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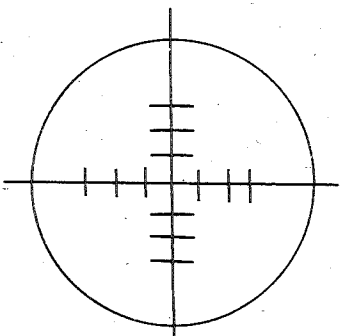
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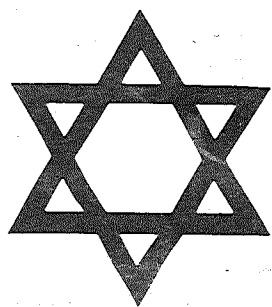


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# Friesen speaks Feb. 14-16



Friesen

Since its inception in 1973, the Staley Foundation Lectureship Program has brought many distin-

guished speakers to the Cedarville College platform. This year is certainly no exception as Dr. Garry L. Friesen, author of the book *Decision Making and the Will of God*, will be addressing the Cedarville family for three days beginning February 14.

Dr. Friesen is a graduate of John Brown University in Arkansas where he majored Biblical Studies. He went on to receive his Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1973 and five years later was awarded his Doctorate from Dallas. Currently, Dr. Friesen serves as Chairman of the Bible Department at Multnomah School of the Bible.

Known for his skillful applica-

tion of Biblical truth to everyday life, Dr. Friesen will present lectures based on the same topic as his best-selling book. His three lectures are entitled, "The Traditional View of Guidance Critiqued," "Decision Making and the Christian's Freedom," and "Wisdom and Decision Making." In addition, he will be speaking Wednesday night in the Fellowship and will close with an informal question and answer session.

The Staley Foundation Lectureship Program was founded in 1967 by Thomas F. Staley, co-partner in the Dean Witter-Reynolds investment firm. Mr. Staley was a successful christian businessman on Wallstreet and

went on with his uncles to found Reynold's Aluminum Company. His one major goal was to establish a foundation that could bring distinguished christian lecturers to smaller colleges. Despite his death in 1977, Mr. Staley had enabled the, Staley foundation to offer many tremendous speakers to christian colleges around the country. In the past few years, Cedarville College has had many outstanding lecturers including Dr. Charles Ryrie and Dr. Henry Morris of the Institution for Creation Research.

Programs containing further information will be placed in student and faculty post office boxes at a later date.

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# Cedars

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## McIntoshes prepare for new ministry

For over 23 years, both Dr. and Mrs. Richard McIntosh have been dedicated contributors to the programs and progress of Cedarville College. Although originally intending to continue here until retirement, they have recently committed themselves to a new ministry and will be leaving Cedarville this June.

Dr. McIntosh, presently Associate Professor of Bible, will be returning to the pastorate, a position he held for eight years before joining Cedarville's staff in September, 1960. He and his wife, Barbara, will serve full-time at Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, Indiana.

Mrs. McIntosh's involvement with Cedarville has been varied. After raising their four children, she worked from 1966-1970 in the Post Office, then as a clerk for the Office in the Administration Building, and now located in Williams, she is the Director of Academic Records and Registration.

Dr. McIntosh stated that this change was a result of several occurrences and realizations. While traveling with the Australia team in 1979, he began to notice an inward desire toward a deeper involvement with a church family; one thing that stood out to him amidst the activity of the 80 scheduled concerts was the strong love and warmth shown by members of hosting churches.

Another influential factor has been his work with black pastors from all over southwest Ohio at Second Baptist Tabernacle in Wilmington, Ohio. Dr. McIntosh said that these two experiences and time spent in Togo, West Africa, at a summer Bible institute brought him to a strong realization that he missed the relationships and responsibilities of church growth and involvement.

On January 23, 1983, Dr. McIntosh spoke for the first time at Bible Baptist Church, which at that time had been without a pastor for two years. He and Dr. Hugh Hall were the planned pulpit supply for two Sundays; but because of illness, the Halls were unable to go and the McIntoshes filled the obligation as well. That second Sunday they were unexpectedly questioned by a group of the members and taken out to lunch by one member; they were later joined by the deacons. After that time, Dr. McIntosh spoke there once a month until September, at which time he was asked to be the interim pastor. In December, the church called him as their senior pastor, and after the voting took place, many of the members called to express their hope that the McIntoshes would come. Dr. McIntosh stated that the people at Bible Baptist consistently show an "outpouring of love, appreciation... and they demonstrate a strong acceptance of myself as a person."

Dr. McIntosh stated that he looked forward to the full-time pastorate specifically because of opportunities for more intense involvements with people, for meeting their needs and growth for longer periods of time. Here at Cedarville he has developed many close relationships with faculty and students, but he is planning to also enjoy a broader range of ages and long-term relationships in the new position. He also said that although he has been able to speak in over 250 churches since he has worked here, he now looks forward to the "steady, ongoing work... within a single church family."

Both Dr. and Mrs. McIntosh recognize the challenge of such a change. Dr. McIntosh has served in many capacities since 1960, be-



McIntoshes retire after 23 years of service.

ginning as Dean of Students for 10 years, and part time English professor. At that time, the staff was limited and his responsibilities included such roles as disciplinarian, advisor for all sophomores and seniors, Financial Aid Director, Christian Service Director, Planning Committee Chairman and more. He also did graduate work at Grace Theological Seminary in 1970.

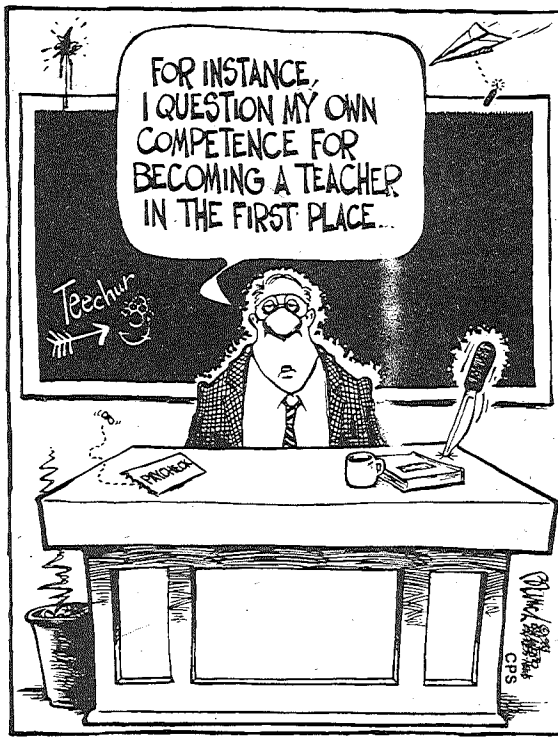
Through these years of roles and responsibilities, both Dr. and Mrs. McIntosh relayed the tremendous growth and change they have seen at Cedarville. The most obvious has been, size: since Dr. McIntosh's arrival, he has seen a numerical growth from 350 to almost 1800 students.

The McIntoshes both face the realization of a difficult departure because of "deep roots in the college, the community and church." Mrs. McIntosh added that not only had they raised their children here, but that they would be leaving behind three of those children and six grandchildren in Cedarville. "The separation will be hard," she confessed, "and our phone bill will be larger than it already is!"

Mrs. McIntosh told how she had felt the Lord working in her toward this move. Specifically in the last six months, she has been practicing in areas of understanding, helping others and facing difficulties more optimistically. She said that, "as the Lord prepares my husband for such a step. He is preparing me in an equal way."

Mrs. McIntosh has enjoyed and grown personally in her position here, and she expressed a love for her co-workers and other faculty. At the same time she recognized a need to differentiate and prioritize actual career work and a special ministry for the Lord in her life. As she compared Martha's necessary work with Mary's desire to be at Jesus' feet, she stated that she had been a Martha for a while and now wanted to be a Mary. Mrs. McIntosh shared the importance of developing one's inner self and making the time to do so.

Overall, the couple anticipates the dramatic change in roles with both caution and courage, but as Mrs. McIntosh stated, Proverbs 3:5,6 offers them a confidence in God's guidance and strength.



## College Republicans organizing

"College Republicans have helped to change the course of history-and change it for the better." So stated President Ronald Reagan in regards to the College Republicans, a branch of which has been established on campus.

Cedarville is now one of 1,100 campuses that host the organization. With a membership of over 125,000 students, it is the largest and most active political youth organization in America. Its purpose is to encourage conservative young people to get involved in the political process and through this, influence the political climate and the legislative process.

One of the more important functions of the College Republicans is to provide volunteers to work with

politician's staffs on a campaign. This could take the form of door-to-door canvassing, mailing brochures, telephone surveying, or whatever else is needed. In fact, Congressman Mike Dewine has already requested local telephone pollsters to do preliminary campaign work for his re-election bid.

According to Matt Biggs, chapter president, the local group is seeking to make students more aware of political activity on both the national and local levels. During club meetings, discussion is centered on a variety of relevant political issues such as the nuclear dilemma and the Church/State controversy. Also, special speakers will be brought in to discuss their role in government and the issues that they face.

## When you can't go on...

It's winter quarter. Your classes aren't going well. There's trouble at home. You are experiencing seemingly insurmountable interpersonal problems. Serious doubts about the future constantly plague your mind. Doubts about your self-worth and significance as a person have descended that you just can't seem to shake.

As I look around, I detect a great deal of this type of struggling going on both inwardly and outwardly. Problems come into lives that tear us inwardly and shake us to the foundations.

Discouragement and questioning come. Depression ultimately results leaving its victims incapacitated and almost unable to recover... We start to ask why. "Why God... why this?... why me?... why now?..."

Reassurances flow to us from

God's Word. In times of desolation and despair He has said He would come along side and lift our loads.

In Isaiah 41:10, God said, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee"... Who else, what else do we need? "...Be not dismayed, for I am thy God." Does "dismay" adequately describe the feelings you are now experiencing? The Father said, "I am thy God"... a friend and shelter in the time of distress.

The rest of the verse carries a series of comforts, "I will strengthen thee... I will help thee... I will uphold thee..." We have a helper... a light in the darkest hour.

The first chapter of II Corinthians explains some reasons why trials come. Verse four says "...that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble..." Any problem that you work through now will later enable you

to encourage someone going through the same trial.

Verse nine states "...that we should not trust in ourselves..." So many times we try to accomplish tasks in our own strength. It is then when God must bring us to the end of ourselves, "to the end of our rope," so that we will put our trust in Him.

Verse eleven asserts that we should be thankful... grateful for the problems that bring us closer to God; and thankful for the way they prepare us to be better servants. These difficulties hope to make us thankful people.

If life has been tough, if the problems have come with not a single let up and no visible ending, if you are ready to give up... take heart. Be encouraged by the words of Jesus Christ when He says "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

## LOGOS

by Jane Owen

The Great Debate... not between Lincoln and Douglas, or Kennedy and Nixon, or even Bryan and Darrow, but between Antioch and Cedarville.

It wasn't really so great, so let's call it "The Debate." Actually it wasn't a debate, so let's back down to "The." Let's rebuild... what exactly was it? Unlike the more thorough analysis of the forum appearing further on in this issue, this article will attempt to focus our attention on a single regrettable aspect of the January 13 gathering--our dependence upon dogma which we can neither defend nor live by.

Let's try for another title. How about "The Spouting of Confused Dogma."

Spouting: people from both sides vied for the microphone, grabbing it to express answers they didn't have, bubbling up impetuously like water from a drinking

fountain.

With a few key exceptions, those who really understood what was going on remained silent, realizing the inefficacy of shouting an unprepared answer...

Confused: ouch, was it ever confused.

Because of the crowd and the emotional tension inevitable in a discussion about core beliefs, some semblance of order was lost and large sections of the Antiochians acted like a self-appointed Roman forum, shouting, hissing, booing, interrupting, throwing out caustic jabs and taunts at the speaker.

The comments, again from both camps, were often aimless and undirected and were usually cut off before the speaker had a chance to elucidate his vague terminology... confusion.

Dogma: here's our favorite. "A point of view or tenet put forth as authoritative without adequate grounds," Webster says.

Both sides, so accustomed to

operating within their own frame of reference, used with abandon such undefined terms as "oppressive regimes," "submission," and "betterment of life."

Both sides soon found out exactly how jumbled and empty their terms seemed, even to themselves. Cedarvillians saw themselves embarrassed as they spluttered out tangled, self-referential explanations to their terms when questioned. Antiochians fared a little better, but not much.

A great number of us realized suddenly how much we ride on empty dogma, on beliefs we profess to hold dearer than life and yet could not explain rationally to save our lives.

While anti-God viewpoints were at least partially explained, our answers, the virtual elixir of life, the everlasting wellspring of water, were often left dangling at the ends of dogmatic catch-phrases which we somehow expected the Antiochians to understand.

## The Great Dogma Debate

The one-on-one talks afterwards were more valuable and revealing. Away from the pressure and the shouting, many of us were able to talk compassionately with Antiochians and to clarify some of our terms, as they were theirs.

Many, however, still found themselves unable to define our phraseology accurately and understandably.

The obvious conclusion from such an experience is that we live in an environment of dogma, of unexplained terms that we know gave us life and yet that we cannot use to lend life to outsiders.

The luxury of a Christian college where the leaders are theological thinkers and where one becomes an "outcast" for not taking a stand on social drinking has allowed us to wrap ourselves in pink velvet. Some of us are seldom forced to articulate our beliefs in front of a sympathetic audience, much less a hostile audience.

We sail blissfully through chapel messages, through "Our Daily Bread" exhortations to love each other and love the world, yet when a brother or sister returns to campus after expulsion for sinful conduct, we snag our raiments of light on each other's fangs. We nearly trip over each other in our mad scramble to bite and devour the individual who has erred.

Too many of us spend our time in the bitter gall of gossip, sweetened with, "I wouldn't say this except I want you to pray for him."

We pick at the administrators, we chew on any inconsistency displayed by a professor, we snarl over the remains of the reputation of students whose actions we don't like.

And we wonder why the Antiochians don't understand us when we say, "the love of Christ constrains us."

## Cedars

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# Helmuth takes top honors in talent show



Eric Helmuth garnered yet another top laurel with an accompanying \$75 in the Alpha Chi Talent Show Jan. 20. Only recently awarded top honors in the New Student Talent Night, Helmuth got first place for his piano solo entitled "Polichinelle."

Second place and \$45 went to "The Town Criers," a group rendering a localized version of a Rogers and Hammerstein favorite which they called, "The Sound of Cedarville." Members of this ensemble included Jeff Bailey, Tom Wiggershaus, Joy Burr, Kim Blackburn, Sue Patton, Monica Schuttenberg, and Jill Whitty.

Third place and \$25 went to "The Merry Monks," a quartet composed of Mike Law, Dan George, Doug Miller and Dave Eller. These monks rebelliously departed from their usual routine of chanting to sing "Passin' the Faith Along," a gospel tune.

A variety of talents was dis-

played, from original musical compositions to the delivery of a humorous monologue and even a talk show. All money made from admission went toward the upcoming banquet.



## Attention early starters

# Sign up now for aid

College students expecting to need financial aid or summer employment are urged to write now to The Scholarship Bank. According to the director, Steve Danz, private financial aid donors consider applications on a year-round basis and now is the best time to start looking for fall 84 aid. The Scholarship Bank will send each student a print-out of up to 50 sources of aid that appear just right for each student based on his/her response to a questionnaire sent by the bank.

The Scholarship Bank is the largest organization in the U.S. devoted to finding private financial aid for students, and each year receives over 10,000 requests for such information. According to the director, the bank supplements the work of the college financial aids office by finding private funding sources such as from civic, trade educational and industry groups.

This year the bank has added 2,500 new summer employment jobs and urges students who wish

to find summer work in their chosen professional fields to write for information. The director recently announced the introduction of a new computer, Victor 9000 to handle scholarship data and give students free yearly up-dated information.

Students with financial need should send a business-size, stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Scholarship Bank, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA. 90067.

## BMU cracks down on license requirements

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is implementing a new statewide security procedure to reduce the number of fraudulently issued duplicate driver's licenses.

At a press conference in Columbus, State Registrar Michael J. McCullion announced that effective Monday, September 12, all applications for duplicate licenses will be sent to the BMV's central office for verification of authenticity. A similar 15-month pilot project in Franklin county proved successful in reducing the number of fake licenses issued.

"This new program is aimed primarily at young people who use fraudulently obtained duplicate driver's licenses to purchase alcohol illegally or make bogus financial transactions," said

McCullion. "Older people who 'lend' their driver's license information may not realize that when the new license is issued, the original driver's license is cancelled."

McCullion pointed out that over the last four years there has been nearly a 25 percent increase in the number of duplicate licenses issued while the total driving population has remained the same.

Under the BMV's new security policy, all persons applying for duplicate driver's licenses will be required to:

\*Present to the deputy registrar certification of birth date and an official document showing proof of a social security number.

\*Sign a form stating that they are the person represented by the identification papers. This form is then

countersigned by the deputy registrar or license agency clerk.

\*Pay the required fee of \$3.00. (\$1.50 State/\$1.50 Registrar)

Applicants will be given a copy of the application which will allow temporary driving privileges for 90-days. After the information has been verified, the new license will be mailed to the proper address.

BMV officials will be aggressive in prosecuting those who are trying to fraudulently obtain a duplicate driver's license. Under state law, anyone convicted of giving false information on a license application is subject to a \$500 fine and up to six months in jail.

The new security procedures also will apply for non-drivers who want to obtain an official state identification card.

# Happy couples relate great beginnings

As children, Valentine's Day meant another party at school, a contest to see who could create the prettiest or best Valentine's box, and of course, sending those cute little Valentine's cards with corny lines. But Valentine's Day is a holiday for sweethearts, and with it come thoughts of love, romance and anxiety. Students begin to pressure themselves by asking: "Will I ever find The Right One? Where will we meet?" To allay these common fears, a few Cedarville College professors related how they found their special person who eventually became their spouse.

Donald Rickard, vice president of Student Services, met his wife, Peg, in 1956 at Cedarville College. "I transferred from the University of Toledo," he reveals, "determined upon two things: to play baseball and not date." Within two weeks, however, he took Peg to a basketball game. Next, she asked him to a Sadie Hawkins banquet. "After our first date, we never went out with anyone else," he confessed.

A ninth-grader and new in town, Dr. Merlin Ager first saw his future wife, Ruth, during an ice-skating outing on a farm pond. She was still in the eighth grade, he says, "so I kept my eye on her until she reached high school." By his sophomore year of secondary school, they were "steadies." "We were childhood sweethearts," he



Agers



Spencers

explains.

Donald and Irene Parvin became close friends during their junior year at The King's College in Briarcliff Manor, New York. "I highly recommend developing a friendship first," urges Professor Parvin. "We got to know each other without the pressure of trying to impress the other." Mrs. Parvin felt the Lord wanted her to marry a pastor; when Mr. Parvin discovered this a year after they met, he decided, "This friendship bit is not enough." They married after

graduation, and he says, "She has been a friend, a sweetheart, and a helpmeet over all these years."

At Northwestern College in Minneapolis, Dr. Robert Abbas, professor of psychology, met his wife, Nadine. She was a freshman, and he a senior. Their first date included a pizza dinner and seeing a school production of *The Robe*. However, "We didn't go out until spring," comments Dr. Abbas,

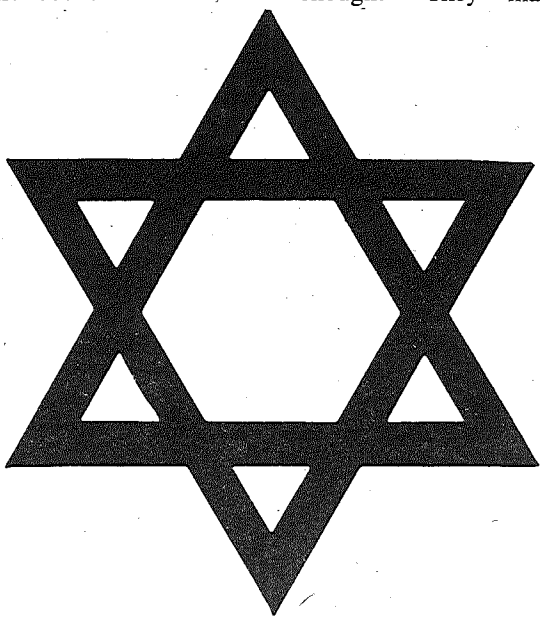
"she was dating someone else when we met in the fall."

Edward Spencer, Chairman of the English Department, was a senior in high school when his family moved to Summerville, New Jersey, joining a group of families who were forming a church. Mr. Spencer relates, "One evening, I sang a solo in church, and the accompanist was the

women I later married." He continues, "The name of the song was 'After', which seems appropriate, because after that we began dating!"

In Wisconsin or New Jersey, childhood sweethearts or new college friends, all the stories have one thing in common: Their love for one another that continues to lend meaning to Valentine's Day.

## "Anne Frank" portrays reality/and demonstrates strength



### Anne of former days

One alumna on campus has a special interest in the coming production of "Diary of Anne Frank." Mrs. Jeannie Day, a former student and now employed at the college bookstore, held the lead role as Anne when the play was produced at Cedarville in 1967. Rehear-

sals, Mrs. Day recalls, were held in Alford Auditorium then, but the actual performance had to be done at Central State.

"I remember I really got into the part," reminisced Mrs. Day, continuing, "Anne was very courageous."

"A view of the life of Anne Frank will reveal the fact that situations do not make character they reveal it," commented assistant professor of Speech and Drama, David Robey, who directs this winter's dramatic production, "The Diary of Anne Frank."

The play is taken from the diary of a thirteen-year-old Dutch/Jewish girl forced to go into hiding with her family during the German occupation. It will be presented February 9, 10 and 11 in Alford Auditorium at 8 p.m. each night. Admission is \$4, with Saturday matinee (3 p.m.) tickets costing \$3.

The play follows the struggle and inner turmoil which arises during the two and a half years that two Jewish families surreptitiously live in an attic under the constant threat of extermination.

"We want the audience to see the fear these people went through," states Laura Hartsough who portrays Margot, Anne's sister.

"I would like...the audience [as they are] leaving...to be examining themselves and the prejudices that they hold [toward] other people and...groups, and realize that [those prejudices are] what re-

ally caused this whole mess," asserted Dave Johnson, who plays Mr. Van Daan, the father of one of the families.

The fact that the play is taken from the life events of actual people has presented a special challenge to the cast.

"It's a true story," relates Gary Cooke, who portrays Peter, Anne's friend and confidante. "These are real people. I mean, Peter's not a protagonist or an antagonist. He's just a real character."

But whatever the difficulties which arise due to the play's historicity, it is compensated for in the credibility and strength which the realism lends to the story.

"Truth has greater power than fiction," explains Robey. "We must learn from history to strengthen our chances of a better future."

Director and cast members alike agree that both the size of the company (ten members) and the nature of the play have drawn them together into a tight working unit.

"The cast is super," commented Cooke, adding, "We really get along well."

Robey went on to explain, "They are all doing a wonderful job, but

Anne...Anne sparkles."

Senior Kathy Bachelder, who plays Anne, states that her characterization has been aided by studying the actual diary and in identifying with the emotions that Anne experienced. Miss Bachelder says that she hopes the audience will be able see "the hope that Anne had and the life that she had inside of her."

Robey added, "The courage of Anne Frank is a medicine to challenge any soul to strive for excellence."

He has encouraged the cast to read the actual diary in order to get a better grasp of the setting and content of the play. He has also done extensive research on Jewish customs, consulting a rabbi in Springfield and discussing Jewish holidays and music with former student Steve Keller. Keller, who presently has a ministry with the Jewish people, will help to add an air of authenticity to the production by playing traditional Jewish music prior to each performance.

Tickets are available at the box office in Alford this coming Monday through Friday between 11 and 1 p.m., and from 4-6 p.m. through February 9. Tickets will also be sold one hour before each performance.

open Monday thru Friday  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Why is there no peace in Lebanon?

by Tom Blackburn

Uncontrollable ambition, intense hatred, and the necessity for survival have driven occupants of the small Mid-East nation of Lebanon to violence and mass bloodshed. Included in the list of thousands that have died are the names of over 250 American military men who had been stationed in the city of Beirut for the purpose of maintaining peace.

A better understanding of this crisis situation can be attained by answering questions relating to the goal of the United States' foreign policy, the significance of the nation of Syria, and the awkward plight of the Marines in Beirut.

Why are the foreign policies of the United States failing?

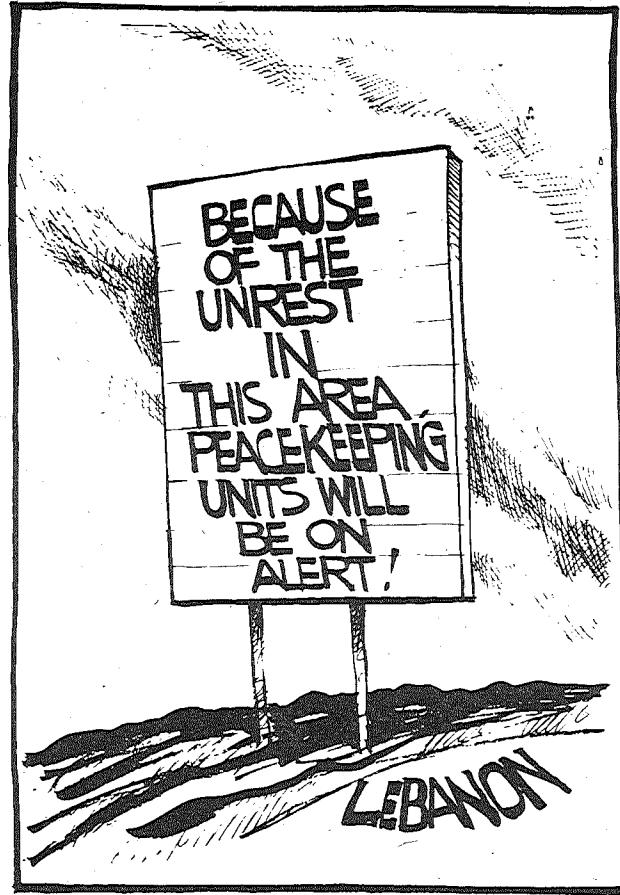
Attempting to understand the frustrations of America's foreign policy in Lebanon requires a knowledge of its basic objectives. American diplomatic efforts in Beirut seek to encourage the rebuilding of a sovereign, independent government that is capable of defending its own territory. Secondly, the United States supports total withdrawal of all foreign forces in Lebanon.

Although these objectives are theoretically sound, Mid-East reality reflects their failure. An independent and sovereign Lebanon, for example, is a remote possibility because of the intense warring factions that occupy the country. These factions, namely the anti-Philange and the Druse, are supported by outside forces desiring to take part in the control of the government. Their existence and influence prevent a lasting resolution to the Beirut conflict.

The voluntary withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon is impeded by the presence of Syria, which has no intention of relinquishing any of the territory that it seeks to control. As Syrian forces maintain their ground, Israeli forces, desiring to protect their own interests, continue to exert military pressure in the region. Sensible foreign policy in light of these conflicts recognizes that lasting peace in this region is doubtful.

What is the significance of Assad and the nation of Syria in relation to Lebanon?

In recent months Hafez-Al-Assad had suddenly leaped into the world spotlight as leader of the nation of Syria. Assad's main purpose in the Mid-East is to gain equal power with Israel in the region. His opposition to the Israeli-



Lebanese peace agreements rallies support from the Arab world because of their anti-Semitic attitudes.

In light of this dilemma, the United States must firmly establish its priorities. Secretary of State Shultz, in an address to Congress, states concerning the Marines' plight, "If we want the role and influence of a great power, we have to accept the responsibilities of a great power. Many millions of people around the world look to us as the strongest defender of freedom, justice, and peace; we can not walk away from responsibilities without paying a moral and political price."

America's responsibility in Lebanon, at least for the time being, is to continue to provide a peacekeeping force in Beirut. This strategy is the best alternative in enabling the Lebanese government to gain enough strength to control its own destiny. Conversely, an evacuation of the Marines from Lebanon, would serve as a reward to the acts of terrorism and a victory for the Syrian backed forces. Tension throughout the world would rapidly increase as a confrontation between Israel and Syria could possibly lead to dangerous East-West conflict.

Whatever happens in Lebanon will have major implications on the

rest of the world. Clearly the nation of Syria, strongly supported by the Soviet Union, has significantly influenced this region. The United States must be cautious to check the advancement of this influence.

If successful in overthrowing Gemayel's regime in Lebanon, Assad compels other nations to consent to the wishes of Syria in a future Mid-East peace agreement.

The intentions of Syria are ominous when viewed in the context of their relationship with Russia. Since the October 1980 signing of the Soviet-Syrian Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation, Syria has become the Soviet Union's "window" to the Middle East.

After the Israelis depleted the Syrian Air Force in 1982, the Russians embarked on a massive

re-equipment effort in Syria. The Soviets furnished Assad's forces with a highly sophisticated air defense system and a shipment of ground-launch missiles that pose a threat to the American offshore naval power. Unable to operate the highly sophisticated equipment, the Syrians were graciously provided with approximately 8,000 Soviet troops to assist them. A knowledgeable understanding of Lebanon, then, recognizes the intent of Syria backed up by the super power of the Soviet Union.

What action should be taken regarding the awkward position of the Marines in Lebanon?

As hundreds of United States Marines in Lebanon serve as "sitting ducks" to terrorism, emotional outcries in the states insist on their evacuation. American policymakers, however, are faced with a clas-

sic "horns of a dilemma" situation. Maintaining the Marines' presence in Beirut risks the possibility of further carnage without any guarantee of peace. On the other hand, withdrawing from Lebanon increases the likelihood of an all-out war and benefits the interests of the Syrians, Russians, and terrorists.

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# Antioch forum – disturbing

by Scott Haynes

Antioch College invited Cedarville College to come to their campus for their weekly Friday Forum on Jan. 13. The only difference from other forums was that, this time, we were the topic of discussion which centered upon the perceived or actual stereotype of "conservative Cedarville" and "liberal Antioch." As we were seated, one could not help but feel that it was "us" against "them." They all seemed to sit in their groups as we did in ours. As the discussion began the gap between "us" and "them" was all the more apparent. Dr. Allen Monroe, or Uncle Al as he requested that the group call him, and Cheryl Phillips were the Cedarville representatives; Professor Tom Haugsby and Jennifer Berman were the spokespeople for Antioch.

Professor Haugsby began the discussion by giving a very disturbing definition of liberal. He spoke of liberals as fighters for civil rights and defenders of education: he referred to the liberals' fight to stop the oppression of the minority by the majority and their

concern for public well being.

When hearing Professor Haugsby speak of the caring and concerned liberal thinker, one became uneasy. Enough to cause Cedarville students great consternation was that as they spoke of the caring and concerned liberal, they were implying the we are, by antithetical definition, uncaring and unconcerned. As Dr. Monroe stated tongue-in-cheek after the diatribe about liberal compassion, "We're conservatives, and we want little old ladies to starve in dark, damp basements!"

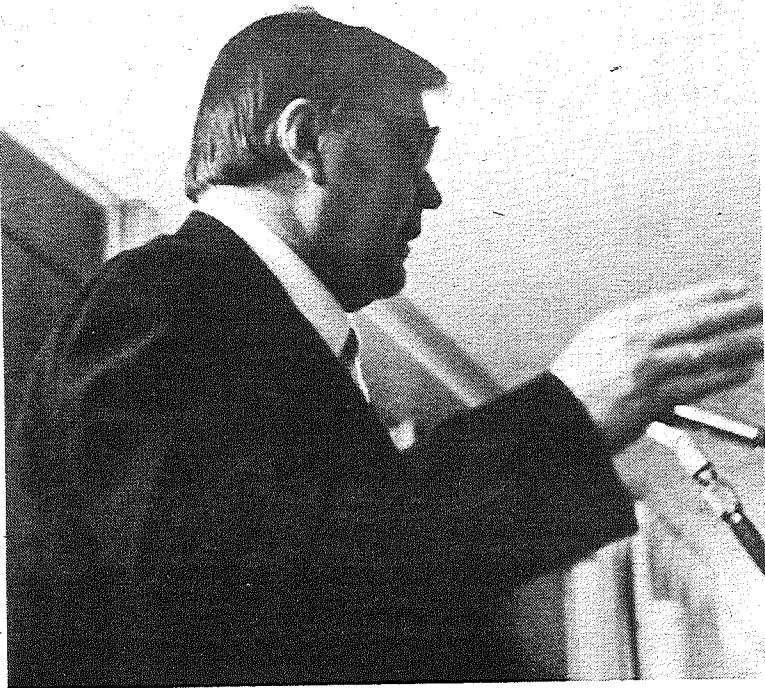
Are we as conservatives perceived to be uncaring for others? Do we make great efforts to preserve the individual rights of people? Do we care about the oppression of the minority? The liberal perceptions to these questions seemed obvious. During the course of the forum, one could not deny that we as conservatives were perceived, justly or unjustly, as uncaring. While conservatives care for civil rights and public well-being as much as or more than liberals, it is not always evident.

One cannot be naïve enough to assume that all conservatives or liberals are concerned with

genuine concern for civil rights or public welfare, but it seems that conservatives are perceived, more so than liberals, as uncaring for anyone but themselves. But what should bother us, as Cedarville students and also as Christians, is that conservative and Christian seem to be, especially by Antioch students, synonymous.

The real question is, do we show a liberal school like Antioch, which is, for the most part, self-acclaimed non-Christian, that we do care, not only politically but spiritually as individual people, and not just another stereotyped "them" against a self perceived "us?"

We are all "us" in that we are God-created. We are not two totally alienated groups that have nothing in common. Politically, we are different. Spiritually, we are different, in the fact that we are no longer dead in trespasses and sins, but nevertheless, do we not have a command to show a dead world new life? Put politics aside and look at the individual. We as Christians must be able to show a non-Christian world we care. The REAL question is...do we?



# Library research decoded

by Library Staff

Remember the scavenger hunts from youth group days? Armed with a list of crazy and unrelated items, you went out to collect or photograph the articles within a specific time period to win the prize.

At times, library research can seem very much like a mental scavenger hunt. For the inquisitive and the persevering, there are great

rewards, but an air of mystery can pervade the experience of search-

ing out the wealth of the subject card catalog.

Bible research is a case in point. Suppose you're taking a theology survey class and need information on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Checking under "doctrine" in the subject index gets you nowhere – there is no such heading. Proceeding to "Holy Spirit," you would find that heading plus subheadings, like addresses; essays; lectures; Biblical teaching; history of doctrines; and meditations.

But let's suppose you're taking a Bible study book course, such as Minor Prophets. You've decided

to research a problem passage in Joel. To your shock and dismay, the subject index doesn't even list Joel!

Before deciding that the college library has nothing and you'll have to use another area library, stop and ask one of the library people for help. Every area of study has its own technical jargon and modes of doing things which seem mysterious to outsiders. We've all learned that instead of fighting the system, we must learn to work with it.

To use a card catalog subject index effectively, you must think like a card catalog. Just as a computer will refuse to run your program if you don't speak its language in proper sequence, a card

catalog will not assist your research if you don't think in categories.

All right, then – categories. Joel, in the broadest classification, is a book of the Bible. If you go to the next classification, you would think Old Testament. Narrowing further, you would come to a specific book. (No, don't be tempted to narrow to "minor prophets" or "prophecy" as a category. You won't get as much information as possible, because a catalog doesn't think that way.)

Don't be intimidated as you face the subject index and are confronted by seven separate drawers dealing with Bible. Just remember – a card catalog has a particular order of its own that can be learned.

The first division within the drawers is Bible, followed by a period. You'll find Bible, O.T., and then the books of the Old Testament in their canonical, not their alphabetical order. (That's why

O.T. comes before N.T. in the card catalog.) so in catalog drawer 17 you'll find "Bible, O.T. Joel – Commentaries" and "Bible, O.T. Joel – Criticism, Interpretation, etc."

Once you get through the Old and New Testaments, you are ready for "Bible –" with fascinating categories like antiquities, canon, hermeneutics, medicine, political science and question, quiz.

Finally, in the last drawer, you find "Bible and..." like Bible and Astronomy or Bible and Feminism. Then there's Bible...as" like Bible as literature, followed by other general topics such as Bible crafts and Bible stories.

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# SAME PLACE, ANOTHER GUEST

by DeMaurice Smith

On January 20, 1984, Antioch College hosted a public forum on George Orwell's *1984*. The topic to some may appear a bit mundane and inappropriate, but that would depend on whether or not one's mind has been assaulted by the barrage of articles, television shows and letters dealing with the Orwell 1984.

There was the year that the planets were to line up in an eclipse and the world was to suffer cataclysmic earthquakes. Then there was the year that the "killer bees" and the "fire ants" were to inflict their brand of horror on America. And furthermore, there was the year picked to bear the burden of the "swine flu" epidemic. Well, back to the forum at Antioch College and the year of Big Brother.

The first to speak was a senior at the college, majoring in literature. She conveyed the point that the year 1984 really had no prophetic significance whatsoever by relating that the year was just the reversal of the last two digits of the year in which it was written. This would seem to indicate that the conditions present in the novel would have a small chance of being truly prophetic for this country.

What conditions? Oceania is Orwell's fictitious nation that exists under the government system of Ingsoc (socialism), also known as Big Brother, who seeks constantly to monitor and control the citizenry. The official body for delivering that language is the agency Newspeak. This is where the Antiochian mentioned her dissent. The main task of Newspeak in Orwell's book was to create meanings to words in order to benefit Ingsoc. For example, the word "joycamp" from *1984*, in reality was a forced labor camp; Minipax, was the Ministry of Peace through the efforts of war. The student compared this to some practices of the current United States administration.

The Washington Post also did a similar study on George Orwell's *1984*. They state that the U.S. did christen the MX missile the "Peacekeeper," ten years ago what would have been a "nuclear device, placed upon a re-entry vehicle" simply is a bomb. Recession, depression and abortion issues have been denoted "pro-choice" versus "pro-life."

The literature student concluded that while we are not "light years" away from *1984* conditions, neither should we adorn our houses with "red flags" or purchase *101 Russian Words You Need To Know*; she favored rather the median of forgetting the booklist, but keeping the bookstore number handy.

The second of the three panelists was a professor of the college who had the unique pleasure of speaking thirty years ago on the prophetic potentiality of the novel. He held that the countries of the world are moving in the direction of *1984*. He defended his stand that the countries of the world were constantly carrying on negotiations in an almost war-like manner.

Upon further inquiry by this reporter, he replied that he felt it was the United States that continued to bargain in this manner. When confronted with the excursions of the Soviets into countries, he drew an analogy to U.S. involvement with El Salvador and Nicaragua.

And what about the Soviet intent to destroy the nation? He denied that intent.

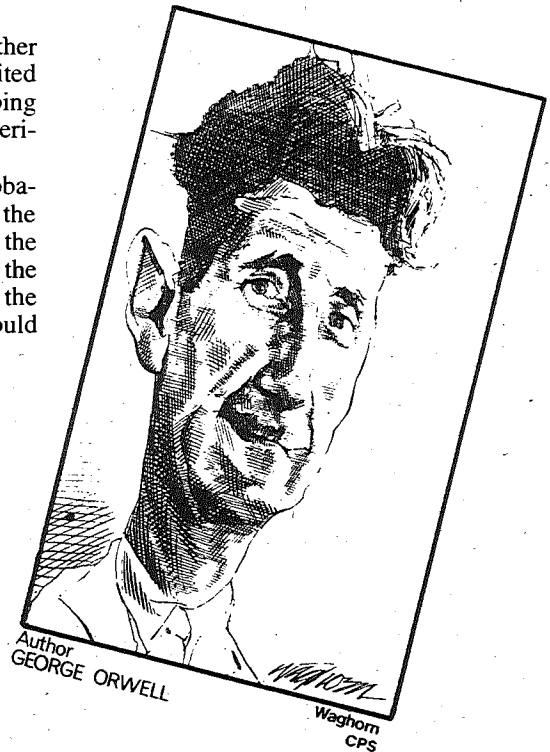
Congressman Mike Dewine spoke at the forum, thwarted in his purpose somewhat by answering a barrage of questions concerning public policy. He was considered fair game since he was a Conservative Republican Congressman in a place largely antithetical to his views. But there was tremendous respect as usual for Mike Dewine, as there is for anyone and anyone's ideas at Antioch. Dewine's contention was the premise that we are farther away from *1984* than we have ever been in our history as a country.

"We have moved in greater steps toward minority (racial) rights, rights for women, and rights as citizens," Dewine related. He added the qualifier that, though we may not have reached the ideal in all of those areas, there are few people who would like to trade the rights and freedoms they have today with the ones that existed a half century ago. But the qualifier did not alleviate the inevitable questions. The rights of women and ERA, the continuing controversy over abortion and the freedom of choice were the primary topics Dewine faced and answered.

It is strange however that few have addressed the possibility that Orwell may have intended for the

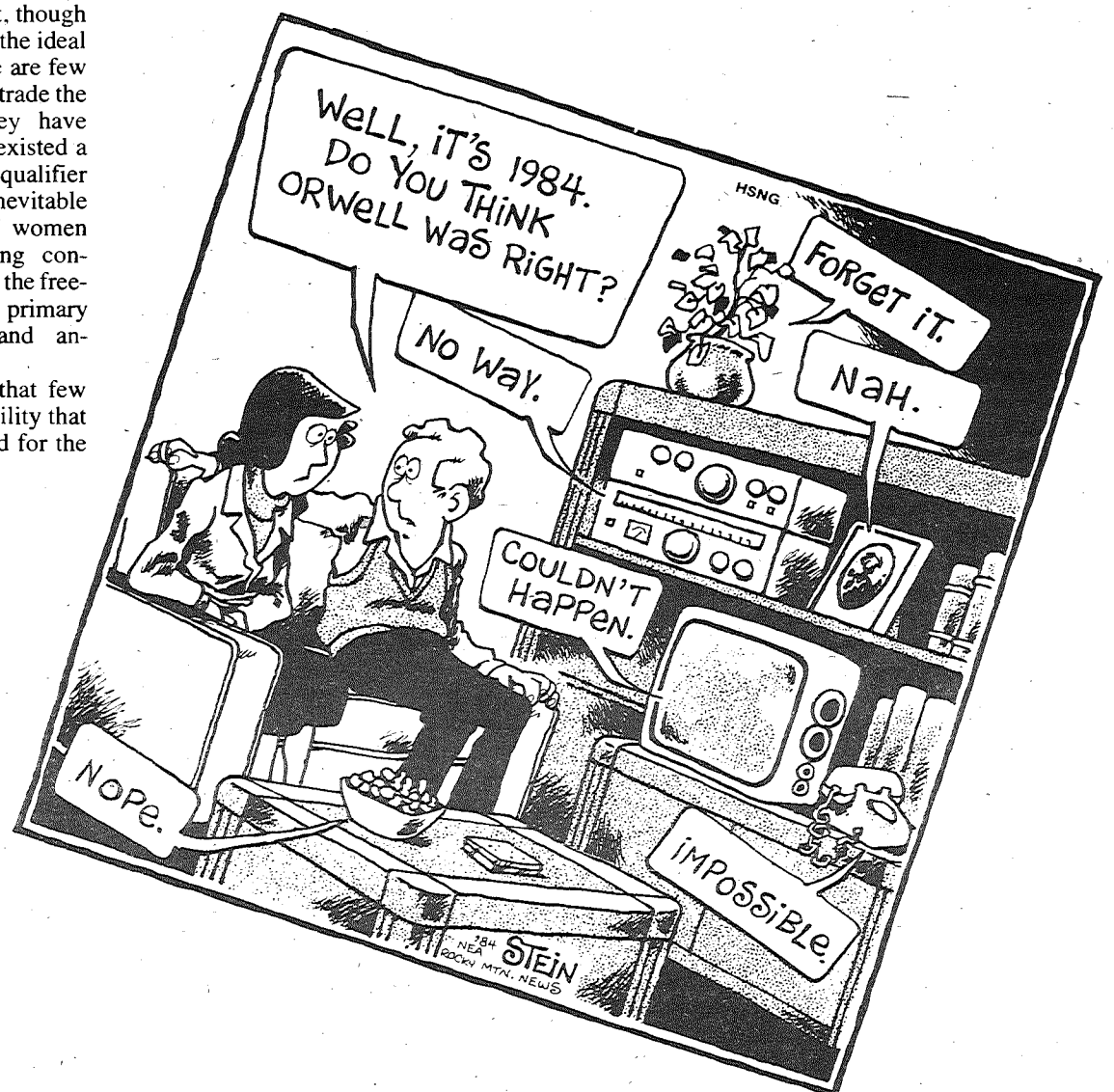
scene of *1984* to be some other country rather than the United States. Perhaps he was describing some third world or Latin American, unstable country.

Dewine's position on the probability of the *1984* scenario in the United States? Remembering the Russian dictionary, and the number to the bookstore, the freshman congressman would probably destroy both.



## BIG

## BROTHER





Never satisfied with losing record

# Coach Hunt, team realizing early goals



In her inaugural season as head of the women's basketball team, Dr. Karol Hunt has seen some goals accomplished and others fade slowly as the season progresses.

"We will never be satisfied with a losing record," says Dr. Hunt. Furthermore, she states, "We're seeing some goals accomplished that we set early in the year."

The Lady Jackets currently stand fourth in the competitive Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference, behind Findlay, Defiance

and Wilmington, who stand first, second and third respectively.

Bright spots so far this season have centered upon three key players. Leading the team in scoring is 6'0" sophomore Lisa Campbell. The Florida native currently averages 15.5 points per game and stands third in rebounding with 10.9 "rips" per game. Not far behind is 5'9" Peg Quigley, who has a 12.2 points per game scoring clip. Miss Quigley, a Michigan senior, is also the leading rebounder for the squad, pulling in 11 boards a game. Placing

third in both categories is Heidi Peterson. The 5'11" senior has maintained double figures in scoring, at 11.9 points per game, and has averaged 9.8 rebounds as well.

Dr. Hunt says the ladies are "working better together" and is optimistic, looking toward a few key showdowns in February. On Feb. 4, Defiance College will visit Cedarville, and then, on Feb. 18, league-leading Findlay will invade the Jacket home court. Hopefully then, the Jackets will play spoilers and accomplish a few more of the many goals that Dr. Hunt has set.

## winter sports calendar

**Feb. 2**  
wrestling vs. Urbana, away 4 p.m.

**Feb. 4**  
men's varsity basketball vs. Tiffin, home (Yellow Jacket Night), 7:30 p.m.  
women's basketball vs. Defiance, home, 3 p.m.  
JV men's basketball vs. Urbana, away, 5:15 p.m.

**Feb. 9**  
JV men's basketball vs. Ohio University-Chillicothe, home, 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 11**  
women's basketball vs. Ohio Wesleyan, away, 2 p.m.  
JV men's basketball vs. ITT-Dayton, home, 5:15 p.m.

**Feb. 14**  
men's varsity basketball vs. Mt. Vernon Nazarene, home, 7:30 p.m.  
women's basketball vs. Urbana, away, 5:15 p.m.

**Feb. 16**  
JV men's basketball vs. Ohio University-Lancaster, away, 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 17**  
NCCAA wrestling regionals

**Feb. 18**  
men's varsity basketball vs. Ohio Dominican, away, 2 p.m.  
women's basketball vs. Findlay, home, 2 p.m.  
NAIA district 22 wrestling meet at Findlay, 1 p.m.  
indoor track all-comers meet, home, 9:30 a.m.  
JV men's basketball vs. Ohio Dominican, away, 12 p.m.

**Feb. 21**  
men's varsity basketball vs. Rio Grande, home, 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 24-25**  
NCCAA wrestling nationals

**Feb. 25**  
men's varsity basketball vs. Walsh, home (parents' night), 7:30 p.m.

**Mar. 3**  
NCCAA District 3 indoor track meet 11 a.m.

**Mar. 6-8**  
NAIA District 22 men's basketball tournament

**Mar. 12-18**  
NAIA national men's basketball tournament

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## Wrestlers do bang-up job

The 83-84 Cedarville College wrestling team, despite having early problems, is looking to end its season with a bang. The squad was hit early with a loss of players due to either ineligibility or insufficient grades, but it still has seven members who are eager and prepared.

Among the top matmen for this season is team captain Ron Comfort, wrestling at 167. The junior from Kokomo, Indiana, currently boasts a 12-3 record. According to coach Matt Kunkel, another junior, Joel Taylor from Williston, North Dakota, is also coming on strong.

The team is looking forward to

the annual Wright State Invitational on Feb. 11, where coach Kunkel hopes his unit can put together a strong performance. Then, two weeks later comes the NCCAA Wrestling Finals in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The tourney is slated for Feb. 24-26, and Kunkel feels that his team has the potential to excel there. Says the coach, "I believe we can take four or five guys to the NCCAA's."

Other wrestlers on the squad are: Perry DeFelice, 134; Rob Custudio, 142; Pete Jameson, 158; Bob Scott, 177; and Mark Tinner, Heavyweight.

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# Round ballers play to glorify God

The Cedarville Yellow Jackets men's basketball team has progressed close to their expectations according to Don Callan, who is completing his 24th year at the helm.

"Everything has gone as expected so far," Callan asserted. "The players have made good progress over the year. The only disappointment has been our inconsistent play at times.

"Hopefully, however, we can achieve that consistent level of play with more experience" he went on to say, "by doing this, we ought to be able to reach our goal of finishing in the top four of District 22, which would give us at least one home game in the playoffs."

Callan emphasizes, however, that regardless of the outcome of the games, the main goal of the coaching staff and the players is to maintain a positive Christian witness on the floor and off. Under no circumstances does this philosophy endorse losing or backing down, but rather instills in the athletes the proper Christian attitude necessary to glorify the Lord.

According to Coach Callan, this spiritual attitude reflects a "we" togetherness instead of a "I" selfishness. He states that senior manager Don Wagner typifies this spirit. "Although a non-player Don contributes a positive attitude to the team while sacrificing his own time for the good of the players."

This "total team" spirit has guided the team to a very successful post-holiday victory spurt. By winning five of their first six games in January, the Yellow Jackets at press time posted an 11-6 overall and 4-1 conference record.

No single individual has been solely responsible for the victory surge. Among the highlights of the streak which vaulted the Yellow Jackets into the 4th position of District 22, was the play of senior Tim Danube, junior John Srnis and sophomore Kirk Fairhurst.

Danube leads District 22 in field goal percentages of 62 and also leads Cedarville in scoring at a 13.6 per game clip. He also became the 18th player in school history to score 1,000 points in career, which feat he accomplished January 17 at Malone.

Srnis provided late game heroics in the Yellow Jacket's 90-85 overtime win against Urbana. He scored 26 points on 12 of 13 free throw shots while dishing out 6 assists.

Fairhurst gathered Mid-Ohio Conference co-player of the week honors for his 10-point, 6-rebound and 20-point, 9-rebound games against Franklin and Tiffin, respectively.

Also main factors in the Cedarville attack have been Tim Pryor, John Modderman and Tom Greve.

Pryor, who missed three games due to an ankle injury, is the team's leading rebounder at 7.6 per game, while adding a second best scoring

average of 13.2 per game.

Modderman, who has been a symbol of all-around play this season, is the Yellow Jacket's leading free throw percentage shooter at 78%. He is also second leading assist man at 3.8 per game, and ranks third on the team in scoring (12.6), rebounding (6.2), and field goal percentage (52%).

Greve, who provides valuable leadership at the guard spot, is the fourth Cedarville player scoring in double figures at a 10.6, while handing out a team-leading 4.1 assists per game.

Making valuable contributions on a limited basis have been George Gorman, Mike Campbell, Steve Terpstra, Chris Walter, Danny Olinger and Dave Yeager.

Gorman, who missed some action due to back trouble, is the 6th leading free throw percentage shooter in the MOC at 74%. Campbell scored a team-high 15 points in the win over Franklin.

Terpsra, who leads the team in fewest turnovers (0), pulled down six rebounds against Franklin.

Walter sealed the victory over Marion by hitting four last minute free throws.

Olinger has accounted for a team leading six assists in wins over Franklin and Mount Vernon Nazarene.

Yeager yanked a team-high 9 rebounds against Franklin.

Another important piece of the Cedarville basketball "family" is the junior varsity team under the direction of Curt Berger. Although faced with tough circumstances, including six players leaving the team due to promotion, injury, or quitting, the J.V. unit has shown a good attitude and never gave up according to Coach Berger.

Berger hopes for improvement over the current 5-6 record through continued hard work and dedication. Members of the squad are sophomores Mike Donahue and Steve Terpstra, and freshmen Charles Jackson, Doug Pugh, John Sykes, Dave Yeager and Brent Zeigler.

Assistant coach Steve Young sums up the attitude of the basketball program by saying, "We want to produce quality Christian young men first and good basketball players second. Any wins that we might gather along the way is just icing on the cake."



## Winter track prepares team

It's that time of year for Cedarville College's track team. The indoor track season has begun. What are some of the purposes and objectives for winter track? Coach Elvin King reveals the underlying benefits and purposes that he foresees for winter track.

"We like to use winter track as a smooth transition between cross-country and spring outdoor track," said Coach King. King commented that no team scores are kept for indoor track events, "I like to hold practice meets in order to motivate the kids, but since the pressure is so great on them already, we want to make winter track a more relaxed time of staying in shape."

He also added, "We do not want them to slack off, but we do not want to pressure them into a whole year of track meets and competition."

"Some of our athletes are dedicated enough to train during summer as well as in season." He continued, "Others only train during the season. We have to consider

the different levels of drive and motivation of each athlete."

During winter track, the team of 29 men and 25 women practice only on Mondays and Thursdays. During cross-country and spring track they will practice every day. Coach King wanted to emphasize the voluntary aspect of winter track. "Because we only practice twice a week, the athlete has to do a lot of training on his own. We encourage our athletes to use this time to prepare for spring track."

Coach King indicated that spiritual growth and friendships are strengthened during winter track. "Before every practice we have a time of devotions. This gives us an opportunity to share with one another."

"Since the pressure is not as great during winter track, the athletes are able to get to know one another better." He explained, "If we have a closely knit team, then we will want to cheer for one another during our meets," replied Coach King.

Coach King cited the NAIA indoor track meet on Feb. 24-25 as another motivating factor for his track team. He responded, "If our athletes would like to participate in this meet, they will have to train hard in order to qualify for it."

Jane Romig, NCCAA All-American Cross-Country runner, commented on the importance of team unity by saying, "The way to become more unified as a team is to reach out and care for your teammates. Since I was on the cross-country team, I am trying to reach out and become closer to those athletes who are coming out for track for the first time."

Coach King concluded, "We have excellent facilities here at Cedarville for indoor track. I am glad that our athletes are taking advantage of these two months to prepare themselves for the intense competition of spring track. We not only want to train together, but we want to grow closer together as a team."



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**Sailing along, free as doves**

Forsaking studies to skate on Cedar Lake has been a popular activity this winter quarter. It closely resembles a scene from a Christmas card to see students scattered all over the lake's glassy surface. Before students can venture out onto the lake, maintenance must first check the ice. One of the maintenance men takes a pick axe, bores a hole in the ice and then lowers a hook under the ice to check the thickness. Maintenance then reports to Mark McDougal of Campus Activities so he can inform the student body as to the safety of the ice for skating via the News Brief Bulletin.

It apparently has been a highlight of the quarter to be able to pull on a pair of skates and carefully but with purpose explore the expanse of Cedar Lake. Most students comment positively about their experiences, saying it's a tension release from studying; one girl, however, lost all interest when her beloved boyfriend dropped her on her head.

In case anyone's wondering, Winter Olympics 1988 will probably not be held at Cedar Lake.



**Pre-registration – students fac., staff share hassle**

You have met with your advisor, rearranged your schedule three or four times, and obtained the signatures for your independent studies. Now all that is left is to drop off the data sheet at Academic Records and you will get the classes you wanted, -- or will you? What happens in the registration process after you leave your data sheet at Academic Records?

The staff at Academic Records, under the direction of Barbara McIntosh, begins processing the data sheets almost as soon as they are dropped into their respective baskets.

Baskets are provided for students of every classification except freshman, who must have their class schedules checked immediately because of the frequency of filled general education courses.

These baskets are emptied periodically and the information is put into the computer in a descending order of priority beginning with seniors. This order of priority helps to insure the upperclassmen of getting the classes which they need.

Priority is also given to elementary education, nursing, pre-engineering and two-year secretarial majors, due to the classes they are required to take and the brevity of time they have to work in the classes. Because of this priority system of scheduling, sophomores are en-

curaged to write in alternate courses at the bottom of their data sheets.

The student's name or ID number is punched into the computer first. After this all that is required is the course number, section number, and, if it is an independent study, the hours being taken. The computer will automatically check for a conflict in class scheduling or for a repeat of a class by a student.

If there is a vacancy in the class, the computer assigns the student to it. When the maximum number for a class size is reached, the computer will not assign any more students to that class.

The size of a class is determined by the professor of the course and the head of the department. Factors such as the amount of homework assigned and the need for practice, as in speech courses, are considered when deciding on the appropriate size of a class. It also determines where the class will be located on campus.


If there is a conflict in a student's class schedule or if a desired course is full, the student will be notified by intracampus mail. Sometimes the problem can be solved at the Academic Records office; other times the student will need to get a professor's signature to get into a closed class.

Finally, after registration is closed a tentative roster is printed up for each course and sent to the appropriate professor. The student's new data sheet is also printed up and sent to the student. Once a student pays for his quarter, that information is put into the computer and the student's name is put on the final roster.

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# "Decision Making" sheds new light

by Annette Selden

In this age of complexity and diversified options, Christians are continuously faced with the problem of wise decision making. In their sincere efforts to discern God's individual will for their lives by inner witnesses and special guidance, many become frustrated and experience anything but the inner peace and contentment which is traditionally believed to accompany a good decision. However, Dr. Garry Friesen has offered "a biblical alternative to the traditional view" in *Decision Making and the Will of God*, based upon his thesis that "the idea of an individual will of God for every detail of a person's life is not found in Scripture" (pp. 82-83).

Part 1 consists of an explication of the traditional view of God's guidance in decision making. Through a fictional setting, Friesen sets forth the basic tenets of the traditional view, in which the author has observed three uses for the phrase "will of God." The sovereign will is "God's secret plan that determines everything that happens in the universe" (p. 35). "God's revealed commands in the Bible that teach how men ought to believe and live" (p. 35) compose the moral will. Finally, "God's individual will is that ideal, detailed life-plan which God has uniquely designed for each believer" (p. 35).

Traditionalists believe that this individual will can be discerned in several ways: direction from the Bible, circumstances, the inner witness of the Holy Spirit, mature counsel from other believers, personal desires, common sense and special supernatural guidance.

In Part 2, Friesen gives his own critique of the strengths and weaknesses of the traditional view. He acknowledges a sovereign and moral will of God, but he rejects the idea of an individual will. Contending that the idea of an individual will is not found in scripture, Friesen asserts, "the Bible is fully sufficient to provide all the guidance needed for a believer to know and do God's will" (p. 82). In support of his position the author demonstrates the fallacies in traditionalists' arguments of reason, experience, and biblical example. Friesen's arguments against reason and experience are sound, yet his arguments against biblical example lack precision. He points out that supernatural intervention, given at critical points in the early church to those who played a strategic role in it, was the exception to the rule. While he seems to hint at it, Friesen does not give a cogent explanation for the cessation of supernatural guidance and, furthermore, the reason that it cannot be relied upon in decision making processes today.

Friesen's frequent use of the term "non-moral" does raise some questions. Is this to imply that decisions can be neither good or evil,

simply neutral? Can something neutral exist in a God-created moral world? This is only a minor query, however, in an overall well explicated theology of decision making.

Part 4 is a rather lengthy specific application of the wisdom view to several issues commonly confronting Christians: singleness and marriage, vocational opportunities, giving to the Lord's work, and matters where Christians disagree. This section is practical and very helpful in understanding the concepts discussed in the previous sections of the book.

Supernatural revelation was necessary at certain times in the first century because the canon of Scripture was not yet complete. However, the Apostolic canon of Scripture, and therefore, all supernatural revelation from God, is now complete. Therefore, any modern claims to supernatural guidance in decision making (still small voices, inner direction, etc.) are subsequently unbiblical. This point seemed to be lacking from Friesen's argument against traditionalists' use of biblical example.

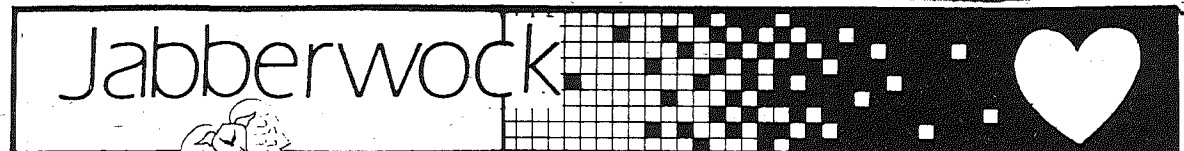
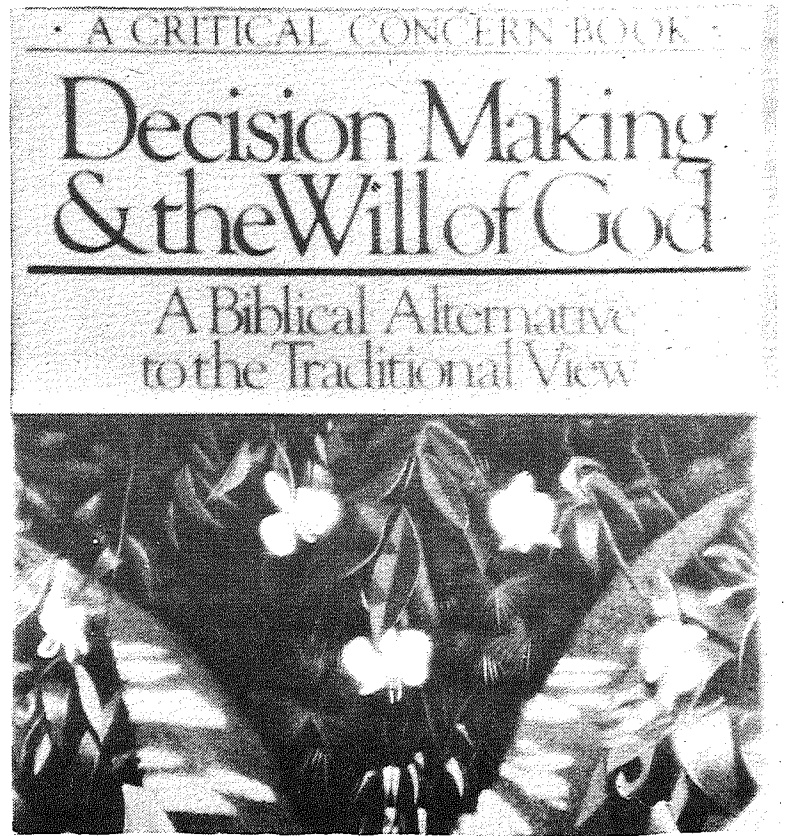
The author continues by carefully examining the Scripture passages most often quoted in support of an individual will. By employing exegesis and proper hermeneutical principles, Friesen demonstrates that these key passages are speaking of the moral will of God rather than an individual will. As a result of this close scrutiny of Scripture, he concludes, "We affirm that God does have a plan for our lives—a plan that is described in the Bible in terms that we can fully understand and apply" (p. 113). Friesen concludes Part 2 by revealing several of the inconsistencies and applicational difficulties of the traditional view.

Part 3 proposes the actual alteration to the traditional view, which the author has called the wisdom view. Building upon the foundation of God's sovereign and moral wills, Friesen develops a theology of decision making and the will of God. While the believer is responsible to obey the revealed commands and principles of God, there are some areas where the Bible gives no command or principle (non-moral decisions). In these instances, the believer is free to choose his own course of action, applying the principles of biblical wisdom and humble submission to

the outworking of God's sovereign will.

Dr. Friesen (currently chairman of the Bible department at Multnomah School of the Bible) explains that the goal of his work is to "help Christians understand what the Bible says about God's will as it pertains to decision making" (p. 18). To accomplish this goal, Friesen, with J. Robin Maxson, has written a well organized, scholarly yet very readable volume on a topic which has long been misunderstood by evangelical Christianity.

Despite some previously mentioned minor weaknesses, the author of this volume is very skillful in his disassembly of the mythical traditional view of the will of God and in his reconstruction of a biblical, orthodox understanding of the will of God. This book is a valuable and necessary addition to the libraries of all evangelical Christians who desire to make wise decisions.



by Jane Owen

*Survival of Valentine's Day in Cedarville slush: strategies or methods employed by campus residents for the purpose of giving some meaning to February 14 in the midst of phenomenal wind, record-setting cold, unceasing snow and frozen eyelashes or mustaches.*

Survival of the upcoming holiday can be boiled down to one idea: go surrealist. Yes, break beyond the realm of reality in an attempt to repair fragmentation caused by the -75 degree wind in our nose hairs.

Not a campus to tie us to normalcy, Cedarville offers its own spectrum of bizarre "sweetness" gifts.

For instance, when was the last time you sent a friend a photocopy of your face? A few friends and I worked at it until we perfected the method: first, get a nickel (so we're not J.D. Rockefeller, all right?) and a coat. Find a group of people (preferably ones you know

fairly well) to stand around you so not too many will see you. Bend over the photocopier with the coat draped over your head so no light can spoil the effect. Then put your face on the machine, put the nickel in, and presto—you have a photo suitable for framing, cheap and showing every pore of your face in startling detail. Watch out about keeping your eyes open, though.

Okay, so you aren't enthusiastic about looking like a mental incompetent in front of your peers? Not to worry; even the shyest of us have available avenues of quiet ministry to lift others' spirits from the doldrums.

Reach out by sending the new Keith Green album to Dick Walker... or an unsigned letter to Dr. Dixon.

How about tickets to an Imperials concert for your favorite administrator, or duck shoes to Mrs. Dixon?

Still not striking your fancy? Consider a paper cup with "2.6" crayoned on it for Dr. Johnson, or a Garfield poster that says, "I live

for weekends" for Dr. Sharon Biddle's office.

If you prefer the more thoughtful spirit lifters, put on your "maybe" list a "Freeze now or burn!" plaque for Dr. McGoldrick, or, for Dr. Rogers, the recent bestseller entitled *How Computer Literacy Figures in the Sanctification Process*. The just-released treatise by Dr. Hugh Mannist called, *Practical Philosophy: Bread on Your Table and Mine*, would be ideal for Mr. Percesepe.

Rumor has it that Mr. Halsey and Uncle Al are on the lookout for the cassette series by Anne Teok entitled "Liberalism—God's Answer to Man's Problems."

To wrap up my list which by now has you chomping at the figurative bit, I'll suggest forgetting the winter blues and diving into the Valentine mood by doing one of two things; they're really errands of mercy. Either send white shoes and a shoulder sweater to Bob Kojko, or send a John Thompson piano book to Eric Helmuth.

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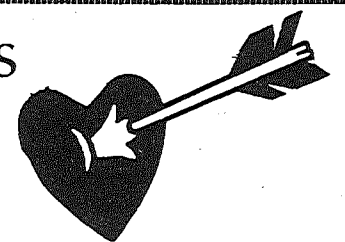
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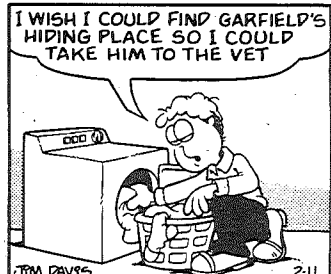
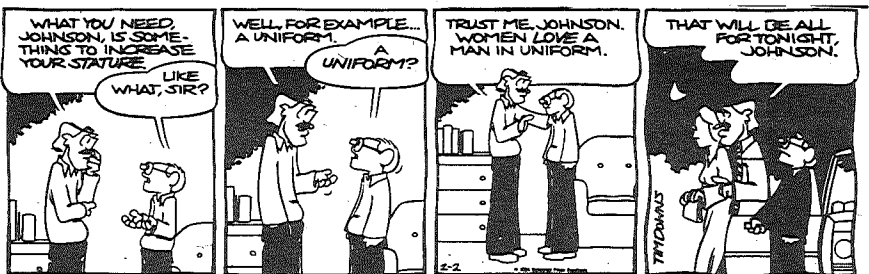
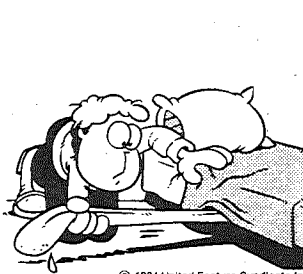
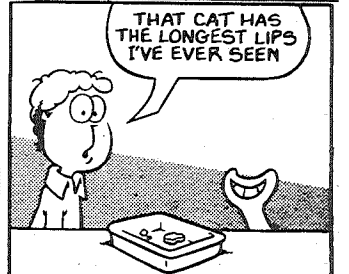
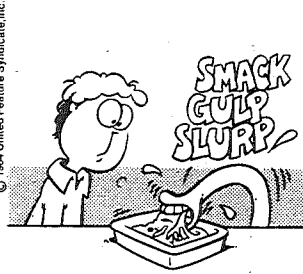
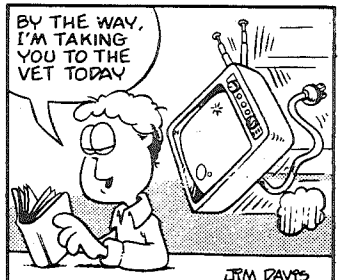
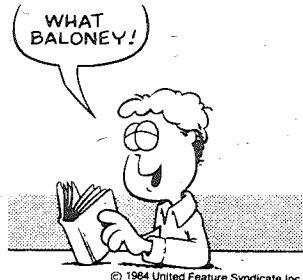
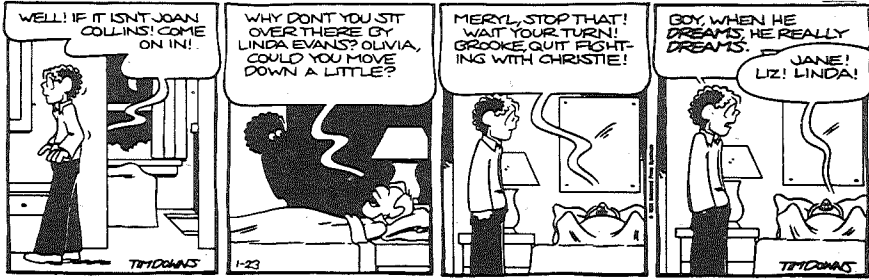
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