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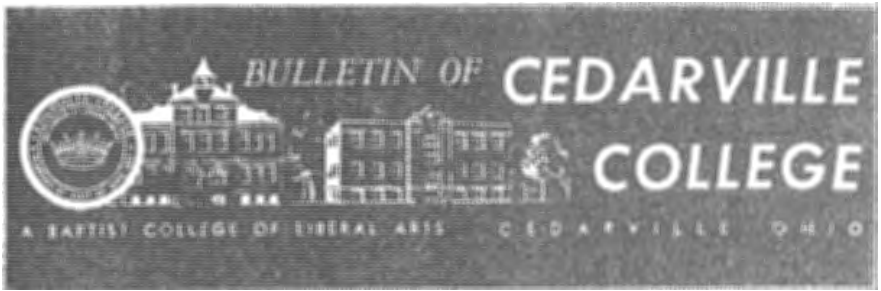


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"FOR THE WORD OF GOD AND THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST"

STUDENT BODY PROJECT



The students of Cedarville College are working on a project to raise \$1000. toward the construction of the new gymnasium. Each student is urged to throw 3 cents a day into the "wishing well" shown above. This project is being sponsored by the Student Council.

The leaders in this campaign are the co-chairman, Ted Ocheltree (left), Sam Canine (right), and the President of the Student Council, Bob Domokos (center).

MEET OUR FACULTY

Miss Ruth Kantzer came to the English Department of Cedarville College in September of 1956. During the summers since then she has been working on her Master's degree at the University of Wisconsin. This degree was conferred in January 1962. We extend our congratulations to Miss Kantzer in the completion of this goal. We believe you will be interested in Miss Kantzer's views of college teaching which are expressed in the following comments:



I am a Christian teacher in a Christian college and I am afraid. My students know that I am afraid because I cannot hide it. I hope they pray for me. I rationalize, however, and tell myself that any Christian teacher in a Christian college who isn't trembling has a hampering load of over-confidence. Responsibility brings fear, especially when the responsibility is God-given. Real Christian teaching is hard. For one thing, it cannot be, as the progressives claim to be, neutral. Furthermore, we realize it to be more than the same old education pill sugar-coated and colored with the additions of prayer before class and a Christian service program. Unless we offer something different from that, we have no reason for being. Making education Christian consists of embodying the education with the Christian teachings. This can't be done easily. It doesn't happen in the English class by using Scripture verses for exercises in diagramming. It is not combining of elements to form a desired

compound, but a purification to the producing in the whole human being a single, uniform substance--the knowledge of oneself in relation to God. This is what literature in the Christian college is most able to do.

Let us think for a moment of what we are looking for in literature in the Christian college. Neutrality is impossible. Here, too, superficial sugar coating is not our plan. We are not teaching literature to supply our pre-sens students with illustrations and quotations with which to sparkle their future sermons. Nor do we approach the study of poetry as Benjamin Franklin says in his Autobiography, to increase vocabulary. All too often, influenced by materialistic standards, we, like Benjamin Franklin in a desperate attempt to see some good in literature, choose a practical by-product instead of the real good.

Literature in a Christian college is concerned with meaning--meaning which leads the student to a better understanding of himself in relation to God. In his Preface of 1800, Wordsworth wrote that poetry was "the breath and finer spirit of all knowledge." The emphasis here is not on knowledge, but on "the breath and finer spirit." Literature is not an -ology, but it is any -ology caught in the act. It is not theory, but experience; not abstract, but concrete. In this same writing Wordsworth tells us that poems to which any value may be attached are produced by one "who, being possessed of more than usual organic sensibility, had thought long and deeply." If this is true, we should not expect literature to be easy. It takes intensive study. It taxes the minds of our best students.

Since this approach is dependent on the understanding of literature, it is better that the student understand one poem from the Romantic period, say, than to know the dates, authors, and characteristics of that period. Of course, tests over dates, authors, and characteristics are easy to make out, easy to grade, and easy to fool the student in thinking he is accomplishing

something when he is only memorizing "facts," which often are established arbitrarily. The goal suggested here is not easy to attain. It takes work, work, work. Both teacher and students must work.

These are the dreams of an idealist and a traditionalist. This is not the vogue of the naturalist or the progressivist. But Christians are more likely to be traditionalists. We are more akin to the feelings of John Milton than John Dewey. And so, if you should find yourself in a literature class at Cedarville College, you will study the plays and poems of Shakespeare and Milton. Yes, T. S. Eliot's, too, but not so much of Archibald MacLeish.

With this vision of my work before me, no wonder I fear. I have confidence, though not in myself. I trust in God (Deuteronomy 20:3-4) I have confidence in GARB people, too, that they will pray for me: that my teaching will reflect FLEXIBILITY in learning, but NOTHING WAVERING in the established tenets of our faith.

"WORD AND TESTIMONY"

Cedarville College is on the radio twice each week: Sunday, 2 P. M. and Tuesday, 8 P. M. The station is WEEC-FM, 100.7 in Springfield, Ohio.

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"COME... ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY"

The new gymnasium-student center will become a reality on our campus this summer as more and more of our friends accept the challenge and give sacrificially to the expansion fund.

Many pastors are doing their utmost to help the college by promoting the "banquet for men" program so that we can present "Opportunity Unlimited" to them. For this we are most grateful.

Three banquets have already been held and the men have indicated they will give approximately \$2000. toward the construction of the new building. We have been delighted with the response on the part of the men.

Men, please keep the following banquet dates in mind and attend the one in your area:

March 9, Mishawaka, Indiana
March 10, Erie, Pennsylvania
March 16, Bunker Hill, Illinois
March 30, Indianapolis, Indiana
March 31, Xenia, Ohio
April 13, Lapeer, Michigan
April 14, Cleveland, Ohio
May 4, Des Moines, Iowa

In addition to the banquets scheduled above, the President will be speaking in the following places:

February 25, Kettering Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio; March 4, First Baptist Church, Lapeer, Michigan; March 11, Bethel Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania; March 17-18, First Baptist Church, Pana, Illinois; March 25, First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio; April 1, First Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ohio; April 8, North-Mar Church Warren, Ohio; April 15-22, Grace Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; April 25-29, Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio; May 6, Grandview Park Baptist Church, Des Moines, Iowa; May 20, First Baptist Church, Blanchester, Ohio; May 23, Commencement, Marion, Ohio.

COMING SOON! A NEW GYMNASIUM!

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