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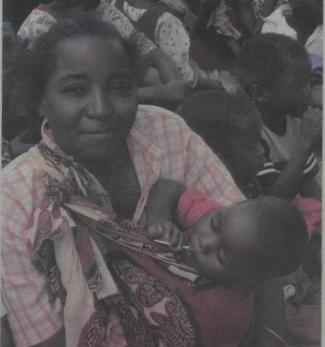
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Saving a Village, \$10 at a Time

KRISTA KOWATCH -CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Over the next three weeks, Women of Vision will work to unite the student body to raise awareness and gain support to adopt a sister village in Zambia.

The Fisheni Project, sponsored by the campus organization Women of Vision, is an operation to provide healthcare, education, and water to 570 Zambians.

Dr. Warner, advisor to Women of Vision, sees this project as an opportunity for all students to "open their eyes to global issues."

Warner explains, "The Fisheni Project gives students the chance to change lives for generations. They will become our sister village."

According to WOV, each week awareness for Literacy Week.

of the campaign will have a different focus: healthcare, literacy, and water. All students are invited to participate in the activities, which will culminate on October 13 with a monetary donation collected during chapel.

The campaign slogan is "The best ten dollars you'll ever spend." Student donations will help the project reach the \$30,000 goal. This goal can be achieved if each student gives \$10.

Currently, 38 percent of Cedarville students are wearing black armbands to represent the percentage of children orphaned by HIV/ AIDS in the Fisheni Village.

A student-faculty spelling bee will be held on October 4 to raise

For the last event the org will hold a Survivor Challenge during Water Week in which each previously chosen contestant will survive on the same amount of water as each member of the sister village.

The four-gallon limit will contrain every need from drinking water to showering.

These activities are designed to foster student involvement and understanding of issues the Fisheni Project will address.

According to Dr. Haffey, another faculty leader of the group, the group hopes that this will prompt more student involvement with Fisheni.

Haffey explains that the organization also hopes to take groups of students to Zambia to experience lars you'll ever spend."

how the villagers live. She states, "This opportunity helps us realize the unusual privilege God has given [us] concerning water, education, and healthcare."

Haffey points out that because the group will maintain contact with the villagers, students will be able to see the results from their

"Our money will give water, immunization, and anti-retroviral drugs used in combating HIV. More people will be alive than if Cedarville didn't do this." Haffey choked up as she spoke of the children whose life expectancy will be doubled as a direct result of the Fisheni

"That's why it's the best ten dol-

Biblical Studies Center on "Fast Track"

REBEKAH FEHR STAFF WRITER

Plans for the new Biblical Studies Center are rapidly progressing.

"The project is on a fast track, said Budget Direc-Rod Johnson. If preliminary steps continue to go well, groundbreaking

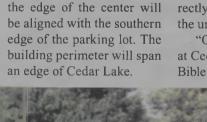
will take

place May 2007. By this schedule the building would be operational for fall semester 2008.

Current building plans provide for about 64,000 square feet, including offices for the entire Bible faculty and 11 classrooms. The Academic Assistance staff will have offices in the new building as well.

The building will replace part of the commuter parking lot between the Apple Technology Resource Cen-

ter and Centennial Library; an edge of Cedar Lake.





Currently the project's target cost is \$14 million. Private donors will provide the funds; the addition of the center should not affect student tuition.

"The funds raised for the building are in the form of commitments for several years. We hope to have half of that amount committed by December 31, 2006," said Cedarville University President Dr. Brown.

The construction of a

Biblical Studies Center directly reflects the mission of the university.

"Of all the departments

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and in the future, just as the Dixon Ministry Center makes a statement about our commitment to chapel," said Brown.

Every student will use the center at some point beminor. In addition, the building answers a need for more classrooms. Its construction is the next logical step in a

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Shoes for Civilians

· Kate Klein ·

Juanita Snook, a longtime at Cedarville University, the Cedarville resident, sent ten-Bible department should be nis shoes to Iraqi civilians who work on the army base prominent near Baghdad where her son, The Specialist Charles (Rob) Carbuilding rington, is stationed under the a 15th Sustainment Brigade.

Snook reports her son said ment about that the 15 Iraqis he guards Cedarville on base "were obviously poor, but never complained," when com- they arrived at the base daily to work.

Carrington observed the cal studies tattered conditions of the Iraqi workers' shoes, some stapled together. "He asked me to see if I could find shoes," Snook said. "I was telling my friend that I'm proud of him, thinking of other people." Her friends also wanted to help. "He said that I could get used cause of the required Bible shoes, nice shoes—but I just got new shoes" at Wal-Mart, said Snook.

> Snook noted that in addition to being poor, the civilians avoid going to the market because of the dangers of bombings.



Carrington works on a base that has suffered few casualties throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom, but the American comforts of on-base McDonald's and Wendy's fast food offer a sharp contrast to the risks that the Iraqi civilians face even when they drive to work.

According to Snook, one worker witnessed a shooting en route to the base, but still arrived for work. "It's a way of life for them," Snook explained.

CEDARS | News

ARMY ROTC CADETS COMPLETE SUMMER TRAINING

· Howard Van Matre · ASSISTANT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

students spent their summers enjoying time off from school, the senior cadets of the Marauder Army ROTC Battalion at Central State University completed rigorous training at Fort Lewis, Washington.

The camp, known as the "Leadership Development and Accession Course" (LDAC), lasts 32 days and is designed to evaluate cadets from all over the country before they become commissioned officers in the United States Army.

For the first three years of college, ROTC cadets spend their time learning leadership, and military skills and tactics, as well as conduct physical training. All of this training is designed to give a general knowledge of basic Army skills and help the cadets to overcome the challenges they will face in the future.

The summer after their junior year, cadets attend LDAC and are evaluated and ranked against all

While most college other junior-level cadets in the nation.

> The camp begins with 18 days of training at Fort Lewis, Washington. The base is located at the foot of Mount Rainier, which provides cool temperatures for the cadets learning military skills such as basic rifle marksmanship and hand grenade throwing. There, they also learn tactics for maneuvering in elements sized according to squads of nine and platoons of 24 soldiers.

After this training period, the cadets move out to the forests of Ft. Lewis to spend ten days living and fighting in a simulated war. Factors such as no showers, limited sleep, and the stress of maintaining a constant state of alertness make this event challenging.

Nevertheless, most cadets agreed that it was one of the most enjoyable parts of the camp. According to Cadet Andrew Wong, "I felt that the time in the field was the most exciting because there was action constantly throughout the day and night."

Another cadet, Brandon Smith, agreed. "Since we had been preparing for LDAC for the last three years, I was well prepared and I didn't have to worry much about any of the hard events. It was actually pretty fun."

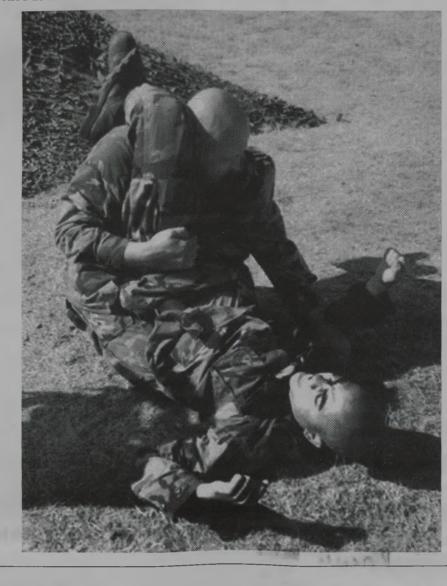
Throughout the LDAC, the cadets were evaluated according to 16 different dimensions, such as emotional self-control, physical fitness, and technical knowledge of the Army. In each area, cadets received a grade of Excellent, Satisfactory, or No-go (Unsatisfactory). These dimensions were then averaged for an overall rating.

Out of the 12 cadets that the Marauder Battalion sent, Mathew Clark and Chris Fisher received an overall evaluation of Excellent. In addition, if cadets excelled at the graded events such as the physical fitness test or land navigation, they earned the coveted Recondo award. Three Marauder cadets, Mathew Clark, Patrick Ederer, and Brandon Smith, earned this award.

After completing their final year of college, these cadets will be commissioned as Second Lieuteneach will lead a platoon of talion should contact Sersoldiers in a variety of locations around the world.

Students interested in

ants in the US Army and joining the Marauder Batgeant First Class Williams at 937-376-6283.



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Carrington, a 1996 Cedarville High School graduate, wanted to join the army even before he turned 18. Snook said at the time she would not sign the paperwork necessary for him to enlist. Now, after spending three years in the army, Carrington re-enlisted, adding at least two years to his commitment. Snook responded by asking her son, "Why do you want to do that? Do you want to make me an old woman?"

"There are good things that happen here," Carrington said in a telephone interview. 'We have 15 local nationals" who work on the base and with whom Carrington communicates through a transla-

tor. "These [Iraqis] are great people. I'm actually glad I'm working here with them."

Carrington, now a Connecticut resident, went home in April on his two-week leave, hoping to witness the birth of his daughter, but little Milena was born the day before he arrived. Carrington returned to Iraq after spending time with his wife and newborn daughter, and will complete his tour of duty

Out of gratitude for the shoes, the 15 Iraqi workers signed small Iraqi flags to send to Snook and her friends, and sent a baby outfit as a gift for Carrington's newborn daughter.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Often, war affects people who have no part in the fight. Although the civilians working on specialist Rob Carrington's base have little to do with the war, they are still greatly affected by it. Simple tasks such as going to buy new shoes become dangerous and can even be life-threatening.

In response, Cedars will be conducting a shoe drive for the civilian families working on Carrington's base. Through relatively little effort, students can be a tremendous help and encouragement to those who experience the horrors of war

Beginning Monday, October 2, a collection box will be placed in the lower SSC. Students can us this box to donate to Iraqi civilians any shoes that are in relatively good condition. Thick-soled shoes are preferable due to the country's rocky terrain. Adult men's and women's shoes should be brown or black, in keeping with the cultural standard. Children's shoes are acceptable in any color or style.

The civilians working on Rob's base have large families of 10-15 people. Cedars' goal is to collect 150 pairs of shoes.

Cedarville Develops New Programs

· Angela Bacon · STAFF WRITER

Cedarville University is offering several new majors and academic programs this year.

These include a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science, a biomedical engineering minor, an engineering cooperative (co-op) education program, a cellular and molecular biology major, a forensic science major, and a course for international students, called "English for Academic Purposes."

Although development time varies, Cedarville takes a minimum of one year to prepare and implement a new program. The school considers many factors during this process, including the comments of prospective students.

"We don't want a program that five years from now will only have five students in it," said Dr. Andy Runvan, Associate demic Administration.

Before Cedarville can launch a new program, the many hands, including to it," Dr. Milliman said. the academic department gram; the faculty from the deciding which programs cepted.

department's school; the Cedarville will add. The school dean; the Univer- board looks at other schools gram depends on factors sity Curriculum Commit- and the job market and such as whether the unitee (a sub-committee that tells Cedarville whether versity will need to purreports to the faculty at a certain major is already chase new equipment for large); the University fac- offered at a sufficient num- the program. However, for ulty; Dr. Milliman (Vice ber of schools and whether President of Academics); there are enough available



Vice President for Aca- the University's Board of jobs in that field. They Board of Regents.

"There's a lot of scru- Dr. Runvan. idea has to pass through tiny and a lot of care given

Trustees; and the Ohio "make sure the market's

Most importantly, ev-The Ohio Board of Re- Cedarville's mission statethat will oversee the progents plays a large role in ment in order to be ac-

The cost of a new proeach new program or major, "The biggest cost will be faculty-related," said Dr. Milliman.

Cedarville has not hired any new faculty members to the new programs this year.

So far, Cedarville's new programs are off to a great start.

The forensic science major currently has five students, all female. It combines chemistry and molecular biology classes and provides a minor in criminal justice as well as an internship in a crime lab.

The new engineering co-op program will allow students in the Engineering and Computer Science disciplines to work for companies such as NASA, Rolls-Royce, and Procter and Gamble.

Lew Gibbs from the Canot already flooded," said reer Services department said of the co-op program: "I couldn't be more excited erything has to fit with about this program, both

Extended Grace

· Sarah Petersen · STAFF WRITER

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Every Thursday evening the new requireafter practice, Central State ments have not University's football team affected the turnsits down to a home-cooked out. "We usumeal at Grace Baptist Church ally have about in Cedarville.

Now in their third year, coaches here," these dinners are contin- commented Hanued under new direction by Brian Hanson. The evening provides a time of worship, ward to it every a devotional, dinner, and fel- week," West said lowship.

Grace Baptist Church sees evening dinners. evangelism and outreach as a responsibility before God. The church body strives to build a better connection between Central State and the village of Cedarville. Al West, a strong Christian and first year head coach of has supported Grace as the the players back to campus church family desired to continue this ministry.

As their coach, West hopes to do more than build strong athletes. "I really want to develop character in their lives as well," West noted.

This is the first year play-

encourage them to participate.

Fortunately, 50 players plus

"We look forof the Thursday

The ministry team works hungry, but the real object cally, we are cross-culturally players spiritual guidance. reaching out," Hanson said of this ministry.

During ers are not required to attend couples from the church sit discussion by the athletes as the dinners, though the team at each table with the play- they questioned each other on a lasting impact.

Volunteers from the con- ers and interact with them their opinions and thoughts. gregation prepare the food, to learn about their lives and serve, and clean up, all in an continue discussing the deeffort to positively impact the votional. Players can also fill young men. Hanson praised out prayer cards to communithe volunteers for their hard cate needs for Pastor Hanson to pray about.

West noted that the out-Central State's football team, to make sure it never sends reach of the congregation has had a positive effect on the athletes. "Life-long relationof this outreach is to build ships are developing," West involved in their lives. "Basi- have been able to give the

Hanson's message last week, "When does sin bedinners, come sin?," led to extended

West noted that many of the players continue to dialogue about the message on the ride back and during practices.

Grace extends this ministry beyond the Thursday night dinners. The church also has a van available for the players to ride to Sunday morning services at Grace.

Grace Baptist Church's bridges to the players and get said. Many of the couples Thursday night dinners are part of an effort to reach beyond the village of Cedarville and into the hearts and lives of Central State University

The church hopes to make

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from a student success and a Cedarville perspective. To be able to have the Career Services Office partner with the Engineering department in delivering this service option to our students is a great honor tive Cedarville students and opportunity."

As well as adding new programs, Cedarville has also renamed two of its existing ones. The Business Administration department has shortened the name of its management information systems major to the "information systems" major, and the

Psychology department has renamed its child and family studies program (under the applied psychology major) the "family studies" program.

In the future, prospeccan look forward to a major in journalism, a program for worship leaders, and possibly even a pharmacy program. Cedarville also plans to conduct feasibility studies on a film major, a physical therapy major, and a geology major, among others.

Author of Controversial Washington Book to Speak at Cedarville University

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friend? Dr. Peter Lillback Reformed Heritage. has stirred the controversy on Monday, Oct. 2 in the University. University's Dixon Ministry Center.

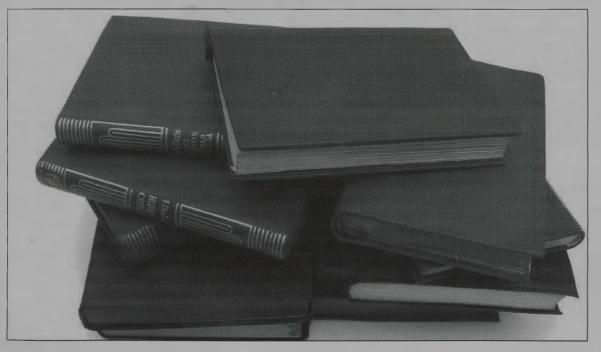
thored two other books, dent Center).

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Lillback's message is over Washington's spiri- free and open to the pubtual beliefs with his new lic. His presentation can book, George Washing- be heard on CDR Radio, ton's Sacred Fire (Provi- The PATH® (90.3 FM lodence Forum Press), which cally), at 11:00 a.m. and proposes that our nation's 8:00 p.m. as well as online first president was a de- at www.ThePath.fm. CDR vout Christian. Lillback Radio, The PATH®, is a will speak at Cedarville community-supported me-University at 10:00 a.m. dia ministry of Cedarville

The public is welcome to attend two Lillback A 1974 graduate of Ce-book signings on October darville University, Lill- 2. The first is in the Alumback is the president of ni Hall of the Dixon Min-Westminster Theological istry Center at 11:00 a.m.; Seminary. He holds de- the second is at 2:00 p.m. grees from Dallas Theo- in the University Booklogical Seminary and store (located in the lower Westminster and has au- level of the Stevens Stu-

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20-year building cycle that has also included the ENS, DMC, and SSC.

The Biblical Studies Center will also rescue the Bible faculty from their small, inaccessible offices in Founders Hall. The university hopes the new, convenient location of the center will encourage interaction between Bible faculty and students.

Now focusing on only the preliminary steps, planners must determine final costs and placement of utility, phone, and electric

lines. The university must deal with both parking and student traffic issues, as the building will replace a heavily used campus lot.

Floor plans are not yet finalized, but the university anticipates including a youth ministries complex among the center's fea-

"It will be striking from the outside and visibly prominent on campus," Brown said. "We hope this building will be the kind of place nobody will ever forget."

Cedars | Viewpoints

Postmodernity: Part 1



· Jessica Whitehair · CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's Note: This is the first article in a four part series on postmodernism. Check back in the next three issues for a continuation of this discussion.

One of the problems with a college education is that in order to sound intellectual we tend to learn—and use—words whose definitions we don't know. As students, we often throw terms around casually without clearly knowing what we say.

Such is the case with postmodernism.

Our generation falls directly in the middle of the paradigm shift. We live in a world that is in the process of leaving the modern worldview and entering the postmodern worldview: a place of transition and uncertainty.

Unfortunately, terminology is slightly confusing and largely unhelpful. Modernity and postmodernity refer not to the content of the ideas, but rather to the time frame of their inception.

Modernism was supposed to find a way to directly describe reality. Based on scientific empiricism, modernism aspired to attaining knowledge that was certain—observmeasurable, provable,

Postmodernism reacts negatively to that goal and labels it practically impossible. Postmodernism argues that instead of being able to obtain a perfect, objective view of all reality, mankind exists in a context that influences all perceptions, including those of reality.

But why is it so important to discuss postmodernism, to know what it is and what we believe about it? Why should we concern ourselves with the topic?

For one thing, postmodernism is a worldview, and thanks to the 16 credit hours required by our Bible minor, we all know how important worldviews are. The vast scope of postmodernism touches almost every aspect of our lives. The ideas of postmodernism influence every area of study, from philosophy and art to science and technology.

But postmodernism doesn't have only intellectual consequences; it also

affects society as a whole. Postmodernism's distrust of the establishment is visible in the myriad of musical bands, movies, and other media groups described as "indie." Corporations use postmodernism's love of individuality to market everything from French fries to ringtones.

But is this postmodern worldview a good one? Is it possible to embrace both postmodernism and Christianity? Typically, Christians react to postmodernism by adopting one of two opposing positions.

Myron Penner, a professor of theology and philosophy at Prairie College, says, "Generally we have two polar opposite positions emerging in the Christian intellectual community in response to the postmodern turn-those who are for the postmodern turn and see its value in articulating the gospel (these constitute, somewhat ironically, a minority among their peers); and those who are against the postmodern turn and view it as a clear and present danger to the integrity of the faith and Christian community."

Both views, and many between, exist on Cedarville's campus. These ideas and the dialogue between the two positions are worth discussing. The next few issues of Cedars will examine these differing views of postmodernism to evaluate them within the context of a Christian worldview. Should Christians be wary of postmodernism, "the faith killer"?

Merold Westphal, a professor of philosophy at Fordham University, writes that postmodernism is "on the short list of the most dangerous anti-Christian currents of thoughts." Is this an accurate view of postmodernism? Or can Christians find an ally in postmodernism, embrace what James K. A. Smith, an associate professor of philosophy at Calvin College, sees as a worldview that "opens up the space for a radically Christian philosophy"?

Cedars will begin to address these concerns in the next few issues. Check back in the future and take part in the dialogue. If you have questions or comments on postmodernism, please send us your thoughts at cedars@cedarville.edu.

Toward a Dialogue on Postmodernity: Part 1 When We Undermine Our Goals

Recently, I went about investigating Cedarville's minority recruitment policy, and to the credit of our administration I found the effort to be much broader and more organized than I had expected.

In the past five years, the school administration has done much to enable us to reach the goal of greater diversity on our campus. For example, we now have a multi-cultural recruitment officer; a new position within the Christian Ministries Division to help Heartsong and OneVoice reach out to more minority audiences; an African-American advisory council; as well as numerous organizations, diversity events, faculty/staff workshops, and a variety of other excellent initiatives. We've come a long way, but there is still much to be done.

While I applaud and support these positive measures, I believe they are compromised, even tainted, by the presence of Cedarville's race-based scholar-

As I see it, every college has the right to gear their scholarships towards those individuals who posses the characteristics they most desire to have in their student body. Usually this means looking for students who demonstrate the greatest scholastic ability, athletic talent, or leadership skills, but schools can also take a student's financial need into consideration when distributing funds.

However, a school is justified in selecting certain criteria as more desirable than others only so long as it provides everyone with an equal opportunity to meet those criteria.

As the situation stands now, I fully support and agree with most of our minority scholarships because they are based on academic achievement and performance. However, I am somewhat wary of the fact that our school makes a few need-based scholarships, worth up to \$5,000, available exclusively to minority



GARRETT LOWE .

Although the amount of the scholarship may seem too minimal to consider, I believe it carries a potent message, one saying: Cedarville values a minority

student X amount of dollars more than it does a white one.

Admittedly, there is an obvious disparity in numbers between white students and minorities, and while we should do everything we can to address this issue, I do not believe it justifies giving preferential treatment to someone based on the color of that person's skin.

I am not trying to downplay the obstacles many minorities face today in education and the career fields. The fact that these struggles exist is undeniable; people saying otherwise are either horribly ignorant or racist. However, the solution to an injustice is not to create another one.

Since Cedarville's expressed intent for its need-based minority scholarships is to help people in need, the funds should be made equally available to low income students of every ethnicity on a case-by-case basis. If the majority of students who receive these scholarships happen to be minorities, so be it—as long as the process was a fair assessment of need and not based on race.

My purpose in raising this issue is to address what I believe to be an oversimplification of what true diversity is all about. Often, in the pursuit of our most noble goals we justify questionable practices that contradict and undermine the very things we are trying to achieve.

I believe a true spirit of diversity cannot be achieved by artificially influencing student rosters through unfair scholarships. Rather, it is the product of fostering and encouraging a school spirit and environment that reaches out to everyone equally, ensuring that a wide array of people comes and shares in the excitement of being a part of Cedarville.

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A Linguistic Commission



· Joshua Saunders · STAFF WRITER

"Going and making disciples." How does this year's university theme relate to our everyday lives—Sunday through Saturday, as opposed to just weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.? How does it relate to the programs and classes that mend Cedarville offers?

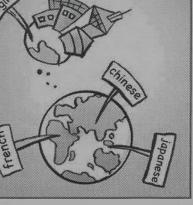
As a university we offer one foreign language major: Spanish, at 34 credit hours. We also offer a minor in German, a three-credit introductory class in Arabic culture, and a zero-credit class in introductory Chinese. Our catalog also lists one French class.

French is not currently

offered, but according to the registrar's office the class may be held at some point in the future if the university hires a French professor. You can, however, CLEP up to 14 credits' worth of French.

I must com-Cedarville for its

abilities to reach out to Spanish-speaking community; however, like most students here at Cedarville, I suspect that a minor in German. a class in Arabic, a zerocredit class in Chinese, or a CLEP test in French is not going to equip me to effectively reach out to saved or unsaved individ-



uals to make disciples in different cultures.

Dr. Shaver, our lone German professor, says, "It goes without saying that one cannot disciple people if he or she does not speak their language. Even though many people

Cereal killers rise and shine



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· Jack Legg · CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In 1998, American tobacco companies ended an onslaught of lawsuits by agreeing to refrain from using cartoon characters to promote their products. Anti-tobacco activists claim that children who see a cartoon character engaging In a certain activity are more likely to engage in that activity. It is my sincere belief that the makers of breakfast cereals have also crossed the line by using cartoon characters in their advertisements.

First, notice that only the most unhealthy, sugary cereals are endorsed by animated characters. Have you ever seen Bugs Bunny on a box of Raisin Bran? No, you have not! And

don't hold your breath waiting for X-Men Fiber Flakes.

Marketing experts have realized that as long as there is a two-dimensional mascot on the box, children will indulge in almost any imaginable toxic concoction. It could be a box of asbestos and rusty barbed wire, but with SpongeBob on the box, it would sell.

When not luring innocent children into sugar comas, animated mascots are busy creating a male chauvinist playground. Count Chocula, Captain Crunch, Toucan Sam, Tony the Tiger, Snap, Crackle, and Pop—the girls are just nowhere to be found! The cereal bowl is becoming just as maledominated as the Super Bowl.

As children we learn to be kind to one another, share generously, and use manners. Cereal mascots, however, urge children to do otherwise.

For example, we might examine the influence of Mr. Fred Flintstone, compensated endorser of Fruity Pebbles. For years, Fred has refused to share his Fruity Pebbles with Barney Rubble. In commercial after commercial, Barney is forced to go away hungry while Fred stockpiles cereal and keeps it from his longtime friend and colleague. What does this

I'd also like to point out that Fred's young daughter's name is Pebbles. How sick is that? Is Fred eating bits of his own child for breakfast? That Hanna-Barbarian! The public should be alarmed to see cereal companies use an obese, selfish, cannibalistic caveman to recruit children as consumers.

teach children about loyalty?

Or sharing?

And think of those poor rabbits who, just as they sit down for breakfast, hear those

dreaded words: "Silly rabbit! Trix are for kids."

The children of these ads are really saying, "None for you, you inferior creature. This cereal is ours! Down with rabbits! Kid power, kid power!"

'O, how I long for the day when one brave child will stand against species discrimination! Why won't someone be an example of kindness by sharing a bowl of sugary compassion at the table of brotherhood with our inter-species friends?

Together, we can reclaim the breakfast table and thwart this well-balanced scheme of destruction! It will be a crispy crusade, a bowl full of justice, a revolution that stays crunchy—even in milk! Join me, Cedarville, for the most important meal of the day is at

Best Unknown Places in the Cedarville Area

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Compiled By Bryce Bahler

Random Acts of Kindness



· Evonne Fearnot · STAFF WRITER

Ministries are different for each of us. God uses the analogy of the body to portray the church and help us understand the fact that His followers must rely on each other.

First Corinthians 12:12-13 states, "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

The "body of Christ" isn't merely a sugarcoated way to think about Christ's followers; or, at least, that is not what Christ intended it to

Contrary to a popular opinion among Christians, someone called to travel across the world to spread the Word of God and bring individuals to Christ is no more or less righteous or valuable to Christ and the Church than someone who is called to work at Wal-Mart or be a garbage collector. All of those positions are essential for the body of Christ to function.

plied to work as a Cedars writer, a question I struggled to answer on the application was, "What types of activities, ministries, and/or organizations are you involved in?"

To be completely honest, last year I wasn't involved in any "activities, ministries, and/or organizations."

You may be wondering, how do individuals like me, who are so obviously not making a pointed attempt to produce spiritual fruit, get a job writing about important Christian issues?

I have an answer: one that isn't an option on our Weekly Spiritual Formation Report, but one I feel shameless pronouncing: random acts of kindness.

First Corinthians 12:4-6 states, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

Rick Warren, author of The Purgreatest leaders are those who serve others," and "a good leader exists for the people, not the other our "spiritual acts of worship" to way around."

Ironically, the New Testament only uses the word "leader" eight times, whereas it uses the word "servant" 50 times. Just as Warren This topic is particularly inter- stresses, the heart of a true "lead-

esting to me because when I ap- er" consists of a spirit of true, Godloving servanthood.

> However, a true servant's heart can be very easy to misplace. Due to the daily mandatory chapel, the need to have enough activities to fill out your spiritual formation sheet truthfully, and the heavy emphasis on "getting involved," what started as deep yearning to obey God and know Him better can become just another part of the daily routine. Chapel and other spiritual activities can wrongly become as mundane as sleeping, eating, and going to class.

Students acquire independence and identity apart from their parents when they make their own decisions and mistakes. Becoming a follower of Christ, being active in the faith, is the most important decision each of us will ever make. But what we once gladly claimed as our own can now seem nothing but another assignment.

Ministries and leadership positions are important, but in the pursuit of those things, sometimes we pose Driven Life, states that "The lose sight of the fundamentals that should define us as Christians.

> I worry that at times we allow become just another checklist of things to accomplish—another pat on the back to receive. We should be able to serve God without having a checklist of things to do for the day.

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around the world speak English, they may not truly comprehend the Gospel until they can hear it in their own language."

According to ethnologue.com, the world currently has 325 million Spanish speakers, 508 million English speakers, and 95 million German speakers. That is about 931 million people—which means that Cedarville has the opportunity to directly reach only 14 percent of the world's population with the Gospel.

Those statistics may bring a variety of responses, but apathy and indifference are unacceptable.

If we are going to reach foremost, we must have more than one foreign language major, one minor, a few introductory classes, and a CLEP test.

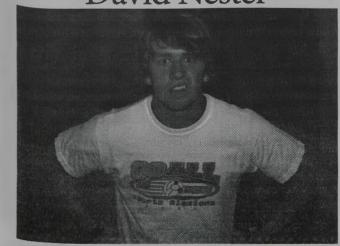
The second part of the responsibility, however,

depends on the students: Just because Cedarville does not offer a class in a language you are interested in studying does not mean that you cannot study it independently. School is only one part of life, but learning a language takes dedication, whether or not the classes are offered.

Take the initiative and find other people who enjoy speaking different languages; take a class online over the summer; venture over to Central State for a French class, or Antioch for Japanese, French, or German.

I raise this issue not to belittle or discourage more than 14 percent of the university, the foreign the world, then, first and language department, or any of the students who are studying a foreign language; I mean to encourage all of us to take initiative to find new ways to go and disciple more then 14 percent of the world.

CEDAR FACES avid Nester



1. What's your take on the recent development in the bronze sculpture series?

The sculpture is very unique and interesting and has good meaning behind it, but I don't like it. It's like abstract art; some people like it and others just find it weird.

2. Imagine you have two months left to live. How would you spend that time?

Good question. I'd probably spend time with all my family and friends. Maybe take a vacation to somewhere I've never been, like the Bahamas.

3. Share a memory that has stood out from your high school years. It can be bad or good.

When I was in 8th grade, our class went on a trip for government class to Washington D.C. I got left in the Holocaust Museum. It didn't take them too long to find out I wasn't on the bus, and they came back and got me.

4. If you were to become President, what would you do to change the current state of the United States?

Nothing; I think George Bush is doing a fine job. I support him 100 percent.

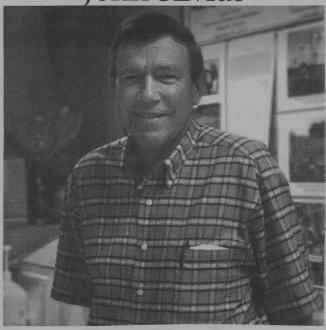
5. List three things that you definitely could not live with-

I definitely could not live without food. Also, friends and

6. Why is it that when a person tells you there are over a million stars in the universe you believe them, but if someone tells you there's wet paint somewhere, you have to touch it to make sure?

It's because I'm curious and stupid. What can I say? I'm a

CEDAR FACES John Silvius



1. What's your take on the recent development in the bronze sculpture series?

The sculpture conveys to me the great impact of sin upon humankind. Sin has knocked us down, bored a hole in our hearts, and taken a bite out of God's creation. Thankfully, according to Colossians 1:12, Christ's redemption and reconciliation are aiming not only to restore humankind in relation to God, but also to one another and to the creation.

2. Imagine you have two months left to live. How would you spend that time?

I would spend time with my wife Abby and our two children, their spouses, and our two grandchildren. I would also hope that I could present a testimony of triumph and joy to these loved ones as well as to so many dear friends in Cedarville

3. Share a memory that has stood out from your high school years. It can be bad or good.

I remember a wonderful high school prom date with a sweet girl who later dropped me, not wanting to get serious beyond just having a date for the prom. However, not long afterwards I met "dear Abby," who later become my wife. A few years ago, God allowed Abby and me to return to my high school and to stand in one of the quiet halls where we took time to kiss. That moment allowed me to look back and thank God for His goodness and provision over many years since my high school days.

4. If you were to become President, what would you do to change the current state of the United States?

It's hard to beat the committed leadership of President Bush in most areas, especially his godly testimony. However, I would try to add to his "compassionate conservatism" a commitment to "compassionate conservationism" in which conservative politics and conservative fiscal policies could be blended with a respect for the environment, God's cre-

5. List three things that you definitely could not live with-

I would have to say, very practically speaking: water, edible plants, and light.

6. Why is it that when a person tells you there are over a million stars in the universe you believe them, but if someone tells you there's wet paint somewhere, you have to touch it to make sure?

I'm often a slow listener, so my hand is already on the paint

Opposing Viewpoints: Sickness & Self-Control



- Brittany Jackson -STAFF WRITER

with advanced technol-

search scientists who are

breakthroughs in health

and the eradication of

The statistics are stag-

CBS News, 68 percent

of Americans are over-

weight and 25 percent of

that number is morbidly

obese, meaning that they

will die of weight-related

diseases. Heart disease,

cancer, and heart attacks

have become more com-

mon in today's world than

they have ever been at

any other time in history.

What is wrong with us?

In the U.S, even Chris-

tians battle these physical

problems that can steal

our quality of life and

full of requests for heal-

to focus our prayer on un-

saved friends and family.

Why doesn't God simply

heal His people? Perhaps

even our hope.

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Why Do Christians Get Sick?

The United States is our own ignorance is the the leader of the free world cause of our struggle.

God has established ogy, information systems, natural laws that govern and world-renowned re- our world. Principles like the Law of Gravity are irreversible aside from a miracle. Similarly, we have been taught since we diseases. Why, then, are were young that certain Americans today sicker foods are not good for us: it's a basic principle.

Yet, many Christians gering. According to will consume processed foods, sugar, and junk foods while fully aware that they are hurting their bodies. Then they pray, hoping God will save them from the consequences of their own habits.

> This is a contradiction! God has the ability to perform miracles, but often He allows us to simply be subjected to the results of our choices.

Here at Cedarville University, we are required to take the class Physical Activity and Christian Life. This class In our churches is designed to teach us, ing that we can easily fail ies God has given us so we will not deal with the pain of sickness later in life. Ultimately, our ability to effectively impact

our world is based on how well we care for what God has entrusted to us. Do we really take the stewardship of our bodies as seriously as we should?

Although we often forget these verses, God's word is clear about how to care for our bodies. At creation, God gave Adam "every seed-bearing plant for food" (Genesis 1:19). Later in Jewish history, Daniel told the king to feed his men only vegetables and water to make them strong. I'm sure MacDonald's was not on their menu. Look at how far we've come.

We know the truth; God's Word gives us a perfect template to govern our lives. I challenge you to consider that the more closely you adhere to God's original plan, the stronger you will be. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have retoday, prayer lists are so as believers, how to be ceived from God? You are good stewards of the bod- not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your (I Corinthians body."



· Camille Morse · WITH BETH PIPER & SARA HOOVER Context and Compromise

Brittany Jackson promotes eating vegetables. This is admirable. Not so admirable are some of the implications of her assertion that Christians with dietary and weight problems must have compromised their relationships with God because they overeat and consume meat and processed

I am troubled to see anyone argue that for Christians, sickness must be a direct result of a failure to adhere to Biblical dietary guidelines. Many factors contribute to health problems in general, and weight issues specifically—sociocultural, emotional, chemical, and genetic, to name only a few. To simplify these problems is to misrepresent them, and to state that "ignorance" and the deliberate will to self-harm are the only causes of weight problems is to condemn people who may struggle with these issues through no fault of their own.

Disregard of biblical health guidelines is not the only cause of pain and sickness, because as humans we are all subject to these general consequences of the Fall. This is true regardless of how closely we walk with God.

The Bible verses Brittany provides to represent the dietary "biblical guidelines" we fail to adhere to-"God's original plan" and the "template" for perfect health—are taken out of context.

The Genesis verse (1:19) does not apply to life after the Fall, let alone life after the New Testament's changes to Jewish law. Even the Old Testament allowed meat eating within certain guidelines. Context also contradicts her use of the Daniel reference to a diet of water and vegetables (1:12): God physically strengthens Daniel and his friends as a result of their obedient refusal to eat food that had been used in idol worship, not because He commands all believers to adopt a similar diet.

There is a reason it's difficult to find verses to validate claims like these: The Bible simply doesn't provide specific, detailed guidelines for how we should act in every part of our lives, and that includes our use of food. We have to evaluate these issues on an individual basis, considering the larger context, and sometimes that's difficult. They would be much easier to deal with if they were always clearly resolvable issues of personal sin.

Almost stranger than her logic is how Brittany believes these dietary "sins" affect

church prayer life. I doubt all Christians out there feel so overwhelmed by the amount of health-related prayers that they never pray for anything else. If people are hesitant to raise other concerns for the church body to lift up in prayer, this is another issue entirely. If our relationships with our family in Christ are so superficial that we feel we can never communicate deeper issues, we need to deal with that problem, but saying that we don't address other prayer concerns because we have too many dietary problems seems nonsensical.

It's true that we need to recognize and work to resolve diet- and weight-related issues, but we are not going to accomplish these goals by evaluating people's spirituality on the basis of their health condition and making biblically unsound claims as to God's expectations of us.

In Mark 7:15 Jesus tells us that "Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean." Only by recognizing this can we begin to address these issues and their implications for our



· Dianna Burgess · STAFF WRITER

Most students, like me, grew-up exposed to only our parents' opinions of what is socially acceptable. I remember when I first noticed there might be something "different" about tattoos. This discovery was strange, because I had never thought of tattoos as wrong, just as unique parts of the individual who had them.

When I was 13, my moth- -- classmen who had tattoos; - mother-the news. -- -- --

er noticed a CD cover I had depicting several men-all with tattoos. She asked why I would like people who "marked their bodies," and I just stared at her, dumbfounded.

This was my first encounter with the reality that not everyone agrees with me in accepting tattoos and that the world holds several stereotypes for people who have them.

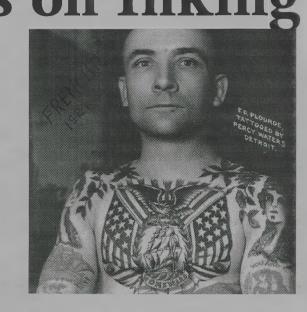
In high school, there were several upper-

everyone in the lower grades thought those people were "so cool." There was something "edgy" about permanently marking your skineven if it was just the number on the back of your football jersey printed on your bicep. I always said that when I was 18, I would get a tattoo; not because everyone else was doing it, but because it "meant something to me."

I got my first tattoo three days after I turned 18, and waited a year to tell my

Why do tattoos still gen erally have a bad reputation? They are no longer frowned upon as severely as before, but they are often questioned. We, or others around us, may ask: What is the purpose of this tattoo? What does this sign or symbol mean? Why did he or she choose to have their tattoo put there?

Usually, the reason we cannot appreciate things is that we cannot understand



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HAACK BRINGS LITERARY PASSION, ENTHUSIASM

· Jenna Marcum · CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When Nellie Haack was five years old, her favorite book was Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities. At one point, her mother took away all her books because, she said, "I'd rather have a stupid and kind daughter than a smart and bratty one." She explained that, for the time, Nellie could only read the Bible and the encyclopedia.

So Nellie read the Bible and the encyclopedia.

"I was always a writer. Before I even put things on paper, I was a writer," Haack explained as her left hand absently fanned through a paperback book. "Every spare minute I got, I wanted to

The oldest of ten children, Haack grew up moving in and out of small towns in Michigan. Most of her childhood was spent cooking meals for her siblings, doing laundry, fixing bottles, and changing diapers. "My mother was pregnant all the time," she said. "I was always taking care of children, cleaning and working. It wasn't one of those situations where we could say, 'it was hard, but we always had each other.' It was actually full of a lot of conflict; it wasn't anything you could apply a bunch of happy little cliches to."

At age 15, Haack graduated from high school and began work at a community college. After a year and a half, she transferred to Central Michigan University, where she completed her bachelor's degree and entered into a master's program. She finished her schooling at the University of Iowa, earning an M.F.A. in Creative Writ-

When asked about Cedarville, Haack said that her stu-



dents are enthusiastic, smart, interested, and have hearts for honesty. She currently teaches Poetry Workshop and two freshman Composition classes. She hopes to add a class on modernist female writers to the schedule, paying tribute to authors such as Marianne Moore and Virginia

Although Cedarville has been a "dream come true" for her, Haack admitted that adjusting to the dress code has been a bit difficult. "My look has always been to wear jeans, a blouse, and a blazer," she explained. "It has been a tricky switch."

Nellie has strong convictions reagarding Christian interpretations of literature. "If you shelter people," she said, "then you're saying the environment controls sin. Literature teaches us about humanity. It may have representative immorality, but it says something about it, and most importantly, asks you to think about it.

"I'd rather read Henry Fielding's Tom Jones, where the main character wanders around being immoral but is represented as an idiot, than read a Janette Oake novel in which the reader is expected to delve into a romantic fantasy-a kind of idolatrythat does not require critical thinking."

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SGA Brings Art to Chapel

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SGA is getting creative.

The newly-christened SGA is working to include more diverse forms of creative expression in Friday chapels. New songs, dramatic monologues, artistic interpretations of songs, and other forms of art are under consideration for the coming

SGA has already introduced several new worship songs with the goal of providing an original experience. "We want to create our own kind of thing," said SGA Chaplain Mark Hershey. "We are using songs that people from SGA wrote." A familiar collection of hymns and praise songs accompanies these newer numbers to create a sense of balance in the service.

In addition to new music, SGA has reversed the order of the service. Starting this year, the message precedes the music. Hershey attributed this method to the template in the Book of Psalms: "A song can mean more to you once you are confronted with the truth," he said.

In the interest of keeping that truth alive and fresh, SGA is ncluding new illustrations and PowerPoint presentations. Earlier this year, Hershey used an illustration featuring a rope placed across the stage to signify the smallness of human life compared to God and the expanse of time.

As Hershey put it, such illustrations complement the mes-

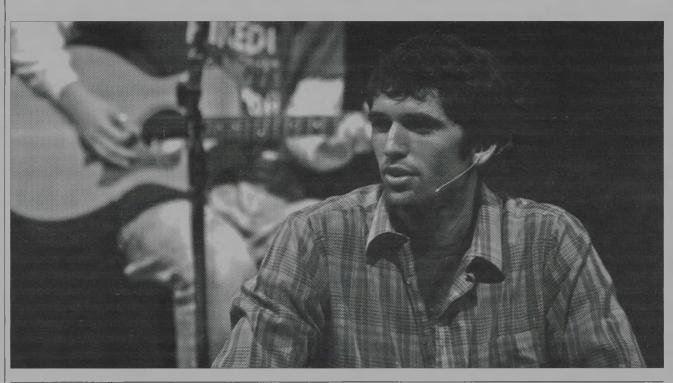
sage to maintain a unified concept throughout the service. The more the senses can be incorporated, he said, the more people

In addition, Hershey would like to integrate art into Friday chapels by asking a student to draw an artistic interpretation of a song and then revealing the interpretation afterward.

Dr. Charles Clevenger, professor of art and music, commented on this idea: "If the artist is actually good at portraying the mood, intensity, emotion, line, shape, et cetera, of whatever is being said, I would think that art done live would be a help." He added, "A more dependable way to do that would be to use pre-done art that shows what the speaker is talking about, and point it out on a PowerPoint slide. It lacks the immediacy of the live demo, but it has the virtue of being something you can check ahead of time."

Junior students Elizabeth Martin and Lori Moyer both agree that artistic ways of communicating the message are good ideas. "The more ways that you say something, the better it comes across," said Martin. Moyer concurred, saying that illustrations and artistic variety help her retain the message.

The student government hopes to use SGA chapel to effectively communicate truth while simultaneously employing creativity and originality in worship.



Great Wall Serves Up Authentic Asian Fare

BRITTANY JACKSON STAFF WRITER

What restaurant is exotic enough to whet the tite but so out-of-the-way that it has vacant tables on a Friday or Saturday evening? Featuring tastes as monumental as its name, Great Wall in Beavercreek is a delicious reprieve from standard American

Kenny and Christine Tan, members of the Dayton Chinese Church, have ethnic roots in Malaysia and have been in the business of serving authentic Chinese, Thai, Singaporean, and Malaysian food since they opened Great Wall in January of 1999.

Kenny, the restaurant's gifted chef, continually creates culinary masterpieces for patrons to enjoy. Each dish is created in the style and tradition of the Far East. Everything from the appetizing Pad Thai,

Singapore noodles, and Asia's finest cuisine.

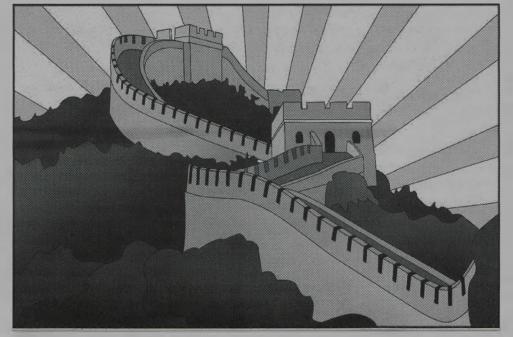
taste of every menu item I have ventured to sample. Every visit produces a new favorite.

The restaurant's despicy soft rolls to the more cor is plain, but clean and erupts with the flavor of to an Amish furniture rants. I can honestly say adventurous diner's appe- I can attest to continued it has been largely unsatisfaction in both the discovered by the crowds service and the exquisite that flock to P.F. Chang's and other Chinese food chains.

After taking several trips to the Orient in re-

cent years. I have become more aware of the relative common wonton soup comfortable. Located next quality of ethnic restaustore in a sheltered plaza that Dayton has no equal As a frequent diner, on North Fairfield Road, to Beavercreek in terms of the authenticity of Great Wall's Asian cuisine.

> For information, call 937-427-2363, or stop by Great Wall at 1360 North Fairfield Road in Beaver-



Students Savor Seafood at Enon's Dock · REBEKAH FEHR ·

mosphere with a splash of elegance and hearty food makes dining at the Dock as enjoyable as a day spent on the water.

The Dock sits a quarter of a mile off of Interstate ey, so don't expect to spend

A friendly hometown at- food enthusiasts should try the breaded clams or Alaskan Snow Crab legs. Nonaquatic dishes are also available for diners seeking more familiar flavors.

However, the fare is pric-

The Dock offers a variety of entrees, such as beerbattered grouper, pan-seared tilapia, blackened tuna, and char-grilled salmon.

Enon locals Doc and Patty \$20 before the tip. Schumann own the waterside-themed opens for dinner on weekweekends at 3:00 p.m.

Specializing in fresh fish, the Dock offers a variety of entrees, such as beer-battered grouper, pan-seared tilapia, blackened tuna, and char-grilled salmon. Sea-

70 in Enon, about a 20-min- less than \$10 per plate. Most ute drive from Cedarville. items run between \$10 and

The Dock provides diners restaurant. with a unique atmosphere. Closed Mondays, the Dock If sun, sand, and seagulls were thrown into the mix, a new level in a relationship days at 4:00 p.m. and on the place would feel like a trendy beach town diner. A garden surrounds the restaurant, and paths weave though the greenery. A bridge connects them over a pond stocked with colorful koi and goldfish. The Dock

offers outdoor seating in the midst of this eye candy; just be sure to pick a warm day.

Hardwood floors and paneling make the Dock's interior homey but add a dash of class. In keeping with the waterside theme, fishnets dangle from the ceilings and a large aquarium greets guests at the main door.

On Tuesday evening, my friends and I were in and out in less than an hour. Servers provided ample portions along with complimentary bread, though we split platters to keep costs down. The fish was tender and flavorful. Everyone enjoyed their meal experience, which was at times enhanced by the chefs singing along with the kitchen radio.

Students seeking to reach or to celebrate a special occasion should sail over to the Dock in the near future. However, those with shallow pocketbooks should probably drop anchor at another harbor.

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REBEKAH SHIPPER ·

Speaks Today

William Makepeace Thackeray's novel Vanity Fair can still captivate modern-day readers.

Set in 19th-century Europe during the insurrection of Napoleon's army, Thackeray's novel was created for an audience of the self- of Becky and Amelia, Thackeray

consumed bourgeoisie and aristocratic society of his day.

Nevertheless, Thackeray's use of wit cutting and satire makes this cautionary tale against the vanities of the world both entertaining and relevant for today.

Thackeray's colorful descriptions, humor, and memorable characters and scenes make this Victorian novel not only an insightful social commentary but also a brilliant and undeniable masterpiece.

Thackeray first introduces Miss Rebecca Sharp, quite possibly one of literature's most evil, conniving, and delightful characters ever created. Throughout the novel, the reader watches Becky charm and swindle her way from poverty to the heights of English society, stopping at nothing to achieve her goals. Through her actions, Thackeray causes the reader to question which is the greater evil in Becky's life: her poverty or her personal-

In sharp contrast to Becky's larger-than-life existence is Amelia Sedley, her pale, docile, and loyal friend. Amelia's simple nature seems dull and naïve in comparison to the elements of danger and intrigue that continually shroud Rebecca's character. As the novel progresses, Rebecca and Amelia's characters are continually juxta-

Written over 150 years ago, posed as two differing but equally dangerous forces in Victorian life: those with an obsession for the vanities of this life, and those with an obsession for an ideal inner quality, a pious vanity.

As the reader follows the lives

continues to ask, "Which one of us is happy in this world? Which of us has his desire? having it, is satisfied?"

Truly, Thackeray's cynicism and cutting satire lend the novel a dark and sinister undertone that encourages

readers to constantly question the attitudes, actions, and motives of the characters.

While Thackeray does not profess his novel to be a Christian or spiritual work, he offers ample opportunity for reflection on both a moral and a personal level. Thackeray writes that "the world is a looking-glass, and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face."

Conscientious readers will take the opportunity to see themselves in the world of Vanity Fair and pause for self-reflection.

In addition, Thackeray fills his work with enough wit, irony, and bumbling characters to keep his readers entertained. Whether describing Becky's laments that she could be a good woman, "If I had five thousand [pounds] a year," or the "naughty" French literature that old Miss Crawley insists upon reading, Vanity Fair is sure to supply plenty of fun and adventure. along with some moral correction, for readers of any century.

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"Books'

The genre of literature popularly known as "books" has recently come to our attention, and we feel that a rebuttal is in order. Judging by their covers, "books" may appear harmless; delightful, even. Unfortunately, the insides of several "books" contain what we will here call "ideas." The dictionary defines an "idea" as "any conception existing in the mind as a result of mental understanding, etc." What the dictionary does not say is that a popular synonym for "idea" is "cancer," "Ideas" and "cancer" are similar in that both enter the mind and begin to fester and/or multiply. The real danger becomes the threat of a head exploding from "ideas" that have multiplied too quickly. In an effort to protect our faculty and students from the loss of their mental capacities, we suggest that our students and faculty ask themselves the following questions before stuffing "books" into their minds.

- 1. Will the reading of this book inspire you to build any kind of permanent or semi-permanent structure which could ruin the delicate continuity of our campus' architectural motif? For example: teepees, bungalows or cabins? Disrecommended: Uncle Tom's Cabin, House of the Seven Gables, Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.
- 2. Will this book provoke an unproductive hostility against nature; say, by encouraging one to drill holes without extracting oil? Disrecommended: Journey to the Center of the Earth.
- 3. Is the author so shamed by his work that he uses a pen name? Or disguises it by hiding behind his initials? Men who do this are not real men. Disrecommended: George Elliot, Currer Bell, J.K. Rowling.
- 4. Within this book there is one sentence which is longer than one page long, yes? Books in which the author doesn't understand the English language should never be read by you. Disrecommended: Ulysses, Finnegan's Wake.
- 5. Was this book written by a dead person? Dead people rarely contribute to contemporary literary discourses. Disrecommended: Bellow, Faulkner, Updike.
- 6. When was the last time the author wrote a book? Writers who do not produce books to the tune of one per nine or ten months likely do not take their jobs seriously. At the very least they must contribute screenplays. Disrecommended: JD Salinger, Harper Lee, Ernest Hemingway.
- 7. Are there numbers in the title of the book? Then there are likely numbers inside, which are impossible to read. Books are not math. Disrecommended: Catch-22, 1984, Slaughterhouse Five.
- 8. Does the book mention animals? As we all know, animals lower one's blood pressure, often through petting. Highly recommended: Animal Farm, Cat's Cradle.

Best regards,

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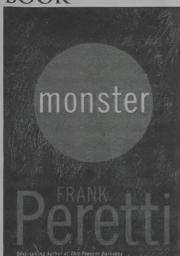
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BY BRITTANY JACKSON

FRANK PERETTI :: MONSTER ★★★☆☆

The dread of something lurking in the shadows of a forest forms the backdrop of many famous fairytales. Although similar in setting, imaginative fiction writer Frank Peretti's most recent publication, Monster, is far from a charming child's tale.

Peretti uses his hallmark campfire storytelling approach to craft a rugged tale of an unsuspecting couple trapped in the woods, caught in a struggle against what they believe to be the legendary Bigfoot.

As the drama unfolds, the mythological creature proves to be part of a deeper message. Writing in open condemnation of evolution, Peretti pits Biblical truth against Darwinism for a surprise

ending that will leave readers scratching their heads.

Monster is similar in style to Peretti's The Oath but lacks the didactic, spiritual implications of some of his older, more popular works. It has not been a favorite for most Peretti fans, particularly because readers will find some portions of Monster detailed to the point of tediousness. However, for those interested in scientific arguments against evolution or for those who simply wish to be entertained, Monster will be a positive experience.

For Peretti fans and first-timers alike, Monster is a story best read

MUSIC



BY SARAH PETERSON

MUSE ::

BLACK HOLES & REVELATIONS ***

Black Holes and Revelations, the fifth album from Muse, continues the band's tradition of Queen-inspired vocals, British alt rock, and strong, sinister piano. But listeners expecting "just another" Muse album are in for a surprise.

The three-member band took a few months off from touring to spend time developing a more studio-band sound for their music. The result rocks—literally.

Lyrically, Muse continues to write in their distinctive style, joining themes of world domination and political uprising with

hints of lost love and broken relationships—subjects that may not jive with the typical Cedarville music collection.

Muse blends harder rock elements in this album, especially on tracks like "Knights of Cedonia" and "Starlight," which provide a fresh, unique sound. These tracks mix startling vocal harmonies, synthesized guitar riffs, and drum beats throughout.

Though not quite as solid as their previous album, Absolution, Muse's Black Holes leaves few gaps to be filled.

MUSIC



BY NICK ERBER

MY BRIGHTEST DIAMOND :: BRING ME THE WORKHORSE ***

Few singers could croon about magic rabbits and keep a straight face. Even fewer could reference Pierre Boulez and sound unpretentious. Shara Worden accomplishes both of these small wonders gracefully and passionately on her debut album released under the group name My Brightest Diamond.

Bring Me the Workhorse is a collection of songs written and arranged by Worden and released on friend and tour mate Sufjan Stevens' label, Asthmatic Kitty.

The most unique element of this album is the precision and clarity of Worden's voice. She was classically trained at the University of

North Texas, and her arrangements show it. There are wonderfully lush strings here along with some more obscure instruments thrown into the mix-including a celesta, an old Wurlitzer, and an all-pervasive vibra-

Despite the excellent music, the lyrics are a bit over the top. Worden sings about talking dragonflies, a melodramatic relationship with a "good and bad guy" lover, and the aforementioned magic rabbits.

Overall, Bring Me the Workhorse is a solid, if slightly potent, album created by a talented singer who effectively combines classical beauty with pop sensibility.

DVD



BY NICK ERBER

D.A. PENNEBAKER :: DON'T LOOK BACK ****

videos of all time, poet Allen Ginsberg, and the most important man in all of pop music performing some of his best songs? Answer: D.A. Pennebaker's hugely influential rock documentary, Don't Look Back, chronicling Bob Dylan's 1965 solo tour across the UK.

At the time it was filmed, Dylan had just released Bringing It All er to rock star. This convergence of the worlds of folk and rock is still being played out today through the likes of Wilco and the White

In the film, Pennebaker uses unobtrusive equipment and a distinct lack of commentary to create an organic, almost scattershot, mood.

Question: In what movie can you see one of the greatest music less wings the camera almost haphazardly to let the viewer see what 60sera Dylan looked like from a very intimate point of view.

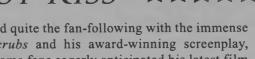
The film has some highly revealing moments, and every emotion and circumstance seems markedly authentic. As with any rock documentary, music is central to the premise and the spirit of the movie. Dylan and company are strumming guitars and blowing into harmonicas in almost every Back Home, the album that began his transformation from folk sing-scene. The "voice of young America" is at his best in this film, performing classics like "Don't Think Twice" and an especially stunning version of "It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Bleeding)."

> The DVD, which can be purchased on Amazon.com or borrowed through Ohio Link, includes five performance outtakes in the bonus features. It is a truly incredible canonical documentary.

MOVIE

BY BETHANY SIBBITT

PARAMOUNT :: THE LAST KISS **



Zach Braff acquired quite the fan-following with the immense success of NBC's Scrubs and his award-winning screenplay, Garden State. These same fans eagerly anticipated his latest film venture, The Last Kiss-but despite some bright spots, the film left much to be desired.

Although The Last Kiss showcases some of Braff's celebrated ingenuity, it also presents some ethical problems for the Christian viewer. The film well deserves its R rating for language and nudity; its content is explicit and excessive on both counts.

Aside from some troublesome content, this film has structural issues which detract from its overall effectiveness. While the main story receives adequate attention, the many subplots seem

random and detached. There is no sense of cohesion, which makes the film's analysis of personal responsibility and forgiveness less meaningful. The occasional funny or inspiring moments do little to counteract the confusion that results from the scattered narrative.

Despite Braff's popularity, The Last Kiss should probably be a last choice for thoughtful Christian viewers. Think carefully before entering into this infinite abyss.

CEDARS | Sports

The Christian and Competition in Sports Part 1: Idolizing · Ryan Short ·

STAFF WRITER

week in chapel, Brad Jacobs made a similar state-

Because I am a Christian athlete, this statement always encourages me to examine my own life. Often, it makes me feel as though sports, specifically basketball, are my idols. For me, thinking of basketball as something sacrifices for the gamewere they all in vain?

hard on my game, my intrin- and can move on to the next but in serving our Creator? sic motivation for playing stage of our lives? basketball, and my attitude

Christian collegiate athlete ketball head coach, agrees: than just the activities into idolatry from sport.

"Show me your calendar, hours per week in a seem- Christian of making too perhaps how a person views how you spend your time, ingly secular sport-related much of anything in their life the activities that fill the day and I will tell you what is endeavor. That is a signifi- besides Jesus Christ. Sports is equally important. most important in your life." cant chunk of time, and after are no different. The key How many times have we taking time to go to class, do struggle for an athlete is that Coach Ben Belleman comheard this message preached homework, study for tests, their platform is very visual mented on the issue: "You from the pulpit? Just last and sleep a healthy eight to several people, making it cannot separate spiritual life

> Sports are not necessarily secular activities. In fact, all aspects of a Christians life, even the mundane, can be a part of spiritual life.

hours to God. What, then, worship and team." are we as Christian athletes

against God's will is trou- hours a night, one cannot easy to listen to the praise of In fact, all aspects of a Chrisbling. I have made so many similarly "dedicate" 12 to 20 others and lose the focus of

required to spend 12 to 20 "There is a danger to any which a person invests time;

Men's Soccer

from sport participation. Once they are separated then one will pursue sport in a self-fulfilling mode. Sport and one's spiritual life go hand in hand to the one who is gifted, has the passion and the call to use the gift for His kingdom and glory."

Sports are not necessarily secular activities. tian's life, even the mundane, can be a part of spiritual life. So what can we as Chris- God is sovereign over all the Evaluating basketball in to do? Are we inevitably tians do to make sure our earth, including a "silly" light of the Bible made me stuck serving the empty idol sports participation is not thing called sport. No activquestion my choice to work of sport until we graduate time spent in idol worship, ity was originally designed to be secular. Viewing sport Maybe the concept that or our passions in general as Athletes are not the only a person can judge another's edifying activities (similar while playing the game I ones to deal with this issue; priorities by looking at a cal- to singing praise songs and coaches are also affected. endar is incorrect. Perhaps reading Christian books) is Maybe you are like me, a Kirk Martin, women's bas- the focus should be on more a huge step in removing the

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Player Profile Lisa Blackburn



· Ryan Mosher · CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Lisa Blackburn Women's Soccer #25-Sr. Forward New Carlisle, OH

Lisa Blackburn smiles a ers. Or perhaps she smiles turnaround. worship Him," as teammate better." Abby Price suggests. Fellow

isle, Ohio, Blackburn returns personality and dedication for her final soccer season as to what she loves. a Lady Jacket. Last year, she moved into 5th place all- "God has used lots of people goals (17), and also 7th place past four years to influence all-time in career scoring me, stretch me, and grow me

works very hard in practice it all in, be spontaneous, and seems to have a smile on her

face," says head coach John McGillivray.

So far this season, Blackburn has helped the women's soccer team to a 5-5 record, already matching last year's

"We have some solid lot. Perhaps she smiles freshmen who push us, and because she is happy to be a our seniors and captains are senior. Perhaps she's think- good leaders that are always ing of her recent engagement encouraging," Blackburn to her boyfriend, Jason My- remarked about the team's "Sometimes because of "...her love for coming off a rough season Jesus Christ and her desire to makes you want to become

When people see Blacksenior Jessica Thomas adds burn for the first time, they that Blackburn "has a lot of are always encouraged by energy and always gives 100 her smiling face. For those percent. We love her work who see her often, the smile is a daily, welcomed occur-Hailing from New Carl- rence that reflects her open

"Cedarville has been so was named to the NCCAA much more to me than just Midwest Region team and soccer," says Blackburn. time for Lady Jacket career and circumstances over the spiritually. If I was to give "Lisa has a great attitude, advice, it would be to soak

Fishing:: Popular Sport?

I guess I justlost my desire in the difficulties adolescent life.

When Tony and I got up early one Tuesday morning, I felt like a nervous kid again, and then like an idiot when I pulled out my equipment, outdated from years of sitting in the closet.

Luckily, Tony let me use his soft plastic baits. And though I didn't know what they were supposed to look like, I soon figured out he knew what he was doing as

we proceeded to have one fishing from a country pas- ESPN bought B.A.S.S. and are catching more fish. of those once-in-a-lifetime time to a major sport. days when the stars align perfectly for fish to bite.

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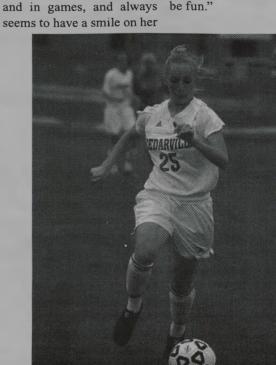
Just after my junior year of fishing magazines this lion per year. Obviously, the ments have focused greater of high school, my best summer, I realized some popularity and influence of talent in one series, the winfriend Tony invited me to fishing information many the trend are inarguable. go fishing. I hadn't been people have already disfishing for about ten years. covered. The Bass Anglers to bass fishing's current com, some final weigh-ins I don't know why I gave it Sportsman Society, known popularity, but ESPN has are attended by as many as up: I loved fishing as a boy. as B.A.S.S., has taken bass played a huge part. In 2001, 20,000 people in places like

Many things contribute grown. According to ESPN.

bass fishing's recognition grown, technology has also developed. People now catch more bass than ever thanks technology that more accurately mimics scent, movement, texture, and appearance. Fish finders, trolling motors, and better rods and reels allow fishermen to locate and present these new baits much more effectively than in the past. Put simply, people

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Women's Volleyball: "Kill"er Instinct

· Andrea Walker Staff Writer

The Yellow Jackets' so-far-spectacular volleyball season can be attributed to a unified team composed of outstanding individuals. These individuals are being recognized for their talent, nationally as well as on the Cedarville home front.

One of the team's exceptional players is Sarah Zeltman, who was named the NAIA National Player of the Week after the Jackets swept the Madonna Invitational. In the invitational, Zeltman was selected to the All-Tournament team and was also named MVP. She has averaged 4.42 kills per game this season with a match high of 22. She also leads the team in service aces with 40.

Anne Lohrenz has proven to be a key component to the team as a senior outside hitter. Lohrenz is the 15th Cedarville player to reach 1,000 career kills, a feat she accomplished during their first AMC conference game of the year.

With career kills numbering 2,335, senior Julia Bradley needs only 55 more to surpass Cedarville's current record set in 2001. Bradley also holds the record for the highest career attack percentage (kills minus errors divided by total attempts).

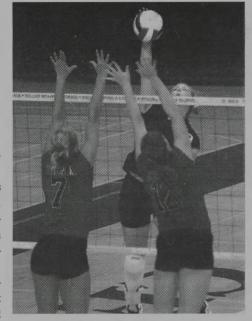
Another notable player is junior setter Rachel Thompson, who has dished out an average 10.8 assists per game. Sophomores Libby Short and Maija Hampton continue to provide a solid defense, contributing an average of 3.65 and 3.08 digs per game.

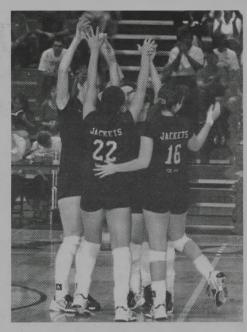
Each player is necessary to the success of the Lady Jackets, who now stand 19-2. Cedarville has moved up in the NAIA volleyball rankings and is currently tied for 11th place, the highest ranking the school's program has ever received.

Highlighting the Yellow Jackets' last several wins was their swift three-game defeat of NAIA #9 Madonna. The win knocked Madonna down from their previous #5 rating and broke their 73-match home winning streak.

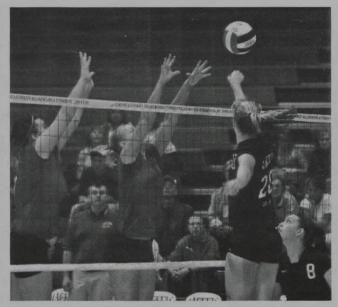
Cedarville seized their fourth invitational title of the season at the Cumberland Classic on September 15-16. Thompson aided in the wins with an average of 30 assists per match while Zeltman tallied 52 kills for the weekend.

Coming out of the streak of invitational tournaments, the women dive into the heart of their season. The Jackets will battle for their second consecutive AMC Championship as 10 of their next 11 challenges are conference matches. As each player continues to contribute her God-given talents, giving her all on the court, Cedarville will continue to experience an exciting and successful volleyball season.













A Tribute to the Late Golf Legend Byron Nelson



*Won 52 PGA events by the age of 34 which ranks him sixth in career victories

*Victorious in 18 tournaments in 1945, including an all-time record 11 in a row

*First career win was in the 1935 New Jersey State Open

*Won five majors including the Masters and PGA Championship twice

*Finished in the Top 10 in 65 consecutive tournaments

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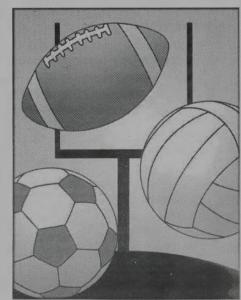
· JIM SAWIN ·

Cedarville University recently hosted the Cedarville Invitational on the new home cross country course located across from the school on Route 72. The Jackets formerly competed at the confines of John Bryan State Park but made the switch to a closer venue this season.

Neither the CU men nor the women disappointed the large crowd as both teams were victorious in the debut of the course. The NAIA #10 men defeated Cumberlands in a tiebreaker that came down to each team's sixth man while the women cruised to an easy victory over the 15-team field. Freshman phenomenon Daniel Roberts led the Jacket men in his second collegiate race, finishing the 8k course 2nd overall in 25:03. Senior captain Samantha Maat (18:43) and sophomore sensation Elisabeth Pyles (19:03) came in 2nd and 3rd respectively on the 5k course for the NAIA #7 Lady Jackets.

CU volleyball has been on the national radar recently since Sarah Zeltman was named the NAIA National Player of the Week a couple of weeks ago. The women

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received their highest NAIA ranking in school history at #11. More recent news involves senior Julia Bradley who set both the kills and blocks school records in a match against NAIA #10 Hastings on September 23. Bradley now has 2,399 kills and 588 blocks for her career, surpassing Heather van der Aa's records set in 2001.

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Men's Soccer Remains Optimistic Despite Early Struggles

· RICHIE REEDER · STAFF WRITER

The Cedarville men's soccer team carries a 1-5-1 record into the middle of the season, their lone victory gained against Trinity International in double overtime on September 8.

Coming off of a 15-4-1 season in 2005, the men's start in 2006 has been a bit of a shock; however, reigning AMC South Coach of the Year Ben Belleman remains optimistic about his team's effort over the first few weeks of play. "Our effort has been good—it's what most of our opponents identify us with. The guys have kept working hard in spite of injuries and losses," commented Belleman.

In their latest match against Wittenberg, the Jackets got on the scoreboard first with senior forward Ken Davis' third goal of the season, only to allow

the opposition an equalizer in the 83rd minute and the game-winning goal in overtime. In the first six matches of the season, the Jackets failed to score first.

Fighting from behind has forced the team to rely on a higher power. Senior defender Elliot Moore spoke of the team's focus on scripture: "We always remember Romans 12:1 as we strive to offer our bodies as living sacrifices. That is what encourages us each game and every practice session we partake in."

The Jackets are hungry for wins and are dedicated to optimizing their talents for the Lord. When asked about the team's decisions on the field, Moore commented, "We are struggling to possess the ball like we did last year and to truly incorporate combination play.

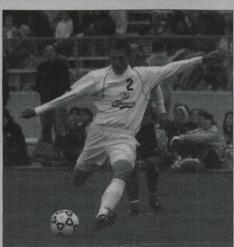
Using combinations with our passes on the field is the best way to break through a defense or wear another team out, and that is something we are striving to improve on."

Even through a losing streak, the team remains unified and confident as it stands on four pillars of worship, ministry, brotherhood, and intensity. Coach Belleman confirmed, "We are holding to these [pillars] and have had numerous opportunities to share Christ and do what Christ would have us do in spite of the pain of losing. Others have noticed!"

The men open American Mideast Conference play this Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. at Yellow Jacket Field against the Shawnee State Bears.







Golf Team Picks Up Where It Left Off

· Andrew Sweigard · CONTRIBUTING WRITER

golf team kicked off their 2006 fall season with a 2nd place finish at the Tiffin Invitational on September 9. The men expect good things this fall as they set a school record for the lowest 36hole score with a 300-298 at the Mount Vernon Nazarene Invitational last

Much of last year's success can be credited to the help of Scott Aker, a junior Wittenberg University transfer who turned out to be Cedar-

son. Aker broke two Yellow Jacket school records last year at the Ohio Doshot a 67 (five-under par) on his first 18 to break a 23-year-old record and finish with a 140 (fourunder par) over 36 holes. nior campaign with high two records. On the first

record-breaking season of a year ago.

Aker's hard work, dedi- round last season, and ets set last season. cation, and performance finished 4th overall with did not go unnoticed as a 145. Brett Bigler (147), seniors Aker, Schlappi, he received NCCAA All- Trevor Bowman (148), and Travis Roach and American honors as well Adam Schlappi (149), and constant play from sophas NAIA All-American Dan Atkeson (152) round- omores Bigler and Bowhonorable mention. Now ed out the Jacket's top five man, the Yellow Jackets he returns for his se- as they broke yet another

The Cedarville men's ville's top golfer last sea- hopes of expanding his 18, Cedarville shot a 297 which was one shy of the team 18-hole record set in As expected, Aker and 1982. The men went on to minican Classic when he the rest of the team played fire a 290 the following well in their first match round which beat the 1982 of the season at Tiffin. record by six strokes. Aker shot four-under par The 587 demolished the for a score of 68, only one school's 36-hole record of stroke short of his record 598 that the Yellow Jack-

With the leadership of are ready to compete.



Women's Soccer off to Solid Start

· Josh Saunders · Staff Writer

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"Potential" is the best word to describe the 2006 Cedarville women's soccer team. With a plethora of starting seniors and a solid group of supporting underclassmen, this team is ready to bring its game to a whole new level.

Over the summer, the team stayed focused by constantly communicating through emails, working together at summer soccer camps, and completing their summer workout program. Thirteen members of the team also went on a mission trip to South Africa in July, further strengthening their bonds. The veteran players have reached out to include the newcomers; the team chemistry, a valuable component of any successful team, has led to increased cooperation on the field.

The team is 5-5 so far this season, with three of their losses coming as shutouts. Fast, experienced offensive players such as Lisa Blackburn greatly improve the Lady Jackets' chances of victory. The team's offensive-focused formation should lead to more scoring in the future, particularly because it includes three strikers, one of whom, Karen Ruhlman, is described by her teammates as having excellent ball control.

Contrary to last season, this team has been able to stick to-

gether and win even when they have to come from behind. As a self-described second half team, they have been able to work together and come up big when they need to. Their mental resilience, willingness, and ability to work together as a team enable them to fulfill their goals. Their main goal this season is to return to the NCCAA National Tournament in Florida.

The Lady Jackets are receiving positive reviews this season but have lacked fan support in the past. "I used to think soccer wasn't a very interesting sport to watch," said fan and student Chris Fisher. "But I went to one of the girls' games recently, and I was truly impressed with the skill and athleticism that they possess; it was a lot of fun to watch!"

Other fans who have attended the games have agreed with Fisher's positive opinion. Seeing flashy plays such as Evonne Fearnot's header goal in the 86th minute to seal the game against Campbellsville, how could anyone disagree?

This season you will see a team transformed and ready to compete as the team plays for the glory of God. If you want to see a team win this fall, turn your attention to the Lady Jackets soccer squad.





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What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: How Understanding the Law Can Protect Off-Campus Students NEWS EDITOR

Cedars recently conducted an informal survey of senior Cedarville University students. While some students indicated they were content with their current housing situation, others expressed dissatisfaction.

Unavailable landlords, untimely repairs, and discontentment with the condition of the apartments were three of the most common com-

Students conveyed frustration with landlords who are "impossible to reach," with repairs that are "not remotely" made in a timely fashion, and with structural problems such as leaky roofs, mold, and uneven floors. Several students were also upset that their apartments were not clean when they moved in.

Unfortunately, in most cases students have very little recourse because of one common factor: a lack of knowledge.

"Know the landlord/tenant laws," says Cherise Schell, a fair housing specialist for Greene County. "Landlords can take advantage of your lack of knowledge."

"The tenant needs to be proactive on the front end," Schell said. "Take extra steps in the beginning to protect yourself."

In addition, Schell encouraged students to have a signed lease that "serves as an outline and a contract for what is expected." Although it is not a law that landlords must have tenants sign a lease, Schell said that it is "highly, highly rec-

If a problem does arise, a signed lease is a lot more enforceable and can be a powerful tool to help protect the tenant.

Cedarville Mayor James Phipps agrees.

"Without a contract, [the students] really have no recourse other than to move out. The law comes down pretty firmly on the side of the land-

Both Phipps and Schell emphasized the importance of documentation in a landlord-tenant

Schell advised that "initially, all students in-

volved need to sit down with the landlord [...] to "shortstop" problems for the future. Get their signature on what they say they will fix. You can write out the problems, but have them initial it." Also, in the case of out-of-town or out-of-state landlords, it is vital to establish a procedure for emergencies before a lease is signed.

Phipps also recommended that students take photos of every room and any existing damage prior to settling into an apartment. Store those files on a CD, or mail them to yourself in a sealed envelope and store them unopened. This legitimizes your documentation, as you will have both a time and date on record.

When problems surface, send the landlord a written request and keep a copy of the request on file for your personal records.

Schell said that tenants need to give landlords a reasonable amount of time to fix the problem. However, this period should not exceed 30 days. If the repairs are not completed, tenants then have the option to go to court and ask to escrow rent or get out of a lease.

In order to do this, however, tenants must be current on rent payments.

Schell encourages tenants to put their requests in written form and mail them to the landlord. "E-mails are touchy. You need proof in writing, something you can demonstrate in court."

Students who have questions about the condition of their rental unit can contact the Cedarville Township Volunteer Fire Department, the Greene County building department, or the health depart-

Kyle Miller, the Assistant Chief Fire Safety Inspector for Cedarville, said that he can inspect a property "only when asked. Even then we can only give suggestions. The county Building Department and Health Department have the authority to demand action and to make changes."

According to Al Kuzma, chief building official for Greene County, the situation is further complicated for tenants living in structures that were built before the current housing laws and

regulations were enacted. While they still have to "comply with all housing laws and regulations," as stated in the Ohio County Commissioners Handbook, Kuzma said there are "no requirements to update or change existing structures."

Miller mentioned that the only updates that are required by law usually deal with the fire code. "Drop ceiling tiles have to be in place, doors have to work properly, outlets must have covers, and stairways cannot have missing steps or handrails."

Schell and Miller said that unfortunately, some landlords will continue to charge the same amount of rent without updating their rental units until students demand a change.

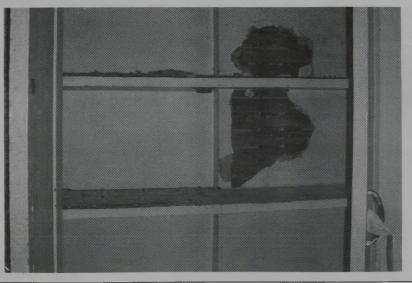
"Until people's hands are forced, they are making too much money without having to make changes," said Miller.

At the same time, Miller reminds tenants that "you can catch more bees with honey. You just have to have the right attitude when you work with your landlords. Demands won't get you anywhere."

On a similar note, Schell reminds tenants that "you have an on-going relationship [with your landlord] and you should be able to address these issues head-on. Know what you are entitled to and do not accept anything less."

For further information on Ohio's landlordtenant laws, check out www.ohiolandlordtenant. com and www.clelaw.lib.oh.us

Cherise Schell, a Fair Housing and Predatory Lending Specialist from the Green County Department of Development, will be on campus next Thursday, October 5, at 8:00 p.m. in SSC 240. She will discuss landlord-tenant laws and hold an informal question and answer time for current or prospective off-campus students.





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them. Like my mother, most other adults in my life do not readily accept tattoos because they just do not understand the reasons people get them. However, they would never admit this lack of understanding aloud.

The strongest argument against permanently inking our skin is recorded simply in 1 Corinthians that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have

from God, and you are not who owns it. your own?"

Although we sometimes rework God's Word to read the way we like it, this passage makes it clear that the Lord is directing us to do only things which honor and please Him, because our bodies are holy temples and they do not belong to us.

The problem is that 6:19: "Or do you not know those who oppose the art of tattoos not only objecting to the tattoo; they are often judging the person

On the other hand, Revelation 4:11 states that God created everything, and that we exist for His

If we choose to get a tattoo because body art brings us pleasure, then whether it is a religious symbol or someone's name, the questions of intention should be, "Are we glorifying the Lord through our actions? Is it sin if we enjoy body art and wish to have something artistic on our bodies?"

True, the Lord has given us these bodies only temporarily, but at the same time, He also gave us the freedom to make choices with how we use our bodies.

Regardless of how far the art of tattooing has come, it still bears a certain stigma. Although personal opinions about tattoos vary from person to person, I have to admit that I often cannot help but notice someone's tat-

toos when I first see them in public. I am interested to know what that person would permanently mark on their skin. To me, it is almost a window to the person inside.

A window that I am glad to look through.

Whether we choose to support tattoos or discourage them, it ultimately comes down to whether or not we glorify the Lord by our actions, including thoe ones that also please us.

The One About the Chapel Pew

· Melanie Frageorgia · STAFF WRITER

Now is about the time you should be settled in. The new classes and new faces take some getting used to. And sometimes you realize the new faces are really old friends with new hairdos, new clothing styles, or the ultimate obscuring trait: new facial hair. But by now you should be used to it. Or over it, as the case may be.

But amid the many adjustments, it's good to know that some things stay the same. It's the same Chuck's, the same stress, and the same row to sit in during chapel. In the shifting sands of college (you kind of get a new life every four months or so) it's nice to know that some things will always stay the same. You have a buoy, strongly anchored amidst the waves.

Or so you think.

You were secure in the knowledge that you could not be ousted. After all, if you're a senior it's been your row for three years now. But as the herds ... uh, hordes ... flood into the chapel you reach your destination only to find ... there are freshmen sitting in your row.

Now, please don't misunderstand. We upperclassmen love freshmen. We want to make them feel welcome and show them the ropes. And we never, never call them idiots in front of the entire student

After all, when we first arrived on Cedarville soil. someone had to introduce us to Young's and instruct us to say "PACL" instead of "Physical Activity and the Christian Life."

Whatever your year, you weren't a freshman so long ago that you can't remember what it was like. Chances are the memory goes something like this: "I was just a baby." I know mine does.

But even though I fit the freshman stereotype quite splendidly, I remember that not everyone did. Some of my classmates were actually quite "together." And together or not, we all liked the cool upperclassmen who gave us rides to Wal-Mart and didn't treat us like idiots. I'd like to think I turned into that kind of upperclassman.

But here's where the claws come out. Nobody takes our chapel row. We have fought the thick crowds every day to get to this row. We have sweated up the stairs with huge books on our backs. It's the place we chose when we were freshmen, and we're not giving it up.

Get your own row.

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JULIE MOORE'S COOKING CORNER



Chocolate Zucchini Snack Cake

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened

1 3/4 cups sugar

1/2 cup vegetable oil

1 tsp. vanilla

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 TBSP. baking cocoa

1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp. nutmeg (optional) 1/2 cup buttermilk or sour milk

(to make sour milk, pour 1 tsp. vinegar or lemon juice in measuring cup, then fill cup with milk to get to 1/2 cup. Stir.)

2 cups peeled, shredded zucchini

2 cups (12 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in oil, eggs, and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients in separate bowl; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk. Stir in zucchini. Pour into a greased 13 x9 x 2" pan. Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Yield: 12-15 servings.

The recipe doesn't call for nuts, but if you're nuts about nuts, I'm betting you could add 1/2 cup chopped pecans with the chocolate chips & sprinkle it all on top. I'm betting that'd be gooood.:)

Enjoy!

How to Kill a Spider

· Heidi Charlton · STAFF WRITER

Put on shoes. It's not a good idea to walk around barefoot, or even semi-barefoot with a spider on the loose.

Grab a shoe, or any nearby object—a Bible Doctrine book, a two-by-four, your roommate's laptop... Stand six to eight feet away from the spider and throw whatever-it-is at the arachnid. If you miss (you inevitably will) and it scampers away, proceed to step three.

Find the spider again in a dark corner or under your bed.

4. Prance around for at least a minute. Try to think of a way to get rid of it without having to put any part of your body anywhere near

Take three deep breaths.

If possible, step on it and continue according to instructions. If not, proceed to the bottom of the page for alternate directions.

Lift foot and inspect.

Step near it again, just to make sure it's dead. If it appears to be dead, skip to step 13. If it scampers away, proceed to step nine.

Find the spider again.

10. Take three more deep breaths.

11. Stomp on it seven or eight times to ensure proper smooshage.

12. Lift foot and inspect. If spider appears dead, proceed to step 13.

13. Retrieve a tissue, washcloth, or a roommate's sock to clean the remains off your shoe or out of your

14. Place the goo in the tissue. Make sure to gather up all the legs (even the ones that are still twitching) that people of Tajikistan know true and lasting peace.

have fallen off during the stomping and wiping and/or scraping. Carefully fold the tissue so you don't have to see the spidery remains, but don't squeeze it too hard, or you might crunch the body inside.

15. Walk quickly, run or sprint to the nearest bathroom. Send the tissuey coffin to a swirling, watery doom. Note: Do not flush washcloths, socks, or other foreign objects used for this purpose.

16. Wash hands.

17. Move to another room for the next four to six hours, or until you have slowed your heart rate has slowed to a normal pace.

(Alternate directions: If the spider has hidden itself in some place out of reach of your foot, get hairspray. Hold can or bottle six to eight inches away, and spray until the spider is wet and shiny. Watch where it runs, though; undoubtedly it will. Now get a hairdryer. Point and blow until the arachnid is dry and crusty. Proceed to step 13.)

And only then, once our world is spider free, will the

en Vogue

· Joe Dugan ·

· Rebekah Shipper · NEWS EDITOR



Thumbs up for Gap combining two oldies but goodies: Audrey Hepburn and AC/DC.



Thumbs down for bringing back the skinny jean.



Thumbs down for Anna Nicole's cash-in on her son's final photos.



Even more thumbs down for her autopsy contract with the pathologist whose famous failures include Elvis and Jon-Benet.



Thumbs up for the Spanish ban of models who portray an unhealthy body weight.



The feelings of past, years and events,

When autumn comes and frost falls,

When snow collapses on the ground.

Memories flood me with feelings.

Emerging on a fall day with sun glistening on frosted leaves,

The remembrance of simple joy and

Happiness. Recounting a peaceful existence

In which all is bright and engaging. Contentment

With being, just being.

- Eric VanDine

The Feelings of Past | Monstrositous Math

My dear Prof: I loath math, it makes me sick There's no room for poetry, enlightenment or wit! The bars of numbers form a cage 'round my chair, I can't see past them I'm gasping so hard for air. I grasp full capacity over all my aspects--save understand-

Yet that, I fear, is what you are utmost demanding. Yes, I have questions, can you start that again? I can't write as fast as you, nor is my head Able to capture all those numbers on the board, I'm in want of a machete, a net; perhaps a sword To pierce my agonizing, frantic heart Which panickingly realized I do not now how to start These hideous equations looming about my page, These monstrous leviathans causing me to rage. To look at these numbers makes me a bit squeamish; That is why, my dear Prof, my Major is English!

- Donna Swede

Free

Free to run. As far as we may. Go fast. Now go. Free to dance. Until our feet scream with pain. Go fast.

Free to laugh. Until our stomachs hurt. Go fast. Now go. Free to sing. For all the world to hear. Go fast. Now go. Free to shout. Until our lungs collapse. Go fast. Now go. Free to think. Even the strangest thoughts. Go fast. Now go. Free to speak. Whatever is on our minds. Go fast. Now go. Free to pray. Let us do it everyday. Go fast. Now go. Free to thank. When others would not. Go fast. Now go. Free to praise. To bring glory to His name. Go fast. Now go. Free to express. The very thing that makes us. Go fast.

Free to write. To set the truth in words. Go fast. Now go. Free to remember. All the things that have come and gone. Go fast. Now go.

- Justin Hobbs

[VOKS POP-YUH-LAHY]

Q:"What do you think about minority scholarships?"



ship." Dong Min Kwak **Business Major**

Senior

grades should decide

•who gets the scholar-

based on financial need rather than race. It sorta makes me wish I was a minority."

> John Rice **Graphic Design Major** Junior

"Scholarships should be given completely based on need, and there should be no prejudice based on skin color."

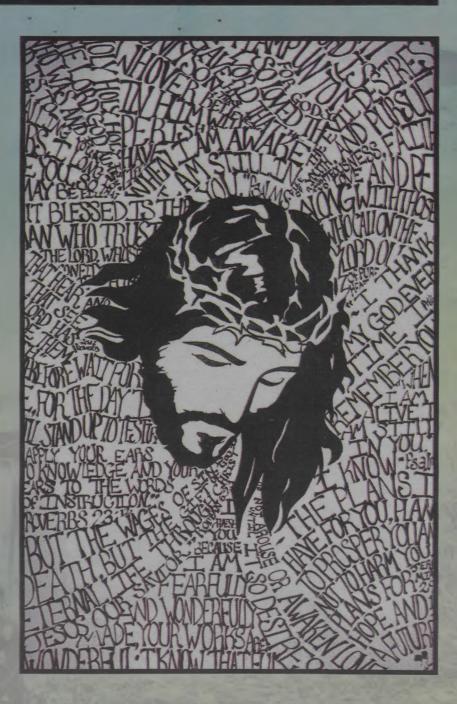
Lauren Keller **Math Education** "I think they're good. Even though it may not seem like it, a lot of minorities don't always get all of the opportunities and privileges that other kids get."

Michelle Evington **Electronic Media Major** Senior

"They're good because it helps pull culture into a place like Cedarville."

> **Justin Keller English Major** Senior

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