CCU Golf Team Springs Into Action

By Adam Stosur

With warm weather and spring just around the corner, the golf season started March 20-21 for the CCU team which ranked fourth at the Berea College invitational in Berea, Ky.

“Berea was a good starting tournament for us,” said senior Drew Thurman. “But the weather was really bad the entire weekend. Friday, there was bad wind and Saturday was really cold. It was the first time we had played together as a team and we were still trying to get things together.”

Junior Jake Santel made the all tournament team, shooting an 82 on Friday, and 78 on Saturday. Coached by Jack Schlueter and led by Santel and Thurman, the team looks to stay competitive even though the competition has gotten stronger.

A move into the NAIA this season brings about new challenges from previous seasons, but with a strong third-place finish in the invitational national tournament last year, the program certainly has something on which to build.

“The team is looking much better than it did last year,” says Santel.

“Everyone that was here last year has one more year of experience under their belt and we have three new guys that are all nice players. The talent level is much better than it was last year and the team is much more committed to getting better and doing things right. It is nice to see the new guys working so hard on their games.

The team is competing in more matches this year, which will only help to build the program. On the overall goal for this season, Santel says, “With this being our first year we are not eligible for the national tournament so we don’t have that opportunity this year, but our main goal would be to win that. If we can get all of our players to gel at the same time we could be a pretty good team. We need to get some recognition out there this year so that we will get invited to more tournaments and build up the program.”

The Eagles will be traveling to Bardstown, Ky. this weekend to play in the Brescia Invitational Tournament.

Christian Service Countdown

By Andrew Farie

It’s 6,000 minutes, or 120 hours, or 15 hours per semester for four years: CCU students must fulfill Christian service hours.

Every student knows that in order to register for classes one must now have filled out information on where about they have served the previous semester.

Graduating seniors must submit hours by April 1. Returning students have until May 7 to submit their hours for spring semester 2009.

When asked about the purpose of service hours, Director of Service Learning Bill Baumgardner explained that it gets students involved in the community and share the love of Christ.

“CCU would like students to apply the our community to show the knowledge they are receiving in the classroom into the local churches and organizations,” Baumgardner said. Service hours allow students to apply what is learned in the classrooms on the streets.

“The hope is that this will become more of something they ‘get to do’ rather than something they ‘have to do,’ he continued. “This is an opportunity for students to try out different forms of service and find one that fits what they’re passionate about and will hopefully gear students to a lifetime of service in an area in which they feel fulfilled and created for.”

To record Christian service hours, students may log on to Moodle and enter them, or they may take paper forms and have their advisor approve them.

Basic information is found in the student handbooks, but students who need more information should stop by Baumgardner’s office in Student Life, call 244-8107 e-mail him at (bill.baumgardner@ccuniversity.edu).
CCU Takes on the World

By Clare McGill

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The third trip was to Ghana, Africa, led by Professor Bill Baumgardner. During this trip, the CCU team worked with Ghana Christian University College in hopes to “build a sister college relationship between CCU and GCUC,” said John Gambill, a member of the Ghana team.

The team also assisted with preparing for the construction of a new church by moving cinder blocks. Marceta Houston, fellow Ghana team member said, “It was an amazing experience. It was cool seeing how God works in other countries and seeing how other people worshiped

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And Bingo Was His Name-O

By Jeremy Ruhl

Last Friday night in the student life center, the Student Body Leadership (SBL) sponsored a Bingo and Snow-cone night. About 25 people who played during the hour and a half that the event was held.

Megan Lacy, SBL president, said that SBL had planned this event because the events that student life had planned last year went well. She said that they had decided on a Bingo night because they knew that it "could be a lot of fun."

The approximately 25 students who participated in the event received Bingo cards at the front table, as many cards as they thought they could handle, and then chose a seat in the student life center.

The caller, Brandon Shields, used a computer that would randomly generate a square on the Bingo cards. Once they got five in a row students received a small prize. Play continued in this way until several students had filled their entire card, at which point they received a ten dollar gift card to a local establishment, such as McDonalds, Chipotle, or Skyline. Everyone in attendance seemed to have a good time.

"It was fun," sophomore Emily Isaacs said. "It was the most exciting game in my life," said freshman Neyman Alaniz, one of the gift card winners. "I wish I could play every night," Alaniz went on to say.

Upcoming SBL events include a Ping-Pong tournament on Wednesday, April 1 and a flag football tournament later in April.

Seniors' Job Search: Don't Get Drop Kicked

By Caitlin Fleming

In however many years, papers, late nights and serious caffeine highs it took them to get here, for the seniors graduating in May of this year the hard work has finally paid off. Usually words like "freedom" and "finally" can be heard echoing through the halls at this time of year.

Yet, despite the variety of majors offered here at CCU and the diverse personalities of each student, all seniors seem to have one thing in common: confusion. After spending 20-some-odd years being a student, learning how to be a real adult can be quite a challenge.

The overarching theme of this year’s graduating class has been question after question of what to do after graduation. Though many opportunities have seemingly presented themselves, the truth is, seniors find figuring out where they fit can be quite a challenge.

In an attempt to supply the seniors with some sense of direction for after the impending date of May 16, 2009, this two part article offers a more spiritual based outlook, and helps the reader define and follow through on their passion, seeing it as a purpose from God.

According to tips some students have received, helpful criticism or clarity from mentors, family and close friends may aid in identifying strengths that may often be overlooked. And, importantly students should not shy away from what they are passionate about.

After identifying strengths, passions, and weaknesses, some recommend beginning a list and evaluating possible job opportunities. According to Rath and Conchie, students will be happiest in a job that uses at least 80% of their identified strengths.

To begin searching, check out www.monster.com’s free search engine that does not require registration, or www.idealist.org.

Stressing about the future is too easy to do, but beginning with these few small steps can start to lead those who feel extremely lost to begin to narrow down their options and create an ideal search for a fantastic, purposeful job.

First of a two-part article
A Weekend Full of Baseball

By Steven Rawnsley

The baseball team overall had a pretty good weekend, winning three and losing three in three doubleheaders.

They lost both games of a double hitter to a very good Taylor University baseball team on March 19. Final scores were 11-1 and 8-4.

Friday they played conference rival Johnson Bible College. Junior Chase Diller was unhittable and pitched a complete game, a two-hit shutout. In the second game the Eagles got off to a quick start and scored five runs in the first inning, then four runs in the third inning winning 13-3 in four and a half innings. The same game, senior David Diener hit his second undeniable homerun of the season to left field. Sophomore Josh Taylor pitched very well pitching around a few Eagles errors.

On Saturday the Eagles had to play their third double hitter in three days, facing Miami-Middletown College. The first game the Eagles scored five runs in one inning and never looked back that game. Freshman Neil Rollins pitched a complete game against Miami-Middletown and the Eagles won the first game 5-2.

In the second game of the double hitter the Eagles appeared worn out. This was their sixth game in three days. Freshman Jared Stone pitched, but did not get much help from the defense. The Eagles were making errors at the wrong times and gave up nine runs until the sixth inning when the Eagles finally got on the board and looked like they could come back but fell short in the end losing 9-5.

Overall it was a pretty good week for the Eagles. Not many teams can play six games in three days and come out 500. The Eagles had to use all of their pitchers and at the end of the week they had nothing left.

Spicing Up Spring in the Coffee Shop

By Jen Stone

March through March with tasty new treats in The Hilltop Coffee Shop located in the Worship and Ministry Building. Karen Riley, Catering & Retail Manager, discusses the reasoning for the changes in the coffee shop.

“With March being National Nutrition Month, we are trying some new healthy items,” she said, “such as Naked Juice, string cheese, and seven new flavors of Probars. We have also recently added two new smoothie flavors (Very Cherry and Mandarin Orange Passion Fruit), plus beef jerky, and nacho chips with salsa and cheese cups.

“We are also going to be offering shredded cheese in cups that people can add to their soups.”

Students have noticed the new changes to the food choices. “I’m so very excited that they sell beef jerky now,” said Senior Joe Mendenhall. “I mean seriously, beef jerky? It’s a good day,”