participating in day to day operations. He will also help in recruiting for the men’s basketball team.

Assistant coach Chelsea Marshall joins women’s lacrosse. She comes to Pfeiffer after having an amazing playing career at West Chester University.

The baseball team has a new head coach, Dusty Blake. He spent the 2005 Falcon season as the Pfeiffer assistant coach.

The golf team also got a new head coach, Elliot Gealy. Gealy has over a dozen years of professional experience, and even had the chance to go to the PGA Tour’s 2011 U.S. Open.

Men’s lacrosse is in a time of transition. Head coach Peter Milliman resigned to coach at Princeton. The head coach position is still open. For now, assistant coaches Steve Turkington and Brad Conlon are taking on his responsibilities.

Finally, men’s and women’s volleyball welcomes new head coach Greg Walker. Walker has an extensive USA volleyball background. He has coaching experience at Juniata, Mercer, and Penn State.

“I saw both the men and women’s programs had great potential to get to the national level. They could have national exposure and I want to help them get there,” Walker said. “The women’s team can definitely shock people this year, especially on how they will end the season. As for the men, I feel they have the ability to repeat a conference championship.”

Coach Walker

Coach Gealy
This year is off to a strong start and sport teams are gearing up for a new year. One of the many teams already practicing for its new season is men's soccer. This year the soccer team has a new addition, Lee Ennis, as Assistant Coach. He transferred from Stanly Community College in Albemarle to join our Pfeiffer family.

"I like him," player David Whitaker said. "He is really nice," teammate Chandler Ligas agreed. "It was an easy transition because of the general attitude of Coach Smith and his team," Ennis said.

Head Coach Jason Smith says, "although the team still has some growing pains," he looks forward to a better year with the addition of new players. "We [the players] get along pretty well, and are trying to be friends," player Corey Davis said.

The team has a couple more scrimmages to play, but the official season starts the middle of September.

Coach Lee Ennis

With a new assistant coach and new players, men's soccer aims for a conference title.
SPORTS

NEXT LEVEL

By Rodd Baxley

For athletes like Anthony Davis, the transition from high school to college can appear seamless, but for most athletes the change brings a period of huge adjustments.

“I came from a great high school soccer program in Durham, but one major difference between there and here is the physicality,” Pfeiffer freshman soccer player, Imani Nahatsi said.

Athletes also have to adjust to the academic side of things in college.

“This has been a strong student, but there are a lot more distractions in college. Plus you don’t have your parents here,” Nahatsi said.

Pfeiffer Athletic Director Mary Ann Sunbury knows a thing or two about college athletes making that transition to the next level. As a former coach and college athlete herself, Sunbury has lived the experience.

“Students need to realize the demands on them both athletically and academically are going to be much tougher. Time spent studying and in practice is going to be longer and more intense than what they did in the past,” Sunbury said.

“My advice to freshmen is to learn from the coaches and listen to the upperclassmen as they have been through what you’re going through right now. Work hard in your sport, and excel in the classroom because like the NCAA says, most of you will go professional in something other than your sport.”

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