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Benjamin Stevens plays in new Johnson E-Sports Room. Photo courtesy of Danielle Thurman.

C-SC welcomes new E-Sports program



By: Danielle Thurman
Staff Writer

Culver-Stockton College unveiled the new sports team that will be on campus starting next year on Wednesday, Oct. 11. The Culver-Stockton College “Electronic Sports,” or

E-sports team, originated from the club that was formed three years ago.

“Recently, the board of trustees unanimously approved the addition of a new athletic program,” said Kelly Thompson, president of C-SC. “It is with great pleasure that I announce a new competitive E-Sports program, which will begin in the fall of 2018.”

A new room, the “Johnson E-Sports Room,” is named after Scott Johnson, a 1971 graduate of

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Safety and Security on C-SC’s campus



By: Megan Blickhan
Business Manager

With a team of trained security professionals, it is easy to feel safe here at Culver- Stockton College. Being located only five minutes away from the nearest police station could lead to the students feeling safe in the community.

Unfortunately, we also live in a world that suggests dominance by political opposition leaving the potential stance of many unsure on the controversial topic of gun control, particularly guns on college campuses. Missouri is one of sixteen states that currently ban

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“The mission of Culver-Stockton College is to provide students of promise a superb education within an active learning community founded upon integrity and the best values of faith and the human spirit.”

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Culver-Stockton, and his wife Jo. The two have generously donated state of the art equipment.

This room will be in Brown Hall, named after the former president of the college and his wife. It is estimated that this room will be completed within a matter of months.

"This room will house not only the most technologically advanced computer systems available on the market, for our varsity squads," said Joseph Liesen, executive director of institutional technology. "It will also

contain gaming consoles, large screen TVs, and a virtual reality space for 3D games." The room will also be open to students and faculty on campus when the team is not in practice.

"The decision to add the program came after months of market research and three successful years of hosting an E-Sports club team," said President Thompson.

The college will be one of the first in the tri-state area to offer this program.

Culver-Stockton is joining a number of institutions across the United States, as well as Canada, in welcoming the sport.

"You may have recently seen E-Sports matches on ESPN, as this billion-dollar industry continues to grow," said Liesen. "Professional E-Sports matches are filling venues such as Madison Square Garden and the Staples Center, and they sell out in a matter of hours."

The plan to start recruitment will begin immediately. There will be scholarships offered for a variety of popular games, some of those being Overwatch, League of Legends, and Hearthstone. Students will be allowed to fill out forms on the new website, esports.culver.edu, to show their interest in the team. The

spot for a coach is open, and they are desiring to have the spot occupied soon.

The goal of the group is to create a highly competitive co-ed program. The first prospective student for the team will be visiting the campus within the next few weeks.

"Seeing this fully coming in place at Culver was a dream come true," said Benjamin Stevens, a senior criminal justice and legal studies major, who has been a part of the club for the three years it has been around. "The club has already won our first game against Bellevue University."

Pizza Hut delivers what Culver-Stockton students want



By: Jasmine Campbell
A&E Editor

The Pizza Hut located only three-fifths of a mile from Culver-Stockton College has made the decision to start delivering their menu items straight to student dorms. This is a new experience for C-SC students as this opportunity hasn't been offered for a long time.

"I was so happy when I learned about this," said junior biology major, Kayla May. "It makes getting Sunday dinner a lot easier."

Pizza Hut has been delivering to dorms since Oct. 2 and some students at C-SC have already taken advantage of this new opportunity.

"I've had around 15 deliveries just by myself since we started this," said sophomore nursing major Madison Eisenberg, an employee of Pizza Hut.

This delivery system is not new, as Pizza Hut used to deliver before, but they decided to stop because they weren't generating a lot of profit from it.

Last year, they set up a contract with the school to deliver on Sundays but ceased delivery again for the same reason.

"We decided to start delivering to the dorms because our store profits have been low," said Eisenberg. "Since we started though, we've more than doubled our profits."

This is not only a new opportunity for Pizza Hut but also for those students who cannot drive but need to eat on Sunday nights.

"It's hard trying to find a ride on Sundays because everyone's busy with homework and other activities," said junior finance major Tiffany Irby.

Due to new business, Pizza Hut is hiring delivery drivers as

well as other staff.

"A word of advice," said Eisenberg. "Students should call in their order because sometimes the online orders don't go through."

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Staff, have a
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HALLOWEEN!**



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concealed carry on campus.

“There has not been any conversation of arming any security staff or allowing anyone to carry and conceal in the near future,” said Mike Bringer, the director of campus security and facilities. “Based on our geographic location, proximity to local police aid, and past history of low crime rates, we will leave the gun carrying to our local and state police officers.”

The conversation may be halted on C-SC’s campus, but some states have lifted the ban on firearms on college campuses, and others have made it up to the individual institutions.

According to C-SC student handbook, “The Cat Tracker,” the policy “prohibits anyone other than commissioned police officers from carrying weapons on campus.”

A weapon is defined as “any object that is designed to cause injury or shoot a projectile. This includes paintball guns, blowguns, pellet/bb guns, archery equipment, knives with blades over four inches long, and ammunition.”

The campus is protected by 24-hour security with a team of officers who routinely patrol campus, conduct security surveys, provide student escorts, and answer the phone at any time, day or night. Faculty and staff also receive extensive safety training annually, which also includes mass shooter training.

“Culver takes no short-cuts by mandating every incoming student, both freshman and transfer, to complete Campus Safety 101,” said Skip Barton,

assistant director of campus safety. “This is important so that every student on campus is aware of the emergency communication efforts that go out. Also so that everyone is trained in proper protocol for any potential threat to campus.”

Another safety option for students is the anonymous “Silent Witness” program, which

security receives immediate notifications upon submission.

Students have access to this form on “MyCulver” under the “Campus Life” tab. Security and Student Life encourage students to use this service to anonymously report crimes or minor emergencies immediately.

For more information on

C-SC policies, reference the student handbook, “The Cat Tracker,” which can be found at www.culver.edu. Students can also stop by the campus security office, which has an open door policy and is located in the Gladys Crown Student Center. For an immediate emergency, call Campus Security at (217)-440-6394.



Campus safety officer outside of Johnson Hall. Photo courtesy of Megan Blickhan.



First time "Rocky Horror Picture Show" viewers lined up on the stage before the movie. Photo courtesy of Laura Johnson.

"Let's do the time warp again," it'll drive you insane

Students view cult classic "Rocky Horror Picture Show" in downtown Canton



By: Laura Johnson
Editor In Chief

Students of Culver-Stockton College headed downtown to the Lewis Street Playhouse movie theater to watch "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" the night of Friday, Oct. 13. The college and the community merged together in the theater for the movie that has become a cult classic.

With the price of admission, attendees were given a prop bag. During this show the audience was encouraged to participate by screaming, throwing, and making noise.

"It is an unusual experience," said Jade Cheffy, a senior elementary education major.

"It's not usually acceptable to yell out things during a normal movie. In this one you can yell out, you can talk to your friends, it's more laid back."

Along with audience participation, members of the crowd dressed up as characters from the show. This included everything from French maid costumes, to homages toward the character Magenta, to fishnet stockings representing Dr. Frank-N-Furter.

"It is super fun and a great opportunity to dress up and go see a movie with friends," said Mary Maddox, a senior music education major, who was dressed up as the main character Dr. Frank-N-Furter. "My favorite part was dressing up."

The plot of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" follows a recently engaged couple,

Brad and Janet, who get lost driving to visit an old friend. They end up at a castle belonging to Dr. Frank-N-Furter. Brad and Janet come to find that Dr. Frank-N-Furter is hosting a party with a wide assortment of interesting characters.

"This was my first time watching the movie," said senior pre-med major, Anna Stock. "I didn't know what to expect because my perception was solely based on pieces of information I had gathered over the years, so I went in with an open mind ready to embrace the Halloween spirit."

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is a musical where audience members are encouraged to not only sing along, but get up and dance. "The Time Warp" is the most

notorious dance number, with moves explained during the movie.

"The time warp was so fun," said Stock. "Still in my open mind mood, I went down to try this new dance I had never done before. I was very glad that the moves were explained in the movie. I also got applause for my tap solo which was amazing."

The Lewis Street Playhouse located on 405 Lewis Street in Canton, Missouri has made a tradition of showing "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

"I would definitely like to see more people at this next year," said Maddox. "It's a lot of fun, it's a good experience, and it's something to do in town."

The next showing at Lewis Street Playhouse will be "Cars 3" on Oct. 27, 7:00 p.m.

Chi Omega: Week of Wishes raises money for Make-A-Wish

By: Sarah Sparrow
Staff Writer

Chi Omega organized an entire week of philanthropic events to raise as much money as possible for their national charity, Make-A-Wish.

Make-A-Wish is a charity centered on improving the lives of children with life-threatening or chronic illnesses. Make-A-Wish works to grant the “greatest wish” of these children. This could be anything from a trip to Disney World, to being a Firefighter for a Day.

Chi Omega selected Make-A-Wish as their national philanthropy in 2002, and since then have raised over nineteen million dollars for the charity. In addition, Chi Omega members have contributed nearly one million volunteer hours for Make-A-Wish.

“Our Fraternity’s goal is to have both collegiate and alumnae chapters become increasingly involved in volunteering and fundraising for our philanthropy,” said Macie Spencer, a Chi Omega member. “Through this, all Chi Omegas can understand the importance of service to others as a founding principle of our sisterhood.”

To kick off the week, Chi Omega hosted a live stream with Make-A-Wish representative, Alisha Abbot.



A member of Sigma Kappa, Jessyca Dorsett, makes crafts. Photo courtesy of Sarah Sparrow.



Students learning about Make-A-Wish at the opening. Photo courtesy of Vanessa Bolen.

Abbot gave insight on her role within the charity, as well as information on recent wishes that the charity has granted. Video testimonials of children that had their wishes granted were played displaying the impact that Make-A-Wish had on the lives of the children and their families. This event was worth one ACE credit and was held in the Lab.

On Tuesday night, the fraternity hosted an event entitled “Yoga Under the Stars.”

“Since Make a Wish is commonly associated with a blue star, we were hoping to be able to host it outside; however

the weather was less than permitting so we moved inside to the Mabee Center,” said Spencer. “I led a strengthening and stretching yoga session for one hour and all proceeds were donated to the organization.”

Wednesday, volunteers from Chi Omega sold blue “wish” stars outside of the cafeteria during the lunch and dinner hours. Those who wanted a wish star were asked to donate a dollar or more to the charity. In addition, they hosted a waffle night where a \$2 entrance fee gained students access to endless waffles.

“Race a Fish for Make-A-Wish” was hosted Thursday night,

followed by a pumpkin carving contest on Friday evening.

“Overall, Wish Week was a success for raising awareness as well as fundraising,” said Spencer.

Sigma Kappa: Nursing home crafts brings the spooky spirit to the elderly

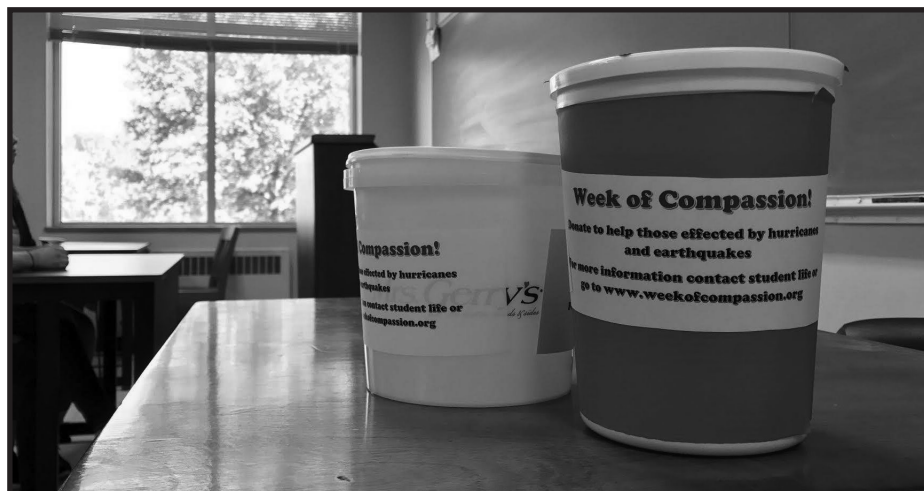
By: Sarah Sparrow
Staff Writer

Members of Sigma Kappa visited the Lewis County Nursing Home to participate in a service project on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Smiles and craft paint surrounded several long tables as members crafted with the residents, creating a small pumpkin, a bat, and Frankenstein door decorations.

“One of our values is personal growth,” said Kerri MaGraw, Sigma Kappa member. “Helping others allows us to learn more about ourselves and grow. We can see the difference we make.”

Sigma Kappa has five philanthropic organizations that they support both in acts of service and financial aid. The Sigma Kappa Foundation, Inherit the Earth, Gerontology, Maine Sea Coast Mission, and the Alzheimer’s Association are all a part of Sigma Kappa’s philanthropic mission.

“My favorite part for sure was seeing how happy it made not only my sisters but some of the residents as well,” said MaGraw. “Overall, we had a great time, and I think they did too.”



Hurricane relief donation buckets. Photo courtesy of Megan Blickhan.

Local hurricane relief



By: Megan Blickhan
Business Manager

With the recent wave of natural disasters attacking North America, many organizations have stepped up to provide resource aid. Culver-Stockton College is working to become involved. With students from a variety of states across our great country, the string of natural disasters has affected many here in the C-SC community.

From record-breaking hurricanes invading America's southern and eastern coast all the way to rattling earthquakes ambushing thousands in Mexico, it affects many here at C-SC.

"Like most really great ideas, the suggestion of a hurricane relief fundraiser came straight from the student body," said Dean of Student Life, Chris Gill. "It is important to see that service learning is at the heart of what Culver-Stockton College stands for."

Dean Gill has partnered up with Chi Omega, Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) student chapter on campus, and the Disciples of Christ church in downtown Canton.

Disciples of Christ has connections through a remarkable network called "Week of Compassion" that responds to humanitarian needs all across the globe.

"We have selected a very specific criteria for Week of Compassion," said Darby Brundage, IMA chapter president. "One hundred percent of the proceeds are going directly to the hurricane and earthquake survivors."

They have planned to do a week of fundraising by giving every C-SC instructor a collection jar to place in their classroom. Every professor keeps their collection jar in an available location during all times of the day. The jars were to be distributed on Monday, Sept. 25 and would be counted on Friday, Sept. 29. For students that are interested, you can become involved by going to www.weekofcompassion.org.

Megaphone MCMA awards



By: Maggie Houska
Features Editor

The 2016-2017 Megaphone Staff received awards from the Missouri College Media Association (MCMA). The staff feels both honored and proud to receive these accolades and would like to present them to our readers.

The 2016-2017 staff included:

- Tyler Hamilton, Editor in Chief
- Daniel Smith, Business Manager
- Vanessa Bolen, Photo Editor
- Maggie Houska, Features Editor
- Cheyenne Peterson, Ed/Op Editor
- Evan Leake, Sports Editor
- Laura Johnson, A&E Editor
- Kira McGrotty, Copy Editor

The awards won are:

- Second Place, Column, Laura Johnson
- Second Place, Editorial Writing, Cheyenne Peterson
- Third Place, Photo Page, Megaphone Staff
- Third Place, Sports Photography, Megaphone Staff
- Honorable Mention, Feature Photography, Vanessa Bolen

Hamilton explained what it was like to receive these awards. "It feels great receiving these awards, and the entire staff worked hard all year and produced a great

paper. Getting recognized for that shows the level of commitment everyone had to better the Megaphone."

Hamilton explained that it didn't come easy all the time, but the bumps in the road were worth it. "Overcoming obstacles is the first thing you have to learn with this kind of a job. People have different schedules and other commitments that take time away from the paper so finding the time to put together a quality paper is always difficult."

Transitioning into the 2017-2018 school year, both new and veteran writers are being brought together.

"I've been on staff for four years," said previous Arts and Entertainment Editor, and now current Editor in Chief, Laura Johnson. "It's incredible to watch different staffs come in and continue to learn and grow. I've always been incredibly proud of our staff. It is wonderful to not only receive recognition myself but to see other staff members who work so hard be appreciated."

Johnson also talked about this year's staff, and how she believes they can continue the legacy of previous Megaphone staff members.

"We have a really new and diverse staff this year," said Johnson. "Despite the early bumps in the road, we have continued to strive to learn, and we look forward to getting better every issue. I cannot wait to submit to the MCMA again this year again. I hope to keep winning more awards and representing Culver-Stockton College well."

Freshman partake in first-year experiential learning



By: **Jasmine Campbell**
A&E Editor

At Culver-Stockton College, it is required for every incoming freshman and transfer to take a First Year Experience (FYE) class. This class is a general education requirement used to help engage students in an experiential learning environment helping to achieve the goal of student success.

Each FYE class is different and gives students a chance to pick a class that might better suit them. This year, two different professors came together to create an experience that might appeal to many students.

"Dr. Giltner and I were brainstorming last year about how to create a really engaging

FYE topic that would appeal to students from all majors and interests," said Dr. Lauren Schellenberger, one of the FYE professors involved. "We thought it would be a topic that also went very well with the student success objectives that are at the heart of the FYE curriculum."

The title of these two FYE classes is "Hollywood Goes to College."

"It's about how college life is depicted in the movies," said Schellenberger. "Both Dr. Giltner and I are teaching FYE sections using the same topic and assignments, and our classes occasionally meet together."

Students are put in groups to create this film and share their experiences of college life so far for their final grade.

"We're making a movie," said QJ Thomas, freshman business and psychology major. "We're trying to give the perception of what college

life actually is versus what you see on TV. It's very interesting."

This type of experiential learning can be used to draw students to C-SC and keep them engaged while they're here.

"I think this type of learning sets C-SC apart from other schools because it's more engaging and innovative," said Schellenberger. "It allows us to get to know the students while also encouraging them to become the best learners and citizens they can be."

For some students, experiencing the things they're learning helps them learn better than just listening and taking notes. Some are visual learners who need a bit of hands-on work as well.

"I feel that hands-on learning is great for me personally because I have ADHD and I have to move and talk, so I learn better this way," said Thomas. "I feel like the visual aspect of it helps other students as well because most

people are visual learners."

Another aspect of this project is the incentive to make a great movie. After all the movies are made, both classes will join together for a viewing of each movie. There were be two films that are chosen to win the grand prize.

"We will be showing the top two films at the Lewis Street Playhouse on Nov. 12 in conjunction with a screening of "Animal House," which will be open to the public," said Schellenberger. This is supposed to entice students to take pride in their work and to have fun while doing it.

"The most fun part of this has been getting to share my opinions and experiences and seeing how my group members perceive things differently than I do," said Thomas. "I really hope not only to get an A on this project but come out of it with some real life experiences and skills."

Women of Promise hosts professional clothing drive

By: **Kimberly Doll**
Staff Writer

Sometimes it can be difficult to find professional clothing, especially as college women. Thankfully, here at Culver-Stockton, the Women of Promise Organization will soon host "Women's Professional Clothing Day."

"Women of Promise is an organization on campus that focuses on women and issues that affect women specifically," said Political Science and Legal Studies major, Madison Cowell, who also serves as the Women of Promise president. "Our goal

is to be inclusive, informative, professional, and goal oriented. For women on campus, it is good to know that there are other likeminded individuals who will support you in your personal life and support you in achieving your goals. That is exactly what this group is about."

This day is to help women find professional clothing. It can be helpful to those who would like to expand their closet, or those who need a new outfit for an interview, internship, new job, or even a class presentation.

All of the accessories and clothing to be given out that day are generously donated by numerous alumni, people

around the area, and members of C-SC. The clothes are free to the students.

"This year has been extremely successful. We have worked hard on collecting clothing for this drive," said Cowell. "Business clothing is often expensive, and it is really nice that an opportunity like this is available to the women of our campus. It is a first come first serve, and there will be lots of different business items available. Our goal is to help you on your path to success in any way that we possibly can."

There is going to be a wide range of sizes and variety available. The "Women's

Professional Clothing Day" will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Meaders Lounge located in the Gladys Crown Student Center.

"If you feel like donating as well, you can contact myself, or Kara Mandrell, who is our faculty advisor, we will gladly take any donations and can make arrangements to do so," said Cowell.

During the clothing drive, a seamstress will be on hand to make any needed alterations on garments.

The Women of Promise organization will meet Thursday, Oct. 19, during lunch in Johnson parlor.



Logan Walker (left) and Brett Colton (right) practicing lines for the upcoming play. Photo courtesy of Jasmine Campbell

One acts, times three: Action! Action! Action!



By: Allen Seaton
Staff Writer

The upcoming act, “A Night with Edward Albee,” had their first rehearsal on Oct. 2. The acts will include a cast of familiar faces from the previous plays hosted by Culver-Stockton College.

“Edward Albee is an absurdist playwright, so the plot tends to be a bit over dramatic, strange, and occasionally nonsensical,” said Hali Liles, a junior musical theatre major. “I know that to most people that may be rather daunting, but I love theatre of

the absurd.”

There are three separate one act plays that will be performed during the show. The titles of these one acts include “Fam and Yam,” “The Sandbox,” and “The American Dream.”

“Keep in mind they’re completely separate,” said Brett Colton, senior theatre major. “As soon as one act ends and the other begins, completely forget about the rest of them for how the next one is going to be seen.”

For the upcoming one acts there will be 16 different cast members, which means there is a variety of talent for the viewers. The show is said to be a bit different in language and

context than what some viewers might be used to.

“Come in with an open mind,” said Liles. “The language that Albee uses can be difficult to understand and follow at times. It’s just a style that you have to get used to.”

As with most plays, the detail in this one is very important. “A Night with Edward Albee” varies each act but they all have one thing in common: The complexity of each situation.

“Pay close attention to everything,” said Liles. “Things that may seem insignificant have a tendency to end up being very important later on.”

Each character will bring a very different acting style to

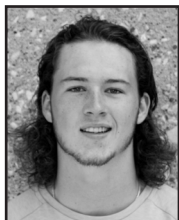
the show, making the whole production unique. These styles are said to be different for each actor participating as well, which gives audience members the chance to see a variety of methods from these familiar faces.

Acting can also be an important outlet for students on campus.

“Honestly, it’s probably one of my most favorite things,” said Liles. “I really couldn’t imagine this play without it. It’s such a rush.”

The opening night for the play is set for Nov. 2 and the acts will be going on through Nov. 4. The play is going to take place in the Little Mabee Black Box Theater.

Culver-Stockton's music department comes together



By: Brody Hassel
Staff Writer

On Saturday Oct. 14, the Choir and Wind Ensemble performed in the Alexander Campbell Auditorium at Culver-Stockton College. This concert marked the first annual "Choral Invitational" and featured the Canton R-V High School Choirs as well.

As the concert began, the audience's attention was shifted towards the stage as the Wind Ensemble performed a piece titled "The William Byrd Suite." The Ensemble was followed by C-SC's Chamber Choir performing a piece from their upcoming tour.

"My favorite piece from the concert was definitely 'When the Earth Stands Still,'" said Hali Liles, junior musical theater major. "It speaks a lot about what is going on in the world right now. There's lots of mass chaos and struggle and many of us try to go through it alone; It's all about reminding those who feel lost and who are tired that they are not alone and I think that's the message we need to hear most right now."

This concert was an important one for the music department, especially since both departments were involved. Liles gave a heads up on the importance of choir at our school.

"For me personally, choir is important because it's something that I'm very

passionate about," said Liles. "I didn't used to like it, but I met a professor here at Culver that really changed my perspective and then I became obsessed."

The choir department explores different areas of music and shares them with different high schools on their choir tour. This way of learning not only improves their voices by playing with different types of music but also gives them experience.

"I really think that choir pushes you to be a well-rounded individual. You learn different languages and all about other cultures," said Liles. "You learn to work together to create an amazing final product that we get to share with our audience and in

my opinion is always worth the work we all put in."

The Wind Ensemble made up the other part of this concert where they performed a classic piece.

"The William Byrd Suite is as very old tune, one I personally liked performing. It is a piece that, in a way, takes me back in time," said freshman communication major and french horn player, Jessica Beaver. "In some ways it has an impact on the Ensemble, because older songs like these might take longer to practice, you have to feel comfortable with your part."

C-SC's Wind Ensemble is different from other types of bands in regards to how they play.

"Everyone makes symphonic band, but not Wind Ensemble,

only one person is assigned to each part so there is no doubling on anything," said Beaver. "It helps you get a feel for where your part comes into play in the group and is not just about playing by yourself."

The joining of the Chamber choir, Wind Ensemble, and the Canton High School choirs was a message of unity through music.

"You make lifetime friends and become a part of something bigger than yourself, a family," said Liles.

The "Heaven and Earth" concert was just a warm up for the choir's upcoming tour. The Wind Ensemble's next concert will be on Nov. 12 in the Alexander Campbell Auditorium.



Culver-Stockton College Chamber Choir during the "Heaven and Earth" Concert. Photo courtesy of Vanessa Bolen.

Northern California fires create state of emergency



By: **Matt Kuhl**
Ed/Op Editor

Northern California is experiencing some of the deadliest fires in the state's history, killing over 40 people with many still missing. The fires have also destroyed over 8,400 buildings. The fires consist of the Redwood (36,000), Pocket (12,000), Tubbs (37,000) Cascade/ La Porte (16,000), Sulphur fire (3,000) and the Nuns (49,000) (all these numbers are approx. and in acres).

Due to the winds seen in the areas of the fires such as Sonoma County and Napa County, not only are most trees and other greenery dry but this also carries the effects of the fire across the state.

"In California it is extremely common to see quite a few wildfires each year, however this year is completely different. Due to the extremely dry conditions across the state this late summer and early fall, the fires have been some of the worst we have had in decades," said Grant Thompson, class of 2017. "It is really sad, because almost all of the fires have actually been started by people, whether they were on purpose or accident."

The air is not healthy to breathe in and there have been many changes to avoid harm.

"Kids were kept inside, masks were worn, 'spare the air' days were announced and there were



Smoke pollution in California. Photo courtesy of Hailee Kuhl.

potential evacuation warnings," said Heather Kuhl, freshman at Cupertino High School. "We all tried not to expose our lungs to the smoke, our schools kept us inside as much as possible. We wore blue to show our support to those who had to evacuate."

Since my knowledge of the fires in California near my home I have been worried for my family's safety. Upon further findings the fires were not close enough to my house as to where I would have to worry about them spreading there.

This is due to the elite firefighters in California and

the great communities that are always helping others in time of need.

"Many retired firefighters across the entire state have rejoined departments as volunteers because there is not enough support to fight these fires," said Thompson.

Although the fires were a couple hours away, the repercussions of the fires and the smoke traveling have me constantly reminding my family to take care of themselves.

"The air became really hard to breathe and my mom and

I, who have asthma have been constantly using our inhalers," said Kuhl.

Due to the smoke in the air, schools cancelled class and sports events including indoor volleyball. With the tremendous support of the surrounding communities, the efforts to recovering are already in the works.

"When other people began to hear about the fires, those affected were shown so much support, overwhelming even," said Kuhl. "They received so many donations that they had to send some back."

Advice Column: Time is slim unless you manage it



By: **Matt Kuhl**
Ed/Op Editor

With three weeks left in the 12-week portion of the semester, things are piling up. Multiple tests in a week accompany homework because professors are trying to fit everything in before the semester is over.

Along with all this, sports teams are nearing playoffs and other school activities, such as choir, have been traveling. Let's not forget everything else outside of school and sports that hold a place in our lives.

Time management is a must have in efforts to get everything taken care of and still have time for oneself. Personally, I am an RA, an editor for the newspaper, an international student ambassador, on the baseball team, and am enrolled in 20 credit hours.

I understand the hectic schedules that most of you have. Everyone is on different pages in the book of life but we are all in this together. So if you see a friend struggling with being overwhelmed, refer them to this article.

The first thing to do when figuring out time management is prioritizing. For me, the things I hold highest in my life go in order from family, friends, baseball, and then school. There are always things that come up with our families, whether your family is 15 minutes away or hundreds of miles.

Because family comes first

to me, I set a day, Sunday, to call my family and catch up on their week and to fill them in on what is going on in my life. This has been great for me because, being from California, it is hard being away from home and I get homesick often. Being able to talk to them every week helps with this and allows me to get motivated for the rest of the week.

Next on my list is my friends, those back home and those who are here at Culver-Stockton. Friends will support you through anything that you are going through and it is important that you do the same.

Try and find time to hang out with your friends whether it be for an hour when you have free time after homework, practice, or when you have a night free of responsibility. This will allow you to relax and be able to let off some steam.

Baseball is next. Whatever sport you are in or whatever group you are a part of, to make the most of it, takes practice. With countless hours of practice, it is important to be able to work on what you do outside of team work. This can happen whenever you have free time, if you are able to plan this into your schedule it will allow you to maximize your progress.

As far as school goes, knowing due dates is the key to being on top of your work. This allows you to plan your week in advance. Putting reminders in your phone to alert you when you think you will be free is a great tool in planning. Getting ahead whenever you can will

allow you to not be too stressed out when professors decide to assign tests, quizzes and long homework assignments all due at the same time.

Another option to help in time management is combining aspects of your life. For example, having friends over to study or inviting friends to practice with you. This will allow you to take care of multiple things important to you at the same time.

Whatever your priorities may be, it is important to manage your time to be able to get everything in when there never seems to be enough hours in a week. This will show you that there are many more hours that can be used productively.

Naps are also crucial to have enough energy to get through all the events in a day. Napping in between classes

or before practice will help make up for the sleep you might have lost staying up late to finish your homework or hanging out with friends.

The most important piece of your day is making time for yourself. Whether it be doing something you enjoy besides all of your responsibilities such as knitting, video games, listening to music or going on a walk it is important. Having time for yourself allows you to get away from everything you may be dealing with.

Managing all of this may seem overwhelming and you may not have time to get it all in, but that is why prioritizing will help you stay in a positive mindset throughout life. Being involved with what you love and being able to deal with what you don't, are necessary activities that all start with time management.



New faces of the volleyball court: Katelynn Schimsa



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With every new season of volleyball, comes several new faces. One new face in particular is that of new setter and health science major with a focus in physical therapy, Katelynn Schimsa.

Schimsa played her high school career in Imperial, Missouri at Seckman High School. Schimsa explained how volleyball caught her eye at an early age and how one major influence helped by just getting her to where she needed to go.

"I started volleyball in third grade," Schimsa said. "I fell in love with the competitive atmosphere and the coordination it took and wanted to play at the highest level I could. My mom was my biggest supporter and took me to tournaments every weekend, two to three practices weekly, and a lot of lessons."

Schimsa's first experience actually started outside of school.

"I started in third grade church league and played in that until eighth grade, started club ball in fourth grade and participated through my senior year, and played in intramurals from sixth grade through eighth grade as well as sand leagues in the summer. I took any opportunity to touch a volleyball."

As with any athlete, there was a specific reason why Schimsa choose to play volleyball.

"Volleyball is my sport because

I love the team aspect," Schimsa said. "You're never on the court alone, and when you're having a rough day you have your team to help you through."

She also elaborated on what makes in good volleyball player in her mind.

"In order to be a good player you have to be willing to play for the person next to you. Even if you're having a bad day you put it behind you and give everything you can because that's what it means to play a team sport."

There were a few reasons why Schimsa was drawn to C-SC.

"I loved Culver's campus!" Schimsa said. "I liked the smaller school atmosphere and after talking to Coach Kemner, I really felt like this would be my home away from home. The health science program is great and the professors really work with you. Everyone on the team was very welcoming and made it easy to feel like a part of the team immediately."

Schimsa explained that the season has gone well so far and that her and other freshman players have begun to find their niche.

"The freshmen, including myself, bring a lot of enthusiasm," she said, "As a setter I'm learning to be a leader on the court. Blair Genenbacher, middle, is an amazing athlete and a great teammate. Sailor Gengenbacher, right side, is our comedic relief. She's always making someone smile for some reason or another. Kaylee Murphy, outside and defense, is such a sweet person and is



Freshman setter, Katelynn Schimsa. Photo courtesy of P.R. & Marketing.

willing to go in wherever and whenever to get the job done. We bring a range of talents and I'm very excited to get to further my career with them."

Schimsa also stated her hopes for the rest of her stay here at C-SC.

"I look forward to watching the program progress," Schimsa said. "I look forward to what Coach Kemner can teach me about improving my skills and I can't wait to keep playing with these amazing and talented teammates."

Bringing a well scouted freshman class like Schimsa's can be crucial to the program.

"A good well-rounded freshman class is very important," said head coach Caren Kemner.

"Each year, as that student athlete becomes more accustomed and confident, they create a higher level of expectations and responsibilities, which hopefully carry through in turn not only to the incoming class but up the ladder as well."



Senior Stephanie Brennan receives gifts from fellow teammate, Kristi Chinn. Photo courtesy of Emma McKinstry.

Women's soccer honors seniors and the late Joshua Houchins



By: Jarious Smith
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The Culver-Stockton Women's Soccer team seniors played their final game as Wildcats on NX Level Field.

Each senior received a personalized poster to go along with various other gifts celebrating their career coming to an end.

Those Wildcats include Jamie Gilley, Heather Pendegraft, Bridy Garnon, Leah Miller, Kelly Tomlinson, Stephanie Brennan, Kadee Karkkainen, and Yarithza Felix.

All of them have attended C-SC for at least three years which led to great chemistry between them

on and off the field.

"We have all been around each other for so long we don't let the little things bother us during games," said senior Heather Pendegraft, a psychology major. "We hang out with each other outside of practice, eat dinner together. We like being around each other and it helps on the field."

As an international transfer, Bridy Garnon had to make an adjustment moving across the water to attend C-SC.

"It's been difficult at times dealing with injuries and missing home but this team has helped me keep everything together and just continue to have fun playing soccer," said Garnon. "I love these girls and they make coming out here competing against other teams easier since I

know they have my back."

The Wildcats played a tightly contested game throughout the Heart of America Athletic Conference match.

Senior Leah Miller scored in the 25th minute for her 11th goal of the season. The Wildcats fought hard but conceded a 74th minute goal which was the game winner.

Freshman Courtney Croghan continues to play solid in relief for Kehley Bitzas who is out due to injury.

The team wore black stickers with white lettering reading "Hooch" on the back of their jerseys.

The women's team was honoring the recent death of Culver-Stockton alum Joshua Houchins, a close friend to Head Coach Tyler Tomlinson.

The parents of senior

Stephanie Brennan purchased the stickers for the team so they could pay their respects.

"Even though it was our senior day, we felt like this was something we wanted to do for Coach Tomlinson," said senior Kelly Tomlinson. "The seniors have been through the process and we wanted to show that our thoughts and prayers were with him."

C-SC, now 8-7-1 overall, will close out the season with contests at Clarke on Oct. 24, and will then attempt to spoil William Penn on their senior night Oct. 28.

The Wildcats are slated to return to conference play Wednesday, Oct. 4, against Missouri Valley College at NX Level Field. Game times are 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Seniors Shane Ponder and Matt Kelly talk football

Their experience and yearnings playing for Culver



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Hailing from Troy, Missouri, senior health science major, Shane Ponder has been a part of this football squad since his freshman year.

After the various ups and downs the team has had, Ponder has decided that he will miss playing on the field every Saturday.

"I am going to miss practicing and competing with my brothers," said Ponder. "Battling and competing on the game field with my teammates by my side, as well as the camaraderie that has developed throughout the season, the traveling and making the best of all situations with my guys."

Ponder will forever be grateful for what he has done here and the people he has met along the way.

"I have made some lifelong friends and met some amazing people being in this program," said Ponder. "This team is going to do great things in the future and I am excited for them."

Being on this team for four years as well as holding a leadership role has shown Ponder what being a man is.

"This team this year has really put me into a leadership role," said Ponder. "I have learned to help lead a young group of guys through quite bit of adversity."

Ponder always believed in playing the game with passion and joy on the field with his teammates on the field.



Shane Ponder (left) and Matt Kelly (right). Photo courtesy of P.R. & Marketing.

"It has helped me come into my own and try to help and have fun with all the guys as much as possible."

Coming from the Chicago area in Mundelein, Illinois, senior business administration major Matt Kelly has also been a part of this Wildcat football team since he stepped on campus.

"I'm going to miss everything," Kelly said simply. "But I mostly going to miss the offseason workouts, it's very powerful and important to have a group of people in a room all working towards a common goal."

The Wildcats dropped to 0-8 after losing to Benedictine 52-7.

"I think in order for us to come out with a win this

weekend, it is going to take everybody winning their individual battle on every down," Ponder said. "People always talk about the athletes and the teams who 'want it' more than the others. We have to want it more any team when we play. If we can stay focused on the task at hand and fight harder than them, we could definitely come out on top."

Though the scoreboard may not reflect it for the Wildcats, Ponder believes the defense has progressed tremendously throughout the year.

"They have had to go against some of the best offenses in the country every week. They have done a great job of keeping us in games as much as they could," Ponder said. "As an offense, we

score a few more touchdowns and all of a sudden, our games are a lot different. Our defense has done a great job this year."

In Kelly's eyes, it is not something on the field but something within the players.

"Confidence has improved significantly every single week," Kelly said. "Our coaches preach that understanding that we can compete and win in this conference is important."

With three games left on their schedule, and the last two being at home, the Wildcats look to end on a good note with their seniors making their departure.

The Wildcats will travel to Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday to face sixth-ranked Grand View University, and kickoff is slated for noon at William Stadium.



Senior Greg McCrudden settles the ball in midfield. Photo courtesy of Becca Holley.

Culver pulls off victory against ranked opponent in a thriller



By: **Matt Kuhl**
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Senior day, Saturday, Oct. 21, for the Wildcats is a day that the seniors look forward to nearing the end of regular season play.

"The days leading up to senior day are always exciting," said James Morris, senior finance and business administration major. "We all know how important it is to get a win and everyone wants to play for each other."

Prior to taking on (20) Grand View University, the Wildcats celebrated the seniors who have been playing together for four years.

"Playing with the other seniors has been one of the

best things I have ever done." said Pierce Robinson, senior sports management major. "They are some of the most talented people I have ever met and have become my best friends which means a lot to me. I will never forget this bunch for the rest of my life."

Earlier in the week the Wildcats fell 0-5 to (12) Central Methodist University looking to bounce back with a win against (20) Grand View University.

"A win would be massive, not only for the seniors but for the whole team," said Morris. "A win against a ranked team would really put us in a good position and give us some momentum going into play offs."

The "blood, sweat and tears" Robinson said the seniors have put in the last 4 years paid off today as the Wildcats beat (20) Vikings 1-0.

The first half was controlled mainly by the Vikings who maintained the majority of possession with multiple scoring chances, but were unable to change the score board.

Toward the end of the first half the momentum began to shift the Wildcats' way resulting in a few scoring opportunities but nothing to show for it.

As the second half began, Culver-Stockton maintained the intensity with more scoring chances, but were still unable to scratch the board. With 11 minutes left in the game, the Vikings took the momentum back and were pressuring the Wildcats with multiple shots on goal but nothing to show for it with Nick Luciani in the net.

With three minutes left, the Wildcats started to press for the game winning goal and were able to set up a four on

two situation where Greg McCrudden was able to pass the ball to Matteo Ghezzi beating the left back with ball movement down the field.

This left Ghezzi one on one with the keeper with 12 seconds left in the match. Ghezzi was able to find the back of the net and the Wildcats team and fans went crazy as they jumped out of their seats to celebrate the 1-0 victory.

Overcome with excitement, Ghezzi took his jersey off which the referee was not pleased with issuing him a yellow card, but the crowd kept celebrating.

Culver-Stockton is looking to pick up two more wins and continue their momentum as they take on Clarke University on Tuesday, Oct. 24 before finishing off the regular season with William Penn University Oct. 28.