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Travel cultivates openness



By: Megan Blickhan
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This year Culver-Stockton College is close to celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the implementation of the 12-week/3-week academic calendar, which enhances the ability of experiential learning. The students at Culver Stockton College are given a

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A travel study class takes a group photo in the Bahamas. Photo courtesy of Jenny Hudspeth.



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New head coach appointed for esports team



By: Maggie Houska
Features Editor

The esports team at Culver-Stockton College has officially been appointed a head coach. Michael Jones, a graduate of Missouri State University and a Missouri

native, has been a gamer his entire life. Jones is currently teaching English in South Korea, where he must finish his contract before coming to Culver-Stockton College.

While in South Korea, Jones has been an analyst for the League of Legends esports team at Southwest Baptist University.

From his time in a foreign country, Jones has been

exposed and learned from some of the best gamers in the world, as South Korean servers play host to a very competitive esports environment.

Benjamin Stevens, a junior legal studies and criminal justice major, commented telling what the future will look like for the program.

"The next year or two will be building the team because

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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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truly unique experience with the opportunity to engage in experiential learning. During this three week, students will be traveling to Ireland, Amsterdam, the Bahamas, Florida, and Chicago.

“Experiential learning is more than just traveling outside of the classroom,” said Executive Director of Admissions and College Marketing, Misty McBee. “That is generally the first thing that comes to our current students’ minds. But here at C-SC, experiential learning is founded on 7 pillars of student success: Research, Simulation, Visual & Performing Arts, Leadership, Travel Study, Innovation, and Professional Experience.”

Culver-Stockton College is a member of the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE). In May of 2018, C-SC plans to certify seventy-five percent of the faculty in experiential education. Due to this bold initiative, C-SC is receiving widespread attention and

being invited to present and educate at national conferences regarding experiential learning for the first time in the college’s history.

“At Culver-Stockton, we believe the world is our classroom,” says Vice President of Academic Affairs and dean of the college, Daniel Silber. “We are committed to the proposition that students must connect classroom learning with real-world experiences in order to develop the knowledge base, practical and intellectual skills, and work ethic so heavily in demand in our complex 21st century world.”

Learning is encouraged, alongside the instructor, in the light of mistakes, natural consequences, and academic successes.

“This is a great opportunity for my future,” said Emily Forget, a junior public relations major who is traveling to Ireland and Amsterdam. “It’s allowing me to experience another culture where I get to learn their history and traditions. I

will be more aware of what is going on in the world a little more than I did before.”

A popular pillar that is growing within the C-SC community is the advancement of travel study. It not only gives Culver-Stockton College an upper hand in higher education, but is a large reason why so many potential students are drawn to C-SC. With grants and scholarships available every semester, the financial burden of both domestic and international travel is dramatically reduced.

“One of our goals as a college is to prepare students well for a more globalized 21st century,” says Dr. Patrick Hotle, director of travel study. “We really want to cultivate broad mindedness, adaptability to changing circumstances, and openness to cultural differences.”

Travel study increases a student’s motivation to learn due to the fact that most lessons are tied to real-world problems or authentic situations.

“This trip has given a unique perspective on Cuba’s influence

on Florida,” said Tyler Smith, a senior accounting major who went on the Florida and Bahamas trip. “I’ve also been able to see the way Bahamians live, and just how U.S. money influences their economy.”

With immense growth in just the past 10 years of implementing the divided semester, C-SC has made leaps and bounds with improving students’ education.

“I would absolutely encourage people to take travel courses,” said Smith. “It’s much more affordable than people would guess. Additionally, the opportunities these trips give us are life changing. Having travelled twice with Culver, I can say that the trips have been nothing short of amazing.”

As Culver-Stockton College’s leadership becomes more aware of the improvements that can be made within the current education system, C-SC will work even harder to remain at the forefront of higher education with personal fulfillment and professional success always a top priority.

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all of our competitors are graduating.”

Stevens went on to tell that the team currently has seven regular members, with several others who come more sparsely.

Christian Davis, a sophomore criminal justice major, is personally excited about the new addition of a coach.

“It gives us the opportunity to learn from someone else who isn’t a student. They can put more time and effort into coaching us.”

Davis went on to explain how the team is hoping to grow. “I like to think, like every team, we expect to recruit a lot of new members within the next few years. Hopefully we go beyond expectations. We really want to move esports to being more than just a club and into a sports team here on campus.”

As Jones is in South Korea and will not officially be on campus until March or April, he was not available for comment.

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Animals help students lower stress levels before finals



By: Danielle Thurman
Staff Writer

On Nov. 14 2017, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Meaders Lounge, Culver-Stockton College held PAWS for Stress. This featured an array of dogs, as well as two cats, in the hope to relieve the stress that the students had been experiencing due to finals.

The doors opened at 11 a.m., allowing students to spend however long they felt necessary to alleviate their stress levels. Five dogs were present, including breeds like Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, and Chihuahua. There were also two cats.

“My favorite part about PAWS for Stress was playing with all the animals, and feeling the love by the animals,” said Lyss Gargus, a freshman education major. “It definitely helped lower my stress! Just petting the animals made me so happy.”

According to Gargus, the dogs were given more attention, but she personally preferred playing with the cats.

“I enjoyed getting lots of love from the dogs, the dogs gave lots of kisses,” commented Amanda Winters, a freshman psychology major. “It also helped with the stress of being homesick since I have three dogs at home that I miss dearly.”

The students and animals were both encouraged to behave to not cause excitable behavior from the animals.



Students play with a dog during PAWS for Stress. Photo courtesy of Vanessa Bolen.

“It helped me forget about the tests and final projects I had to do,” said Winters when talking about her stress.

Students felt that their stress levels had gone down quite a bit just by playing with the animals.

“I really enjoyed PAWS for Stress,” said Keagan Tipton, a freshman psychology major. “And yes, I do believe it helped lower my stress.”

The animals were a mixture of student owned and community and faculty owned pets. And while they all found loving homes, not all animals are so lucky.

According to the ASPCA in 2016, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, nearly 6.5 million animals enter shelters a year. Of that 6.5 million, only 3.2

million animals (approximately 1.6 million cats and 1.6 million dogs) find a home, and of that 6.5 million, 1.5 million animals are euthanized, and 710,000 of those animals find their original owners.

There are various shelters that allow people to volunteer. Students can use this to help in lowering their stress. While PAWS for Stress comes to C-SC during finals, students are still stressed during the 12-week.

Volunteering at shelters will allow students to play and help with animals. This will lower their stress levels as well as possibly help these animals find their forever homes with students or teachers, or perhaps the student’s coworkers as the student talks about the good deed they are doing.

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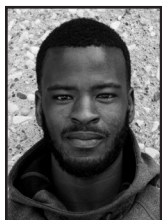
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December graduates become newest C-SC alumni



By: Jarious Smith
Staff Writer

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, a ceremony was held to honor those students graduating in December. In total, six Master's of Business Administration (MBA) graduates and 39 undergraduates participated in the event.

Culver-Stockton College's President Kelly M. Thompson, Dean Dan Silber, as well as several faculty and staff members spoke during the hour long ceremony offering encouragement to the new alumni.

These students have earned the right to be called alumni of C-SC. President Thompson presented each student with a customized Culver portfolio containing a pin with the college's logo on it, Facebook alumni pages, and contact information to help connect with different alumni services.

MacKenzie McInturff, an athletic training major, was one of the December graduates honored during the reception. McInturff is looking forward to being an alumni of C-SC, but will miss the time she spent on "The Hill."

"I had been looking forward graduating since the start of this semester but now that it has happened, time can slow down a little bit," said McInturff. "I've enjoyed my time here at Culver-Stockton being an athlete at one point then getting on track to become a full time athletic trainer. I'm sad that I

have to leave all my friends I have made here, but it's exciting to be finally done with my undergraduate degree. The next step will be to pursue a career being a full time athletic trainer in the state of Missouri."

Joshua Martinez, a criminal justice major, was another participant who became a new member of C-SC's alumni network. This ceremony was special for Martinez for a variety of reasons. He graduated and also participated in the football senior day festivities on the same day.

"To see my college football career come to an end the same day I am able to graduate with my degree was amazing for me," said Martinez. "I get a chance to celebrate some major accomplishments today surrounded by the people I love and have worked hard for. My parents came all the way from California to see me complete this journey in my studies and athletics. I couldn't be more excited to move back home to start the next step in my life after the three-week."

Heather Pendegraft, a Criminal Justice major, was proud to become an alumni, not only for personal reason, but also for family reasons.

"Graduation meant the world to me. Being the first in my family to graduate from college was a huge accomplishment, especially since I did it in three and a half years while playing collegiate soccer," said Pendegraft. "After graduation I plan to go home and be a juvenile officer for a year while I apply for the Missouri State



Ryenne Jacquemin poses with her family. Photo courtesy of Marketing and Public Relations.



President Thompson hands out packets to graduates. Photo courtesy of Marketing and Public Relations.

Highway Patrol. Eventually I would like to specialize in criminal investigations, while staying close to home."

McInturff, Martinez, and Pendegraft all plan on

returning to campus in May. C-SC's December graduates will be invited to participate in the College's Annual Commencement to be held in the Spring of 2018.

Senior theater students get the chance to direct

By: Vanessa Bolen

Photo Editor

Culver-Stockton College welcomes two of its seniors from the theater department to the stage to be directors. Austin Pyrtle and Madison Landry chose two very different one act plays to direct and bring to the audience. While the one acts presented some challenges to each director, the main goal was to provide each student with experience and professionalism.

"The hardest part was working with my peers," said Madison Landry, an arts management and theater double major. "As well as developing a professional environment."

Landry is directing "Ever Young" by Alice Gerstenberg. This show focuses on how women handle aging and the loss of their husbands, whether by death or divorce. A group of older women meet to talk about how life has gone and reminisce about the good times of the past.

However, for the actresses playing these women, it's proving to be difficult to get their stories across with only half the time as a regular full length show.

"I know I can do it, but it can be stressful," said Kaity Conaway, a freshman English education major. "You know you want the show to be good and to make the director proud."

"All I Really Need to Know I Learned by Being in a Bad Play" is the one act being directed by Austin Pyrtle. This particular act is about everything that could

possibly go wrong within any production. That includes the casting director worrying more about food, the crew doing everything wrong, and the play being awful in general.

Working with a student director is another aspect with which the actors are having a great time.

"As an actor, there is always a thrill to work with a new director. Both the actor and the director learn a great deal from each other," said Matthew Scheuermann, a sophomore theater and music major. "With a newer director rather than a professional, it brings a new energy along with the ability for fresh ideas

to help the play and allows more growth."

Each actor has a different opinion of the show and what they want to experience.

"The most important part of the show is to simply have fun with it while getting what needs to be done, done," said Ben Carlson, a sophomore arts management major. "Then I go to bed."

"Directing is hard because you walk a fine line of trying to bring what you see in a script to the stage, but also allowing the actors to create and bring their own flavors to the show," said Austin Pyrtle, a senior musical theater major. "It is great being the

director of such a wild and comedic script."

Pyrtle stressed that his main course of action in directing is trusting the actors to do what they feel works best and then reining them in when needed to make sure the crew sticks to the true feel of the show.

There will be two chances to see both of these one acts on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 9 at 3:00 p.m.

"Directing a one act has been no easy task," said Landry. "With the help of my fellow director Austin Pyrtle, we have truly put on some amazing shows! I'm crazy excited for Culver to see what we're made of!"



Actors rehearsing lines for the upcoming one acts. Photo courtesy of Vanessa Bolen.

Marvel's "Thor: Ragnarok" brings the thunder



By: Laura Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) has created a whole universe within the movies they make. From the first Ironman movie to the Avengers coming together to save the world, fans and movie watchers have come to expect certain elements from their superhero movies. High packed action, incredible visual effects, and awe-inspiring fight scenes are sure to grace the big screen. However, "Thor: Ragnarok" brings one more, much needed element, to the Thor franchise: humor.

This movie is unlike any of its predecessors, which is the best thing the franchise could have done. It has a funky late 80s science-fiction vibe throughout the movie, a large contrast from the olden-fantasy theme of the other Thor movies. However, it seamlessly blends together, bringing in the new age.

Chris Hemsworth, who plays the Norse god of thunder himself, brings humor and lightheartedness to the character of Thor in the third solo installment of the series. Hemsworth completely embodies the character through his muscular physique. Yet, he truly shines with his comedic timing.

In fact, the movie starts with the jokes so strong that it was almost jarring compared to the previous movies. The serious tone was destroyed in the first scene, which set the pace for the rest of

the film.

Hemsworth's performance was not the only one to be celebrated. Mark Ruffalo, portraying the Hulk, was incredible. He portrays Banner and did the motion capture for the big green rage monster, which was the state he was in for a majority of this film. Thor and Banner have easy banter that makes the movie have a buddy-cop tone in the best way possible.

The plot is set around Hela, the goddess of death, played by Cate Blanchett. Hela draws power from Thor's home world of Asgard. When Thor is captured on another planet, Hela brings destruction on Asgard and wants to expand her reign. While Hela was not a fully fleshed out villain, Blanchett acted the villain role very well. The costume and makeup was well done and her fight scenes were something to marvel over.

The plot mostly revolves around Thor's time on the planet Sakaar, where he is forced to enter a gladiator contest by the infamous Grandmaster portrayed by Jeff Goldblum. His character fit the vibe of the entire movie, funky and full of laughs. Goldblum's demeanor delivered jokes and one liners that may have fallen flat with other actors. I was

disappointed the movie didn't do more with his character, giving only a brief after credit scene to sum up his character's fate.

New to the screen was Tessa Thompson portraying an alcoholic scrapper turned hero that stole my heart within the first 30 seconds of screen time.

A great fighter, funny, and beautiful, Thompson delivered an anti-hero personality that the crowd could truly root for. Again, I was disappointed by the lack of time spent developing the character. However, Thompson is set to return in "Avengers: Infinity War" so we have not seen the last of her character yet.

The movie did not disappoint giving character development and story arc to the most interesting (and lovable) villain in the MCU, Loki, played by Tom Hiddleston. Thor and Loki had great banter, actually appearing as brothers unlike previous installments. He was easy to root for and love, making you forget the body count he has left in his wake. I was personally glad to see such a solid redemption arc as Loki has been a favorite of mine, and possibly one of the few redeeming qualities of previous Thor films.

I have very few negatives to say about this movie. Although, fans of true Norse mythology will be disappointed on how

many liberties this takes from the original myth. I think it was worth it to create such a fun movie.

Warning massive spoilers ahead Asgard is destroyed, bringing the prophecy of Ragnarok, or the end of times, to fruition. I thought this was a nice flip on the normal end of superhero movies. They couldn't save the day, not completely. However, as they said, "Asgard is not a place, but a people." The predictable "the good guy saves the day" ending was given enough of a twist in this film I felt as though I had walked away with something new and fresh.

In the end, I felt as this was one of the stronger MCU movies, with the box office agreeing. During the opening weekend alone, "Thor: Ragnarok" brought in \$122.7 million. Contrasting with "Justice League," which came in much below the opening weekend projection at \$93.8 million.

I believe this is because Marvel understands what D.C. fails to portray in their movies: characters are everything. Yes, the audience wants explosions, fights scenes, and special effects, but they need the characters and their development to tie it all together. "Thor: Ragnarok" makes a break through with the character bringing the best Thor movie, and possibly one of the best MCU movies to date.

Hopefully the MCU will continue the success they found in "Thor: Ragnarok" with their upcoming movies: "Black Panther" coming out Feb. 16, 2018 and "Avengers: Infinity War" releasing on May 4, 2018.

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How to rejuvenate for the upcoming spring semester



By: Jasmine Campbell
A&E Editor

The fall semester can cause some students to burn out and feel unenthused for the spring semester.

This is a completely normal feeling, as course loads, athletics, as well as other extracurricular activities that keep students busy and drain their energy.

Christmas break is supposed to combat that feeling of exhaustion that college life can bring and get us back in the school spirit when we return.

Here are a few tips on how to rejuvenate for the spring semester during the break.

Make time to see people that bring you happiness. This seems like an obvious thing since most of us are going home to our parents but it's not always understood and capitalized on.

We spend nine out of twelve months of the year on campus with the same people so it's important to give your attention to the people who maybe don't get it so often. Spending days with family, friends, and those who make you happy is sure to lift your spirits.

Make the most of each day and night. You can spend the day binge-watching Grey's Anatomy on Netflix with only short breaks to eat and that is totally fine. You can party all night and sleep the whole next day if that's what your heart desires. Even if you have to work over break, you can still find time to have a girls/guys night with your friends.

Volunteering is a great way to make other people's day as well. Make some

memories that you'll be happy to look back on during the spring semester.

Start a new hobby or continue with an old one. Some people prefer running, writing, making music, playing instruments, cooking, volunteering, etc. Whatever you loved to do before you got busy, pick it back up for some time. Maybe you have a ton of DIY (do it yourself) projects pinned to your Pinterest board and now is the perfect time to try them.

Keep your mind off of school and grades as much as you can. One of the main reasons we as college students can get burnt out is constantly worrying about grades, games, Greek life, etc. These things can still be high on your priority list, but it's called 'break' for a reason.

So for the time being, push those things to the back of your mind. There is no need to think about school or school related activities unless you absolutely have to.

Travel/Adventure doesn't mean you have to travel out of the country, although if you get the chance you should definitely take it! Taking a mini road trip to a nearby city or state is just as good of an adventure as any.

Travel some back roads and admire the scenery on your way to a bigger destination. If you don't want to venture too far, adventure in your hometown. Honestly, anything can be an adventure if you're having a good time with great friends trying something new.

Sleep is just great. College really messes with our sleep schedules so having roughly a month to sleep in is a gift. Making the most of your break is definitely important, but getting to sleep is one of the biggest ways to ensure that you'll be ready for the spring semester.



Drekia Thompson goes up for a shot. Photo courtesy of Marketing and Public Relations.

Women look for stronger game plan against next opponent



By: Matt Kuhl
Ed/Op Editor

Women's basketball took on (10) Baker University on Saturday, Dec. 2 where they were unable to come out with a victory causing them to fall to 5-5 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

Maison Bovard led the Wildcats, scoring 15 points raising her season average to 8.6 points per game.

Lacey Clark and Maggie Lascelles also added to their season averages scoring 11 points each against Baker.

Culver-Stockton College's leading scorer Courteney Sailor showed her defensive

strengths grabbing 7 rebounds in the game.

"Our style of play I would say is very 'clean.' Our goal is to move the ball and find our open person but also the one with the hot hand that game," said Courteney Sailor, a sophomore exercise major. "Also, this year we are a faster team so we love to push in transition by getting defensive boards and steals."

The Wildcats will take on Graceland University, who is 4-6 overall and 1-1 in conference, on Saturday, Dec. 9 at home in Charles Field House.

"Our goal for Graceland is to communicate and work as one. Then also win offensive and defensive boards and minimize turnovers," said Sailor. "If we capitalize on these things and do it all four quarters we will win!"

Track teams earn second place

By: Matt Kuhl
Ed/Op Editor

The Wildcats opened up their track and field season in the Frigid Bee Open at Saint Ambrose University on Saturday Dec. 2.

"I'm looking forward to the chance to compete again," said Kirby McClain, a senior athletic training major. "I hope to break the school record for the indoor 400."

Culver-Stockton College placed second of the four colleges competing in both men's and women's events.

The women scored 34 points in the meet with McClain sprinting her way to a first place victory in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.45. She beat her nearest opponent by 1.34 seconds, giving her team a 6 point boost in the standings.

Paige Bray, an All-American sprinter in outdoor track last season, won both the 60-meter dash with a time of 8.05 seconds and the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.96 seconds.

On the men's side they also finished second with a score of 31, beating their nearest competitor by 9 points. Landon Ayers led the way for

the Wildcats, finishing second in the high jump propelling himself over the five foot, six inch bar. Ayers placed third in the pole vault overcoming 12 feet, six inches.

Freshman Brenden Cassanova placed third in the triple jump leaping 40 feet, 1 ½ inches, only three and ¼ inches away from the second place finisher of St. Ambrose.

The men's highlights continued for the Wildcats in the shotput competition with Jared Bethel placing second and Nick Harris third, both throwing a distance of 35 feet, six ½ inches.

In the weighted throw event Donald Wilhite earned second place with a throw of 36 feet, eight ½ inches just three and ¼ inches from the first place finisher.

Culver-Stockton will look to carry the momentum gained from their second place finish into the Knox Firestarter on Jan. 13 in Galesburg, Illinois. Having over a month off before the next meet, Wildcats will have to train on their own.

"I have an old high school track that I'll be using when I get home to train," said McClain. "And lifting with my brother at the community center by my house."

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Jose Fernandez dribbles down the court. Photo courtesy of Marketing and Public Relations.

Men fall to Baker while missing second leading scorer



By: Matt Kuhl
Ed/Op Editor

The Wildcats have added some “firepower” this season. Going into the game on Saturday against undefeated Baker University, the Wildcats had a strong game plan.

“Force misses and play up-tempo on offense,” said Campbell Millar, a senior international business major. “Baker has been good in the past at taking us out of our offense, so we are focusing on getting good looks at the basket.”

One of Culver-Stockton College’s leaders in scoring, Tarae Potter, who averages

20.8 points, 3.8 assists and 4.4 rebounds per game, on the bench with an injured hand. Culver-Stockton College fell to 2-7 overall and 0-2 in conference play so far this season.

“I’m trying to be the best teammate I can be both on and off the court,” said Mike Johnson, a junior criminal justice and kinesiology major. “I’ve also accepted any challenge that has come my way.”

This mindset has led Johnson to his success in team highs in 8 statistical categories. He led the team against Baker with 17 points, 2 assists, and 2 steals in his 37 minutes on the floor, being the only player to score in double digits. Johnson also led the team from the free-throw line; he was 6-9. Baker’s defense caused his team high

average in points per game to drop to 22.6.

He was able to raise his season total in steals to 13 increasing his per game average to 1.5. Coach Jack Schrader used 13 players in efforts to find the most successful line-up against Baker to come out with a victory.

Thaddeus Newby brought energy to the floor in his 16 mins, scoring 9 points and a steal. Javier March led the Wildcats in percentage from the 3-point line, making 2 of his 5 attempts. With the size advantage that Baker had on their side, Cullen Smith had to battle for all 9 of his rebounds raising his season average to 5.9 per game, he was also able to score 6 points in the paint. Baker out rebounded the Wildcats 53-36.

C-SC began the game with an early lead and battled to

maintain it for the first 5 minutes of the game. Once Baker University gained the lead, the Wildcats were unable to find their rhythm offensively only scoring 51 to Baker’s 78.

“We need to focus on being more consistent with our energy and effort throughout the whole 40 minutes,” said Millar. Also, we need to continue to work to find our identity on defense.”

Culver Stockton College will take on Lindenwood Belleville at home on Wednesday Dec. 6 in the Fieldhouse. Lindenwood has a 3-7 overall record and are 1-3 in conference. C-SC will have the advantage from the 3-point line, blocks, steals, and assists. The Wildcats look to “Execute, be solid and trust each other,” said Johnson.

Get to know your new volleyball coach: Caren Kemner



By: Andrew Catron
Copy Editor

When supporting our athletic teams here at C-SC, one thinks of the achievements of the players on the field. But as for a coach's story, much may remain a mystery. Women's volleyball head coach Caren Kemner is one of these coaches that we may not know everything about.

Her career has carried her as far as Olympic competition, even though softball was her main focus before her passion for volleyball was found.

"In all honesty," said Kemner, "I started relatively late with volleyball. Most of my youth was playing softball, even though in high school it was my sport of choice. I dabbled with volleyball in grade school but it wasn't until I was a sophomore in high school that volleyball was a lot of fun to play and athletically I was good at it."

Kemner explained that she didn't really choose volleyball, but rather, volleyball chose her.

"I think volleyball chose me," she said. "I truly love all sports but the doors for opportunity and success seemed to open very quickly with volleyball. As a senior in high school, I was asked to train with the USA National team and my college options were just about anywhere I wanted to go. All of it was truly terrifying and ultimately I chose to play volleyball and softball at the University of Arizona."



Kemner coaches the women's team during a game. Photo courtesy of Marketing and Public Relations.

Other opportunities cut Kemner's college career short.

"My college experience was wonderful, although fairly short. I left the second semester of sophomore year to join the National team in San Diego," she said.

Before her collegiate play, Kemner attended high school very close to C-SC.

"I grew up right across the river from this home on 'The Hill' in Quincy, Illinois and I attended Quincy Notre Dame," she said. "The main thing that I took from my youth in athletics to the University of Arizona was to work hard, harder than the people around you. Be respectful and never give up."

Trying out for the Olympic team was both stressful and fulfilling for Kemner.

"Tryout for the Olympic team was surreal, stressful, and so cool," she said. "Great athletes from all over the country converged at the Colorado Olympic Training site hoping to land just the opportunity to move on to the training center in San Diego. If a person thought making that training squad was tough, try holding on to the spot for 14 years."

The opportunity for national competition really came knocking for her in 1988.

"1988 was my first Olympics," she said. "To be quite honest there is nothing that even comes close to being able to represent your country. Each Olympics after that was equally special knowing that anytime could or would be my last appearance."

A student assistant coach, communication and sports management major Ammuniki

Wood, explained the importance of the women's volleyball players here having a former Olympian as a coach.

"Speaking as a player and as a student assistant to her, it gives you a different perspective and you have a deeper understanding and a bigger development of the game," he said. "It not only gives you a deeper understanding but you also learn in the process and it also shows you how she, as an elite former athlete, would have viewed the game and also how she would have viewed it as a coach now. So you really learn the whole realm of the game and you develop on a whole as both a player and an individual."

Kemner will embark on a new journey next season when she takes over the men's volleyball program.



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