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Fightin' Christians nickname ousted at EC

(TMS) - The Elon College Fightin' Christians have headed into the fire, and will resurrect next season as the Phoenix.

This follows the final baseball game of the season on May 18, where the school's ecclesiastical nickname, as well as its mascot, Mr. E, appeared for the last time.

The time for a new sports nickname came when school officials of the school, which is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, decided that they needed a trendier name and flashier, more marketable logo.

This is in line with Elon's 1999 'ascension' to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's

Search for slob yields winner

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TMS Campus

The competition definitely was stiff.

Most others would be intimidated by a rival who owned two pet rats or another who held a birthday party for a two-year-old carton of milk.

However, through perseverance, John Anderson emerged as the winner. He barely emerged, however.

Anderson, a junior at Ohio Northern University, is the winner of the Messiest College Apartment Contest, sponsored by Apartments.com.

Visitors to the site voted on the pigsty prize, based on photographs and essays submitted by Anderson and the finalists, from University of Maryland, and Elgin Community College.

Why on earth would anyone reward students for messy habits? Apartments.com

College Athletic Association Division I. The new mascot, which is a stylized E-shaped phoenix surrounded by flames, came under fire from some students who complained that the change would abandon an important tradition in the name of political correctness and image buffing.

On the other hand, non-Christian students were pleased by the change.

The college's athletics director, Alan J. White, headed the committee that came up with the new name, a connection to the college's recovery from a 1923 fire that destroyed the campus main building, classrooms, records, library, and chapel.

"It has a great deal of institutional significance and describes an athletic program that is rising to new levels of excellence," White said in the press release.

SFX Sports group, a marketing firm from New York, helped the school search for the new identity and produced the graphic symbol. Officials are hoping that the logo will become as unique and identifiable to the school as the logos SFX has come up with for Major League Baseball, the NBA, and the NFL.

Many students are simply happy to have a sleek logo to wear on university apparel, since the Fightin' Christians name wasn't even featured on team uniforms.

reasons that since the Web site offers floorplans, photo, and video of the apartments it features, "What better way to showcase the country's top college slob than on the most visual apartment site on the Internet?"

It makes sense, in a way, especially since the average college student produces a whopping 640 pounds of solid waste each year, according to a 2000 study by Speedway Disposal & Recycling.

In his essay, Anderson said thoughtfully, "I still haven't figured out what is rotting on my table, but it is growing."

For his efforts, or lack thereof, Anderson received \$10,000 in prize money (which Anderson, not surprisingly, says he will use to find a nicer apartment), and \$2,000 in credit to spend on auctions.com, the sister site of Apartments.com.

What does Anderson credit to his award-winning apartment? Numerous, careless houseguests, he claims.

"I am the only one who ever cleans up the place ... so I decided to let it go until someone else cleans up, which doesn't happen," he said.

Ironically, Anderson is a biology and environmental studies major, certified by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to handle and remove toxic waste (but not his own.)

Now that he is a big winner, does he consider any drawbacks to being such a big slob? It should come as no surprise that the landlord of the famous slob would not

Indiana student believed to have been abducted

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - After finding few, if any, clues after nearly five days of investigating, police say they have reason to believe missing University of Indiana student Jill Behrman may have been abducted.

The 19-year-old was last seen around 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, as she took a bike ride in the Bloomington area.

Bloomington Police Sgt. Rick Helms said that the student's abandoned bicycle was noticed about 90 minutes after she began her ride. The bike was found on Bloomington's northwest side in an area more than 10 miles from her home, a distance an experienced cyclist could cover easily in that span of time. A water bottle similar to the one she carried also was found, but other clues were scarce.

The Bloomington Police Department's press release describes Behrman's attire as black bike pants and a red-and-white sleeveless shirt. For now, since there are so little leads, no mass searches are being conducted but the police are exploring "other avenues of investigation."

landlord of the famous abode would not renew his lease.

"Nobody seems to like the idea of renting to me," Anderson says.

Police say jealousy may have been the cause of Illinois killing

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CARBONDALE - Last Friday, Chicago native Renee DiCicco introduced a new friend in her life to co-workers at Southern Illinois University's Touch of Nature outdoors center.

DiCicco, a 1999 SIU graduate, had invited Brett Janecke down from Chicago, where he lived with his brother. The two 22-year-olds were to spend the weekend camping and swimming in the woods that were DiCicco's frequent playground.

But by daybreak Saturday, after what investigators described as a savage attack that they believe was borne of jealousy, DiCicco was dead and Janecke lay in the intensive-care unit of a St. Louis Hospital.

Authorities allege DiCicco's former boyfriend, Donald Forcum, 28, broke into the one-story home they once shared about two miles from the SIU campus and brutally attacked the two victims just before 2 a.m.