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Ned the Cactus says: these blasted renaissance folk. They're like carnies, without the hygiene.

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U.S. Senator Visits Cedarville Campus



Students listen attentively as Mike DeWine speaks in the SSC theatre (SCOTT HUCK/SUBMITTED)

By Sara Eplin
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH) spoke to a large group of Cedarville University faculty and students last week. DeWine, whose Ohio residence is approximately two miles from the University, commented briefly on his background before allowing students to ask questions.

DeWine shared that after graduating from Miami University and Ohio Northern University Law School, he served eight years in the United States House of Representatives and is currently in

his eleventh year in the United States Senate.

DeWine discussed what he believes to be his personal emphases in Congress. Students listened as he presented his thoughts on the AIDS epidemic overseas, his concern for poverty-stricken nations such as Haiti, and his passion for children's health issues.

When asked about President George W. Bush's nomination of Harriet Miers for the United States Supreme Court, DeWine openly shared his opinion. While he was not well acquainted with Miers before the nomination, the senator said that in recent conversations with her, he found

himself "very impressed." He emphasized the need for Supreme Court Justices to be "good human being[s]," and said that Miers indeed fits that mold. Additionally, DeWine believes Miers is well-qualified for the position.

"[She is a] very competent lawyer who's had a great deal of diversity in her background," DeWine said. While he did note that Miers and President Bush know each other very well, he did not express any concern over their friendship.

Senator DeWine also addressed his involvement in the so-called "Gang of 14," a group of fourteen senators who assembled to prevent

Democrats from filibustering President Bush's judicial nominees. He expressed hope in the assembly's achievement, saying, "Time will tell whether it's a complete success or not. We think we've accomplished a lot."

DeWine addressed a variety of issues raised by students. Among these were his personal religious background, his thoughts on the Fair Tax Bill, and the seemingly excessive spending in the Senate.

"[Senate spending has been] driven by a number of different things," the Senator said. He noted that the Senate had a surplus at one point sev-

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NHL's Back: Does Anyone Care?

By Chris Cuffman
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tape up your stick, sharpen your skates, and fire up the zamboni—hockey's back, and it promises a faster, more exciting game with more scoring and parity. One problem: is anyone paying attention?



After seeing an entire year go to waste due to a lockout, many fans have lost patience with a league that already struggles for fan support in the United States. Besides, the sports world seemed to survive without hockey highlights on ESPN every night. So how did the NHL get to

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Rosa Parks Dies at 92

By Bethany Sibbitt
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

She was a daughter, sister, wife and friend. But anyone can be those things at a given time; more than that, she initiated the civil rights movement. Who was this woman? She was Rosa Parks.

Despite humble beginnings, this ordinary woman would eventually alter America in the mid-1950s. She was an ordinary woman—until the day that she made a choice that impacted an entire nation.

On December 1 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. This was no average seat. It was the seat intended for a white man in the segregated south.

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Islamic Fasting Holiday Begins

By Amanda Acker
RELIGION BEAT

On Thursday, October 6, millions of Muslim believers around the world awoke before sunrise for a morning meal that would be their only sustenance until sunset. Ramadan, the ninth month in the Muslim calendar, commemorates the revelation of the Qur'an with a disciplined fast that adheres to the fourth pillar of Islam. During Ramadan, food, drink, smoking, and sexual intercourse are prohibited during the daylight hours.

Ramadan is more than just a mere exercise in religious asceticism. The month is considered a spiritual "New Year" that focuses on finding a deeper communion with Allah through personal self-discipline. Throughout Ramadan, Muslims will concentrate on honing the virtues of purity, self control, and reflection.

The first step is to abstain from food and drink. Many Muslims also find that this is a good time to avoid impure

or irreligious diversions. For business owners at a Jakarta nightclub, Ramadan means covering a nude statue; for others, Ramadan may mean turning off the television or radio, or refraining from buying the latest tabloid.

Many observers establish personal goals during the month of Ramadan. They may, for example, aspire to read the entire Qur'an during the month, memorize a series of Qur'anic chapters, or read other Islamic books.

Young British Muslim Tamanna Rahman wrote about her excitement to begin her spiritual journey through the month of Ramadan: "This is not as crazy as it sounds. Muslims are taught that this month, in which the Qur'an was first revealed, is full of hidden and secret blessings. It is a retreat of the mind, away from the hustle and bustle of the daily grind. It is a month of placing mind over matter and gaining mastery over the lower senses."

As Muslims seek to abandon the physical for the spiri-

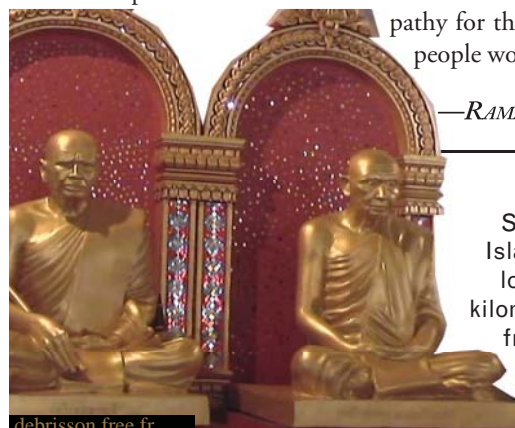
tual, they often find that they struggle with bodily weakness. Working among non-Muslims, Rahman noted that many temptations surround her. "The gurgle of the water tower. The slurp of a colleague's cup of tea. The crack fizz of a bottle opening. Then there was the general e-mail to the office from someone with the surname 'Drinkwater' which just seemed to be poking fun at me. Fasting certainly gave me a heightened sense of awareness. For food anyway."

Muslims recognize that acute perception of physical weakness is part of the Rama-

dan experience. Ibnatt Batura, another British Muslim currently studying abroad in Egypt, wrote in his blog: "the spiritual energy gained while performing our acts of worship and growing closer to Allah give you that happiness and contentment inside to be able to bear the burdens of this life. It is not something that can be described; just experienced. And armed with the knowledge that this is not the real life—that is yet to come—allows you to see life in its true perspective."

Part of the perspective that Muslims gain in the month of Ramadan is a deeper empathy for the millions of people worldwide who

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Statues in an Islamic temple located a few kilometers away from the Thai border.

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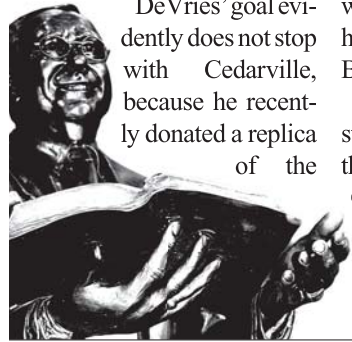
Extra Dixon Statue Appears at Cornerstone University

By Jessica Annable
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

From appearing in SGA videos to having its own Xanga site, the "Dixon Statue" in the Dixon Ministry Center has contributed to the Cedarville University experience. Dr. Jim DeVries, a Cedarville trustee, originally crafted the statue for the campus in honor of Dr. Dixon's twenty-five years as the university's President. It was commissioned on May 7, 2003.

In a letter to Dixon concerning the commemoration of the statue, DeVries wrote: "It is my hope the sculpture will challenge each future Cedarville student to use his or her unique gifts to touch lives for Christ."

DeVries' goal evidently does not stop with Cedarville, because he recently donated a replica of the



statue to Grand Rapids Theological Seminary (GRTS) on Cornerstone University's campus in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Interestingly, this "new" statue is actually a back-up copy that DeVries cast in case something happened to the Cedarville statue. He had kept it at his home for two years before donating it to GRTS.

Last May, GRTS presented DeVries with an honorary doctorate. He then gave them his extra Dixon Statue as a gift to put the day's emphasis on evangelism through preaching the Good News. In fact, the actual name of the Dixon Statue is *Good News*. DeVries named it for Dr. Dixon's real-life passion for evangelism, signified in the statue's welcoming smile, outreached hand of friendship, and open Bible.

Few people on Cornerstone's campus recognize that the statue depicts Cedarville's Chancellor, but Dixon shared that he was shocked and honored to be a part of this

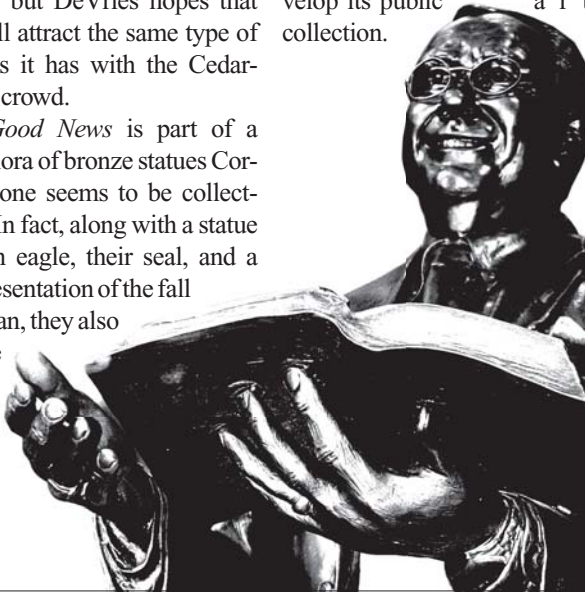
work. He said, "The focus is not on me, but on the Great Commission."

The *Good News* of GRTS sits outside on a bench overlooking their campus pond. DeVries said that the biggest difference between the two statues is that the Cedarville statue's head is shiny from being rubbed; this makes Jim very happy, because he created the statue to be interactive. On Cornerstone's campus, the statue is out of the students' path, but DeVries hopes that it will attract the same type of antics it has with the Cedarville crowd.

Good News is part of a plethora of bronze statues Cornerstone seems to be collecting. In fact, along with a statue of an eagle, their seal, and a representation of the fall of man, they also have the

same version of *The Creation*, also created by DeVries, which was installed on Cedarville's campus late last year and commemorated at Homecoming several weeks ago.

Cornerstone expects to add two statues to their growing collection, with plans for more on the horizon. Given the notable similarities between the campuses and the emergence of new outdoor works of art at Cedarville, it is distinctly possible that this campus will develop its public art collection.



International News

Compiled by Autumn West, INTERNATIONAL NEWS BEAT

UN

Thirty health ministers, World Health Representatives, and UN observers convened for the two-day Global Pandemic Influenza Readiness Conference in Canada on Tuesday. Officials are expected to address the global threat of the H5N1 virus strain threatening Europe and Southeast Asia.

The strain, which is eerily reminiscent of the 1918 flu virus that killed more people than both WW I and WW II, has no effective treatment and countries are scrambling to stockpile the antiviral vaccine Tamiflu.

Mexico is expected to present a proposal to the assembly requesting that richer nations set aside ten percent of their vaccines and other drugs to assist poorer nations in their fight against the potential global pandemic.

While the disease has spread to Romania, Russia, and Turkey, it still remains concentrated in Southeast Asia, and UN officials are emphasizing the need to contain the virus there.

All current cases have occurred through human-to-bird contact, but officials stress that if the virus is not contained, it is only a matter of time before the strain mutates and rapidly spreads. The World Health Organization estimates 7.4 million global deaths if the strain mutates, but others project the figure as high as 150 million.

USA/IRAQ

Saddam Hussein al-Majid, former president of Iraq, faced charges at an Iraqi court last week. Charges included murder, rape and torture.

According to journalists, Saddam appeared older and worn, but was defiant and maintained his claim to the presidency of the country. When asked to identify himself, Hussein refused to answer the judge and repeatedly insisted that the court had no constitutional authority over him.

Hussein was joined by six co-defendants, all members of his former regime and all implicated in the same crimes. If convicted, all seven men could face the death penalty.

Although court proceedings were fairly smooth, outside of court one of Hussein's legal council was brutally murdered after being abducted by men dressed as Iraqi police. Many speculate that high-profile international lawyers will join the Saddam defense when the trial resumes in six weeks.

From page 1, Parks

Her quiet act of courage spoke volumes to the rest of the country. She was not a radical civil rights activist, but when presented with the opportunity to effect a positive change, she acted upon it. Mrs. Parks said: "Our mistreatment was just not right, and I was tired of it...I

IRAQ

The Iraqi Constitution has received a "no" vote in two provinces dominated by Sunni Muslims, leaving voters, and the world, to wait for the results from Nineveh, a third Sunni-dominated province.

Electoral rules dictate that if the constitution is rejected by a two thirds majority in three or more of Iraq's 18 provinces, the document fails. Anbar and Salahuddin both voted against the proposed constitution by large margins, but Diyala, another Sunni dominated area, approved the constitution by over 50 percent.

Officials expect to announce results from Nineveh sometime this week. If the constitution does not pass, Iraq will languish through another year of compromise and constitution crafting, and another vote on the new proposal. Despite the latest results, analysts are encouraged that Sunni Muslims participated in much larger numbers than they did in December, lending more legitimacy to the national vote.

knew there was a possibility of being mistreated, but an opportunity was being given to me to do what I had asked of others."

In all probability, Rosa Parks did not view herself as a hero. However, her lasting impact on the civil rights movement would suggest otherwise. Almost fifty years have passed since the

POLAND

Conservative Lech Kaczynski won Sunday's runoff vote to secure the presidency of Poland. Mr. Kaczynski represents the Law and Justice Party, which acquired a narrow majority in the Parliament after general elections last month. Sunday's elections handed them the presidency as well when the people voted in favor of Mr. Kaczynski 54 percent to 46 percent over Civic Platform's Donald Tusk.

The change in leadership is widely interpreted as a shift further to the right. Kaczynski's view differed from his opponents in regards to interaction with the international system. While the Civic Platform advocated full integration with the European Union, adoption of the Euro, and free market, Kaczynski's attitude toward the EU is more cautious and he considers free markets a "dangerous experiment." Further, Kaczynski has actively promoted a return to morals and Christian values, which analysts believe reflects his Catholic beliefs.

incident in Montgomery, and America still regards this woman and her influence on culture as we know it today. On Monday October 24, the nation mourned the loss of a woman whose simple defiance against discrimination earned her the title "mother of the civil rights movement."

International Culture: The Netherlands

By Elizabeth Korver
STAFF WRITER

Rembrandt, Van Gogh, and Vermeer are just a few names from art history that are well-recognized even by many who do not study art. All of these incredibly gifted artists, who managed to revolutionize the art world at various times and in various ways, came from one tiny country: The Netherlands.

The Netherlands, which literally and appropriately means "low lands," is located almost completely below sea level. The Dutch capital, Amsterdam, is no exception; its citizens have adapted to its geography by building and maintaining an elaborate and efficient canal system, a fact that has earned it the nickname "Venice of the North." Yet the flavor of The Netherlands is clearly unique.

From the flat fields of the Dutch countryside covered in a rainbow of tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths in the springtime to Amsterdam with its bustling streets bursting with world-famous art museums, antique churches, and city squares, The Netherlands has much to offer lovers of nature and the arts.

The beauty of its landscapes and the creative genius of its artists are easily accessible; in fact, not only do most Dutch men and women speak English, but the bicycle is the most common form of transportation.

Roughly twice the size of New Jersey, the country has more bikes than people. Many bike paths lead to historic castles, manors, and gardens; they also tour rivers, coastlines, and flower fields. One of the most prominent "rural" images—rural is a relative term, since The Netherlands is the most densely populated country in the world—is the windmill, which

the Dutch originally used to pump water out of the land.

Amsterdam and other Dutch cities such as The Hague, Rotterdam, Delft, and Utrecht are also easily accessible by bicycle. These cities offer what seem to be exhaustive lists of art museums, architectural monuments, and various other places of interest. For instance, Amsterdam alone boasts the Van Gogh Museum, which houses more works by that artist than any other museum in the world; the Rijksmuseum, which includes works from Rembrandt and Vermeer; and the Anne Frank house, to name a few.

At night, the canals reflect the lights of centuries-old residences and balance-lever bridges, whispering hints of Van Gogh's original inspiration.

The Hague, the imperial city, hosts a royal picture gallery and is the seat of Parliament and most Dutch government activity. And Rotterdam, the world's largest port city, is home to the Museum Kunsthal, which sponsors temporary exhibitions ranging from Andy Warhol to Donald Duck to Leonard da Vinci. Music, film, and literature also have an impressive cultural center within Dutch borders.

Though The Netherlands is recognized as one of the world's leaders in the movement to normalize and legalize debauchery, and has recently seen increases in religious tensions and what the New York Times dubs "politically motivated violence," it is also a conservatory of beauty. From God's paintbrush in nature to man's creative masterpieces on canvas, The Netherlands speaks to the essential role of art in the human experience.

Bernanke Nominated as New Council Chair

By Joe Dugan
NEWS EDITOR

President Bush on Monday nominated Ben Bernanke, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, to succeed Alan Greenspan as Federal Reserve Chair.

Market Strategist Barry Ritholtz expressed confidence that Bernanke would be approved without much controversy. "He is a known entity that is well-respected on the academic side, in Washington and by the stock market," Ritholtz said. Bush praised Bernanke for his speaking ability, claiming that he uses "keen insight and clear, simple language" to address significant issues.

Greenspan's term will expire in January. During

Bernanke's nineteen years as Chair, Greenspan proactively influenced debates on topics ranging from Social Security reform to the national debt.

Greg Valliere, a spokesman for Stanford Washington Research Group, expressed doubt that Bernanke would be similarly inclined to engage in public debate. "Down the road he might [but] for now the main task is to convince the market he is solid," Valliere said.

Some officials speculated that Bush offered the nomination now rather than later in an effort to divert attention from recently criticized aspects of his administration, including disaster relief efforts and his nomination of White House Counsel Harriet Miers for Supreme Court Justice.

Language & Literature Department Provides Opportunities for Students

By Heidi Charlton
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Beyond the popular controversy over the Walden Cabin, many students have no idea what the Language and Literature department at Cedarville does, or what it is all about. The department seeks to foster a thought-provoking discussion and contemplation of influential past and current issues by educating students in a wide variety of disciplines. As a result, graduates are perhaps more marketable than engineering or nursing students. English majors in particular are skilled in thinking broadly and deeply about various issues because of their analyses of influential works of literature.

Cameron Arch, senior English major, articulated one major frustration by commenting, "While I respect the teaching profession, I shudder at the question 'So you want to teach?' An English major is not limited to teaching [but] to the rest of the world the two go hand in hand."

Most English majors do not want to teach. English majors often get jobs in advertising, banking, communications, editing, freelancing, research, analysis, human resources, retail, indexing, abstracting, journalism, law, museums, publishing, education, public relations, writing, and programming.

Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, television writer/producer for *Designing Women* and *Evening Shade* graduated with an English major, as did actress and filmmaker Jodie Foster. Other famous English majors include Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, astronaut Sally Ride, songwriter and singer Paul Simon, filmmaker Steven Spielberg, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, actress Sigourney Weaver, and Nobel Laureate in medicine and Director of National Institutes of Health Harold Varmus. In other words, while many perceive them as geeks with their noses constantly stuck in books, English majors simultaneously learn the critical thinking skills necessary for a variety of professions.

To increase awareness about their involvement on campus, the department will host several events in the coming months that will demonstrate the broad range of skills and talents common to those in the English profession. Watch for the Conference on Christianity and Literature coming next fall.

Dr. Deardorff, who plays an integral role in the coordination of this event, elaborated. He said, "The CCL is the largest Christian academic organization in the United States dedicated to the study of literature and culture. We are hosting the Mid-East Regional Conference next October 13-14th. Scholars from across the country will be coming to CU to present papers on literature, history, philosophy and culture."

In another upcoming event, AKD, the English Honors Society, will sponsor their second undergraduate literary conference in the winter of 2007. CU's undergraduates and students from other area colleges and universities will be invited to share critical papers and creative works. AKD is also sponsoring a nonfiction contest this semester and a poetry contest in the spring.

Professor Julie Moore, Director of the Writing Center, plugged the "Read to Write" initiative that began this year, claiming that it exists "to both promote and celebrate novels, books of nonfiction and poetry, and memoirs which are acclaimed works of art. The idea is that if you want to write well, you must first learn to read well, and reading great literary and contemporary works will not only be enjoyable but also help improve your writing."

From the philosophy of Thoreau's cabin to the context of American Transcendentalism and the Evangelical Christian culture at Cedarville, the Language and Literature department seeks to educate students who can actively articulate the debates surrounding these issues while maintaining a distinct understanding of identity and integrity.



"The Bent" (Josh Wilcox)

Kinda like the Sword in the Stone

By Nate Washatka
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the midst of cardboard canoes, solar boats, and energy-efficient cars, the Cedarville University Engineering department has constructed yet another model of modern engineering. This time, however, they didn't have to invent the design.

The department recently erected a 4-foot metallic version of "The Bent" in front of the ENS building. It is the official symbol of the National Engineering Honors Society, an organization more than 100 years old and spanning 229 active chapters across the county. The Bent symbolizes the presence of Tau Beta Pi, Cedarville University's chapter of the national organization.

"The Bent indicates to visitors that Cedarville University has a significant, professional, and accredited set of engineering programs," said Dr. Hardy Hegna, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and advisor to Tau Beta Pi.

The oversized Bent was purchased in 2001 when TBP was officially recognized by the NEHS. It had since been stored in the basement of the ENS, with plans for eventual display outside. The foundation for the display was laid earlier this fall as part of the resurfacing projects outside of the ENS, although the site of the construction was approved several years ago.

While The Bent is the only structure of its kind on Cedarville's campus, Hegna indicated that many schools with NEHS chapters have similar displays outside engineering buildings. "Virtually every university [with an NEHS chapter] has a Bent displayed on their campus,"

Hegna said. "If you go to Dayton's campus, you'll see one."

The structure was erected in time for Homecoming weekend, but its construction is not quite finished. There are plans to replace part of the current display with a more elaborate marble base and to include a bronze plaque with an inscription in honor of TBP members. The project will not likely be completed until early spring of next year.

Though The Bent is distinctly associated with engineering, Hegna believes the symbol can be understood to represent much of Cedarville's student body. "Everyone can do their best, have character, and bring excellence to their profession—in a sense the objectives of Tau Beta Pi overlay those of Cedarville University," Hegna said. "It is not there as a monument to anything. It is a symbol of what each of us ought to be striving for; it just happens to be [an] engineering [symbol]."

The display has met with a generally enthusiastic reception by students in the Engineering department. "The Bent stands as a testament to the quality of our programs," said Isaac Abbott, president of Tau Beta Pi. "Putting it out here is a statement to other people—it's something to be proud of."

For some, The Bent only confirms what they already know. "[The Bent] is okay," said sophomore Andrew Barber, a mechanical engineering major. "You can see one outside every school with a prominent engineering program. But I already knew our program rocked."

ORG Spotlight: ADO

By Janna Schwab
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Though some students have seen girls in matching sweat-shirts selling Krispy Kreme donuts, and others have gotten root beer floats as part of the homecoming parade, few are actually familiar with Alpha Delta Omega, the organization sponsoring these activities.

More than just a facebook group, Alpha Delta Omega (ADO) is "an organization for women designed to encourage the development of its membership primarily through personal services to students and others."

In its basics, ADO is a group of women who want to serve Cedarville and the surrounding communities.

For over twenty years, ADO has been serving on Cedarville's campus. ADO members have participated in the Organizational Fair, the Homecoming parade, and the movie night of Li'l Sibs Weekend. Numerous ADO fundraisers have helped members of the CU family throughout the past few years. Last holiday season the women of ADO wrapped presents for busy faculty and staff members. Additionally, last year's proceeds went to help needy members of the Cedarville family.

Though they focus mainly on encouraging students, faculty, and staff, ADO members also serve the surrounding communities. Last year, ADO

partnered with its brother organization, Delta Omega Epsilon, for the groups' largest annual project, a winter coat and clothing drive to benefit the Dayton Gospel Mission and Salvation Army. Twenty-three group members took residence halls by storm, collecting over 30 bags of winter clothing after Christmas break. Murphy RD Bonnie Kuvshnikov has been working as staff advisor for the organization since 2002, and says the coat drive was one of her favorite activities.

But fundraisers are just one aspect of this close-knit group of girls. A big part of the organization's role is to provide internal help and encouragement. Sophomore Anna Pyles shared that the main reason she joined ADO was "to be with women who love God and want to serve Him in any way they can."

This November, the girls will head to Scioto Hills Camp for a retreat and workday, serving the camp and getting to know each other better. Over Spring Break, ADO will head out to a mission field and serve others as an MIS team. Senior Carrie Gumm is excited about the possibilities that an MIS trip would provide: "It's a great way to serve there and have fun with the other girls over Spring Break." In the meantime, ADO will continue to serve at Cedarville in creative and inspiring ways.

Wilma Strikes Florida

By Joe Dugan
NEWS EDITOR

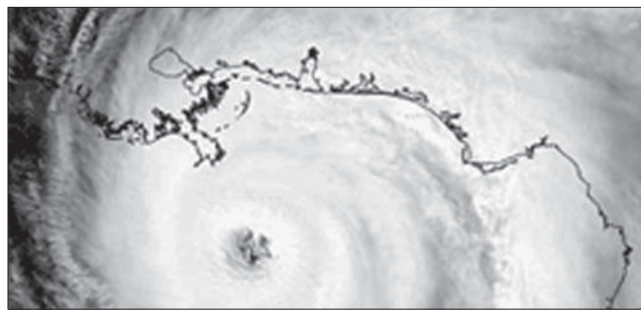
Hurricane Wilma made landfall Monday, slamming southwest Florida with six hours of heavy winds and flooding before heading back into the Atlantic.

Damages resulting from the Category 3 hurricane were severe, with costs estimated in the billions of dollars. According to R. David Paulison, acting head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), local officials reported "a lot of power outages, a lot of coastal flooding, a lot of broken windows in high-rise

buildings, a lot of roofs that are going to need a lot of repair."

Wilma, the twenty-first storm in a season that has quickly become more devastating than any on record, brought with it a potential for ten inches of rain. "All the streets are rivers. You can see water just rushing through," said Key West resident Noah Ackerman.

As of Monday, at least three Florida residents had died as a direct result of the storm.



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eral years ago. After September 11, however, great amounts of money were needed to address major issues. DeWine cited the War in Iraq and Hurricane Katrina as two examples of issues which demanded tremendous expenditure.

Senator DeWine's visit was sponsored by Omega Mu,

Cedarville's chapter of the National Political Science Honor Society, and by Cedarville University's Center for Political Studies. The Center exists to help students develop a biblical view of government and to encourage them to become involved in the political process.



Engineers + Water = Solar Splash 2005

By Gwen Dewhurst
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Most students do not realize that Cedarville University is the two time World Champion of solar boating. Each year, engineering students compete in Solar Splash (<http://www.solarsplash.com>), an intercollegiate competition in which approximately 25 schools from North America, (and occasionally Japan) design, build, and race solar-powered boats.

The students on this year's boat team will defend their title next June at the 2006 Solar Splash in Arkansas. In addition, they are seeking to lend legitimacy to the World Champion title by competing in the inaugural Frisian Nuon Solar Challenge (<http://www.frisian-nuonsolarchallenge.com/>) next June. This 220 km, six day race in the Netherlands follows the course of the Elfstedentocht, the famous 11-city skating race.

Two students on the team, Ben Hill and Richard Wood-

ward, recently traveled to Friesland to plan the trip details and, as Hill said, "to get a good idea of what the course looks like so that we can best design the boat to work with the natural layout."

Thom Molligna, one of the race organizers, spent two days guiding Ben and Richard along the race course. In addition to measuring and videotaping the route, Ben and Richard met with organizers of the race and were featured in several television newscasts and newspaper articles.

One highlight of the trip was discovering that Thom was also a Christian; on their last night in the Netherlands, the students were invited to Thom's house to share a meal and Bible study with his family.

Although Cedarville has been a part of Solar Splash since 1997, it was not until 2004 that they became World

Champions. The breakthrough came when the students designed a completely new boat. Where the old boat attempted to cut through the water, the new one, designed by Brian Montague (class of '04), rises up on the water and can reach speeds of 30 miles per hour. As a result, Cedarville claimed its first World Championship by the widest margin of victory in competition history.

In 2005, Cedarville students again claimed the championship with an improved version of the 2004 boat. The 2005 team built a new, even lighter, boat and designed and machined its propellers.

Led by skipper Dustin Foster ('05), the team turned in the top performance in four out of six events and accrued the most points in competition history. Articles about the team have appeared in the October 2005 issues of *Professional Boat-builder* and *Composites Tech-*

nology, as well as the August 2005 issue of *ASME News*.

The current team is building a new, lightweight, cedar wood-strip boat to defend the Solar Splash title, and is also designing and building a completely new boat to race in the Frisian Nuon Solar Challenge.

In September, Steve Ziegenfuss ('05), a team member designing the hull, traveled to a wooden-boat rendezvous in New Hampshire, where he interacted with renowned kayak designers from the US and Sweden.

The new Solar Splash boat, currently under construction, is on display in the Engineering Projects Laboratory.

The ambitious goal of simultaneously competing in two major events on two continents is not only providing an excellent educational experience for the team, it is proving to be an extraordinary adventure.



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suffer from involuntary hunger. "Images of the poor and starving that are so often on our screens flashed across my mind," wrote Rahman after being tempted to buy an afternoon snack.

"I remembered that many Muslims spend this month giving away the money that might otherwise have been spent on food to charity. The fifty pence isn't much of course, but if each Muslim were to give away their lunch money everyday for the month of Ramadan, the effect might be like the raindrops which come together to create oceans."

Throughout the month of Ramadan, Muslims foster a deep sense of community. Many worshippers relish the

maghrib, a sunset prayer at the mosque, where they can find spiritual renewal with fellow believers.

During Ramadan additional prayers called the tarawih may last for two hours. Battuta wrote: "Soon people are weeping tears of awe, happiness, fear and profound emotion as they remember their Lord. Bodies shudder as they're racked by tears. I'm repeating myself, yet I feel the concept is so far removed from the average secular life as to be completely incomprehensible."

Each year as Ramadan nears its end, the month climaxes at the Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power). This night, held within the last ten days of Ramadan, is traditionally

believed to be the anniversary of the date when Muhammad received the revelation of the Qu'ran from Allah.

According to the Qu'ran: "The night of al-Qadr is better than a thousand months." This verse is interpreted to mean that the worship of Allah on the night of al-Qadr is better than a thousand months of worship at any other time. On this holiday many will maintain a nightlong vigil of prayer, talwat (reading the Qu'ran), and worship.

Soon after Laylat al-Qadr comes the celebration of Eid ul-Fitr. This holiday, celebrated on the first day of Shawwel, the tenth month on the Islamic calendar, marks the end of Ramadan. On Eid ul-Fitr, Mus-

lims are forbidden to fast. Observers will attend the mosque, where they will collect alms, listen to a khutba (sermon) and pray to Allah for forgiveness, mercy, and blessing. After attending the mosques many families will celebrate together, often giving gifts to the women and children.

Although Eid ul-Fitr is an enjoyable day for Muslims to celebrate their spiritual growth through the month of Ramadan, it is also a time of mixed emotions. Although Ramadan can be physically and spiritually grueling, Muslims often feel saddened at the passing of this month, and they eagerly await the coming of the next Ramadan.

Worldview Weekend: In Review

By Amanda Acker
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, October 14, hundreds of teenagers poured out of their church vans and into the Jeremiah Chapel to receive an intense weekend of worldview training. Worldview Weekend is a nationwide organization that hosts two-day conferences to teach students, church leaders, and lay persons how to think about society, politics, economics, and religion through a particular worldview lens.

Worldview Weekends host a number of popular evangelical speakers, including David Jeremiah, Norman Geisler, Ken Ham, Ray Comfort, Josh McDowell, and Kirk Cameron.

Cameron kicked off the evening. After a 60-second *Growing Pains* reenactment and a plug for the upcoming *Left Behind* movie, Cameron presented his message entitled "Soundly Saved." Cameron argued that in order to revitalize the church, evangelicals must reinstate a method of biblical evangelism that dispenses with feel-good preaching techniques.

Salvation, Cameron believes, "isn't an issue of happiness, but an issue of righteousness." Too many people, he said, "call themselves Christians and immediately lose their joy and peace the moment the flight gets bumpy." The message of grace must instead be coupled with a stirring reminder of God's law and impending judgment.

Following the first break, Ray Comfort addressed the topic of the church's "depraved indifference." Together, Comfort and Cameron head up a ministry called "The Way of the Master." This ministry seeks to address the wave of evangelistic disinterest in the modern-day church. Comfort argued that evangelism needs to be revitalized according to the principles of the law.

Comfort and Cameron have developed an evangelistic method based on the law in what they believe to be its original intent, lovingly confronting nonbelievers by appealing to their consciences. Cameron and Comfort concluded the evening by role-playing several scenarios to demonstrate their evangelistic methods. Each scenario presented a character stereotype and outlined the basic questions and arguments to use with that stereotype.

Overall, Comfort and Cameron streamlined the evangelistic techniques presented into a user-friendly "do-it-yourself" process. "If you're a Christian," concluded Cameron, "just try it!"

At the end of each session, Logos representative and conference emcee Scott

Lindsey gave a promotional speech to entice the audience to purchase the wealth of resources supplied by the speakers and Worldview Weekend. In addition to selling books and tapes, the conference also encouraged attendees to support a child through Compassion International.

During the 15-minute break on Friday night, hundreds rushed to the lobby with their pocketbooks. Several of the books and CDs sold out almost immediately. Two children were sponsored.

Saturday morning, Yale-educated Kerby Anderson lectured on creation science. He offered many of the traditional arguments for intelligent design from the fields of astronomy and biology. In his lecture Anderson tactfully avoided the young earth/old earth debate, claiming, "If I'm in a battle I'm not going to shoot people in the fox-hole."

Later in the day Kerby Anderson spoke on the topic of bioethics, Lindsey presented a Bible Study methods seminar, and Sean McDowell followed in his father's footsteps with two messages based on Christian apologetics.

Dr. David Noebel concluded the conference. A long time scholar of the so-called secular humanist movement, Noebel opened the last session with the question, "If secular humanism is a religious worldview, why are they in the classroom?" Dr. Noebel proceeded to argue that secular humanism has been recognized by scholars and the general public as a religion, and even achieved tax exemption. Therefore, Noebel urges Christians to take the issue of secular humanism to the courts and argue for a consistent approach to the separation of church and state.

As attendees drove away they took with them a myriad of lessons. Zyrak Castellino, a teen from Flint, Michigan, felt that the conference offered him "some proof of the resurrection of Jesus." Trent Berbery of Marion, Ohio, found the conference "eye-opening." He felt that Kirk Cameron's message had been especially important in teaching him ways to "get past the preliminaries" and effectively share his faith on the street.

Throughout this fall and spring more Worldview Weekend conferences will appear across the United States in an effort to bring thousands of evangelicals the opportunity to hear the perspectives of these thinkers. Organizers of the event hope that Cedarville will remain a Worldview Weekend rendezvous for many years to come.



Arts & Entertainment

A New Campus Expression of the Arts

By Lindsay Malone
STAFF WRITER

I am not an art major. I have never made a painting or a sculpture of any kind. However, I have recently made a discovery about art. It is not designed only for "artistic" people or the art majors, it is for everyone to interpret and marvel at for themselves.

Among the few pieces of art on campus, one recent work that has received little recognition is *The Creation*, a sculpture installed outside the lower SSC by the lake. This sculpture, or series of sculptures, created by Jim DeVries, was officially dedicated on this past Homecoming weekend. Numerous faculty members and alumni attended, as well as three students: SGA President Matt Shiraki, myself, and a friend I dragged along. No other students were there.

I think this low attendance shows that there is a lack in the display of the arts on campus, and worse, a lack of interest in the arts. Many students walk past *The Creation* making comments like "they could have found a better use for tuition money" or "it's just a bunch of Bible verses" or "more lame Christian art."

I admit that I have uttered some of these statements in the past. However, after attending the dedication I began to see *The Creation* in a new way. No longer was it only a boring group of signs; it became instead a visual illustration of the magnificence of our Creator, depicting the beginning and end of the universe, an imaginative interpretation of the first events in history.

The Creation parallels the story of creation from Genesis with the final judgments in Revelation. Each bronzed sculpture illustrates scenes from creation, including common images and symbolic pictures that require contemplation to fully understand. This is the



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Professor Chamberlain stands next to one of the new creation sculptures.

beauty of art: that, in contrast to our modern culture, it cannot be understood in a mere glance.

"The presence of art on campus is a key component in providing an atmosphere for inquiry and understanding," said Professor of Art Terry Chamberlain at the dedication. He continued, "That art can calm and soothe, provoke conversation and debate, and instill values and empathy is well accepted in academic, religious, and civic communities. Most importantly, and of significant consequence to this student body and faculty is that art is a reminder that we are created in the image of God."

I commend both President Brown for inviting *The Creation* to campus, and Jim DeVries for creating such a masterpiece. As Chamberlain said at the dedication, "we have a beautifully maintained and landscaped campus, a blank canvas for additional installations." Let us hope the presence of art on campus becomes a new trend. And let us as a student body respond with interest and enthusiasm.

Doubt: A Short Story

By Jaimie Teekell
STAFF WRITER

The marid had marched long and hard. It was on the eightieth year of his travels that he came upon a grove of trees beside a cold lake. There was a man sitting under the closest tree, which of course is no concern to a marid. In fact, were it not for the playful movement of the man's hands and the happy way his voice carried, the traveler wouldn't have stopped at all.

The man was made entirely of mud. He had crude eyes and shoddy features. But he smiled with pure joy. He sat under a large oak tree, facing away from the crystal lake.

"Hello there," said the marid.

"Hello," said the mudman, but he avoided eye contact.

"What is that you've got there?"

"These are my friends." The man motioned with his right hand, which held a stick. Then he used the stick to point to a stone and a large piece of bark lying on the ground nearby.

"Those are no friends," the marid laughed.

"They are. For the Oak gave them to me."

There was silence for quite a time; the man continued to hum to his stick, while the marid watched him curiously.

"What is this forest?"

"I don't know. I've always been here. I have settled under the Oak because It is the finest tree in the wood. When I came upon It, I could see the footprints of other men who had stayed here before me. The Oak has given me shelter and rest like nothing else. I love It dearly, and It loves me."

Then the marid did a strange thing. He took the man's rock and bark, and threw them into the lake.

"Now does the Oak love you?"

"...Yes, I think It does."

Then the marid rushed at the mudman and pried the stick from its fingers, breaking it.

"Now does the Oak love you?"

The mudman could think of nothing to say. The tears had started to flow. The marid laughed and continued on his way.

Music For A Found Harmonium

By Sarah Hoover
STAFF WRITER

For the last couple of years, The Demerits, Cedarville's campus-born Irish band, has been entertaining old fans of Irish music, and creating new ones, with its lively music and enthusiastic performances. According to the Demerits'

web site, the band provides "traditional Irish music and general rowdiness," adding, "The Demerits are happiest when tossing off a set of lilting jigs and blazing reels for anyone who will listen."

The band is composed of various music majors,

one music professor, and his wife. Dr. Mortensen, the band's founder and leader, plays the high and low whistles, the button box (an Irish accordion), and occasionally the guitar. His wife, Linda, plays the recorder and the concert flute. Chris Brubaker plays

the guitar, and Rachel Talbot and Heather Johnson provide the dueling fiddles. This is Heather's first season with The Demerits.

Dr. Mortensen discovered his love for Irish music a few years ago. While

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Entertainment Reviews

MUSIC

HISTORY INVADES // THE STRUCTURE OF A PRECISE FASHION ★★★★★



BY JOHN
DURKEE

History Invades' new album, *The Structure of a Precise Fashion*, can be summarized as a diversely composed rock record that surpasses punk sensibilities. It is rather odd that the album is produced by indie rock superstar Jason Martin (front man of Starflyer 59) since it lacks the subtlety that makes Starflyer so good. In contrast, rather than a mere melodic focus, the album is spastic and angular, containing post-punk sounds, varying tempos, ambient noise, less distorted guitar sounds, and a more technical side. Spoken, yelled, and sung lyrics create a vocal mixture that *is* History Invades. These songs are done in an abrasive, yet artistic, manner that initially puts off the listener, only to bring him back with further listens.

The Structure is a deep and hefty album, at times sporting very undesirable sounds, but it becomes more and more beautiful as one is exposed to it. The variety of sounds in the album illustrates how simple compositions can be brilliantly laced with complexities. The band often utilizes rhythm to create a beat that takes over for the melody while the guitar

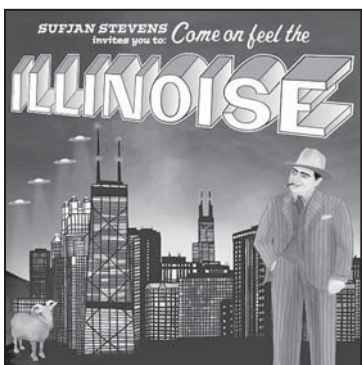
takes the back seat to be used for dynamics. Harmonies and screams at opportune times illustrate this great range of dynamics in a mostly simple-sounding record. *The Structure*, unlike typical modern releases, is not overproduced with layers upon layers of sounds to fill in mediocre songs, and maintains a raw edge that is refreshing in this day of prepackaged commercial sugar pop.

Many moments on *The Structure* are quite fun and perhaps even danceable. One that comes to mind is on "My Name is Afraid," where there are screams of, "Communication in binary (one, zero, zero, one, zero, one, one!)," and while it may be a silly statement, it's simply one of many amazingly enjoyable lines in this album. There are quite a few amazing moments in this album, saving it from being too melodically lacking.

I believe this is one of my favorite albums of the year, and would be a great gateway into otherwise less aesthetically pleasing music that is nonetheless artistic.

MUSIC

SUFJAN STEVENS // ILLINOIS ★★★★★



BY NICK
ERBER

"Peoria!/ Destroyia!/ Infinity! /Divinity!" So begins Sufjan (pronounced Soof-yawn) Stevens' ode to the city of Peoria on *Illinois*, the latest installment in his wildly ambitious Fifty States project. This disc is jam-packed with catchy, singable melodies and magnificent horn flourishes, but Stevens' meaning lies far deeper than mere exterior aesthetics. On this album, Sufjan both celebrates civilization and recognizes its defects, relating to the listener that which is beautiful, godly, disgusting, devilish, and, ultimately, human.

Sufjan's music is primarily geared to "convey a sense of awe and wonder," the balladeer told *Relevant* magazine in a recent interview. Stevens does just that in so many ways. From the sweeping string arrangements of the epic "Chicago" to the quiet acoustic guitar in "Casimir Pulanski Day," The Michigan-born songwriter manages to capture a huge spectrum of human emotions, reflecting the face of humanity into the major and minor, the diminished and augmented, the consonant and dissonant.

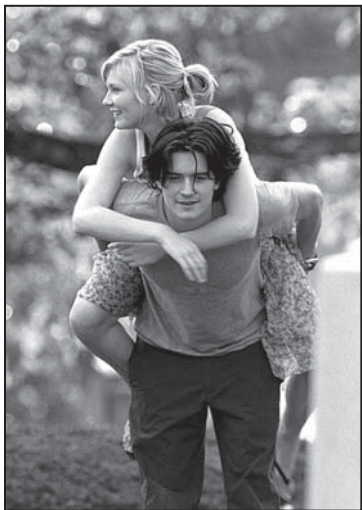
Steven's anthem-like poem about civilization manifests itself in styles of folk, punk, showiness, disco and even funk. Stevens is brave in his arrangement, and even more intrepid in his subject matter. One of the more eerie songs on the album is about Chicago serial rapist and killer John Wayne Gacy Jr. In the creepy closing verse he whispers "On my best behavior/ I am really just like him/ Look beneath the floorboards/ For the secrets I have hid" leaving the audience to ponder their own secrets.

From this morbid topic he moves into the Lincoln Douglas debates, then flies out to the rural countryside, wanders the forsaken ghost towns to encounter the spirits of John Logan, Carl Sandburg, and Ronald Reagan, takes a swim at the Palisades, and finally ends up at the top of the Sears Tower.

All of the songs on this album are based in Illinois, but that does not make them trite or boring to the ear or mind. Sufjan's concept-based work achieves its end to the most minute detail. From a wasp's sting, to the sharp pain of losing a loved one, to the movement of God through man in civilization, Stevens celebrates and mourns humanity's longings and passions on *Illinois*.

FILM

ELIZABETHTOWN ★★★★★



BY JOSH
MOODY

One word: cathartic.

The film embodies the Aristotelian principle that Mr. Spencer (of Western Literature) has been trying to pound into freshman heads for years—catharsis, the purging of powerful emotions through a vicarious experience of the characters before us. A renewal and a death at the same time. Like sleeping peacefully after a good long cry, and then waking up into a bright, freshly-scrubbed world.

One word: *Elizabethtown*.

If you can get past the first twenty, rather unforgivable, minutes of this romantic, philosophical drama—you'll be glad you did.

Elizabethtown is essentially the story of loss and dealing with it. Bloom's character, Drew Baylor, loses his career and his estranged father in the same day, and the rest is really his journey to overcome both losses. The comfort of family, down-home principles of simple living that Thoreau would have been proud of, and the discovery of bright, new love are the means by which he finds healing and...not closure but re-understanding.

Orlando Bloom gets a chance to actually act, since *Elizabethtown* gives him much better lines than, "Orcs!" or "You threatened Miss Swann!" He gets to cry. To scream. To laugh. To act normal. To ask, "Have you

ever felt like you've been asleep your whole life?" without sounding like he's delivering a cheesy Hugh Grantian romance line. To go on a highly emotional road trip with the urn of his dead father. And to make you believe it.

Kirsten Dunst is charming. Sarandon is Sarandon. Newcomer Paul Schneider gives a flawless performance as Bloom's cousin Jessie, a Lynryd Skynrd devotee who introduces himself with the lovely line, "This loss will be met with a hurricane o' love." I have no idea where on earth the casting director found some of the relatives, but I think they must have come right off the dirt roads of Kentucky—that's how real they were.

What resonated with me most about this movie was how it dealt with death, making a funeral a joyful occasion, emphasizing life's continuance, not its end. Though they left God out of it, the film seems to illustrate Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Also, it showed me a romance story that, though admittedly sped up, was still beautiful and original. Finally, it had great lines; for example, "Trust me; everyone is less mysterious than they think they are."

It's the movie to see. It's encouraging. It's renewing. Bloom and Dunst are cute. And since it sports what I guarantee will prove to be the coolest soundtrack of any movie this year, you know you want to;

one word: go.



≡ Renaissance Festival

Something Is Rotten In The State of Ohio

By Amanda Acker
STAFF WRITER

The annual Ohio Renaissance Festival has become a gala event for the thousands of Mideastern Renaissance fans who flock to this 16th-century theme park located in the middle of 21st-century farm country.

The festival, which is now in its 16th consecutive year at Harveysburg, Ohio, runs every Saturday and Sunday from August through the end of October. Many of the weekends revolve around creative themes such as "Nordic

Adventures" or "Romance Weekend" (which features a mass vow renewal celebration). While the cost for the event is a hefty \$16.99, event coordinators seek to add family-friendly value by providing free parking for their patrons.

Once inside the park, visitors are immediately struck by the massive array of vending booths. Of course, there are a few performance venues and some rather unimpressive "medieval" carnival games, but the overwhelming majority of the 30-acre complex

is populated by vendors and their wares. A recent press release boasted of the Festival's 130 "unique period shops," calling it a "shopper's paradise." Truly, those who have an affinity for elven ears, chain mail suits, glass decorations, candles, and distinctive jewelry will find plenty of these items at the Festival.

However, do not be misled into thinking that these 130 shops sell a diverse assortment of items. Most of the art, jewelry, and apparel appears virtually identical from one stand to the next. The only

difference is the vendor.

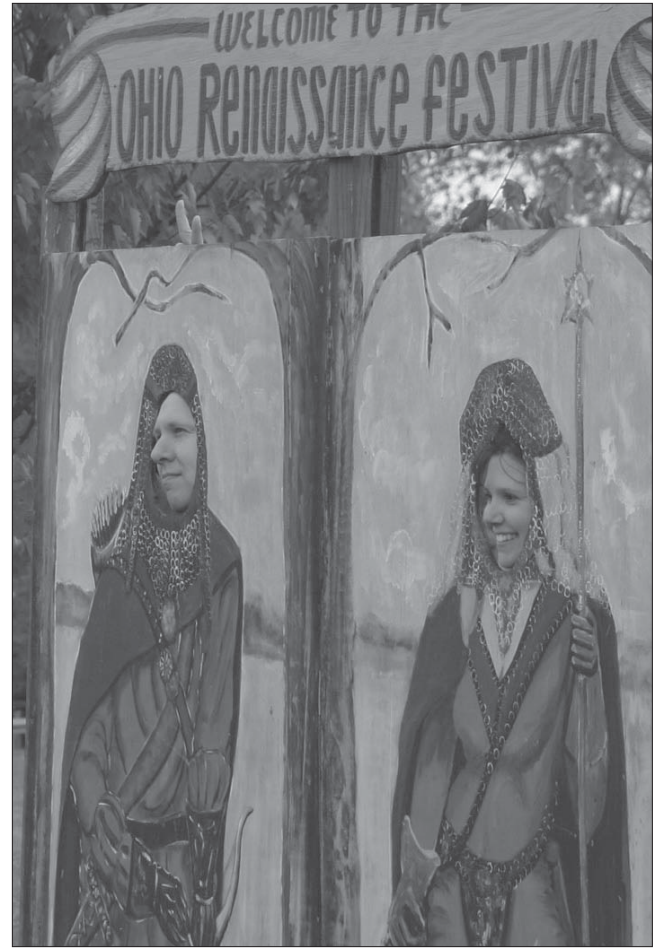
The artisans and actors at the festival from a truly extraordinary assortment of folks. Ex-circus clown Daniel, now the "Duke of Danger," found his niche as the Festival. He recalls "I was trying to run away from real life, but this is as close as I got." Many festival goers find the medieval period acting and dress-up rather charming, though there are always some who remain a bit skeptical.

The Festival's refreshments are about as authentically medieval as Taco Bell is authentically Mexican. Patrons who do not attend Cedarville can purchase a Bud Light, and the food stands also offer many Pepsi products. Available Renaissance foods include chicken fingers, and cheesecake-on-a-stick. Unfortunately, the prices for the food and beverages are as authentic as the menu.

For those who are planning a wedding in the near future, the Ohio Renaissance Festival offers a unique venue for such an occasion. According to one press release, every year about twenty couples are "transported back in time to the days of chivalry and enchantment" by a wedding full of medieval gallantry. It is not often that wedding guests can watch a joust when they tire of dancing.

Whether one finds the Renaissance Festival enchanting or disturbingly gimmicky, it would be difficult not to find humor in the environment. King Arthur might shake his head at the proceedings, but most attendees will find the event an only slightly cruder version of a county fair.

According to Cedarville junior Joe Dugan, the Renaissance Festival is best described as "insanely boring, ridiculously overpriced, and sort of creepy."



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listening to the radio show Thistle and Shamrock in his car, Mortensen heard a song that included a high penny whistle. To quote the good doctor: "I said, 'Where have you been my whole life?' And I immediately fell in love with the sound." Mortensen then bought a whistle and began to search for tunes and learn various whistles.

Founded in 2003, the band was formed for the purpose of playing once in chapel. However, the group had so much fun that they decided to give a follow-up concert in the Hive. Because of the surprisingly enthusiastic response of the university family, the

band continued to play. "The response was so huge on campus that it really encouraged us to keep going," says Mortensen.

The members have fun playing together. They enjoy playing the music, "and we actually like each other," says Mortensen. "It's actually real; it's not an act," Mortensen also enjoys the audience's participation. "I just love how much fun people have. It's so joyful."

Dr. Mortensen recently called for Irish dancers to join the group's "rowdiness." At The Demerits' recent gig in the Hive Thursday, October 13, Melanie Frageorgia joined

the group with spontaneous Irish soft-shoe jigs and reels. Mortensen hopes to add similar Irish dancing to the band's repertoire. However, he notes, "it's not dancing; it's choreographic praise movement."

As he also remarks, the music is not only fun, "it's actually very difficult music to learn. It's a lot of hard work." Mortensen and the band are always looking for talented students to join in the demanding music. "But they have to be really good musicians. Garage band posers need not apply."

The Demerits have recorded one CD, titled *Plays Well with Others*. They plan to record a new CD this spring, this one with a journey-based theme. It

will begin with Irish sets and "morph" into American-Irish versions.

Thanks in part to the sale of their CDs at the Hive last week, the band has raised enough money to add a new bagpipe-type instrument to the ensemble. Mortensen says, "That will change our sound a lot. That'll give us a lot of possibilities." More information, including sound clips, can be found on The Demerits' web site, accessible through Dr. Mortensen's faculty homepage.

The raw tune is part of the tradition of Irish music, which is based on passed-down melodies. "The thing about it that I love is the lack of artifice... Traditional Irish music is earthy and of the people,"

states Mortensen. Some of the song titles, such as "Billy's Favorite Jig" and "The Floating Crowbar," exhibit that "strange and funny" lack of pretense. Mortensen also likes the music because "You don't have to be good looking to play it."

Dr. Mortensen believes Irish music appeals to many different people. "It's almost ecstatically joyful... and sad too. It displays a healthy range of human emotion." He continues, "It's affirming what it means to be in the image of God, rather than narrowing it." Dr. Mortensen states that this Irish music mirrors his "theology of the end times. When the kingdom comes and Christ is King, we will dance and

be joyful and party. That's my eschatology."

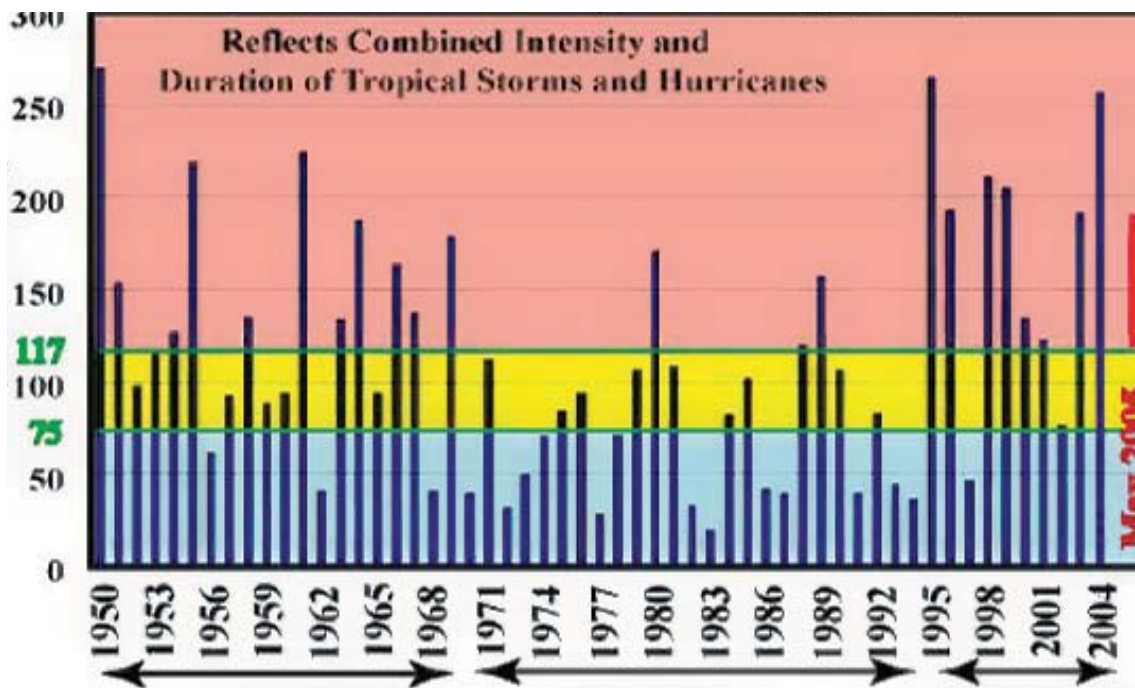
The future is not definite for The Demerits. Partly because students come and go, says Mortensen, "we never really know too far in advance what we're going to do;" "As long as we can just find a way to learn the tradition and bring joy, then that's what it should be."



THE EYE OF THE STORM



Weather is a double-edged sword. Ever changing atmospheric conditions come together to create a planet that is in most places survivable and in some places even comfortable. This is not to say, however, that weather does not have an ugly side. One of the most apparent displays of nature's fury is the hurricane (also known as a typhoon or tropical cyclone). These amazing storms grow in warm water areas near the equator and spin out of control, leaving destruction in their wakes. This destruction became especially real to Americans on August 29, when Hurricane Katrina made landfall near New Orleans, Louisiana. In a matter of hours, this class 4 storm caused more than \$120 billion in property damage and created conditions that led to the deaths of over 1,300 people. Despite an amazing humanitarian response, including 250 Cedarville students traveling to the Gulf coast for Fall Break, the area remains decimated. Many questions about hurricanes remain unanswered, and although knowledge on the topic is constantly growing, we are still far from fully understanding these terrible storms.



THE ANATOMY OF A HURRICANE

Storm Clouds

Warm, moist air from the ocean surface begins to rise rapidly. As this warm air rises, its water vapor condenses to form storm clouds and droplets of rain. The condensation releases heat called latent heat of condensation.

Hurricane Winds

Tropical cyclones with maximum sustained surface winds of less than 17 meters per second (39 mph / 62.7 kph / 34 knots) are called tropical depressions. Once the tropical cyclone reaches winds of at least 17 meters per second (m/s), it is typically called a tropical storm and assigned a name. If winds reach 33 m/s (74 mph / 119 kph / 64 kt), then it is called a "hurricane."



WHY HURRICANES ARE GIVEN NAMES

HURRI-WHO?

According to the National Hurricane Center, the word "hurricane" comes from the name "Hurican," the Caribbean god of evil.

To help us identify storms and track them as they move across the ocean. Remember, there can be more than one hurricane at a time and without naming them, we could get confused and which storm we're talking about. For hundreds of year, hurricanes in the West Indies were named after the particular saint's day on which the hurricane occurred. An Australian meteorologist began giving women's names to tropical storms before the end of the 19th century. In 1953, the U.S. National Weather Service, which is the federal agency that tracks hurricanes and issues warnings and watches, began using female names for storms.

In 1979, both women and men's names were used. One name for each letter of the alphabet is selected, except for Q, U and Z. For Atlantic Ocean hurricanes, the names may be French, Spanish or English, since these are the major languages bordering the Atlantic Ocean where the storm occur.

So who decides what names are used each year? The World Meteorological Organization uses six lists in rotation. The same lists are reused every six years. The only time a new name is added is if a hurricane is very deadly or costly. Then the name is retired and a new name is chosen.



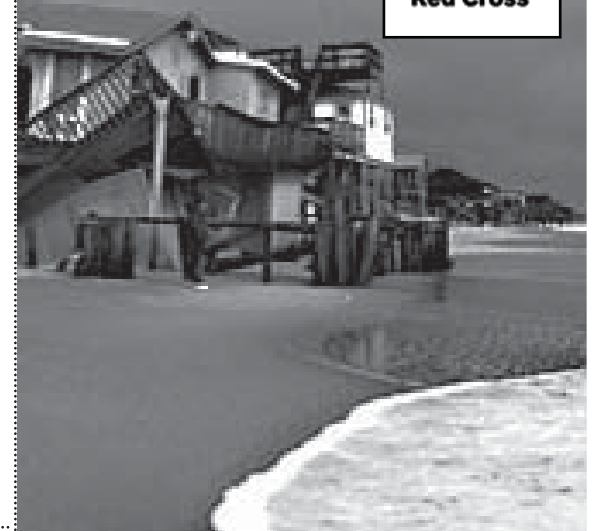


(left) This chart reflects the **Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) Index** of the North Atlantic Ocean over the last fifty-five years. The numbers on the far left represent percentages of the average amount of energy exerted (100% = Truly Average) for a year. Notice unusually high average energy levels during the periods of '50-'68 and '95-'04, as well as the unusually low average levels from '71-'92.

A LOOK AT THE STORM CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

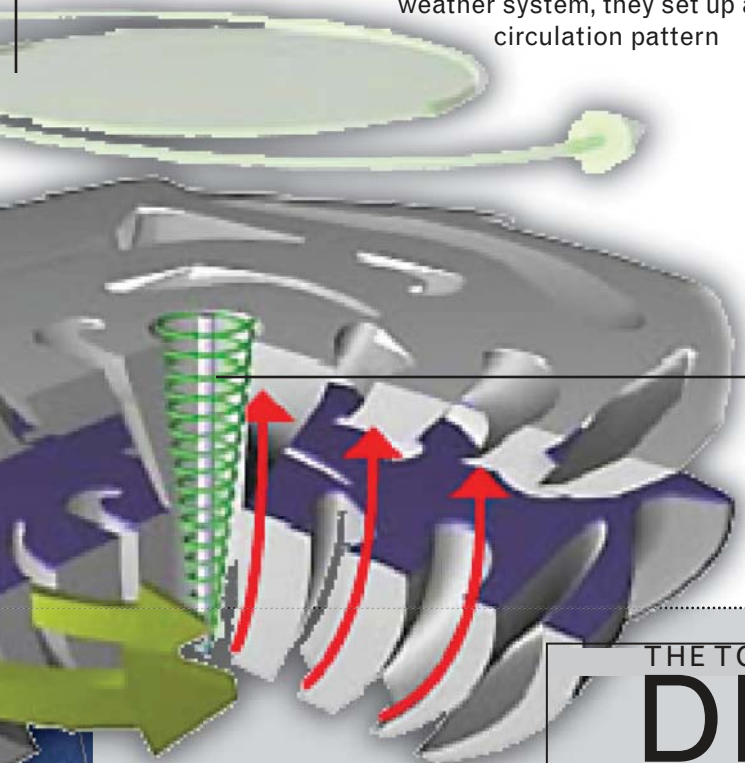
WHEN TO RUN

- Category 1 storms have winds of 74-95 miles per hour, making them the weakest of hurricanes. Even these storms can generate a storm surge of 4 or 5 feet above normal high tide.
- Category 2 storms have winds of up to 110 miles per hour, and can push a storm surge of 6 to 8 feet.
- Category 3 storm winds can reach 130 miles per hour. This is the cutoff for "major" hurricanes, with commensurate storm surge potential of 9 to 12 feet.
- Category 4 winds can be as high as 155 miles per hour, and such a storm brings a 13 to 18 foot storm surge.
- Category 5 storms, with winds greater than 155 miles per hour, are very rare. These monsters can have storm surges of over 20 feet. Only 2 such hurricanes have hit the U.S. this century - Camille in 1969 and Andrew in 1992.



Direction of Rotation

The counterclockwise rotation of hurricanes, typhoons, and other large-scale low-pressure systems in the Northern Hemisphere is due to the Coriolis force. This force causes wind currents in the Northern Hemisphere to drift to the right. As such wind currents converge toward the low pressure core of a weather system, they set up a counterclockwise circulation pattern



The Eye

The eye of a hurricane is the calmest area of the hurricane. The size of the eye can range from 20 to 50 kilometers in diameter. It is described as a dark gray empty hole with fierce winds and rain surrounding it. It is so calm that it has the lowest reading ever recorded on a barometer, so that the fierce winds can't even reach the center. Scientists often fly planes into the eye of a hurricane to measure how deadly a hurricane is going to be.



THE TOP FIVE DEADLIEST HURRICANES

DEATH TOLL

- 1 **September, 1900**
Galveston, Tx. The deadliest natural disaster in U.S. history, the Galveston hurricane of 1900 is estimated to have killed between 8,000 and 12,000 people. The Category 4 hurricane struck on September 8, 1900, leveling 12 city blocks, nearly three-quarters of the island city of Galveston, Texas.
- 2 **September 1928**
Lake Okeechobee, Fl. This Category 4 hurricane ravaged Puerto Rico, and residents of Florida had little warning before the powerful storm slammed into the Lake Okeechobee area near Palm Beach. The storm breached a levee around the lake -- and most of the storm victims drowned. 1,836 victims.
- 3 **September 1928**
Florida Keys & Corpus Christi, Tx. This Category 4 storm went over the Keys, crossed the Gulf of Mexico and hit Corpus Christi, Texas. Many of the victims were aboard ships at sea. Bob Simpson, co-developer of the Saffir-Simpson scale used to measure hurricane strength, was forced to flee the storm as a teen in Corpus Christi. 600 to 900 victims.
- 4 **September, 1938**
New England. The Category 3 storm struck Long Island on September 21, 1938, at high tide and brought hurricane-force winds all across New England. Rainfall from this hurricane resulted in severe river flooding across sections of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. More than 8,000 homes were destroyed, mostly by a storm surge of 12 to 16 feet, and some 6,000 boats wrecked or damaged. 600 victims.
- 5 **September 1935**
Florida Keys. The "Great Labor Day" storm was the most intense Category 5 hurricane to make landfall in the United States. Its winds were strong enough to derail a train sent to rescue World War I veterans who had been working on a government building project in the Keys. 423 victims.

(left) Hurricane Katrina was the eleventh named tropical storm, fourth hurricane, third major hurricane, and first Category 5 hurricane of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season. It was the third most powerful storm of the season, behind Hurricane Wilma and Hurricane Rita, and the sixth-strongest storm ever recorded in the Atlantic basin.

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Viewpoints



Brandon Colas
STAFF WRITER

So I checked out this website, worldviewweekend.com, to figure out where I fall in the worldview scheme of things. And the first things I noticed were large Americanesque designs floating around the page. This helped me realize that being American and being Christian are much the same thing. I mean, it's not like Canadians instantly have Christian worldviews! Or Mexicans! In fact, all foreigners without a decent grasp of American history and politics would fail the worldview test!

Ah yes, the test. I had to take a test, and the test was tough. I consider myself intelligent, but I ran into numerous stumbers. For example, "The most biblically based tax system would be one based on a flat tax system where everyone pays the same percentage of their income in taxes." Years of sleeping through economics classes bit me in the rear on this one.

I figured that the really rich like Bill Gates could maybe be taxed a little more—I mean, at the end of the day he'll still have a billion more dollars than the rest of us—but I was wrong. It turns out that only Communist/Marxist/Socialist/Secular Humanist Worldview Thinkers believe such tomfoolery.

And one question Professor Janssen's Worldview Development class didn't cover was whether "the federal government should require students to pass a national test before graduating from high school." I figured, heck, why not? If we're all graduating high school we ought to know roughly the same

liberal arts, social science, and hard science material. But if I answered that way, I'd be a C/M/S/SHWT man.

Another rather surprising question asked if "George W. Bush is the President of the United States of America." This seems like an obvious answer to me: yes. But I think the point of the question is that if you think that the Electoral College system is flawed, you're a C/M/S/SHWT. (Or they're implying that if you're just not attached to reality and think you're the President, you can't have a Biblical Worldview.)

Not to be nitpicky, but I didn't care for the question asking if, "The Bible states that money is the root of all evil." I know a bit of Greek, and Daniel Wallace (a Greek Professor at Dallas Theological Seminary) says this verse is hard to interpret and open to a number of semantic possibilities; the Bible may or may not say this (Greek Grammar, pg. 265). But if you want the Christian view, you're better off not knowing about "Indefinite Predicate Nominatives that may fit Colwell's Construction." That could make you a C/M/S/SHWT.

Here's a rather touchy one: "American founding fathers violated New Testament principles when they founded America." Well, it seems hard to argue with Romans 12 and with 1 Peter 2 on this one. But if you strongly agree that the colonies shouldn't have rebelled, you get knocked as a C/M/S/SHWT. Personally, I wouldn't shoot someone for taxing my tea.

Joking and sarcasm aside, Cedarville University should not affiliate itself with Worldview Weekend.

Yes, I'm roughly four thousand miles away from Cedarville, studying in Oxford, I don't personally know anyone from Worldview Weekend, and I know that hosting an event does not imply total acceptance of an organization's views. That said, I'm a 21-year-old

VIEWPOINT FACE-OFF Worldview Weekend

This past weekend Cedarville sponsored Worldview Weekend. Two Cedars Viewpoints writers now face-off on the topic.

Christian. And if that doesn't give me enough credibility, I'll add that I voted Republican last election.

Here's why Cedarville University should step back from Worldview Weekend: Brannon Howse and company have embraced civil religion in believing that the Bible justifies America and America justifies the Bible. Anyone who disagrees with them about a number of complex issues gets labelled as a Secular Humanist, Socialist, Marxist, or Communist. Of course, once you label someone, you don't need to consider their views, and you don't need to try to look at issues from as many angles as possible (ironically, that's one of the goals of higher education). But Howse certainly won't let you think for yourself.

And Howse has the arrogance to believe that he will be able to contrive the biblical response to social, political, and economic issues that have divided the Church for centuries. You might be tempted to admire his ambition, or you might merely be annoyed at his simple-mindedness.

But let's follow the trail of thought a little further: why this desire to categorize the Bible? I think it's because dividing the Bible into dif-

ferent particulars, different boxes (gender roles, capital punishment, taxation, education, etc.) makes us feel safe. We don't have to actively seek God's will when we vote, when we donate to charity, or when we pick colleges for our children, because we already know that God's will consists of voting Republican, giving ten percent, and getting a Christian education. The Bible then becomes a proof-text to support our comfortable, upper-middle-class lifestyles.

We don't end up having a relationship with God; instead we have a list of rules we keep fairly well. This reeks of legalism, and this is what an unbelieving world cannot accept.

I can't fully blame Howse, and I think his intentions are probably good. Let's face it, having a relationship with God can be scary. Relationships certainly aren't foolproof. Relationships aren't always comfortable. Relationships are frequently inconvenient.

And relationships aren't forty-question Scantrons.

I know that Worldview Weekend will carry on at Cedarville. God may even use something so flawed to make people better. But I'm looking for something more. Anyone else feel the same?



BRITTANY JACKSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Less than ten percent of American Christians possess a solid biblical worldview, two out of three born-again believers claim there is no absolute truth, and only four out of ten are "absolutely committed" to the Christian faith, according to pollster George Barna of the Barna Research Group (affiliated with Josh McDowell Ministries). We are seeing a steady decline in strong, committed believers. Christians of this generation have become desensitized and complacent.

We have increasingly been influenced by the media as society shapes our perspective. Even the church has a difficult time discerning what behavior and standards are appropriate. Those who do not actively assess the messages they receive are easily influenced by flawed, inconsistent worldviews.

We are dealing with the consequences of a pervasive secular humanist perspective. Based on ideas like moral relativism, which states that there is no right or wrong; situational ethics, which asserts the end justifies the means; and pluralism, which claims all religions are equal, humanism glorifies mankind as the ultimate authority. These ideas can seem very convincing to those who are not solidly grounded in the Truth.

At Cedarville University, we hear a great deal about the biblical worldview. The term has become the mantra of our Christian professors and is the primary reason behind our required Bible minor. On October 15, the administration of Cedarville University gave people the opportunity to hear a galvanizing outside perspective on the biblical worldview.

Worldview Weekend was designed to help inspire Christians and give them biblical support on issues that might seem ambiguous to believers constantly encountering humanistic philosophies. Unfortunately, Christians often think that they've heard it all and discount as superfluous any further teaching on the subject of biblical perspective; in fact, we should always be looking for ways to immerse ourselves in God's truth.

Look at the viewpoint

of someone who comes from another country: they may have a very skewed and negative perspective of Americans. If they have never met an American, have never been here, and don't fully understand our way of life, how can they pass judgment on a country and people they don't know? Their perceptions would be based solely on stereotypes and false assumptions.

The same is true of our worldview. We as Christians cannot fully comprehend what we believe about theology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, and ethics unless we take the time to consider what the Bible actually says about the issues.

Professor Jeffrey Cook said, "Cedarville provided Worldview Weekend this year as a way to help us think consistently about reality." It can be challenging to maintain a biblical focus in light of spiritual and moral trends in our society. The common American viewpoint tends to be all-inclusive of every lifestyle, religion, and cultural background.

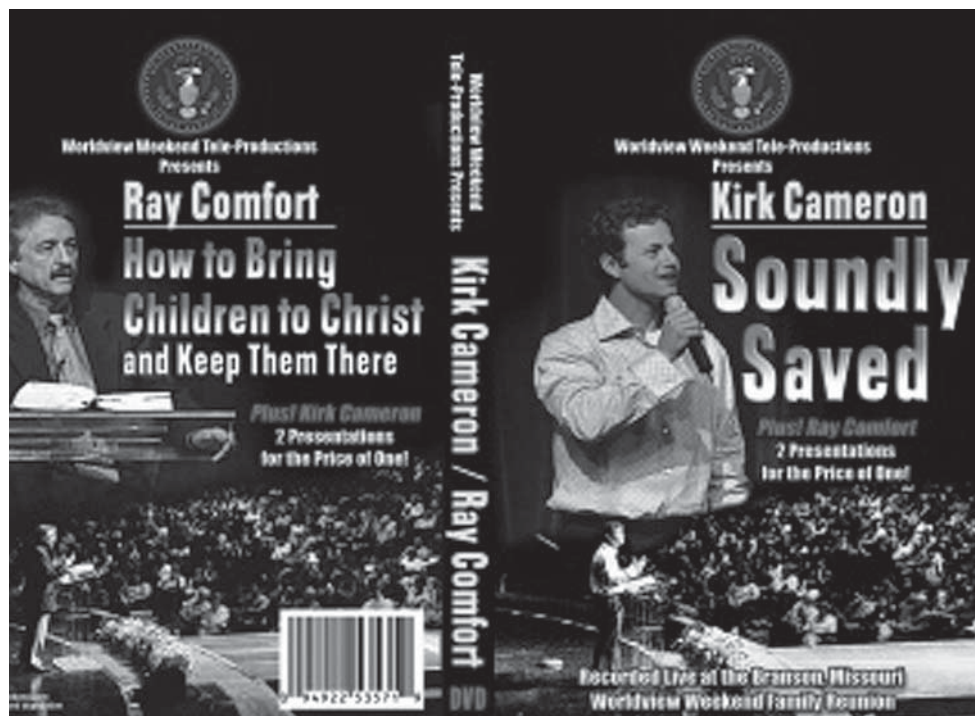
According to Isaiah 53:6, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray..." This verse indicates that we foolishly tend to follow the crowd. Without persistently searching the Bible for answers and utilizing resources like Worldview Weekend conferences, we can easily lose our focus. We can't defend our beliefs if even we don't know where we stand.

Our society supports groups that emphasize tolerance and multiculturalism. In reality, both of these popular concepts can be means of accommodating sinful behavior. How convenient!

American society, however, has become increasingly intolerant of Christians who assert that there is absolute, moral truth. Most people don't realize that truth is, by definition, narrow. Two plus two will always equal four. Even on our most tolerant day, it will never be five. There is only one answer.

Our perspectives shape our thoughts and actions. Humanists arrogantly believe that man is the ultimate authority, that we have to "believe in ourselves," and there is no absolute truth. Those who adopt a secular humanist worldview have no clear view of reality and no grounding for what they believe.

Worldview Weekend and the biblical teaching we receive at Cedarville reflect the true nature of reality, truth based on the ultimate authority and accuracy of God's Word.



The cover jacket of Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort's brand new DVD titled, *Soundly Saved*. Their presentation at Cedarville explored many topics of sharing the Gospel which are also on the DVD.

(image from www.worldviewweekend.com)

The Dating Advice You Really Need



Melanie Frageorgia
STAFF WRITER

Writing about dating in *Cedars* seems to be the cool thing to do, and since I have a deep-seated desire to be cool, I have decided to toss my two cents into a fountain already littered with coins. Maybe it will bring me good luck. But I doubt it.

Of course, you all know that it is important to be completely up-front and honest in a relationship, so I feel compelled to preface my words of wisdom with a disclaimer: I have only ever dated one guy. You heard me. One. Because of this, it is easy for me to trace the different attitudes I have had towards dating. I have categorized them thus:

The Pre-Dating Phase (aka. The Me as a Sheltered Homeschooler Phase): My reaction upon seeing a couple would be something like this... "Omigosh, they're *gasp* holding hands! Get a room!"

The Dating Phase: Hah! I had a boyfriend. Do you honestly think I noticed anything else?

The Post-Dating Phase: For some reason, after I went through a breakup, couples became cuter than floppy-eared puppies with red ribbons under the Christmas tree...or raindrops on roses or whiskers on kittens. At the sight of them, my poor sappy little heart would surge with joy for these people who were so in love and, without a doubt, destined to wed someday.

I am currently in the Post-Post-Dating phase, which means that my feelings on the subject average out to indifference. Approximately. However, I'm not indifferent to everyone's situation...

My sister is 14. This means that by our culture's standards, she is perfectly ready for a dating relationship. As far as I'm concerned, our culture can go jump in Cedar Lake.

"Just be friends with boys," I told her once. "I know, I know!" she said, obviously trying to hide her gratitude at my sage advice. Alright, I admit I have told her that more than once, but in any case, I wasn't finished.

"Don't date..." I paused. I was trying to tell her that she shouldn't date while she's in high school because she's not mature enough yet, that she shouldn't date in college just because of all the pressure, since it will be a miracle if she's mature enough then, let alone if she finds anyone worth dating. And, too, significant others are a huge impediment to academics, which is the whole reason people go to college, right?

Finally I found the words to articulate the enormity of this thought. "...Ever." She gave me a look that said more eloquently than words, "Just because you're an old spinster doesn't mean I have to be." I hope that you, too, know the heartwarming feeling of having a younger sibling look up to you.

Now, I know most of you would disagree with this assessment of romantic endeavors. Cedarville provides many means to help you find that special someone, and you take full advantage of them.

You take your guitar to the Meet Market at night and strum praise songs. You search Stalker-Net for the hottest pick-a-date. Perhaps you even email Ben Waddell to complain about the lack of male initiative. And then you wonder why you hear so many stories of dating debacles recounted with tears over one of Vecino's caramel lattes.

I'm afraid all the facts point to the conclusion that dating is rarely worth the time and energy that we put into it. Now for the promised words of wisdom: Why not stop obsessing?

You may ask how I have the audacity to say such a thing. Well, my dears, it's because I know no one is going to pay the slightest bit of attention.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear CEDARS Readers,

As you know, in the "Letter to the Editor" section, we print the letters that you, the readers, write to us concerning the paper. We're more than happy to hear and post both your praise and criticisms. There is, however, one stipulation for having a letter printed in the paper: the writer must include their name. We feel that when one attaches their name to a Letter to the Editor, they allow for proper dialogue about whatever topic they are writing in about, as well as allowing us to better address your concerns.

Thanks,
Ryan Stalker
Managing Editor



I JUST HAVE TO SAY, THAT LADDER 49 IS THE MOST AMAZING MOVIE EVER!
-ROOF MAN

LARINDA. MUD-WRESTLING TONIGHT. ME AND YOU. BE THERE.
-ANDREA WEST

BUFFALO STILL BELIEVES!
-DAVE LIVINGSTON

DEAR FLIP FLOPS, I REFUSE TO PART WITH THEE.
-HEATHER WENZEL

LAST YEAR'S MADDOX 28 GIRLS, REMEMBER THE FLOOD, CARDBOARD MAN, AND COUNTDOWN CHAINS. THOSE DAYS SHALL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!

-DANIELLE RANDOLPH
I LOVE AND MISS YOU, MY VIRGINIA BELLE!
-JOSH WILCOX

LOVE YA LACHELLE!
-STEPH HILERIO

I LOVE HOW YOU'RE [THE CEDARS STAFF IS] SPENDING THIS THE NIGHT BEFORE THE DEADLINE...
-DARYL SANDO (THE GIRL UPSTAIRS. :))

TO MUSIC MAJORS, IF MUSIC THEORY HAS BEEN PROVEN, THEN WHY DON'T WE CALL IT MUSIC LAW? JUST A THOUGHT TO CONSIDER...
-SARAH SMOYER

HERE'S TO THE METAIRIE, LA BUS GROUP: I HEART SHEETROCK!
-THE RICK

I ENJOY RIDING IN VANS WITH ANN DELANGE.
-DANIEL KLOOSTERMAN

WHEN YOU HAVE A MAL-LARD DUCK AND A PLUNGER ONLY GOOD THINGS CAN HAPPEN.
-KEVIN FURST

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STUDENT FACES Kim Dudick Senior Pre-Law Major



1. What's one change you would like to see happen on campus?

I'd want to get rid of room checks. I don't think they're necessary. I don't think I should have to be told when to make my bed or clean my room.

2. Name some characteristics of your dream mate.

He's got to be funny and able to handle sarcasm. He's got to love Jesus. He's definitely got to be able to hold an intelligent conversation. Honesty is huge. He's got to be someone who can be my best friend.

3. Where did you take your best vacation?

Honestly, my favorite place to go is the Jersey shore. I can be there with my family and just hang out. I missed it this year and was really disappointed.

4. Who would you consider your role model? Why?

I would have to say my Mom. She's probably the strongest person I know (maybe not physically, but you know what I mean...) She's always set a good example for me and encouraged me to pursue my dreams.

5. What are your pet peeves?

People talking to me in the morning, right after I get out of bed. I mean, just don't talk to me when I just got out of bed. When people get mad over nothing. They need to realize that other people have real problems. I don't like it when people make fun of other people just to belittle them.

6. What do you do to relax?

Hang out with Ginger Roller. Watch *Gilmore Girls*, *Friends*, and a LOT of movies. I like to hang out with my "adopted" family (Joey and Kasey). I love to read, but I never get to do it during the school year, because I have to read stupid homework! It's always relaxing to see Penn State win...

7. Describe the perfect date.

He'd have to pick me up (come to my door... not just in the driveway). He'd have to bring me a single flower. Then off to a fair. He would win me a little stuffed animal. Later on, we'd sit on a blanket and watch fireworks.

Compiled by Ryan Stalker

Ask Stella

Dear Stella,

I know this is kind of early, but next weekend (while I know I will have money) I'll be getting a head start on my Christmas shopping and I need some help. I started dating my girlfriend at the beginning of this semester, but we've been friends for a long time. She lives about an hour away from me and I've visited her house and family many times before, so her mom invited me to spend a week with them over Christmas break. I think it's probably appropriate for me to bring her mom and dad a gift, right? Not only am I staying as a guest with them for a whole week, but it's Christmas. What do I get for them? How much money should I spend? I know that I am helpless, so please—help me!

—Holiday Helpless

Send your questions and concerns to the Cedars e-mail account and put "Ask Stella" in the subject line.

HH,

So far, so good. At least you know that you need to take a gift, and that says something about you. Let's start with how much money to spend—this is imperative, because if you spend too little you will look cheap and immature, but if you spend too much you will embarrass everyone involved. It all depends on how much money you generally have (and, trust me, her parents will know how much money you generally have). I would say that for the average student here at CU, spending about twenty dollars on a gift for the parents would be reasonable—and, with a little creativity, it will get you something quite nice. Thoughtfulness is really the key here. You could go for separates for mom and dad; say, something decorative with snowmen to fit the kitchen décor for mom, and a John Wayne classic for dad. It might be a better idea to find a gift that mom and dad could enjoy together, maybe a gift card for their favorite restaurant so they can have a date, or free movie rentals and popcorn tied up in a package. Or find out if they have a hobby that they enjoy together (like antiquing) and get them tickets for a show or auction in their area. The options are really endless; just remember to be thoughtful and creative, and you should be fine!

—Stella

Cedars' Advice Columnist

News of THE Century

From the Cedars Archives—June 1906

Compiled by Joe Dugan

The Inter-Collegiate Debate between Cedarville and Wilmington Colleges was held on Friday evening May 25th, 1906, at the Opera House. The decorating of the building in honor of Miss Shontz the day before was seized upon by the committee as an occasion to make one job serve two purposes, and so while the college colors supplemented the flag the former evening the flag complemented the college colors the later evening.

The Wilmington delegation, about sixty strong, made an early start and ate their supper in a grove on the way. The bustle and confusion necessarily incident to their arrival put everyone on the tiptoe of expectancy. After the arrival at the Opera House the audience were treated to two entertainments for the price of one admission. The students of both colleges had studied their respective printed lists of yells and songs with a diligence that would be the delight of any teacher if indulged in the classroom. After a period of alternate vociferation the two parties tried to drown each out, ably assisted by Mr. Spahr who modulated the instrument in a way that was at once the

wonder of the audience and the despair of the Wilmingtonians.

President A.J. Brown, of Wilmington College ably presided over the debate. The question, "Resolved that the railroads should be owned and controlled by the U.S. government," was affirmed by Joseph A. Finney, Walter R. Shaw and Leroy T. Marshall of Cedarville College, and denied by L.T. Jones, Thurman Miller and Clifton Hazzard of Wilmington College. To say that the Wilmington debaters handled their side with confidence and skill is merely to emphasize the victory gained by Cedarville, which was granted by the unanimous vote of the judges, Prof. Rhoades, of O.S.U., Dr. Mack, of Lane Seminary, and Rev. Dr. Browne, of Cincinnati. After a collation at the Alford Memorial Hall which would have excited the envy of Lucullus, the Wilmington delegation left for home, their defeat tempered by the good feeling that prevailed all around. Whatever else remains undecided, it is beyond dispute that the Covenanters are not always long faced, and that Quakers are not always quiet.

STUDENT FACES Matt Deakin

Junior, Political Science Major



1. What's one change you would like to see happen on campus?

I'd like to see a tunnel under the lake, from the SSC to the library, complete with a clear ceiling so we can see into the bottom of the lake. I just hate those howling winter winds...

2. Name some characteristics of your dream mate.

Must be an ENFJ (by Meyers-Briggs standards). Not really. Being female is always a good place to start. Someone who can appreciate my quirks, shorter than 5'8", and likes to travel. Someone who puts her love for God first, with a little bit of a crazy side. I also like curly hair...

3. Where did you take your best vacation?

My best vacation would be skiing out West. But I've been to some cool places that weren't necessarily for vacation. Like a missions trip to Zimbabwe, or traveling all summer with the Puppet Team.

4. Do you have any collections?

I used to collect Z-Botz and Pogs. I may have stumbled across a road sign or two... but then I gave them back, of course...

5. What are your pet peeves?

People who act like they know what they're talking about when they don't. People who complain about insignificant things. Too much sauce on my pizza.

6. What do you do to relax?

I like to drive with the windows down. It's also really nice to just go outside at night and lay down in the grass. You can pray or just look at the stars.

7. Describe the perfect date.

Going out and enjoying the person you're with. It doesn't have to cost a lot of money, because that's not what it should be about. It's about experiencing another person's company. That or a Yankees game.

Compiled by Ryan Stalker

Pride and Prejudice



Daniel Zimmerman
STAFF WRITER

"That's a racist belt buckle." How would you like to talk with someone who starts a conversation that way? I encountered this situation not too long ago: a person made the comment about my Dixie flag belt buckle as I was walking to work in the SSC. Being the naturally confrontational person I am, rather than ignore this comment, I decided to engage this man in conversation.

After a short discussion, we were both right back where we started, so I said that we would have to agree to disagree. I could tell he was not happy, but that was the only thing we could do, and right then "I wish I was in Dixie" actually was true for me. It is interesting, though, that in a place where we are supposed to accept cultural diversity, the only culture we cannot accept is the South's.

Many people say, "Well, that's because the South and the Confederates were racist." That's just as bad as saying, "Blacks are thugs and gangsters." If someone made that comment about blacks, he would be strung up quicker than wet laundry, but when someone says that the Dixie flag is a symbol of racism, somehow that's all right.

Length constraints do not permit a full discussion of the reasons for the War for Southern Independence and the many Northern misconceptions that have permeated history books; those are not my focus today. However, if you want to know more about these topics or if you just want to try and convince me otherwise, feel free to e-mail me rather than bog down Cedars with letters to which I cannot respond.

I will begin by saying I am not a racist: I love black people. Some of the strongest Christians I know are black. But I am also proud of Southerners who stood up for what they believed in the face of insurmountable odds, and that includes the many black Confederate soldiers that Northern history often and conveniently overlooks.

I recognize that there were injustices committed towards

African Americans by some Southerners, just as there are a few parents who abuse their children. Does this mean that all parents are evil? Of course not! In the same way, it is very biased and bigoted to judge all Southerners for the actions of a few, especially since census records show that only six percent of Southerners were slave holders (which, by the way, includes several blacks who owned their own slaves).

This brings us to the display of the Dixie flag. The flag itself cannot be racist; it is a mere object. An accusation of racism goes deeper than the flag; it goes to the person displaying it. Accusing someone of something as serious as racism without having any knowledge of that person is an accusation based solely on prejudice and bigotry and is just as bad as racism itself.

This mindset mainly stems from the "holier than thou" attitude that has permeated the North ever since the war, when the U.S. government set the South on the "stool of everlasting repentance," forcing them to conform to Northern standards and the Northern way of life.

Displaying the Dixie flag is a cry for a return to government by the people and



for the people: not the centralized government that has replaced the original one intended by the founding fathers. The Southern people want to be free—not to return to slavery, but to be recognized as a people and govern themselves according to the Constitution, not according to what bigoted, self-righteous Washington politicians say. Even though I'm from Ohio, I'm proud to champion a cause like that.

So I will let you rub it in with a smile that the Confederates got beat, but only as long as you let me wear my Dixie buckle with pride. But if you think this is too much of a compromise, as for me, I'll be whistling "Dixie" with my head held high. In the words of the band Big and Rich: "I don't give a dang about nothin' I'm singin' and bling-blingin'." I'd rather be historically accurate than politically correct.

Sports

Men's Soccer: Just a Bump in the Road

By **Richie Reeder**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Every successful team faces trials on the way to a championship. Each trial develops character, affirms strengths, and creates a greater hunger for victory. That's what the past few weeks have been like for our vastly talented men's soccer team. After a record-setting 11 game unbeaten streak, the Jackets have lost two close conference matches.

On October 11, the Jackets hosted the NAIA #2 team in the country, Rio Grande University's Redmen. Both teams put out stellar defensive effort as they combined for only four shots on goal. The Jackets held the Redmen scoreless until the sec-

ond half, when two goals were scored on nearly identical headers. That capped the scoring for the evening as Rio Grande extended its regular season unbeaten streak to 102 straight games with the 2-0 victory over the Jackets.

A week later, on October 18, the Jackets traveled to Columbus to battle Ohio Dominican in an afternoon match on the eve of fall break. The Panthers took advantage of their new artificial turf surface as they notched a 2-0 lead early in the second half.

Cedarville managed a goal in the 72nd minute by Justin Benz, his team-leading ninth goal of the season, but failed to even the score, as

Ohio Dominican came away with the 2-1 victory. The loss dropped the Jackets to 10-3-1 for the year.

Currently, the Jackets are seeking the home field advantage in the first round of the American Midwest Conference playoffs. This Saturday's home game against Walsh (7 p.m. at the Yellow Jacket Field) will test the Jackets against a team that compares very closely to them both offensively and defensively.

Compare Cedarville's team points per game, 7.38, to Walsh's 6.86. Defensively, Cedarville allows 0.75 goals per game, while Walsh allows 0.76 goals per game. With teams so evenly matched, the game should be one of the

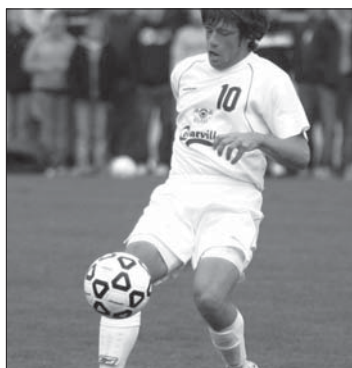
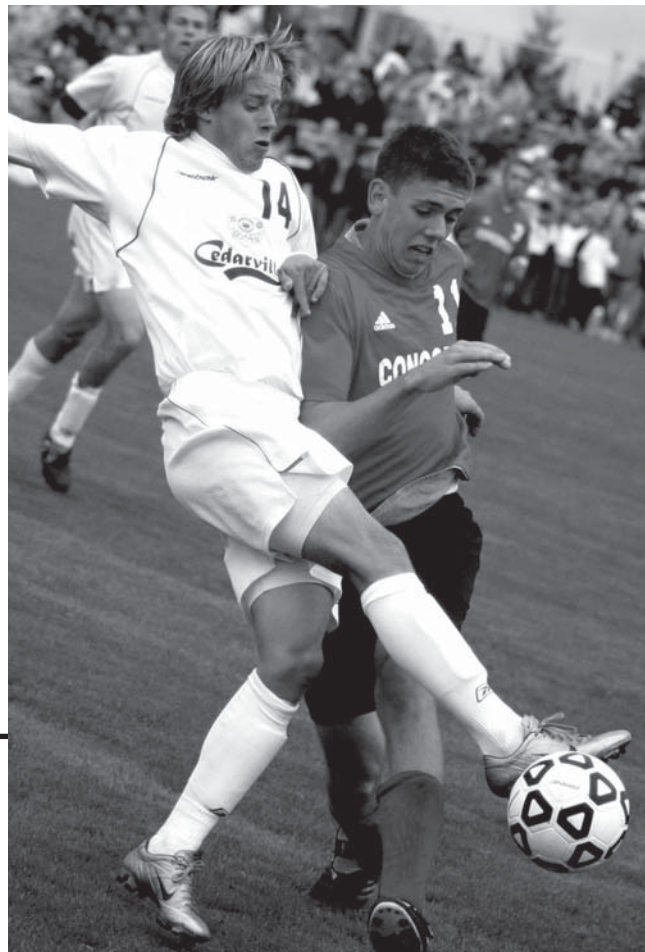
best of the season.

The Yellow Jackets are still currently ranked #3 in the NAIA Region IX-X poll with Rio Grande and Notre Dame taking the top two slots. And as for those two back-to-back losses, they're just bumps in the road for this talented group of Yellow Jackets.

This team still has much to prove on the way to an AMC Championship. Let's watch our Jackets claim home field advantage with a win against Walsh this Saturday night!

Men's Soccer Players show their aggressive style of play

(photos by Josh Wilcox/Cedars)



Volleyball Squad Claims Title



By **Jim Sawin**
SPORTS EDITOR

The top-seeded Lady Jackets dominated once again on October 21, defeating #4 Indiana Wesleyan in three straight sets at the NCCAA Midwest Regional Tournament. The win was Cedarville's 30th straight home victory. The last time the team suffered a home loss was October 18 of 2003 when, ironically enough, they were defeated by Indiana Wesleyan.

Sarah Zeltman led the Jackets' attack with 13 kills and 4 blocks while senior setter Kelsey Jones had another outstanding game, assisting on 41 points. Libby Short and Lauren Mable dug in on the defense end, recording 18

and 16 digs respectively for the home team.

The women eliminated Grace College the following day 30-16, 30-18, 30-21. This was the Lady Jackets' fifth straight sweep, improving their record to 30-1 overall and 12-0 in the AMC South Division. The Lady Jackets advanced to face Spring Arbor in the title game.

Cedarville proved they were the #1 seed at the NCCAA Midwest Regional Tournament, defeating #2 Spring Arbor in four sets to claim the title. Lady Jacket head coach Teresa Clark was named the NCCAA Midwest Region Coach of the Year while four Cedarville players, Julia Bradley, Lauren Mable,

Kelsey Jones, and Sarah Zeltman, were elected to the All-NCCAA Midwest Region Team.



CU Golf 9th at NCCAA

By **Ryan Short**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Cedarville University Yellow Jacket golf team wrapped up the fall season with a ninth place finish at the National Christian College Athletic Association national tournament in West Lafayette, Ohio. The Jackets finished 20 shots behind champion Indiana Wesleyan, recording a two-round total of 610.

Yellow Jacket scores included Trevor Bowman, 77-75-152; Adam Schlappi, 76-78-154; Brett Bigler, 76-80-156; and Brent Martin, 80-80-160.

Scott Aker led the way for the Jackets, shooting a 75 on the first day and a 73 on day two. His 148 stroke total was good enough to put him in a tie for tenth place nationally, making him the golf team's first ever NCCAA All-American.

Golfstat, an online news source, recently recognized Aker among the best collegiate golfers of all levels by ranking him 65th in the Golfstat Cup Standings. Former Golfstat Cup winners include Charles Howell and Tiger Woods.

The team was disappointed with their performance at NCCAA nationals. Freshman Brett Bigler remarked, "Ninth at nationals isn't bad, but I think we all know we

could have played better. The course was set up well for us, but unfortunately we couldn't get the putts to fall."

Sophomore Brent Martin said, "It was great to put our name out there in the conference and show other teams what we can do."

Junior Scott Aker added, "Overall, the fall season was successful. To win a tournament and break the 36-hole scoring record twice was really neat. This is a great stepping stone for the rest of the season."

The Jackets are optimistic about their chance for success in the upcoming spring season. Junior Adam Schlappi quipped, "We haven't all played to our potential on the

same day yet. When we do though, watch out!"

The team's main goal for the spring is to advance to the NAIA national tournament. To do so, they must beat national powerhouse Malone in the conference tournament. The Jackets know this is not outside the realm of possibility. After the fall season, they feel they have a better idea of what it takes to consistently compete as a team at a high level.

The Jackets certainly have potential; on any given day, they can compete with the best teams in the nation, and that is what they hope to do next spring. The sky is truly the limit for these Jacket linksmen.



Women's Soccer: Hanging Tough

By Aaron Sweigard
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Cedarville women are hanging tough despite their 10-game losing streak. "This has definitely been a tough year if you look at our record," says Karen Ruhlman; "It's easy to get focused on the wins and the losses but fail to look at all the underlying issues that go into creating a team that plays well together. I have been challenged a lot to stop pointing fingers at others and look at my own attitude and evaluate whether it is adding to the problem or helping to solve it."

The Cedarville women faced Ohio Dominican on October 12 in an American Midwest Conference South Division match. Ohio Dominican scored an early goal and held on to defeat the Lady Jackets 2-0.

The Panthers scored goals in the 7th and 54th minute of the contest, improving their record to 8-6 overall and 4-2 in the AMC. Cedarville dropped to 4-8-1 overall and 1-3-1 in AMC play.

On October 15 Cedarville took on conference

opponent Walsh. Walsh beat the Lady Jackets for the first time in nine meetings, outscoring them 2-1 in the game. Walsh scored first in the 21st minute, but Katie Mariani tied the contest in the 28th minute of the game with Ruhlman assisting with the play. The game remained tied until the 52nd minute when Walsh scored the game-winning goal. Cedarville was outshot 17-6.

The home finale versus Urbana on October 18 did not turn out the way the Lady Jackets would have liked. Urbana scored the first three goals of the game and was up 3-0 at the 60-minute mark. A late rally by the Cedarville women fell short, although Ruhlman and Jessica Schmidt scored goals in the 65th and 84th minutes of the contest. They were unable to score the tying goal and lost a tough game 3-2.

The Lady Jackets have endured a character-building season that has been pretty tough to swallow. According to Ruhlman, the team appears to have learned valuable life lessons that will help them in their following seasons and future pursuits.



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Josh Wilcox/CEDARS

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TO MY FRIENDS FOR STUFF, "ANYBODY WANT A FRESCA"?

-BABUSHK...A

MURRAY VASSER JUST MIGHT BE THE ROOM MATE TO END ALL ROOM MATES!

-NATE LANE

WHAT'S A KOUBA??

-RUTHANN HAGER

HEY BOO, JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU YOU'RE THE BEST!

-JACKIE MCKEON

I'D LIKE TO SEND A CALL OUT TO SARA NEY, YOU VOLVO-DRIVING, SHOE LOVING, SPIRIT-FOLLOWING SOCCER MOM!

-KEVIN MARTELLI

TO MY LITTLE BURGER-SCHMEER ... WOULD YOU LIKE FRIES WITH THAT?

-JOHANNAH LEIGHTENHEIMER

SONJA DYE YOUR HAIR BLACK AND BECOME AN AMISH PIRATE. NOW!

-G&A

"I COULDN'T REPAIR YOUR BRAKES, SO I MADE YOUR HORN LOUDER."

-BRIAN CARLSON

I LOVE SARA EPLIN. SHE'S THE BEST RA EVER. THE END.

-ANNA HAYES

LAUREN SAID IF I DIDN'T STOP SHE WOULD SIT ON ME....PLEASE HELP!!

-HANNAH MIHM (HER ROOMIE)

SCOTT AKER IS THE GREATEST CEDARVILLE GOLFER EVER.

-DANIEL SERVI

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-JULIE BETH

RED WINGS SUCK! GO AVS.!!

-THE STATE OF COLORADO

I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MY KEN...CUZ HE IS OH-SO-FINE!

-BARBIE

I WIN!

-JOE MOSS

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JACKETS' SCHEDULE

Men's Cross Country

7-Oct	Ohio Intercollegiate Championship	9th of 41	
22-Oct	Southeast Classic	3rd of 27	

Women's Cross Country

7-Oct	Ohio Intercollegiate Championship	7th of 41	
22-Oct	Southeast Classic	1st of 29	

Men's Soccer

1-Oct	Malone*	Win	1-0(OT)
4-Oct	MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE*	Win	4-2
8-Oct	CONCORDIA MI (homecoming)	Win	4-0
11-Oct	RIO GRANDE*	Loss	0-2
18-Oct	Ohio Dominican*	Loss	1-2
21-Oct	Belhaven	Win	4-1
22-Oct	Mobile	Win	2-1
25-Oct	Tiffin*	Tiffin, OH	3:30 PM
29-Oct	WALSH*	Cedarville	7:00 PM

Women's Soccer

1-Oct	Malone*	Loss	0-3
4-Oct	MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE*	Tie	1-1(2OT)
8-Oct	SAINT CLAIRE ONT (Exhibition)	Win	3-0
12-Oct	Ohio Dominican*	Loss	0-2
15-Oct	WALSH*	Loss	1-2
18-Oct	URBANA*	Loss	2-3
22-Oct	Shawnee State*	Win	3-0

Women's Volleyball

1-Oct	Mount Vernon Nazarene*	Win	5 sets
1-Oct	Rio Grande*	Win	3 sets
4-Oct	Central State	Win	3 sets
7-Oct	Walsh*	Win	3 sets
11-Oct	Ohio Dominican*	Win	4 sets
13-Oct	TIFFIN*	Win	3 sets
15-Oct	Malone*	Win	3 sets
18-Oct	URBANA*	Win	3 sets
21-Oct	INDIANA WESLEYAN	Win	3 sets
22-Oct	GRACE	Win	3 sets
22-Oct	SPRING ARBOR	Win	4 sets
25-Oct	CENTRAL STATE	Cedarville	7:00 PM
28-Oct	WALSH*	Cedarville	7:00 PM
29-Oct	MALONE*	Cedarville	1:00 PM

Men's Golf

1-Oct	Central Ohio Classic	2nd of 9	
10/11-Oct	NCCAA Nationals	9th of 24	

PLAYER PROFILE

Libby Short

#19, Freshman Defensive Specialist



John Hudson/CEDARS

by Jeanne Reamer

The Lady Jackets volleyball team has been very successful this season, ranking 17th in the NAIA. The Jackets have worked hard as a team and have dominated their opponents this season. One of the main defensive contributors to the team's success is freshman Libby Short. Short plays a vital role in defending the court; she now leads the team in digs with a total of 465. Although she has had great success playing the game of volleyball this season, Short recognizes the importance of glorifying God through it all and keeping Him at the forefront of her success.

Libby Short grew up in Springfield, Ohio with her parents Greg and Belinda and her older brother Ryan. Libby started playing volleyball in fifth grade after making the decision to sacrifice her hobby of gymnastics for school sports. She played through all four years of high school, where as a senior, she received the honor of 3rd team All-State and was named Player of the Year by her local newspaper.

Short's successful senior year of high school was somewhat tainted by the team's attitude of self-glorification and determination to elevate personal skill. The team neglected the elements of teamwork and humility as each girl sought her own praise. Though Short's team won four straight conference ti-

ties, she felt that something was lacking in her high school volleyball experience. It was during those times that she learned and held to Colossians 3:23, which states, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not for men."

Short felt the difference immediately when she made the transition from playing high school volleyball to playing for Coach Clark on the Lady Jackets team. Instead of being pressured to elevate herself, she was encouraged to play for the glory of Christ. Libby realized this truth most on the mission trip to Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. The team sacrificed two weeks of the pre-season to serve Christ in those countries. This experience was an amazing transition for Short, who had never been a member of a team that had the sole purpose to "work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." She loves the freedom that serving Christ brings and is enjoying the team's 27-1 record.

Short desires to play volleyball throughout her stay at Cedarville and hopes to eventually coach. As an early childhood education major, she is looking forward to graduating and working with kids. Short's ultimate goal is to become a mom and raise her children with the wisdom she's developing now. Short's advice to us is "Find something you enjoy doing and do it for God's glory."

From page 1, NHL

this point?

In June 2004, as the Tampa Bay Lightning's were celebrating their Stanley Cup Championship, all was not well behind the NHL scenes. An independent investigator representing the owners claimed that the league had lost \$496 million over the previous two seasons.

Two teams were already filing for bankruptcy, but with the league's Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) set to expire in October, neither owners nor players seemed willing to agree on a workable deal. After months of talks, but very little negotiation, the lockout began and the season was lost.

So, why the lack of urgency? The players had alternatives such as playing in Europe or in the minors, and most of the owners claimed they actually lost less money when they did

not sell tickets.

In the meantime, aging stars Mark Messier, Ron Francis, Al MacInnis, Scott Stevens, and Brett Hull all decided to call it quits. Unfortunately, none of these future hall-of-famers had the chance to go out the way players of their caliber should.

Finally, on July 22, an agreement was reached, ending a 310-day work stoppage. The terms of the new CBA instituted a team salary cap of \$39 million, reducing player salaries by 24 percent. They have also tightened penalties for the use of performance-enhancing substances. However, the most noticeable difference for the fans will be the rule changes, which will significantly affect how the game is played.

The elimination of the two-line pass, the increased size of the zones, and the added emphasis on calling "hindrance" penalties will improve the flow of the game and increase break-away opportunities for scorers.

The agreement decreased the size of goalie equipment by 11 percent, affecting goalies' ability to stop the puck. It also reduced the goalies' skating zone, making it more difficult for them to clear out pucks behind the net. The last real notable rule change eliminates tie games by deciding them with a shoot-out after the overtime session. The committee designed these and other changes to increase the excitement, better the game, and win back the fans.

Are the fans buying it, though? How has the year off affected the casual and the hard-core fans?

CU Junior Andrew Bruder, a diehard Red Wings fan, is excited to have hockey back. He expects most hard core fans to return, but thinks casual fans may have been turned off by the selfishness demonstrated by the league throughout the lockout. Despite that, he says, "I think the rule changes will be good for hockey. Fans like to see

speed and scoring."

Sophomore Joel Lawrence says he'll follow hockey just as much as he used to, though he's not as fanatical about the game as some. "I guess I'd consider myself a casual fan. I usually

only seriously follow the play-offs."

Junior Courtney Brott thinks that she and other casual fans won't have any trouble forgiving the league and moving on. "I think the casual fan

is just going to be like, 'Cool, hockey's back.'"

CU NHL fans tend to be a very forgiving bunch. The owners had better hope fans outside of Cedarville begin to feel the same way in the near future.

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