Get Your Serve On

By: Caitlin Fleming

CCU’s annual Community Service Day will make a “GREEN” appearance this year on Wednesday, April 15 when students gather and pray before being sent out into the city of Cincinnati to help serve and love on a city in need.

This year CCU is going green and teaming up with the Cincinnati Parks Department to help prepare parks for summer.

Though the service day tradition is only three years old, the numbers have grown each year. “One of the biggest aspects of growth has been that students have taken a bigger role in the day,” said Bill Baumgardner, coordinator of the project “From planning to promoting, each year Community Service Day has gotten better.”

The project offers several opportunities for students to serve. Projects in past years have ranged from cleaning up trash, repainting houses, helping in clinics and doing yard work.

Reaching out to the community and being a light in the city is the number one priority of Service Day.

To sign up, look for the sheets hanging up outside of the Student Life Office waiting area. If sheets happen to be filled, see Bill Baumgardner for more opportunities to sign up.

Preaching Festival Talks Its Way to Another Close

By: Jeremy Ruhl

Last Thursday finalists in the annual CCU Preaching Festival gave their 10-minute winning sermons in chapel.

Finalists Junior-Patrick Garcia, Sophomore Sam Waldron, and Senior Parker Fawbush were selected from among the ten men who stood before three judges to present their sermons during a period of a little more than two hours on March 31. The annual event, hosted by Professor Steve Yeaton, is a tradition at CCU. Every year numerous men try their hand, or voice, for a shot at being one of the three finalists who will preach in chapel the week after the competition.

The finalists were chosen by faculty judges Wally Rendel, Linda Powers, and Jim Chandler.

Other competing speakers that day included Clint Sullivan, Eddie Schmidt, Jon Searle, Alec Tod, Chris Staser, Jeremy Ruhl, and John Hensel. Some of the topics spoken on included unity in the church, preaching the word, changing ourselves, and comparing ourselves. All of the participants and their messages were well received by the judges.
Upcoming SBL Events

By: Jen Stone

Student Body Leadership (SBL) will keep students busy the rest of the semester with a variety of activities. For starters, SBL will host CCU’s first-ever official ping pong tournament tonight, Wednesday, April 8, 8:00 in the old student life center. This activity was conceived of by SBL, but is coming together by the hard work of student Stephen Gadwah. This event will have a March Madness feel to it involving brackets and competition, including prizes and the naming of the first-ever CCU ping pong champion.

SBL is also planning on promoting the upcoming CCU baseball game on April 13. More information will be coming about this event in the near future. If interested in helping plan this event please contact Senior Emily Miller via email at emily.miller@ccuniversity.edu.

“I think it will be a great way for students to take a break from work and be able to beat each other up,” said Junior Staci Proietti who is planning the event.

The current plan is to have a cookout down by the soccer field as the games are going on. Signups will be available the week after Easter in the lobby of each dorm.

For any specific questions about the events listed above, feel free to contact Jen Stone via email at jennifer.stone@ccuniversity.edu.

Spring Time in Choir Land

By: Janet Campbell

Recitals, choir tours, concerts, and auditions are included in the very busy end of the year activities in the music department.

Recitals are a special time in a music major’s college career when each junior and senior student has a chance to show off what he or she has learned.

This spring, most students presenting recitals are juniors.

The recital for juniors Marissa Rinehart, Lindsay Faull, and Micah Herrick will be Monday, April 13 at 3:45 pm.

Juniors Andrew Bernardes and Jeff Holmes will present their recitals on Monday, April 20, also starting at 3:45 pm.

Juniors Brandon Weiss and Laura Hamilton had their recitals March 30. When asked about the favorite part of performing her recital, Hamilton replied, “Knowing that I can sing classical music and actually do it well.”

Senior Daniel Read will present his senior piano recital on Friday, April 24 at 5:00 pm. All recitals are held in the Worship and Ministry Building in the chapel.

The freshman choir, Celebration Singers, will tour to many churches from April 17-19.

Concert Choir will be performing their Unquenchable Tour April 29-May 4. They will be traveling to many different churches performing their program.

The Unquenchable Tour concludes with the Concert Choir’s performance of Unquenchable in chapel on Tuesday, April 28. Their home concert in the chapel, open to the public, will be Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 pm.
Summer Interns Scatter

By: Clare McGill

CCU students do a variety of things during their summer breaks. Some find a job while others travel on a camp team, but many students intern during the summer. This year CCU students are going all over and doing a wide variety of different things during their internships.

Junior Brittany Miner will go across the country to Las Vegas to intern at Canyon Ridge Christian Church in their Next Generation Ministry.

"I am really excited to start helping with the youth group out in Las Vegas," said Miner.

Another church intern coming from CCU is senior Luke Davidson who will be a preaching intern at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY. Brooks Talbott, a graduating senior, will also intern at Southeast with the small groups ministry.

Junior Kylie Sloop will travel across the Atlantic Ocean to Northern Ireland to intern at Project Evangelism: Murlough House. Kylie was a member of the CCU team that went to Northern Ireland during Spring Break and will now return this summer.

Not only are CCU students interning in a church setting, but also in the secular world as well. Junior Jen Stone will intern at the Columbus Zoo in Columbus, Ohio.

Till Plains, Moraines, and Kettles Oh My! Spring Geology Field Trip 2009

By Jeremy Ruhl

The geology department took its annual field trip through Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio March 27 - 29.

The trip provides students in the Geology 2 class an opportunity to learn outside of the classroom in the actual environment where the processes they are learning about occur.

Geology Professor Dr. Rick Bullard led the trip which started out from the school at 8 a.m. on Friday morning. The group traveled in a caravan of 12 and 15 passenger vans through southern Ohio and Indiana countryside.

They stopped several different times in cities including Hooven, Ohio, Brookville, Ohio, and Metamora, Indiana. At each stop Dr. Bullard lectures about its relevance to what the class is learning this semester. He also lectured while the group was in transit between destinations via walkie-talkies.

From Metamora the group traveled northward to Lake James Christian Assembly in Angola, Indiana. This was where the group spent Friday and Saturday night and listened to lectures from Dr. Bullard about the geology of the area. The camp was also where the group ate their morning and evening meals.

On Saturday the group traveled farther north to Colon, Michigan and then west over to Warren Dunes State Park on the shores of Lake Michigan. While there, Dr. Bullard taught on the creation of the sand dunes and then the group was allowed to explore for a little while. They walked down to the beach as well as jumped off the lee, or back side, of the dunes.

On Sunday, a worship service was held before leaving Lake James and returning to
The Reds have already opened up the season but the question remains: How will these Reds fare? Is this just another bad Reds team or is this a different year? The Reds pitching staff will feature two young studs, and should be pretty good. Before last year Aaron Harang was considered one of the best pitchers in baseball. From the 2005-2007 season, he posted earned run averages of 3.83, 3.76, and 3.73 respectively, and posted a combined record of 43-30. Last year he was awful, he posted a 4.78 ERA and had a 6-17 record. The question is, which Harang will the Reds get this year?

Edison Volquez is one of the young studs that the Reds are building around for the future. He was 13th in ERA last season and fifth in strikeouts among starting pitchers. Despite having a 2.29 ERA before the All-Star Break, he fell off after the break when his ERA went to 4.60.

The offense will be led by three young players with a ton of talent who should be studs in a few years. The Reds probably have the second best second baseman in all of baseball, Brandon Phillips. Expect a 20/20 year out of him. First baseman Joey Votto was second in Rookie of the Year voting last year and had 24 home runs. The third young stud is RF Jay Bruce. This will be his first full season in the majors after hitting 21 home runs in only 108 games.

The bullpen is the Achilles heel of the team. Francisco Cordero is a solid closer and David Weathers is a good set-up pitcher, but after those two, the Reds do not have much. It will be an adventure for the bullpen.

The spring 2009 buy-back list will be posted within the next few weeks so students may know the books the bookstore will purchase and their prices.

A final way that the bookstore tries to save the students’ money is through the 10% discount on all textbooks. This not only drops prices, but also helps to ensure the CCU bookstore is competitive with other university bookstores in the area.