James A. Snyder: An Eaglette Inspiration

By Stephanie Norwood

He has a white beard, colorful sleeve tattoos and usually wears leather. You guessed it, he is none other than James A. Snyder, a theology professor of eight years here at CCU.

“That’s pearls of wisdom,” Snyder responded when hearing that he was a theology professor.

“I’m honored and humbled to be the inspiration for something I did by accident. It was just one of those stupid things, and I do stupid things.”

He met his wife at CCU. “We had our first date on Oct 1, 1985, and married eight months later. She is the most wonderful person I have ever met,” Snyder says, with a smile on his face. He even commented on the fact he had several dates in the dining hall at the school.

Starting school at the age of 24 he graduated with an undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies in 1988. He later received his Masters of Arts in 1993, along with a Masters of Divinity in 1994, both from CCU. Two years later he obtained his Masters of Theology (ThM) from Westminster College.

“Good people don’t carry a gun because they think they are bad, good people carry a gun because some people are bad.” Snyder further quoted Ephesians 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” He talked about a husband’s duty of protection.

Motorcycles have only been a passion of his for about three years. He used to be afraid of them, but now cannot get enough. You can often find him riding his beloved Harley on any day the weather allows for it. On any given day he will most likely be decked out in his biker-wear. Snyder has done countless Civil War reenactments for over 10 years now. He has always had a love for the Civil War.

“Absolutely… ever since I was a little kid,” Snyder responded when asked how long he had loved the Civil War.

His passion on the topic continued with stories from his reenactments and plucks of upcoming ones. For any interested there will be one held at Sharon Woods Village off Interstate 275 on the second weekend of May.

With laughter, his concluding words of the interview were to the seniors: “Plan well, but don’t over expect.”

Irela Takes The Stage

By Lauren Neese

The music department at CCU has seen incredible talent pass through its doors over the years, but Irela, CCU’s newest band has proved to be a group of guys that are different than anything students have seen in years. They are a group who have quickly become close friends and even closer band mates.

Irela is made up of lead singer and rhythm guitarist Eric MacDonald, lead guitarist Paul Lawson, Nathan Isaacs plays bass guitar and his brother David Isaacs mans the drums.

“Irela is that we all collaborate with each other. Every practice someone has an awesome idea,” MacDonald said. “Paul of course is a beast at guitar and makes crazy sounds with it. David is so innovative with the drums and Nathan holds it all together by being a solid bassist.”

With a mix of unique guitar riffs and unusual instrumentation from a megaphone reminiscent of an elementary playground, Irela is striving to bring a refreshing edge to the music scene on campus and throughout Cincinnati. “Irela is striving to be creative, innovative, and indie while at the same time be catchy and fun to listen to…basically the goal is to not fall into the trap of the standard music scene where everything sounds the same.” MacDonald told us.

The group of guys hopes to continue their music while in Cincinnati and has high hopes for the future of Irela. Though they are just getting started, they are ambitious about what they’ll be able to accomplish as a solid group together.

“We’ve got a couple of songs we feel really good about and we will be recording by the beginning of May. [We are] basically preparing ourselves for next fall so we can do some shows and get our name out,” said MacDonald.

As opportunities like last week’s battle of the bands follow up concert come their way, Irela will likely continue to entertain the students at CCU for as long as they are here. So far they’ve sung through a megaphone and covered an 80’s pop song, bringing together the students at CCU with their refreshing and entertaining sound. What’s next?

Irela’s lead singer and rhythm guitarist Eric MacDonald.
Senior Job Search Continues

By Caitlin Fleming

Step one to real adulthood is to avoid being dropkicked out of college.

Last week, we introduced a few books and websites to help start navigating what appears to many graduating seniors to be an impending fog of reality. With the hard part behind, identifying personal strengths and passions, all that lies ahead is communicating your strengths, then identifying and following through on possible job opportunities.

It may seem extremely overwhelming, but remember, everyone who receives your resume has faced this transition before. The best thing to do is break it down and little by little, begin to build a resume that plays up your strengths and passions.

The most important part of the search is to narrow down your options. Once you have evaluated your strengths, it will be easier to identify jobs that will or will not include at least 80% of your potential. It is important to remember that this economy makes being picky a lot more difficult for graduating seniors this May.

The websites mentioned last week that (monster.com, idealist.org) are extremely useful resources for the confused job seeker in a weak economy. Also, do not exclude the idea of doing internships; this is one of the most beneficial ways to get your foot in the door. Allison Doyle suggests, “For recent college graduates, as well as college students, an internship is a way to try a new job without making a permanent commitment”, in College Job Search - College Entry Level Job Search Tips, located on about.com.

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The next task is to read through the results you receive in your search and narrow the list to your top ten. Begin forming your resume to fit the jobs and internships you most desire.

Several interviewers have suggested that the first thing you do is to keep your resume short and sweet. Include the essentials and leave out the fluff, that is what an interview is for. The best policy is to include at least the last three jobs you have had that are applicable to the positions you may be interested in. This will display your qualification for the job you desire. The most helpful tool is getting feedback on your resume. This and other assistance can be found at http://education-portal.com/articles.

A key component many college students miss is the art form of the follow through. Keep in touch with the businesses and personnel that you sent your resume to. They want to know how much you want the job. Sending emails, or placing phone calls can be some of the most beneficial tactics in getting the job you want. Do not be afraid to ask if they have had a chance to look over your resume, or if they would be interested in meeting with you.

This leads to the most important part of the process, selling yourself. Your interview can make or break a job offer. Plan ahead, do your research, and know why you want the job. Do not forget that kindness is the best policy.

“A thank-you is especially important in the job hunt.” In his book “What Color Is Your Parachute,” Richard Nelson Bolles cites research that shows job seekers who send thank-you cards and follow-up e-mails are more likely to receive an offer from potential employers,” says Laurie Byrne at Honor Roll Online.

Although there may still be several questions laying ahead for graduates, hopefully the fog is beginning to clear. There are so many opportunities ahead worth going after, do not let the fear of the unknown stop you. And with the tools to venture ahead in your personal strengths and passions, there is a job waiting to be filled by many of the graduates of 2009.

Part Two Of A Two Part Series

Modest Is Hottest

By Stephanie Norwood

Spring is finally here, and with spring comes warmer weather bringing cool shorts, fun t-shirts, and cute skirts.

Looking at the student dress code it is clear where the school stands on student’s dress.

“Out of consideration, respect, and propriety, and because of instruction, dress on campus is to be clean, neat, respectful, and modest” says the CCU student handbook.

It appears the school’s goal is to show consideration and respect for fellow students by dressing in a respectful manner, not giving off something suggestive.

The students and faculty agree with this modest dress model.

Eddie Schmidt, a freshman, quoted Dave Chapel, giving the example of a person dressing up as a police officer, and not understanding why people kept asking them for help. Schmidt said that women should not dress in a particular manner if they do not want to give off the wrong perception.

Professor Steve Yeaton gives advice to students by stating, “Sisters should set their brothers up for success, and brothers should protect their sisters.”

Our handbooks talks about consideration for others and quotes Philippians 2:3-4, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves, each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

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Take Me Out To The Ball Game

By Steven Rawnsley

The Eagles dominated their double-hitter against Marana-tha Baptist Bible College. The Eagles won the first game 10-0 in five innings.

Freshman Neil Rollins dominated the first game. Neil pitched the whole game with a possible torn Achilles. Later in the week an MRI revealed the damage. Senior David Diener anchored the Eagles offense by going 3-4 with two RBIs, two runs and added a stolen base. Senior Tyler Leland had a great game defensively at first base. He saved a couple of throwing errors.

“We played well the first game but still have room to improve,” said senior Josh Day.

The second game was much closer, but the Eagles pulled it out and won 6-3. Jared Stone pitched the second game.

Senior Nick Westfall is now the lead-off hitter and overall had a good day. On the day he had five stolen bases.

The Eagles did not play their best game, but like good teams, they found a way to win the game while not playing their best.

Some of the Eagles stats for the season include: Junior Josh Taylor has made his way to seventh in the NCCAA in slugging percentage at .766, and Nick Westfall is eighteenth at .583. Neil Rollins is sixth in on base percentage at .563. Jared Stone is leading the team in runs with 13 and is nineteenth nationally at .87 runs per game. Josh Taylor is third in RBI’s per game at 1.27, and first in home runs per game with .33.

The Eagles are also fourth in runs per game, and on base percentage, second and third in on base percentage and batting average respectively. The Eagles are also now 8-9 on the season and are ranked seventh in the nation.

CCU Building Christian Couples

By Andrew Farie

Plans were approved on March 13, 2009 for the building of the wedding chapel on CCU’s campus. It will be placed on the hill near the president’s house.

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Skyline Chili is known for its simplicity and unique taste. Skyline produces the chili in a commissary and then packages it up and sends it out so that it only needs to be reheated at each restaurant unit. This “heat and serve” method helps their restaurant to achieve consistent quality and keeps food preparation fast and simple. Customers place their order with a Skyline Chili table server, and within minutes, they receive a delicious meal.

Skyline Chili restaurants are famous for more than just their chili. Their restaurants incorporate booths and open table areas, as well as counter service which makes customers feel right at home. Their food is prepared at a steam table in front of the customers, which gives the employers the opportunity to interact with the customers and view the entire dining area. This allows the workers to be in touch with their customers at all times.

CCU students are often found dining in at the Skyline on Warsaw Avenue. With its location being so close to school, and their cheap prices, it is a college students dream. Many of the servers even know the students on a first name basis. Because of their continued patronage, Skyline Chili on Warsaw offers a 10% discount to any CCU student with a student ID card. “Whenever you’re feeling good and hungry, just remember, it’s Skyline time!” Junior Jen Stone.

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Facebook has become a new venue for people to give others a peek into their personal life. There are more than 850 million photos, 7 million videos, and 2 million events uploaded each month (http://www.facebook.com/press/info.php?statistics).

CCU has most certainly not escaped the Facebook craze. It is not uncommon to hear phrases like, “Have you checked your Facebook today?”, “Tag me in that picture.”, and “Have you been Facebook stalking?” everyday on our campus.

It is common knowledge that Facebook has a bit of an addictive factor that comes along with becoming a user. Facebook, when used the right way can be a very great thing, don’t let it get the best of you.

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There are many things that can be accomplished through Facebook. With features like Facebook chat, photo albums, and wall postings there are also downfalls that come with holding a Facebook account. The most obvious downfall comes in the form of wasted time. Hours upon hours can easily be spent sitting in front of the computer making sure that every update from every friend has been checked.