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Student voices heard in town hall meeting



By: Laura Johson
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On Oct. 26, a panel of representatives from various departments at Culver-Stockton College answered questions from students in Meaders Lounge. Town Hall is run by the Student Government Association (SGA).

"I love the Town Hall," said Dr. Chris Gill, Dean of Student Life and a panel member for the event. "It's a chance for the administration to hear from the students and to answer questions that are on the students minds. I think that's really important to have that open and transparent conversation."

One question brought forth during the Town Hall was the issue of parking on campus. Mike Bringer, director of campus security and facilities, highlighted the actions that have already been taken to alleviate the parking problems. Over the

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"You tell us, we'll answer. It's as simple as that."

– Chris Gill



Student body attends the Town Hall meeting. Photo courtesy of Becca Holley.



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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.”

C-SC women gain self-defense skills at RAD classes

By: Sarah Sparrow

Staff Writer

The Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class is offered at Culver-Stockton College to give women an opportunity to learn how to defend themselves against a staggering statistic: One in five women will experience sexual assault in their lifetime, according to the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice.

"RAD is a program that incorporates education to develop knowledge, skills and abilities in training, dependency on self, decision making, and self-realization of physical power," said Skip Barton, RAD instructor and Culver-Stockton College campus safety officer.

Barton led three separate three hour long RAD sessions on Oct. 26, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6 to educate the student body and community on the importance of self-awareness as well as to instruct on self-defense movements.

RAD sessions have been held on Culver-Stockton's campus for the past seven years. Barton completed 30 hours of training to be qualified to teach the course.

"I feel that Culver-Stockton is aware that things such as rape and assaults happen," said Keylee Gregg, a senior criminal justice major. "They want the best for their students and want their students to be prepared for all situations."

On Nov. 6, the RAD class had their final meeting where

they implemented all of the self-defense moves they learned through the course. All participants wore protective gear to shield themselves during the session.

"The RAD program prepares the students who take the course to be more aware and ready to fight back if a student or person is ever in a bad situation," said Gregg.

Barton simulated scenarios the women may come across while alone, such as being grabbed in an alleyway or attacked from behind. Before each student implemented their moves, they loudly and clearly said "no" to try and deter the attacker, and stood with their hands on the torso, prepared to use force if necessary.

"I gained confidence and I feel more prepared," said Gregg. "Skip (Barton) was very

supportive and really made me believe that I could survive in those types of situations."

Physical moves of protection are taught in RAD because, although everyone always has their arms and legs with them, they may not have another weapon. Throughout the simulation, Barton reminded the students to look for what limb they could use to inflict pain on their attacker.

"The goal of RAD," said Barton, "is to empower and build confidence in women by means of self-awareness and self-defense."

In addition to RAD, other campus organizations have brought to light the issue of sexual assault. Several weeks ago, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity held a panel entitled "Down in the DMs" as a presentation to open

conversation on the issue of sexual assault.

Culver-Stockton has incorporated the use of Haven, an online course on sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and sexual harassment with the FYE (First Year Experience) curriculum that is completed by all freshmen.

Students are educated on how to identify sexual harassment within the student body. In addition to identification of sexual harassment, Haven highlights the importance of not being a bystander when an issue is witnessed. The goal is to prevent sexual assault before it happens.

Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to contact the police, Campus Safety at (573) 288-6300 or C-SC's counselor, Susan Moon, at (573) 288-6420.



Skip Barton demonstrating self-defense moves in RAD class. Photo courtesy of Sarah Sparrow.

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summer the Henderson parking lot was paved and organized. There was also an additional parking lot built by Brown Hall that added 23 spots.

"The parking situation surely affects students," said SGA president, Ben Hooker. "However, right now there are more parking spots on campus than students registered with vehicles."

Bringer explained at the town hall that parking will be a focus in the next couple of years. Until then, he encouraged students to park at the available spots, even if they are inconvenient.

"I like that those in charge of the school take time to come together and answer questions face to face with the student body," said Dominic Heberlein, a senior criminal

justice major. "I feel like the school listens to the legitimate concerns of the student body."

Bringer was also questioned about the lighting in Stone Hall, Wood Hall, Weldon Hall and the Carl Johann Library.

Bringer encouraged students to come to him about lighting concerns. He wants every student to feel safe on campus.

"I think student safety is the biggest factor facing Culver-Stockton right now," said Hooker. "I believe that is imperative moving forward."

There was an addition of over 30 new LED lights over the summer break.

"I believe it was a productive meeting," said Heberlein. "I feel as though good conversations were started that will lead to a better campus."

Dr. Kelly Thompson, president of Culver-Stockton, was questioned about the next major project planned for C-SC. She said that there were plans in motion for an increase in square footage to the Crown Center and the Field House. Specifically, plans for the cafeteria and new lockers.

"I think that we're moving forward," said Gill. "Shannon just got renovated; we have a new residence hall. President Thompson mentioned the Field House and the Crown Center. I think the students would agree both of those areas need some 'TLC.' I can't wait to see where we're at five years from now and what kind of changes there are on campus by then."

The ending question was about the transparency between the head offices and the students. Gill offered advice for students who are seeking more answers.

"Go into the offices and ask questions. Go ask, 'why?'" said Gill. "You're paying tuition. Every single person on the panel's door is open. There are no secret meetings where we're trying to do things behind closed doors. You have to come and ask. We don't know what you want to know about. You tell us and we'll answer it. It's as simple as that."

One way students can get more information about the school is by attending SGA meetings. The SGA meetings will resume during the three-week session.

How well do you think you "Know Thy Selfie"?

By: Kimberly Doll

Staff Writer

The congregation of the Disciples of Christ Christian Church in Canton helped host Culver-Stockton College students on their "Know Thy Selfie" retreat in Kansas City, Missouri. The church helped arrange a service opportunity at the Grace United Community Ministries, which is one of their Northeast neighborhood partners.

The retreat was partly funded by a grant from the Endowment Committee of the church. Culver-Stockton is one of their historic Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) schools.

"My part in the retreat was being invited by my good

friend Sarah Sparrow to help lead worship on Friday and Saturday evening," said Rynne Jacquemin, a senior athletic training major.

The retreat was held at the Three Trails Retreat Center in Kansas City. Students listened to William Jackson speak on self-worth. The students traveled to the inner-city and volunteered at the local church that has an outreach program which offers tutoring, a food pantry, and weekly meals for the homeless. Students also helped build a retaining wall in a community garden for new planted fruit that will supply the neighborhood with fruit for the following year.

"My favorite part of the retreat was being able to experience God in a different

environment than my cramped dorm room," said Jacquemin.

Led by C-SC's chaplain, Amanda Sorenson, the students had a session where they talked about personal stories. Students explored and showed others the depths of their spiritual reflection. They got to share stories from their lives and hear other students stories, as well as learning their insights from their studies.

"I gained alone time with God and I learned about self-love," said Jacquemin. "I realized that humility does not mean self-hate, it means being strong enough to forgive yourself and live life by furthering the Kingdom."

Students got to identify their God-given gifts that they

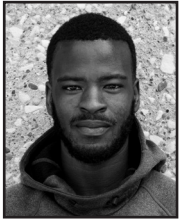
could bring to their vocations: medicine, mental health, science, business, the arts, and communication.

The Grace United champion, Jeff Algie, was also impressed by the students. "They were so engaging," said Algie, "about their school, how it is growing, what they are into there, singing to the music they played, and really interested in the ministries and programs of Grace United."

Students were able to become more in-tune with their spiritual side during the retreat, and to get a better understanding of themselves and God.

Canton Christian Church has an open invitation to Culver-Stockton College students with 11:00 a.m. services on Sundays.

C-SC considering adding new Divine Nine organizations



By: Jarious Smith
Staff Writer

Greek life has been at Culver-Stockton College for more than 150 years and has attracted numerous students through its impacts and achievements, creating an environment that enables Greek organizations to thrive.

C-SC is looking to add to its number of fraternities and sororities with the addition of a traditional African-American sorority Delta Sigma Theta, a member of The Divine Nine.

The Divine Nine is a group of nine traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities that were created when older fraternities and sororities were racially exclusive. They are a part of the National Panhellenic Council. These organizations have worked toward the betterment of the black community.

Currently at C-SC, there are only two traditional African-American fraternities: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, founded in 1906 at Cornell University and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, founded in 1911 at Indiana University.

These two fraternities currently offer a stand-in family to a few students on campus while they attend C-SC. Ernest Evans, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Diversity Initiatives, spoke about the potential addition of more traditionally African-American Greek life.

Evans explained, "We are looking to bring Delta Sigma Theta to campus. We have a lot of women very interested in adding this sorority to campus. Delta Sigma Theta was founded at Howard University in 1913. They started their time as an organization by joining the women's suffrage movement."

Evans continued on with how African-American Greek life offers benefits and is

attractive for many men and women on campus.

"They bring a space for men of color to have a sense of family. They bring diversity to the university. They assist with retention and keeping African-American students here on campus, and provide community service, entertainment with strolling, and education through programs."

Strolling is a tradition within Divine Nine sororities and fraternities. It is an organized form of dancing where the members create rhythm with different movements and show a sense of teamwork amongst one another.

Evans said that it was all up to the students and alumni of other schools on the possibility of bringing more African-American Greek life on campus.

"It would depend on retention rates and interest in students. Our location hurts us a little bit. We are 2-3 hours from a graduate chapter of any of these organizations. A graduate alumni advisor has to be assigned to the chapter. I'm working to

try to make sure if there is someone interested in those organizations that they have the opportunity to join. Right now we use Truman State but we are trying to reach out the other parts of Missouri."

Karlin Entoe, a senior member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, gave insight as to why there is a benefit to adding more African-American Greek life to the C-SC campus.

"It would give the campus more culture. Sometimes students don't understand that what we do strolling wise isn't supposed to be mocked. If there were more black fraternities I believe it could bring the campus together. Our traditional African-American fraternities aren't limited to just black students because anybody is welcome to join."

For any questions or interest about Divine Nine Fraternities or Sororities, contact Ernest Evans at eevans@culver.edu or visit him in the student life office.

Tri Sigma raises money through March of Dimes

By: Laura Johnson
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Sigma Sigma Sigma (Tri Sigma) sorority pairs with March of Dimes for one of their philanthropies. Starting on Nov. 6, the ladies of Tri Sigma carried around water bottles to collect loose change across campus.

"This philanthropy is close to my heart," said Maddie Thompson, a sophomore biological-chemistry major and philanthropy chair of Tri Sigma. "My niece was born six

weeks early, and without the help of March of Dimes, the resources that were available to my family would not have been there."

March of Dimes provides research and resources for mothers and their babies who are born prematurely.

"My niece was so small she could fit in the palm of my hand," said Thompson. "People don't always know how to react. Premature babies can need help to breathe, feeding tubes, IV's, special lights on them. They have different

needs than a full term baby. March of Dimes helps with that."

The week of fundraising was not required by the sorority, but 70 members of the sorority participated nonetheless.

"It is touching to see a whole group of people come together for one singular cause," said Thompson. "Knowing this money is going to babies and families that wouldn't have this otherwise, it cements the feeling that these are great women who would go out of

their way to help."

The sorority raised over \$750 total for their different philanthropies last year.

"Some sisters didn't want to stop at this week," said Thompson. "They are going to take it home over the break to try and raise more funds."

Donations are still being accepted. For more information, contact Maddie Thompson at mtt567@culver.edu. There is also a Venmo account, at SigmaSigmaSimga-EtaSigma.

Fraternities on campus support different philanthropies



Members of Delta Upsilon sit at a meeting with their newly dyed hair.
Photo Courtesy of Vanessa Bolen.



A pumpkin sold by TKE.
Photo Courtesy of Vanessa Bolen.

Dyeing for a good cause: Delta Upsilon gets colorful

By: Vanessa Bolen
Staff Writer

“Delta Upsilon has always strived to be different, and one of those things that sets us apart is our Global Service Initiative (GSI),” said Connor Rohrs, a junior legal studies major and member of the fraternity Delta Upsilon.

Rohrs spoke about the fraternity’s philanthropy, which focuses on the worldwide rather than the domestic, something that makes Delta Upsilon different from other Greek life philanthropies.

Delta Upsilon’s own mission statement says “We live, strive,

and die to uphold justice, our foundation,” a statement these men do not take lightly, as shown with their latest event.

To raise money for GSI, the men set up tables to have biddings involving the members’ hair. Out of three sheets, different members were placed and bid on. Each paper was different: one for sorority, one pick-a-color, and one fraternity. Whoever had the highest bid had to dye their hair.

Delta Upsilon member, Cody McClain, a freshman chemistry major, felt very strongly about his fraternity’s event. “It is an awesome feeling to just raise money for such a big organization, and having no control of the outcome just adds to the excitement,” said McClain.

Alec Loeffelholz, a sophomore history major, enjoyed that the money would be going to help build schools and other buildings in Jamaica.

Pumpkins for Cancer: Tau Kappa Epsilon raises money

By: Vanessa Bolen
Staff Writer

The men of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) are no strangers to putting forth effort when it comes to philanthropy. Every year, members of TKE take turns selling pumpkins sitting out in the cold for 72 hours straight.

“We do this as a reminder that just because you do not think about childhood cancer, does not mean that it goes away,” said Austin Pyrtle, a senior musical theatre major.

He also shared that going to such extremes is subliminal messaging that cancer sits

there waiting for someone to take notice.

Dustin Wakefield, a sophomore physical education major, was the one behind putting together the pumpkin fundraiser this year.

“We are out here for something greater than ourselves,” commented Wakefield. “It is an amazing feeling knowing that this money goes directly to the children affected. Cancer does not rest and neither do we.”

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- Dustin
Wakefield

While each member did their part in sitting out for hours, one member stood out in sitting with the pumpkins for a total 15 hours.

Thomas Hull, a freshman biochemistry major, commented “It was a lot of fun. Really fun, but cold. It was good sitting out there knowing that even though I was freezing my butt off it was for a good cause. If me losing a little sleep helps at least one person through cancer, it is worth it.”

All proceeds from the pumpkins will go to children at St. Jude’s Hospital.



Jazz Ensemble performing at concert. Photo Courtesy of Vanessa Bolen.

Jazz ensemble celebrates one hundred years of history



By: Danielle Thurman
Staff Writer

On Nov. 10, the Culver-Stockton College Jazz Ensemble celebrated the past one hundred years of jazz history from 1917-2017. The show featured various styles of jazz, as well as artists from that period including Dizzy Gillespie, Duke Ellington, and more.

The Jazz Ensemble spent this past semester working on their selections, some of which featured more lyrical styles of music, rather than the loud and brassy sound that most people associate with jazz music. The music selections for this concert

featured various vocalists and an appearance from the Chamber Choir. The vocalists included Hali Liles, Sydney Stevens and Maddie Palmer.

The theme of the show put the group to the test. "Working on pieces like 'A Night in Tunisia,' the Dizzy Gillespie piece that was arranged by Sammy Nestico, we had to work on the different feels in jazz," said Lance Logan, a senior instrumental music education major who has played the bass trombone in the Jazz Ensemble for four years. "In jazz terms, that means we play together with laser precision. Every 'Bop' has to be bopped and every 'Zat' has to end on the same T. It's what makes jazz band fun."

Dr. Tom Polett, a professor of fine arts and one of the band directors at C-SC, expressed how the band had progressed throughout the twelve-week portion.

"The group has come together so well," said Polett. "We lost a lot of leadership last year. This band has come together in a way that has been very impressive to me."

Polett and others in the band mentioned that the show featured quite a lot of improv alongside the notes that were planned. "That is the definition of jazz," said Polett.

The show also featured a fair amount of solos from the different artists in the band.

There was quite a wide variety of styles that was

shown throughout the event. From the normal jazz standards to the nearly musical, Broadway sounding hits, there were styles of music played that most don't associate with jazz music.

"Having fun and having a good time is what jazz is all about," said Logan.

This show commemorated the decades that jazz has been alive and was supposed to be more about celebration than about being just a concert.

"Music is meant to be enjoyed," said Logan.

"Hopefully the students, faculty, and parents that came enjoyed the show."

The C-SC music program will be putting on Camerata 808 on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 8:08 p.m.

Believe it or not you are as normal as they come



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

I want to start off by asking you to think of what makes you happy. Keep those things in the front of your mind as you continue through the journey that I will be taking you through.

Now think of the last time you were upset about something, whether it be you not getting the grade you thought you deserved or someone stealing your wallet. You were probably pretty angry, thinking that it is unfair how that could happen.

Those of you that allowed that upset feeling to come to the present once more, stop and refer back to the first sentence.

It is normal to be upset. It is normal for that anger to come to the surface. The only

mistake in that is that it takes away from you finding more things to add to your list of what makes you happy.

Now think of a time where you felt alone, a time where you felt like no one could understand.

This is one of the worst feelings in the world, I agree.

Feeling this way is normal. Everyone has felt this at some point in their life

and the truth of it is, this feeling will come up again. When this happens, it will once again be normal and you will not be the only one who feels like this. Next time you feel this way, think back to the first sentence.

The truth is that in life there is a constant cycle of emotions. This entails every emotion sad, mad,

angry, happy, excited and joyful the trick to allowing yourself to enjoy the happy, excited and joyful moments is allowing them to last longer.

To do this, refer to the first sentence. With this you will minimize the feelings of sad, mad and angry

because you will be so absorbed in thoughts about what makes you happy and what you can do to feel that way that you will forget that you were feeling poorly.

When you are feeling these negative emotions remember that

If you are
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how you are feeling is normal.

If you are feeling happy, be contagious and allow your happiness to overflow into everyone around you so they can escape from the negative emotions that they are feeling or make their own happiness that much greater.

When you are feeling these negative emotions, find a way to put them aside and allow others to make you happy.

In today's world, negative emotions are often times over thought, causing the illusion that what we think we are feeling is greater than what we are actually feeling. It is normal to mix this up.

You are normal. Every emotion that you feel is normal. Enjoy every negative emotion because it simply means that you are that much closer to returning to the happy phase in the cycle of emotions. You are normal, enjoy it.

Call to action being voiced after Texas shooting



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

We bow our heads and pray once again for the victims of the Sutherland, Texas church shooting on Nov. 5.

Church is supposed to be a safe place of rejoice and worship for those in the community. "I go to church to be with God," said

Madison Cowell, sophomore political science major. "And to be with people who are constantly striving to put God first just like me."

It is devastating that mass shootings occur, and this one being in a church hits the hearts of the community that much harder. This occurred 35 days after the Las Vegas shooting and the New York City terror attack.

On Sep. 25 there was a shooting in a Nashville, Tennessee church killing one and wounding seven. The shooting in

Texas last week occurred because a gun was sold to Devin Kelley who was convicted on domestic violence charges.

"Let's not pretend we just woke up yesterday in amazement that the records of people who are seriously mentally ill or have been convicted of crimes aren't ending up on the background checks," Sen. Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat.

This issue was brought to surface due to the Virginia Tech shooter who killed 32 and

wounded 17. A year before the shooting he was deemed dangerous because of mental illness. This did not show up on the background check at the time of his weapon purchase.

After this occurrence, states' reports on mental illness increased and helped reduce the amount of mentally ill people allowed to purchase a firearm. Background checks being fully complete could have saved countless lives. Clearly there are still holes in the system that need to be fixed.

Women's basketball is young and Coach Burgin believes in them



By: Jordan Vazquez
Sports Editor

Coming into the season with just three seniors, this Lady Wildcat basketball team is young and looking to strive for success this year.

"We have several new players this year, I'd say the most important thing for them to do is to get used to the system. They're learning a lot about the speed of the game, especially the freshmen. We have some kids that were injured last year that are back so that's pretty exciting," said coach Janette Burgin as she begins to start her fifth year on "The Hill."

"Basically they should not

expect too much too early and just make sure they are going with the flow of things and learning from the ones that were here last year and also to make sure they are pushing each other and getting in those reps."

After going 22-9 and then a disappointing 10-20 season last year, this team has been through their ups and down. Coach Burgin explained the chemistry and growth of this team.

"There's definitely always room for improvement. I wish I can say we're good to go but were still super young. I mean, we're looking to start three sophomores and two junior or potentially four sophomores and one freshmen," Coach Burgin explained. "So we're like a junior college team right now, so I wouldn't say we're 100% ready to go yet. Hopefully by the time conference gets here

we'll be ready, so baby steps now, we'll have some competition but if they keep their head above water I think we'll be alright."

The depth chart holds a lot of younger depth. Like Burgin said, this is basically a junior college team. With many freshman and sophomores on the team, they will get playing time right away.

"Our depth chart is young, we don't have a lot of returning kids other than our returning starters last year," said Burgin. "Then after that we have freshmen and see how they handle themselves and I think they'll do fine, they just have to get past the first game jitters and things like that."

The one aspect of this team that Coach Burgin wants to focus on a lot is defense. She believes this team needs to step up trusting each other, chemistry, and to work the

system. She wants this team to be a defensively sound team and to have every player trust each other and have each other's backs.

There's always that one goal for a coach every year; Burgin explained hers.

"We can't make the same mistakes we made last year," Burgin said. "But we should learn from the mistakes and continue to improve ourselves and learn from each other."

Burgin is big on trusting each other and making sure this team works together as a unit.

"Once they figure those things out, they can do great things," Burgin said.

Women's basketball started out this year 1-2, but still has a long season ahead of them. Next game is on Tuesday Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Hannibal La-Grange University.

Coach Schrader and his team are ready to bounce back and go to work



By: Jordan Vazquez
Sports Editor

Starting his seventh season here at Culver-Stockton College, head coach for men's basketball, Jack Schrader, is ready to get things going with a great group of new guys coming in.

"We have a lot of guys that are new to this program and there is a lot more competition as well and competition is great," said Schrader.

After coming off a very disappointing season last year with a record of 1-29, this

team needed to go back to the drawing board and figure some things out.

Coach Schrader has his own ways of determining team chemistry and feels like it's a big aspect of this team and for them to win games.

"I usually wait until we play an opponent to figure out where our chemistry," Schrader said. "You can't really figure it out when you play yourself, because team chemistry comes into play when you hit some rough spots and you see how you handle those. Until we do, it's hard to tell."

There is a lot of depth on this team, which leads back to the competition side of things. While there are five seniors on this

varsity team, there are a lot of other players who can play certain roles in different situations.

"I think being able to score and rebounding has to be the most important part of this team this year," said Schrader. "Last year we had a hard time doing both, but if we can do this more efficient this year we can come out with more victories."

Not having an assistant coach for the first three weeks of practice has been tough for Coach Schrader after his former assistant coach Marshawn Morris received the head coaching job at a junior college.

It was hard putting everything into place and getting his team confident and

ready for the 2017-18 season.

"I'm not a big goal setter," Schrader said. "I just want us to the best we can, we sort of got a late start and our assistant coach is gone so we haven't been able to break down things as much as we wanted to. Now we're starting to get those things in rhythm and just need to keep pushing so we can reach our full potential."

Starting the season 1-2 and grabbing their first win against Hannibal La-Grange, the men's basketball team continues their season against William Woods University on Nov. 9 and at Hannibal La-Grange University again on Tuesday Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.



The women's soccer team gathers in a pregame huddle. Photo courtesy of Julie Wingerter.

Late comeback earned women's soccer another game

“My emotions going into the first game of the playoffs are pure excitement”



By: Brody Hassel
Staff Writer

Going into the first game of the playoffs, C-SC's women's soccer team is the talk around campus.

“I am excited to be going into the playoffs, especially being a freshman,” said Cassie Navo, a freshman accounting major. “It's a reflection of how hard we have worked this year and shows how much time we have put into the game.”

Navo was not the only teammate with high emotions.

“My emotions going into the first game of the playoffs are pure excitement,” said Sydnie Martin, junior accounting major. “I am ready to show William Penn the real Culver-Stockton women's soccer, records do not matter anymore. Since it is postseason we have to play with our hearts on the line. We have to play for

the people that have believed in us this far.”

Diving more into the team and the mindsets of each player, senior Kelly Tomlinson a criminal justice major said, “Going into our first game, our game plan and mindset is to win. We want a goal in the first five minutes and to dominate every minute following. Being the first to the ball is a must and to never give up! We always strive to be the last ones to score as well. I hope that we can come together as one and play for something bigger than ourselves.”

Head Coach Tyler Tomlinson plays an even bigger role in preparing the women for the big game.

“He believes in our ability and expects the best from us all at all times,” said Navo. “He is hard on us because he knows what our full capabilities are. He was very positive going into this game, just like every other game, but this game he was extra positive going in, knowing we

had a shot at the win.”

“Coach Tomlinson really emphasized how important our upcoming game is,” said Tomlinson. “Practice is always fun, and while we still have fun, he gets on us a little more because as I previously stated, there is no room for mistakes at practice, especially playoff week. Coach Tomlinson told us he wants to walk down the field and see us practicing the day after our first playoff game grinding for the next one to come.”

“Coach Tomlinson and our assistant coach Arnett prepared us for the big game. They told us to remember who we play for. We always play for something bigger than ourselves. Tomlinson told us our record was 0-0 and we have nothing to lose so just play our system and work to be better than the person across from us and believe in the team.”

All of this hard work and preparation paid off when the Wildcats came out on top defeating WPU 2-1, after being

behind going into the second half.

Starting at a score of 0-1, the ladies rallied back and scored two goals holding William Penn to just one goal. After such a big win, the coaching staff and players turn their attention towards the next game against Central Methodist University, who gave the team trouble earlier this season.

“After the previous win against William Penn, our confidence has improved for the game against CMU,” stated Adelina Jasso, a freshman history major. “We plan to come out and dominate the other team and play to the best of our abilities.”

“We plan to play a 4-4-2 against CMU, hoping to compact the middle making them play on the outside. We need to play fast and defend well. CMU has a lot of foreign players which means their style of play is different.”

The Wildcats fell to CMU 1-0. The women's soccer team finished their season with a record of 9-10-1.

Volleyball hosts senior night en route to season's finish



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On Oct. 24, Charles Fieldhouse was home to a raucous crowd of fans ready to honor this year's seniors.

Before the match commenced, nine seniors were honored in front of fans, friends, and family and received a bouquet of flowers and a framed jersey with their last name, among other gifts.

"Senior night was so special to me," said biological-chemistry pre-med major in her senior volleyball season, Anna Stock. "It was such a good feeling to have friends, family, and students gathered to celebrate all of the seniors. It was kind of emotional."

"In the moment, I just remember having my parents there, seeing my friends, knowing my brother was there supporting, and having one of my best friends on the team give me my gift. When she handed it to me she had tears in her eyes, and that is when it hit me how much I have to leave behind here," Stock continued. "It was definitely bittersweet because I am so excited for my future, but I also love this stage of my life and am going to miss it next year. Getting the win was an amazing way to end my career playing in our home gym and it was so special that all of us seniors got to share that experience one last time."

The Wildcats played three tight sets against Mount Mercy all culminating in scores of



Mckenna Weaver (left) and Paige Webster blocking. Photo courtesy of Sarah Sparrow.

25-23 on the way to notching a three-set shutout.

The match included 22 ties between the teams along with nine different lead changes. Notable performances from the night's match included 11 kills from junior outside hitter, Paige Webster, in route to her night's total of a .444 hitting percentage.

Gabby Hickman, another junior outside hitter racked up 10 kills and nine digs for the Wildcats.

Another astonishing total came from senior setter, India Green, who registered 41 set assists on the night. "Getting a sweep on Senior Night was the best feeling," said Green, a double major in business and marketing with a minor in public relations.

"We had a tough season, so it meant a lot that the team pulled out a win on that night. It was a great way to end my home games here at C-SC."

Stock also explained the close relationship that this year's group of seniors had with the rest of the team.

"I think that the seniors as

a whole are leaving a legacy showing how much love can be on the court," said Stock. "We are a very close team, and I think that is a very important part of the team dynamic. More important than winning, is knowing that you have a team full of girls who have your back no matter what. That is something that I think every girl on this team knows. Our season was kind of rough as far as records and success go, but it was great as far as relationships go."

Jenna Lord, a sophomore nursing major, also explained the impact these seniors had.

"The impact that the seniors have had on the team is their genuine love for every aspect of the team," said Lord. "It is one thing to just show love for the sport and for our coaches, and yet they show their care for every player on the team. They are one of the biggest reasons why the volleyball program at Culver-Stockton feels like a family away from home. Even people who are not on the team call it a family

and that says something about the hearts of our seniors."

The Wildcats finished with a 9-24 record this year.

"The team really did improve this year," said student assistant coach and senior communication and sports management major, Ammuniki Wood. "Although we didn't attain all the goals we set out for at the beginning of the year, these girls were certainly capable of finishing strong."

Wood also explained the day to day grind of the season.

"Day to day practice followed the regular planning before hand with the coaches, discussing what was needed and then going out and having the players give 110 percent in everything we set out for them," said Wood.

In a season full of ups and downs there are bound to be good moments and common consensus among the players interviewed points to that big win on Senior Night.

"I genuinely will say with this team that there are not specific moments of most importance," said Lord. "Most of our growth comes from gradual changes. However, if I had to pick one of my favorite moments to be in the gym with my team, I would probably say Senior Night. Every single player gave it their all and we felt unstoppable."

The Wildcats this season were led by head coach Caren Kemner in her seventh season, assistant coach Daniel Cabrera in his second season, with the help of student assistants Madeline Halford, Jayden Happel, Ammuniki Wood, and Logan Beach, as well as managers Jo Griffin and Dylan Melton.

Young Wildcats gain valuable experience to take into 2018



Reece Miller (left) and Lucas Berte (right) pressuring the ball. Photo courtesy of Matt Kuhl.



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Students dressed up in Halloween costumes filled the stands on Oct. 31 as the Wildcats took on Graceland University for the opening round of playoffs.

“We have to play as a whole and not let up at all,” said Javier Todtenbier-Magallon, sophomore criminal justice major. “We will have to play at a fast pace game and move the ball well.”

The Wildcats played from behind as Graceland scored the game’s first goal and were awarded a penalty kick in the late minutes where Mackenzie

Northern added to his school records in goals and points.

Northern passed Jacob Schneider in the last game of the season, with the 32nd goal of his career.

“It feels amazing to break the scoring record, along with the points record,” said Mackenzie Northern, senior sports management major. “It’s a great individual award to win and it’s something very prestigious to come away with after my four years here.”

With Graceland adding to another goal, the score was 2 to 1 going into the second half. Nick Luciani in goal helped the Wildcats switch the momentum in the second half with 6 saves and finished with 8 total on the night.

Reece Miller scored a goal

in the 51st minute followed by Mackenzie Northern’s second goal of the night just three minutes later, igniting the crowd and giving the Wildcats the 3 to 2 lead.

To cap off the scoring, Tre Maxwell added a goal in the 78th minute increasing the scoring margin to a 2 goal advantage that the team held on to in route to the win against Graceland.

“Emotions during the game were high and intense with them taking the lead early we came together as a team to pull out a great win,” said Nick Luciani, sophomore English and business major. “This momentum is huge for us to bring on to Baker. That’s four wins in a row, we have really been clicking well as a team and it has been showing on the pitch.”

Taking on Baker University, the #5 team in the nation, the Wildcats had no easy task on Nov. 3. Baker took the lead in the first half scoring in the 27th minute.

William Mansfield scored for the Wildcats 5 minutes

later tying the game 1 to 1. With two minutes left in the first half, Baker scored the go ahead goal on their second try following a save by Nick Luciani.

The second half was full of scoring opportunities, with 11 shots by Baker and 7 by the Wildcats, but neither team found the back of the net this time, leaving the score at 2 to 1 as time ran out.

This ended the season for the Wildcats but left the team with momentum to carry into next year’s season.

“Playoffs this year are going to give the younger boys a lot of experience that they need, it’s going to put them in good stead for the

future,” said Pierce Robinson, senior sports management major. “They know how it feels to lose a playoff game now and they won’t want to feel that again.”

With 27 returners for next year, along with the new additions to come, the Wildcats have a great foundation for their 2018 season.

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