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CFO 'Guardedly Optimistic' in ABU Financial Troubles

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A loan default exceeding \$35 million has left Alderson Broaddus students feeling leery about the future of their education, but Interim Chief Financial Advisor Dennis Stark assures students that he 'would not have come here if he thought the university would close.'

"My primary focus while I'm here is resetting the debt so we [the university] have breathing room. We, meaning myself and President Barry, are setting the table for our permanent replacements," says Stark.

The problem is that Stark does not know what the answer is yet. Administration is currently working on a plan to implement an optometry graduate program, but money is an issue. According to Stark, the approval to integrate the program has been made. The next step is collecting the funds to start construction.

Currently, Vice President of Advancement, Jay Nussel, and his team are working on the "Passages Campaign." In creating this campaign, the Advancement Office hopes to begin raising money to renovate the old Broaddus Hospital to become the new optometry school.

Stark says, "Tuition and common expenses just aren't cutting it for the university. The optometry school has the potential to add income so we can pay off the debt we have accumulated. The problem with that is

we need to raise more money to get the school up and running."

Owing over \$35 million in loans and defaulting on the first payment to BCBank, administration had to devise a new plan to try and restructure the debt. This process not only included restructuring, but also appointing an interim president, Dr. Tim Barry.

The university currently has three loans in the form of bonds: a group of Series A bonds amounting to \$34.275 million; several Series B bonds totaling \$2.51 million; and Series C bonds totaling \$680,000.

"I was selected by the board specifically to face the financial problems AB was facing. We've met with the bondholders about the restructuring of payments and they've agreed to standstill. We meet again soon, and we hope to get another extension," Stark says.

The biggest problem with relying on the optometry school to pull ABU out of debt, according to Stark, is the time it takes to create the graduate program. The timeline that administration has created allows optometry students to begin admittance in four years. Once that "freshman class" graduates, the school will truly be up and running.

Stark reassures students that they have nothing to worry about.

"The school is very unlikely to foreclose. Faculty and staff are being paid. Main-

tenance is being done. Food is being served. Everything is running the way it should be. Trust me, if I thought the university would foreclose, I would not have come," Stark says.

Stark says he is guarded due to the financial situation of the university, but he is optimistic.

He says, "I have learned what a wonderful school this is in my short time here. We have a beautiful multipurpose stadium and we were successful in recruiting athletes. We built what we wanted, so that is done. Now, I am here to help with the aftermath."



"Interim Chief Financial Officer, Dennis Stark, enjoys the view from his office. He says, "Looking at such a beautiful campus really keeps everything in perspective."

Photo by Emily Porter

Does Concealed Carry Mean More Safety for Students?

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Kent State University, May 1970. Columbine High School, April 1999. Virginia Tech, April 2007. Sandy Hook Elementary School, December 2012. Umpqua Community College, October 2015.

Each of these institutions has one thing in common: All were the site of some of the most heart-wrenching school shootings in the country. In each instance, teachers, students, or young children lost their lives at the pulling of a trigger.

In light of these shootings, the question has been raised as to whether or not schools and colleges should allow concealed weapons on campus as an extra safety precaution. Should security officers in schools be licensed to carry firearms? Should professors and even students - if holders of a concealed weapons permit - be allowed to carry their weapons? Is open carry or concealed carry more appropriate in these situations?

Open carry refers to a firearm is in plain view, such as in a holster on the hip. Concealed carry refers to a firearm held by a person that cannot be seen.

To obtain a concealed weapons permit, one must be a permanent resident of their state and meet additional qualifications. This process has several requirements one being, the individual must complete a course in handgun training.

West Virginia is just one of nineteen states where universities and colleges are free to decide their own weapons policies. Alderson Broaddus University's handbook states: "The use or possession of knives, firearms (including CO2 and spring-propelled weapons), explosives, explosive substances, or other weapons (as defined by the West Virginia Code, Section 61-7-2 . . . fireworks, flammable liquids, bows and arrows or CO2 and spring-propelled weapons is prohibited on all University property and University sponsored activities."

This not just a rule at AB, it is also a law in the state of West Virginia. According to usacarry.com, even if one does have a concealed weapons permit, they are not allowed to carry their firearm at "primary of secondary school-sponsored functions or events" and on "primary or secondary school property."

Interestingly enough, 55% of West Virginia's population owns firearms many of which hunt for recreation. This begs the question: What of students who own firearms or bows strictly for recreational hunting purposes?

When asked if students could check their weapons in for hunting season, Matt Sisk, Director of Campus Security, said, "Nothing says that we can't do it, we just currently don't."

If this weapons policy

were ever approved, students would be able to check their weapons into the security office for hunting, but would have to have them back to the security office within a twenty-four hour period.

An individual's state residency, depends on whether they can concealed carry in other states. According to usacarry.org, there are fourteen states that will not recognize a concealed weapons permit that was issued in the state of West Virginia. For example, New York state will not recognize permits issued in West Virginia, nor recognize permits from any state.

One senior AB resident said they would not be comfortable with security guards carrying weapons. "It is very easy for accidents to happen," said the resident. They went onto say that armed security guards would only heighten a dangerous atmosphere.

Another junior resident of AB says that they are much more comfortable with concealed carry versus open carry. "I would feel a little safer if teacher had a concealed weapon," the source said. The reasoning behind this view is that in school shootings, the teacher is always the shooter's first victim.

Both of these residents, though, had reservations when asked about students checking their weapons in and out of the

security office even if it is strictly for recreational hunting. "What if a student doesn't check their weapon back in?" one resident asked, concerned. "What are they going to do about it?"

These are valid concerns to be considered in this delicate topic. On the other hand, the voices of those who would like to hunt for recreational purposes should be considered as well. Senior, Caleb Lowry, is one such individual.

"For someone that hunts I would love to be able to have just one gun on campus that would allow me to not miss deer season." Lowry stated.

But this also raises lots of questions. "How does the school go about making sure that the students that do have the guns are up to date with their hunting license and tags?" Lowry asked. "Would they check the contents of the case or safe to make sure that the gun was unloaded and a trigger lock was on it?"

Lowry stated that, if it would allow him the privilege of hunting, he would go through registration and law checks if it ever came to be that guns used strictly for recreation were allowed on campus.

Ultimately, security's job, and number one priority, on any college or university campus, is to ensure the safety of the students. And state laws aid and assure that in the case of firearms, safety is their priority too.

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Students Participate in NYNU Speaking Series

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Professor Lara Foster and 8 select students have taken the phrase, "New year, new you," to a whole new level. On Tuesday, February 23rd starting at 11 a.m. in Funkhouser Auditorium, these students will present on eight topics related to wellness: physical, spiritual, emotional, social, intellectual, occupational, environmental and financial.

"When Professor Foster asked me to participate, I was apprehensive at first, but it's a great opportunity. I feel like, as a junior and as a Resident Assistant, I can offer a lot of great advice to underclassmen," says Marcus Hardinger, participant in the presentations.

Students participating are: Rory Winwood, Emily Porter, Marcus Hardinger, Kari Ibson, AJ Stapp, Darius Hurst-Rodney, Jordan Butler, and Nicole Goldsby.

During the event, each student will give a 10-15 minute "Ted Talk" with their best advice on each section of the wellness wheel.

Professor Foster says, "Students like this are what keep me going."

Admission to the presentation is free to students and \$1 for faculty and staff. For more details, please contact Lara Foster at fosterlm@ab.edu.



Second Annual Winter Carnival Planned

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In the spring of 2015, Alderson Broaddus University (ABU) brought back a tradition from the 1970's known as the winter carnival. During the first plentiful snowfall of the year, ABU cancels classes and provides games, competitions, and other activities for the students to involve themselves in.

The members of the Campus Activity Board (CAB) and Student Government Association (SGA) worked together to come up with activities for the students to take part in. Some of the activities planned are: a gingerbread house competition, a snowman building competition, sled riding, games and movies, and a hot chocolate stand.

Junior Brittany Minor said, "I joined in the activities from last year's Winter Carnival and it was definitely one of my favorite days of the year. It felt nice to have a random day off of classes just to have fun. I really hope we can do it again this year."

Freshman Shelby Riddle said, "I'm from Vegas and I really hate the snow, but from the way everyone has described the carnival, I'm thinking that it's something I might actually enjoy. Who knows, maybe it'll actually help me enjoy the snow."

The winter carnival did not occur during the first snowfall of the spring semester this year because of unexpected and inopportune timing. The members of CAB and SGA did not have all the material necessary to run the winter carnival during winter storm Jonas. It is not known whether or not the carnival will be able to happen this year due to the cancellations that occurred during Jonas, but CAB and SGA are working with faculty to try to make it happen.

Interim President Barry Welcomed to ABU

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Dr. James "Tim" Barry has been named Alderson-Broaddus University's interim President. His time at ABU began on December 7 of 2015 and Dr. Barry has since then created a positive atmosphere for the students and faculty.

With a new year comes a new and fresh beginning of the next chapter for the university, and Barry has proved interest in helping develop the next chapter for ABU.

With a love for small liberal arts institutions and a strong background in enrolment management, marketing, strategic planning, admissions, development and advancement, the Midwest native has the tools and desire to take the university to the next step in its development and evolution.

With never having spent time in the south, Barry found himself drawn to the rural community and the unique history that spreads throughout the rolling hills of West Virginia.

"When I first came to Alderson-Broaddus I found a dedicated and supportive group of people and staff," Barry said. "I found a rich history and a

quality institution."

When asked about his thoughts on the strengths and weaknesses of the university, Barry had several important thoughts he wanted to address.

"This university's staff has a strong sense of leadership and dedication to this school," Barry said. "You can't put a price on the dedication and love the staff of this institution has for the students and this place. There is such potential for growth in this community, the opportunities are in abundance. We are in a transition, but that certainly isn't a weakness. We have to be opportunists and a people of faith of what we can become."

During Barry's time at ABU, he plans on putting his extensive background of skills to work.

"During my tenure as president, I want us to evaluate and update the strategic plan, and continue to work on our financial situation," Barry said.

"We need to bring our plans to the present and shoot them out a couple of years, but we should also declare victory where it is due. We need to clar-

ify and assess enrollment management and ask ourselves how we can be better, how far have we come and how far we want to go."

Dr. Barry's passion for interacting with students has driven his desire to go beyond the call of duty.

"I've really enjoyed my time with the students," Barry said. "I want to make myself present with them. The reason I wanted to do this is to foster the development of the students so that they can become contributing members of society. I feel extremely humbled to get to be a part of it."

"At this institution we do two things, we teach and we learn," Barry said. "That doesn't mean older people teach younger people. That means I'm learning from you and you're learning from me. Together we learn and together we teach. I think that's what makes this such a special place."

Barry feels an enormous amount of pride by being able to be a part of this institution, and looks forward to what the future holds for Alderson-Broaddus.

Features

More Bucks for Your Books

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Even those with the financial means to pay for textbooks struggle as textbooks remain expensive and book stores continue to buy back books at lower prices. Keith Sarver, a Sophomore at AB, provided the condition of his books as well as the amount he got in cash from the campus bookstore. The Battler Columns has decided to compare the return a student may get on Amazon compared to the campus bookstore.

Amazon has offered a quick and easy way to rent and return textbooks for some time. Recently, customers have been given the option to appraise and turn in their textbooks either to Amazon or approved buyers. Rather than receiving cash compensation, the money is credited to the seller's Amazon account in the form of an online gift-card.

The online process is quick and easy - Amazon emails package labels (it is up to the seller to get the book to a UPS location). Despite the wait for shipping, the extra money earned can easily go towards next semester's books. Amazon carries nearly all of the books sold on campus, including electronic key-codes for online books. However, some students prefer to have the cash immediately.

"I know I would get more on Amazon, but I prefer having the cash in my hand immediately," said Keith.

In the end, it is a matter of convenience for the person selling the books. Anyone looking to sell books for next semester should consider Amazon first and get estimates before committing to a quick sale at the bookstore.

Commuter Advantages and Disadvantages

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If you ask any student, resident or commuter, they would probably agree that being a commuter while attending school has some ups and downs. For people who are campus residents and do not experience college life as a commuter, here are some of the pros and cons.

Advantages:

1.) Home-cooked meals

Many people consider this to be the biggest advantage to living at home. What student would prefer cafeteria food over a home cooked meal? Compared to eating on a college campus, Mom's legendary lasagna takes a strong lead.

2.) Sleeping in your own bed

Even though everyone gets their own bed on campus, it does not compare to peoples' beds at home. There are few better feelings than arriving home after a long day and face planting into a nice, big, comfortable bed.

3.) Never having to pack

Campus residents know the struggle of constantly living out of a suitcase. Packing to go home, unpacking, then packing to come back to school and unpacking again gets old, and fast. Fortunately for commuters, the issue of making sure they packed their favorite sweatshirt to bring back to school is never a problem.

4.) Saving money

Commuters have the advantage of saving themselves a few thousand dollars a semester by living at home instead of on campus. This is really important when thinking about life after college because debt is a major stressor for most college graduates.

5.) Having a personal hideaway

Sometimes, the stress of college can overwhelm students and often make them go a little stir-crazy. It feels nice to occasionally get away from campus and take a break from everyday life. For commuters, the ability to get away from campus and destress is only within miles from campus.

Disadvantages:

1.) Getting up earlier than necessary

While living at home has its perks, getting up earlier than the majority of campus residents is not one of them. Depending on a commuters distance from campus, some may get up a couple hours prior to their first class of the day in order to complete their morning routine as well as drive to campus.

2.) Parking

Instead of stepping outside the door and walking to class, commuters have to worry about finding a parking space relatively close to their classes while also trying to avoid being late to class because of the limited parking. Sometimes the only option is to park so far from their class that they end up getting an unplanned morning workout in by walking from their car to their class, which is all the way across campus.

3.) The weather determines your day

Depending on the time of year, commuters may face the struggle of battling the harsh weather conditions just to make it onto campus for the day. Making it to class when your car is snowed in is less than ideal.

4.) Not getting the full college experience

For those who live off campus, their only time spent at school is for class. Their interaction with other students is not as constant as it is for campus residents. Because they do not live on campus and in dorms with the rest of the students, commuters do not get to experience some of the exciting things the campus has to offer.

5.) Living out of your car

For most commuters, going back home between classes is not an option. Most have to haul all of their books and supplies for the day in their car or backpack. Along with books, the occasional commuter will bring a change of clothes or two to keep in their car to be prepared for whatever the day brings.

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First Generation Students Take on College

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In today's society, college attendance is almost an automatic decision. Some college students are in a long line of college attenders, while some others are the first in their families to strike out on the adventure of higher education. According to collegeboard.org, only 54% of first generation college students enroll in college directly after high school.

For junior Biology major, Takia Williams, there are both positives and negatives to being a first generation college student. In particular, Williams says that there is a greater pressure of not letting anyone down.

"You have to make sure that your family never sees your weakness because then they would think you could not accomplish your goals, no matter how understanding they seem to be." Williams explained.

But, despite this pressure and the stress that is placed on any student, Williams said that she knows all her hard work will pay off in the end. In addition to her determined mindset, Williams credits her success to her support system at home.

"My family members speak highly of me and tend to speak about me to other members of the community so when I come back home I get a lot of complements on my success in school." Williams commented. "My mom supports me 100% and she always have my back no matter what my decisions are."

Creature Comforts on Campus

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Sarah and Megan, their real names are retracted, are sophomores this year at Alderson Broaddus University (ABU), and they are not just sharing a common room with two other roommates. An adorable kitten pounces around piles of school books - everyone is having a blast.

The four month old kitten is full of energy. Her fluffy, gray tabby fur adorably protrudes from her tiny neck. The girls wonder what a mess this dorm could be when she is full grown.

Despite the university allowing students to have fish, Sarah and Megan wanted something a bit more comforting and furry to distract them from piles of homework.

"We believe that since we got her, we have performed better academically," Sarah said, "she's like a therapy pet."

Resident advisor (RA) Eric Davis said, "Sometimes I see dogs being walked around Kincaid."

Sarah began planning to have a cat in her dorm last year and knew the importance of having roommates on her side.

"At first they did [want her], but then she became a nuisance. They love her, but I have to take care of her," said Sarah, talking about her roommates.

Despite all of the love they may have for the cat, Davis realizes that pets can be more than just a nuisance in a small dorm.

"People will make stupid decisions. I think a lot of the time people get in trouble they don't recognize residence life's reasoning for it," Davis said.

Davis pointed out that students often find stray cats roaming campus, and even find ads on Yik Yak, a popular app among college students, advertising "free puppies!" Although the dog or cat may be free initially, the costs add up. Students need to consider fines, shots, food, litter, and anything else that this animal will need to survive. Everyone in the room gets fined for extermination fees, as well as any other damages the pet causes.

"You could have a pet in a room where someone is allergic to cats. You're screwing over the people you live with," Davis said.

Sarah and Megan believe that their cat is beneficial overall. "It feels more like home. She's like our child, she helps us with responsibility," the girls said.

Davis and the entire residence life staff realize that this issue is not solvable at this point. Students simply hide pets in other dorm rooms or take it off of campus temporarily. Despite this, Eric thinks the university will most likely never allow pets.

Davis said, "It is too much of a health and safety issue."

However, some RAs do not recognize how much of an issue it is.

Megan said, "[Our RA] literally doesn't care. [The RA] warns us about room checks."

"We shove her in the ottoman or a suitcase. Or pretend we're showering," Sarah said.

Regardless of the comfort a pet can provide, a student should weigh the pros and cons of trying to care for an animal while living in a residence hall. At times, college can make a young adult feel like they can barely care for themselves, let alone care for another life.

Athletics

Senior, Richard Lemon, Scores 1,000th Basket

BRITTANY PACE
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Richard Lemon, forward Alderson Broaddus University's Battler basketball team scored his 1,000th basket during his final season at AB. Lemon has played for coach Zimmerman the past four years and one day aspires to become a collegiate basketball coach.

Of his athletic accomplishment, Lemon says, "It felt good scoring 1000 points because coming into college I didn't think I would be able to reach such a milestone. He was not able to obtain this goal in high school due to injuries and feels blessed to achieve such a huge accomplishment. This is a major achievement for not only Lemon as a player but also for the team.

The Philadelphia native began playing basketball on the playground when he was only 6 years old, and hopes to continue playing on a professional team overseas after this semester. Lemon will be graduating in the spring of 2016 with a major in sports management and a minor in business administration.



Richard Lemon #15

ABU Cheer and Dance Compete at Cheersport National Competition

BRITTANY PACE
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The ABU Cheer and Dance team traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to compete at Cheersport on Valentine's Day weekend. Newly appointed head coach, Kristi Dewalt who previously assistant coached AB's acrobatics and tumbling team, led the cheer and dance teams to the national competition.

This is the first time both teams have traveled to a national competition. "I am very proud of both teams! They did awesome and cheer had a very tough division and only lost to Division 1 schools which was a great accomplishment" Dewalt said.

The 14 hour road trip from Philippi to Atlanta was a challenge for Dewalt, who is eight months pregnant. To assist, ABU's director of Marketing and Communication, Ashley Mittelmeier, accompanied the teams on the trip, keeping fans updated through social media along the way.

An astonishing 1,136 teams from all

over the country competed at Cheersport. Both teams performed Saturday and Sunday. The cheer team was in fourth place out of nine teams in the level 4 coed college division, but dropped to sixth place overall.

However, both teams hit a near perfect routine and were content their rankings for their first competition. The Dance team won first place in their division and received championship jackets. This was not only a great accomplishment for AB but also for both teams.

Alderson Broaddus was represented with much pride in Georgia and made a name at Cheersport for our tiny D2 School. The team plans to keep improving next year and attend a summer cheer camp with some of the top cheer programs at NCA in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



ABU Cheer & Dance Teams
Photo submitted by Brittany Pace

5th Year Seniors Return to Field

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Four years ago, with a vision in mind, Alderson Broaddus University brought back a football program that hadn't been at the College since 1930. With approximately 175 players coming in on the first day of training camp in 2012, roughly 18 remain on the roster to this day.

Two of the players that were there on that sunny August day for their first day of training camp were Kicker Jordan Butler and Linebacker Bo Arthur. Bo Arthur looks forward to the upcoming 2016 season as he takes full advantage of the 5th year of eligibility that the NCAA granted the 2012 football team.

"I love football and I love my team" said the Linebacker, "These are some of the best times of our lives and I want to grab every memory I can get my hands on".

Jordan Butler, on the other hand, is looking to forego his 5th year opportunity to do something that is heavy on his heart. "I'm going into ministry at a church back home. I would love to play football again but serving my God is more important to me than anything" said Butler.

Memories being made is something that comes in all aspects of life, including sports. The two Battler's have made plenty of memories from the first day of training camp in 2012, to now. Arthur admitted "Winning the trophy at Kentucky Wesleyan has been my favorite memory" and for Butler, "Creating a winning tradition. Creating new traditions and a new culture was cool and all, but to be able to be winners was a huge blessing and memory".

Traditions have been made, a culture has been established, and memories have been cherished. For the other 17 original Battlers alongside Bo Arthur, they have one more year to do what they can to add to the list of traditions, the culture that has been set, and to grab a hold of the memories that will last a lifetime.



Returning Senior, Bo Arthur

ABU Acrobatics and Tumbling Team Making Progress In Third Year

MORGAN LEAF
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As the season starts for the spring sport Acrobatics and Tumbling, many people are asking themselves 'What is Acrobatics and Tumbling?' The development of different forms of gymnastics that uses only floor exercise, Acrobatics and Tumbling involves tosses, tumbling, acrobatic lifts, and pyramids. An Acrobatics and Tumbling competition consists of six events –compulsories, acrobatics, pyramid, toss, tumbling, and team events. Within these six events, there are 20 different rounds of competition. The teams compete head to head with real-time scoring based on execution, like a gymnastics or diving meet. During a competition, the athletes display their strength, power, flexibility, and balance. Acrobatics and Tumbling is a sanctioned sport through the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association (NCATA). The current colleges that compete include all levels of the NCAA – Division I, II, and III.

As the Battler Acrobatics and Tumbling team begins their season, they keep in mind their 2015 season when they finished 6th in the nation in addition to some exciting firsts: Alia Nolan became the first Alderson Broaddus University All-American, Head

Coach Jacqueline Eshleman was named NCATA Coach of the year, and the team's '7 Element Acro' earned the title of National Champions.

On February 8th, the Lady Battlers

268.15 to 232.22 with the Lady Battlers leading.

After the meet, Senior Amorette Hughes stated, "I am very happy that I am the first one in the NCATA to get a perfect score."

On February 14, the Lady Battlers traveled to King University in Bristol, Tennessee, where they posted another sweep over Glenville State and host King University. The Lady Battlers tallied 262.905 while King finished with 253.74 and the Glenville Pioneers with 243.46.

The Lady Battlers are 3-0 as they head into the weekend where they host Fairmont State University and Quinnipiac University.

Head Coach Jacqueline Eshleman said, "I felt very prepared and the most prepared this meet compared to any other meet in the past years." This upcoming home meet on February 20th is against Quinnipiac and Fairmont State, a local hometown rival, and will prove a good test as both of these teams are of the original teams that pioneered Acrobatics and Tumbling. This will be our annual cancer meet to support childhood cancer.

Eshleman stated, "The team is only going to go up hill this year. They are going to work mainly on cleaning up skills from now on."



First home meet of the season v Glenville State
Photo submitted by Morgan Leaf

hosted the team's first meet of the season against Glenville State College's first Acrobatics and Tumbling team. The Lady Battlers swept all of the events from under the Glenville State Pioneers. During the acro heat, the Lady Battlers scored a perfect 10.0 in the twist pyramid. The final score was