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Creationism

Creationists are fighting for their rights as the evolutionists have in the past. For stories on creationism and the schools, see page 3.

Baseball preview

Numerous pitchers and a handful of experienced returners have the men's baseball team feeling optimistic. For a season preview see page 10.

Village police

A roving reporter gets a view of what life is really like for the village police officers.

Details of an evening of duty are outlined on page 5.

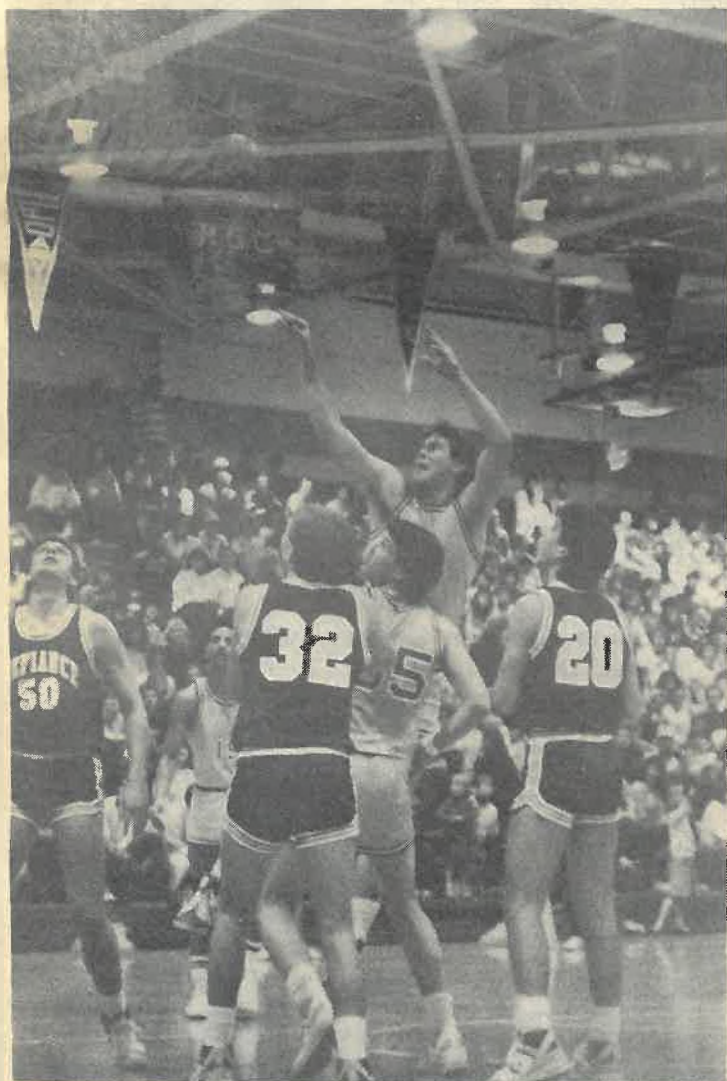
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Jacket's season ends

The men's basketball season came to a halt Monday evening as the visiting Yellow Jackets were soundly defeated by their host, Findlay college. The final score was 118-104. Findlay's Randy Kortokrax scored 53 points to lead all scorers, while John Angus led the Jackets with a career high of 31 points. Cedarville finished the season with a 17-10 record.

OSU Men's Glee Club performs tomorrow

by Sue Dean

The Ohio State University Men's Glee Club will perform in an artist series concert tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the James T. Jeremiah chapel.

The glee club is one of six major choral organizations in the performing division of the music school. Its members represent every college in the university.

Organized in 1875, the group remains committed to a tradition of excellence. The purpose of this club is threefold: to promote participation in choral music, to teach correct vocal techniques and to provide opportunity to perform some outstanding chorale literature written for male voices.

The glee club has travelled widely in the United States. In March 1985, they performed at the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Salt Lake City.

Last year they performed for the Central Region Convention for this same organization and participated in an extensive Midwest tour. The group leaves on March 20 for a tour of the east coast.

Besides performing a wide variety of sacred and secular music, the glee club also combines with other Ohio State University choruses to perform major works. Along with presenting the great *Requiem* of Giuseppe Verdi, the OSU choral groups performed Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* with the Atlanta symphony under Robert Shaw's conducting.

Under the direction of James Gallagher, the glee club will perform a wide variety of music in tomorrow night's artist series. Included in their concert will be sacred pieces such as "Cantate Domino" and "My Eternal King," spirituals like "Climin' Up the Mountain," and contemporary secular pieces such as "The Buckeye Battle Cry," and "A Salute to the Big Ten."

Within the OSU Men's Glee Club are several smaller ensemble

and barbershop quartets. These units will perform independently from and in combination with the glee club. One of these groups is the Statesmen. They will present a small jazz package within the program.

The concert will be an hour and a half long with one intermission. Tickets are free to all and are available today and tomorrow through the campus activities office or at the door.

SGA Election Results

President — Jim Jacobs
Vice President — Melody Ferguson
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Issues provoke pragmatism

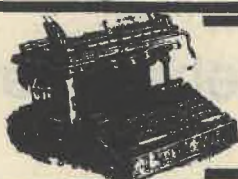
by Kevin Shaw
Editor-in-Chief

If you are an issue follower today, you are certain to be a busy individual.

There certainly seem to be more issues than answers these days. And thinking about issues is often a frustrating journey that ends with more questions than answers.

All the issues these days seem to boil down to a simple question of pragmatism. Name an issue of relevancy that doesn't.

From the Editor...



Take, for example, the issue of AIDS. Everyone is aware that the threat of AIDS is very real and that something obviously needs to be done.

But when we are faced with our options, we soon find that the answers will cost us something.

Our surgeon general has told us that perhaps the best way to cure the AIDS problem is to begin to present sexually explicit material to our elementary youth. He says that only an informed adolescent will be an informed adult.

Now I ask you, is that really what we future parents want for

our kids? The fundamental right seems to be saying no.

But when one ponders the thought of our future children suffering and dying from AIDS, one must embrace the fact that perhaps in the AIDS case, the end (saving our children from AIDS) will justify the means (informing our youth of the disease at an early age).

Consider military issues. None of us is happy that the U.S. had to trade weapons to Iran to get some of our hostages back.

But would we have been happier to watch our hostages shot and killed had we not negotiated to some degree? (The end justified the means.)

Or consider our air raid on Libya last year. Wasn't our military arm-flexing a simple action in pragmatism? We felt bad that innocent people were killed, but what was our option? Once again, it seems, the end justified the means.

And think about our ridiculous cold war with the USSR. All of us would love to see some kind of nuclear freeze realized. But fear and mistrust of each other has catapulted both sides into another pragmatic war where winning is determined by who has the most weapons at the end.

As followers of Christ, how do we respond to pragmatism?

If we attempt to be idealists about each of these situations, we might well lay down all of our weapons, believing that God has a supreme plan and figuring that

He'll work things out for us in the long run.

After all, we've always been told that two wrongs don't make a right. Just because terrorism exists, does that necessarily give us the right to bomb another country?

On the flip side, it doesn't take much thinking to realize that an idealist is usually the poor guy being taken advantage of and getting stomped on. And is that really what Christ wanted from His followers?

I'm not sure myself. I am sure, however, that issues create tension for the person who is brave enough to think them out. Maybe I just want to expose my fears for the student body to see. Maybe some of you have gotten to this point in your thinking, and you're wondering if there really are answers. Maybe some of you don't even know what I'm talking about.

One thing is certain. There should be no room for ignorance on this campus. The issues that I've mentioned are issues that each of us should be willing to work through, regardless of the risk. I'm afraid, however, that sometimes the apathy that Dr. Dixon spoke of last week runs right into our general ignorance of the world's affairs.

Think about the issues. Think about pragmatism. Maybe the end will justify the means.

Reagan schemes backfire on him

by George Reede
Staff Writer

It is enough to make a grown Republican cry.

There for a while, I thought President Reagan, with a gleam in his eye and a smile on his grandfatherly face, would be able to charm his way out of the Iran-Contra Scandal. After all, the "Great Communicator" has talked his way out of many a political scrape in the past.

This time the facts were just too embarrassing to escape. After righteously denouncing terrorism and publicly refusing to negotiate with terrorists for so long, the President negotiated with terrorists and used American weapons as ransom.

At the same time these weapons were being sent to Iran, a major exporter of terrorism, we were bombing Libya for exporting terrorism.

But it was not just the inconsistency of negotiating with terrorists that was embarrassing. The way the Reagan administration negotiated was even worse.

Most people thought the stories about autographed Bibles and key-shaped cakes were fabrications, and the administration denounced such stories as ludicrous. But recently it was disclosed that President Reagan really did send an autographed Bible to the Ayatollah Khomeini, and he really did send a key-shaped cake as a sign of good will.

The Bible was displayed at an Iranian press conference by the speaker of the Iranian parliament. The fate of the cake is open to speculation.

For some inexplicable reason, as soon as all of this was revealed and the arms shipments to Iran stopped, another rash of hostage taking occurred in Lebanon.

In response, the President immediately dispatched a few carrier task forces to the region and threatened to bomb Iran if any harm came to the hostages. This is the same country to which we had just sent weapons and cake.

My fellow Republicans can feel free to stop reading if this is becoming too painful for them.

At the same time he was sending the carrier task forces, President Reagan tried to call an emergency meeting of western nations to discuss ways to combat terrorism. They flatly turned him down.

In light of the dizzying American policy I have been relating, it is no surprise that our allies are no longer willing to follow America's lead in the fight against terrorism.

All of this has resulted in a state of siege at the White House, and Reagan's aides have been abandoning the administration lately as if it were the sinking Titanic. They can read the writing on the wall as well as anyone, and it clearly spells the word "lameduck."

Having lost the political clout that a popular President gave them as well as control of the Senate this past fall, Republican prospects look rather grim for the next two years.

Recent events are not going to make it any easier to keep the presidency in Republican hands in 1988 either. The Democrats certainly will not let the American people forget about the scandal, and the Republican candidate will have to bear up under the pressure without being tainted by the scandal himself.

Such requirements almost certainly exclude Vice-President Bush, the current front-runner in the race for the Republican nomination. If his chances for success were dubious before, they are even more so now.

The American public is already showing signs of losing interest in the scandal. If the Democrats continue to try and score points with the issue, it may backfire on them. It is also very possible that the Democrats will make a serious mistake in the next two years themselves.

But if the political environment remains the same and a charismatic, untainted nominee is not chosen, Republicans might as well start preparing themselves to look at the White House from the outside.



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Students debate creationism

KIRKSVILLE, MO. (CPS). The battle about whether to teach "creationism" in classrooms, usually fought in elementary and secondary schools, has surfaced at Northwest Missouri State University (NMSU).

A group of NMSU students says a zoology professor is promoting his religious views in the classroom by lecturing about "creation science."

The students' protest, some observers say, could signal the beginning of a student backlash against creationists fighting to include their theory of the origins of life in college science classes.

No one knows how many colleges teach "creationism," the biblical theory that life was created abruptly by a supreme being, but in recent years campuses as diverse as San Francisco City College, Michigan State, Iowa State, Baylor, West Valley College in California, San Francisco State and Bryan College in Tennessee have supplemented biology programs with creationism teachings.

But at NMSU, some students want creationism kept out.

Students for Tolerance and Integrity in Rhetoric (STIR), a small

but vocal NMSU group, contends Prof. Don Kangas is teaching the theory of evolution, the idea that humans developed from simpler life forms, side-by-side with the biblical theory of creation, which they say belongs in a religion or philosophy class.

"I don't like it," says NMSU freshman Amy Stern. "I am a Christian and do go to church, but religion doesn't play any part in zoology."

Kangas says he isn't teaching creationism in his zoology class, though he warns his students he believes in creationism.

"I teach what I know for sure," he says. "I believe in microevolution, for instance, which involves changes in organisms through natural selection."

"But regarding man's origins, most [evolutionary] literature is about as close to false as possible. Evolution at the species level, the lowest level of organic classification, is probably possible, but the evidence for evolution in the higher classes is very poor."

"A number of students are not comfortable with this teaching," counters Paul Mineo, a NMSU biology professor and STIR's

sponsor. "They are afraid the teaching of creationism as a science will be enforced."

"Some students on some campuses are becoming willing to protest those kinds of sentiments."

STIR members now want to stage a campus debate reminiscent

of the 1925 Scopes "Monkey Trial," which pitted Clarence Darrow against William Jennings Bryan in a court test of whether teaching evolution was a crime.

But his adamance in keeping creationism out of college classes isn't unique. "Every reputable scientific and educational association has come out against teaching creationism as a science," says William Mayer, biology professor emeritus at the University of Colorado and former

theory, and that research in the field is negligible.

"Creationism," he complains, "contends the earth is 10,000 years old and everything dates from Noah's Ark. But the preponderance of evidence in all fields shows the earth to be billions of years old."

While many creationists, Kangas among them, agree the earth is much older than biblical references might indicate, they claim scientific evidence supports them.

"The scientific evidence is so strong for the creation model," claims Richard Bliss of the Institute for Creation Research in California, "we're expecting a breakthrough on campuses."

Indeed, the U.S. Supreme Court is now hearing a case that, if passed, would require state universities in Louisiana to give equal class time to creationism and evolution.

But some college teachers say that even if the Supreme Court, which is expected to make its ruling in July, makes them, they'll resist teaching creationism.

"Creationism is a religious belief. There's nothing scientific to back it up," says John Green, biology chairman at Nicholls State in Thibodaux, La. "You could teach it in the philosophy department but certainly not in the science department. You can't teach creationism like science."

Green maintains, "They can pass all the laws they want to and we may end up in court, but we'll teach science. My people are very professional and they're going to teach their profession."

Kangas, however, thinks perhaps neither theory qualifies as a science, and both should be taught in philosophy departments.

"Creation science is not yet really a science," he says. "It's a philosophy seeking to do scientific things. But, on the other hand, there's really no way to prove the origin of fossils as there's no DNA found with them."

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— John Green, Nicholls State

of the 1925 Scopes "Monkey Trial," which pitted Clarence Darrow against William Jennings Bryan in a court test of whether teaching evolution was a crime.

Mineo wants to be careful in staging the debate. "This is an extremely sensitive situation involving freedom of speech, academic freedom and censorship."

head of the National Association of Biology Teachers.

"That's the key. If you're teaching it as religion or philosophy, that's fine. But if you're going to insist one religion be taught, you must teach all religions."

Mayer contends no scientific evidence supports the creation

Creationism gains equal time

by Wendy Norton
Lead Writer

Scientific creationism sounds like a contradiction to many people. But for Dr. Larry Helmick, professor of chemistry, it is the only logical explanation of origins.

At its simplest, "creationism is a theory of origins," states Helmick. It holds that matter and life were created by a supernatural being. Details regarding this creator and the method of creation vary within the individual.

Although creationism has had followers throughout the centuries, only recently has it united forces as a movement. A main impetus for this movement seems to have been the publication of *The Genesis Flood*, by scientist Henry Morris in 1961.

The Genesis Flood unified creation scientists who saw the need for an organized society of creationists. The result was the Creation Research Society founded in 1963. The Society was strongly committed to biblical creationism.

Since that time, many other creationist societies have emerged. Best known among them is the In-

stitute for Creation Research (ICR), organized in 1972.

Through research, teaching, and publications, ICR intends to re-establish creationism as a valid theory of origins. Their debates and lectures on college campuses have been "key factors" in the re-

Court in Dec. 1986 and a decision is expected to be handled down sometime between April and June.

A decision supporting the Louisiana law would be a "landmark decision," says Helmick. He adds, this is a unique case in that "in the past creationists have been

California has ruled that textbooks must present evolution as a theory instead of a fact.

Helmick states, "What California and Texas do in selecting textbooks sets the pattern for the nation." Recently these states have tended to choose textbooks which give creationism and evolution equal time.

Equal time for both views, according to Helmick, is the ideal way to teach theories of origins. By presenting the views of creationists and evolutionists side by side, students are encouraged to "develop critical thinking ability." They can weigh the alternatives themselves and "come up with a theory consistent with their theology."

In his class on origins, Helmick follows this approach, often stimulating interesting interaction between students.

In the past 10 years, Helmick has seen a move toward a less dogmatic presentation of evolution. Although many people today still do not realize that there is an alternative to evolution, the scientific data is becoming better known. Even the scientific journals, though still "thoroughly evolutionary" are "occasionally more informed," says Helmick.

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cent interest in the creationist movement, according to Helmick.

Recent legal suits have also drawn attention to creationism, says Helmick. The most well known of the recent cases involves a Louisiana "balanced treatment" law which requires that creation science be taught in public schools when evolution is taught. The case was heard before the Supreme

depicted as challenging state laws," while in this case, the creationists are supporting the law of the state.

Selection of science textbooks is also an important issue in the struggle for acknowledgment of creationism. Controversy over the teaching of evolution has caused a re-examination of science books. One result of this is that the state of

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CSU faculty settles lawsuit

by Terri Huber
Lead Writer

Central State University (CSU) recently settled a lawsuit filed against the institution almost a year and a half ago by three former and one current faculty member.

The four plaintiffs were among six faculty who sent two letters in late summer 1984 to the CSU board of trustees opposing current President Arthur Thomas' candidacy for the presidency of the university.

Following Thomas' appointment to the office he now holds,

"The six faculty members (of CSU) did not believe (President Thomas) would promote integration. They feared he would encourage 'racial isolation' and hostility..."

three non-tenured faculty failed to have their contracts renewed following the 1984-85 school year. These three include Louise Taylor-Hudgeons, David Hazel, and Charles Dean.

Taylor-Hudgeons was removed as dean of the College of Business and not asked to return as professor of accounting. Hazel was relieved of his position as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dean's contract to teach in the English department was not renewed.

One member of the four who was tenured, Rubin Weston, was removed from the position of chairman of the history department. Weston is also the only plaintiff who currently teaches at the university.

The lawsuit filed by the four was against Thomas and CSU. It claimed they had been deprived of civil and employment rights without due process or good cause.

Attorney Donald J. Mooney, Jr., sought \$985,000 for damages to his clients as well as reinstatement of their positions. \$250,000 to cover lost pay and benefits, \$335,000 for compensatory damages, and \$400,000 for punitive damages.

The three black, and one white faculty members claimed they were placed on Thomas' "hit list" when they twice voiced their opposition to Thomas' succession of former CSU President Lionel Newsom in letters to the school's board of trustees.

Thomas was vice president for academic affairs at the university from 1977 to his appointment as president in 1984. The letters opposed Thomas on several counts. The six faculty members did not believe he would promote integration. They feared he would encourage "racial isolation and hostility rather than conciliation," stated Mooney.

A second reason for their opposition was that they feared Thomas would be indebted to state Representative C.J. McLin, a Democrat from Dayton. McLin has since been appointed mayor of the city of Dayton when former mayor, Paul Leonard, joined Ohio Governor Richard Celeste to serve as lieutenant governor.

Weston testified that he feared CSU would become a "dumping ground for political favors." Yet under cross-examination by Jones, he admitted he did not have direct knowledge of several allegations put forth in the letters. Weston claimed the letters were a "complication" of six people.

Hudgeons too claimed that CSU was tied too closely to the political power structure. She said Thomas wanted to reduce the number of white faculty from 38 percent to 12 percent.

CSU board of trustees President Halloway Sells noted Thomas' standing as a presidential candidate jumped from five to the top of the list when McLin interceded in late 1984.

But Thomas' attorney upheld his appointment as president. Jones went on to defend Thomas' decision to remove the three faculty members through non-renewal of their contracts. This decision was based on eight years of observation of the individuals by Thomas when he served as vice president for academic affairs.

Jones pointed out that on his appointment as president, Thomas faced a projected \$5.5 million de-

ficit and was assembling his own administration to effectively deal with the situation.

Two others who compiled and signed the letters were Bransford Watson and Arnold H. Sutin. Both remain at CSU, but Sutin is currently in Africa on a one-year leave.

Jones presented the plaintiffs as "obstructionists" who had no right to keep their jobs. He added they had not been fired, but their contracts had not been renewed. The four had a history of discord, claimed Jones.

Following seven days of testimony, a proposed out-of-court settlement was reached. CSU spokesman Ed Chamness said the decision was "in the best interest of the university." He added that the media coverage had generated negative publicity for the school.

Chamness stated that the plaintiffs did not substantiate their claims with facts. He said their charges included attempts at character assassination and allegations of "racist actions in several areas of university life."

U.S. District Court Judge, Walter Rice, ruled earlier that Thomas is personally liable for any damages because direct use of state funds is not permitted. Cedarville College's Attorney Mr. David Haffey notes that CSU could still pay the suit. The board of trustees called a special meeting following the announcement of the settlement. The expected topic of discussion was payment of the settlement.

Tenure assures a performance employee of his or her employ-

ment. A nontenured faculty member does not appreciate this same

security. "Generally the rule is their contracts do not have to be renewed and there does not have to be a reason," explains Haffey. He points out that in cases of "employment at will" there is a current move to secure more job security for the employee, including advance notice of termination.

This generalized rule is different at each institution of higher learning according to individual standards, but state institutions are governed by stricter rules than are private schools such as Cedarville. The issue in the four CSU faculty member's suit was not a question of tenure, but rather the claim of deprivation of rights without due process of law.

Software purchase broadens pc lab

by Matt White
Staff Writer

The computer center recently purchased a library of several thousand IBM-PC computer programs for student use.

The purchase, made with approximately one thousand dollars supplied by the Computer Access Fee, was intended to "let the students use what's out there," according to David Rotman, director of the computer center.

The software library is a collection of the Personal Computer Software Interest Group (PC-SIG), a California based computer users group. The library consists of a compact optical disk on which the information equivalent of over six hundred floppy disks is stored.

The disk itself is similar to the optical disks used for high-fidelity digital music recording and is an excellent medium for the compact storage of information. Also acquired by the computer center was an optical disk player which transfers information from the disk to the IBM computer.

The software purchase, made late last year, is composed of programs from every area of computer application including word processing, games, utilities, spreadsheets, databases, mathematics,

computer languages, music, and educational applications.

The collection is composed of public domain software and 'shareware.' The public domain software is not copyrighted and may be freely copied without charge.

The 'shareware,' also known as user-supported software, is copyrighted. The authors have agreed to allow unlimited copying, but they usually request a monetary donation from users who find the software helpful.

Descriptions of the available programs can be found in the book *The PC-SIG Library* and its supplements. These materials are located in the reserve section of the library. The descriptions can also be reviewed electronically through the PC-SIG account on the VAX student minicomputer system.

Requests for copies of the desired diskettes (no more than five per day) should be submitted with the appropriate number of blank formatted diskettes to Corinne Lakes in the computer center. The completed copies are returned in about two days.

More plans for the microcomputer lab include the addition of more IBM compatible computers. The specific brand and model is yet to be determined.

The computers will occupy space in the current microcomputer lab where the Apple computers are. These Apples will be moved into the new library building next fall.

Also newly installed in the computer lab is a large hard disk drive for the VAX minicomputer. It holds approximately 400 million bytes of information. Its installation, currently in progress, will give the VAX about five times as much disk storage space as it previously had.

Among other things, programs in the PC-SIG collection allow one to fly a jet plane with "Flight Simulator" or make the computer think with an expert system. "Talk your problems out with Eliza the Psychotherapist" is another program. Students can build their IQ score, or play songs on the IBM-PC. Users may write a paper with "PC-Write", figure out finances with "Finance Manager", or play "Star Trek".

Also available in the PC-SIG library are word processors (letter/report writing), spreadsheets (accounting), and numerous educational programs.

The entire text of the King James version of the Bible is available with the exceptions of the books of Corinthians, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. However, the Bible occupies a large amount of space on a diskette.

Wordworker, with cross references for New Testament verses, is available as well as a Bible topics disk.

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Patrolmen serve village

by Kurt Anderson
Lead Writer

What are small town police? Are they the comic bumbling we see on the "Andy Griffith Show," with Barney having to go back to the police station to get his bullets?

Or are they the local toughs from "The Dukes of Hazzard," bent on being obnoxious to decent folks? Are they the legendary "speed trap" hunters, who find fulfillment in nabbing anyone who strays over the limit posted on the sign where nobody can see?

Even people who live in small towns like Cedarville don't always see the true story of the men in blue. So for my own enlightenment, to satisfy my editor, and to research a good community story, I spent nine hours riding with two Cedarville patrolmen. What I saw was the true story of four dedicated and competent men.

At 8 o'clock Friday night, Patrolman Richard Haggard picked me up at Lawlor. I gave him my release form, which allowed me to get killed in the line of duty for *Cedars* without my editor blaming the police, and we set out about the business of protecting the community.

In a little more than an hour we were hunting a run-away speedster. The county sheriff had clocked a car entering Cedarville at 83 m.p.h. When he tried to pull the car over, it ducked into Cedar Drive trying to get lost in the cars and parking lots around Maddox, Lawlor, and Printy.

The sheriff found him (no gossip here, it wasn't a student), trying to leave by Maddox.

That was 9:15. At 9:40 Patrolman Haggard made personal history by giving his first ticket to a woman. (Even police can be gentlemen.)

On this stop I found out that, contrary to what you might expect, the police are tougher on the local people than on the students regarding local rules. The way this woman was going, though, she would have been nailed even if she had been a student.

Did you know that the police always play music after they pull somebody over? No kidding. Actually, they have to "tune" their radar. Every time they give a speeding ticket, they use two tuning forks to make sure the radar is calibrated properly.

I realized that between checking out the license plate with the dispatcher, talking to the driver, filling out all the paperwork, explaining it all to the driver, and checking the radar, it's actually more of a bother for the policeman to ticket me than for me to get a ticket. All I have to do is sit there and then sign the thing!

I also found out why the police want to keep a tight reign on speed. It is sobering to discover that for the first half of 1986, Greene County had the highest accident fatality rate in all of Ohio. And fully 70 percent of those deaths were directly related to excess speed.

They're not out there to keep us from having fun. They're trying to keep us alive.

But pulling over speedsters wasn't the only thing we did. Friday night was downright busy.

We checked out a reported propane gas leak on Main Street that could have demolished Alford and Ambassador Hall if it had been serious. We — well, Patrolman Haggard helped stop a domestic disturbance. (He's about 6'2"; me, well, at 5'6") I decided it was safer in the cruiser. And we checked up on about six homes of people who were on vacation, making sure the



The Cedarville Police Department patrols and protects the village. (Photo by C. Weaver)

doors and windows were locked and everything untouched.

When Patrolman Bob Creamer comes on at midnight, the routine takes a new twist. For almost half of the next shift, we criss-crossed town checking 54 businesses and 6 residences. It is a dangerous job, believe it or not.

What we were doing was actually looking for break-ins. Have you ever realized how dangerous it is to go up to a dark building and try to open a door, knowing that there are possibly armed robbers inside?

Patrolman Creamer was the epitome of experienced caution. He never stood directly in front of a door, never stood directly in front of a darkened window, and never approached a building directly if he could avoid it.

I found out why. At 3:30 in the morning we were almost through with our checks, and we had two churches to do yet. Both had open doors. The first one we went through — with due caution. (I felt like Rick and A.J. Simon hunting somebody.) Apparently the door just hadn't been shut tightly.

The second church, however, was different. Patrolman Creamer noticed it as soon as we pulled up outside. "That light isn't supposed to be on."

He warned me to stay away from the door, and reaching over, he tried to open it. It was unlocked.

And we heard voices.

Have you ever been with a policeman in the dead of night when he unstraps his gun? And there are voices inside a dark building?

He quietly opened the door and peered inside, but it was dark. The voices were coming from another room. He found the switchbox and quickly snapped about three breaker switches.

From another room came the holler of kids voices and cries of protest. We'd walked in on a slumber party watching *Star Trek* reruns.

One of the kids saw Mr. Creamer putting the strap back over his gun. With more than a little awe, he said, "You had that thing unleashed, didn't you?"

"When I come up to a building that has lights on that aren't supposed to be on, doors open that aren't supposed to be open, voices where there aren't supposed to be voices, and nobody's told me anything is going to be going on, I get nervous," Creamer replied.

I suppose it pays to be cautious. Last month a Xenia policeman got blown apart with a shotgun on a routine traffic stop.

I also found it pays to be versatile. At 1:45 that morning we responded to a chimney fire on the north side of town. Patrolman Creamer arrived first on the scene and helped direct the arriving fire trucks (for volunteers, those guys are quick! Within five minutes we had three fire trucks and an ambulance on the scene.)

Then he introduced me to Chris Gillaugh, a rotund, happy-looking

fire fighter. Gillaugh also turns out to be the third full-time patrolman. Each patrolman also serves on the Cedarville Fire Department. Only Chief Keith Stigers does not serve double duty.

I learned a few other impressive facts about the Cedarville police. They are the first department in Greene County to completely change to 9mm. automatics as sidearms. (It must be a smart move. The Army's doing it, too.) Bulletproof vests are a standard part of the uniform. And they are equipped with one of the most sophisticated radio systems in the state, capable of monitoring fifteen channels at once and picking up departments as far away as Columbus.

The Cedarville Police Department is led by Chief Keith Stigers, a veteran of nearly twelve years with the department. His father was also chief of police before him, after working as the electrician at Cedarville College.

Chief Stigers has an impressive wall full of certificates testifying to his training and competency. These include 160 hours in training with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Intelligence for criminal investigations, and 120 hours with the Miami Valley Crime Lab for qualification as a Certified Evidence Technician.

Stigers, 32, is also trained in auto theft investigation, hostage negotiation, bombs and explosives, railway accidents involving hazardous materials, rape investigations, and many others.

Gillaugh, 26 and a Cedarville native, is the senior patrolman on the department. He's been there since 1980. Creamer, 49, was hired full-time in 1985, and Richard Haggard was brought on in September of 1986, after serving with the Jamestown police.

The department also maintains four part-time patrolmen. Steve Hale, Jack Baughn, Cal Turner, and Jeff Newsom help fill in hours when the full-time staff can't be scheduled.

All these patrolmen have been through the necessary 300 hours of training required for Ohio peace officer certification, plus Ohio State Parol certification in radar. Several have been through numerous other special training programs.

These are not the fictional small-town police we see on television. These men are trained and competent professionals, dedicated to preserving the safety and security of a small community.



Chief Keith Stigers has served on the Cedarville Police Department for nearly twelve years. (Photo by C. Weaver).

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Newly elected SGA office



President

by Bob Bowman
Staff Writer

Jim Jacobs, a pre-med and chemistry major, is the president-elect of the Student Government Association (SGA) for the 1987-88 school year. He was elected last Friday, defeating Bob Gresh.

Jacobs ran because he wants to have a positive impact in student government. "SGA has a great potential for setting a positive atmosphere on campus. I like it here as a student; I want to build this back into the campus to keep it going."

Jacob's plans for student government include expanding the Horne-Liebler incentive plan which currently provides \$75 to organizations on campus for pro-

grams and parties. He would like to add dorm and Christian ministry groups to this category.

This would financially aid such projects as getting televisions for the lounges of Maddox, Willetts, and the Hill as well as inter-dorm parties between Lawlor and Printy. "The administration wants to enhance dorm life. We'd like to help them out," he notes.

He would also like SGA to sponsor an organizational fair early next year in front of the chapel to bring campus organizations and Christian ministries "into the heart of student life. This will let new students see what they can become involved in," he adds.

A contest for the most creative booth is planned and the winning organization will carry a torch to lead off the Homecoming parade.

Jacobs also wants to strengthen ties between SGA and the student body. "We want people to know

who they can go to for help and with their ideas." Service and outreach are the goals to "build back into student life."

Though Jacobs has not been directly involved in the SGA, his involvement within the college is extensive. He has served as chief of the college Emergency Medical Service (EMS) this past year and is a member of the academic advisory board.

These positions have brought him in contact with administrators on a number of occasions. "They know who I am," he notes, "and I know what the channels are [to get things done]."

Other responsibilities include handling public relations for EMS and representing the college on the Green County Medical Advisory Committee which oversees the EMS squads in the county. Since SGA works in committees, Jacobs feels that this experience will help him to be a successful president.

Vice president

by Theresa Henry
Staff Writer

Melody Ferguson is majoring in criminal justice with a minor in business. She hopes, upon graduation, to work with the courts investigating insurance.

Ferguson has two years of experience with the Student Government Association (SGA). Last year, she was the dorm representative for Maddox, and was on the social and cultural committee.

This year, Ferguson is chairman of the student work program. she

described this as a "full-time job." She also helped plan the Homecoming Banquet.

Explaining why she ran for vice president, Ferguson said, "I really like being involved and being in touch with the student body."

As she explained, "The faculty wants to know what the students want, and we are that liaison." Ferguson sees it as SGA's job to "present student ideas in a mature manner" to the faculty. In this way, faculty and student will keep in touch.

Ferguson and Jacobs want to get the dorm representatives more involved. They will turn in weekly reports so that SGA will know

"what's going on in the dorms," as Ferguson said.

They are also interested in budgeting money for dorm parties, television sets, and possibly Christmas decorations for open house.

In addition to continuing "to encourage outreach into the community" and continuing with the existing programs like student work, they intend to try to increase the number of open houses to three, one per quarter.



Secretary

by Tami Taylor
Staff Writer

Our newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) secretary is Leah Robbins.

Robbins, who is a sophomore elementary education major, is excited about the election and counts it an honor to be elected to this office. "As SGA secretary I will do my very best to fulfill my job."

When asked what the main responsibilities of the SGA secretary are, Robbins replied, "I believe my main responsibility will be to take accurate minutes on the meetings and distribute them throughout the campus so the student body will



know what took place during that meeting. Other duties will involve answering or forwarding any SGA correspondence and typing miscellaneous letters."

Robbins also commented, "The one change that I would like to see is faster distribution of the SGA meeting minutes. I believe that the faster the minutes are given out and put up by the dorm representatives, the faster the student body is informed about crucial topics. The public should be involved with SGA, and knowing all about their meetings helps. After all, SGA is the link and mediator between the student body and the administration."

Qualifying experience that Robbins has had includes involvement in various high school clubs, high school class secretary, an active member of many planning committees, Cedarville Elementary Education Club (CEEC) member, and SGA representative. Other activities that Robbins has been involved in are Pep Band, Brass Choir, and Symphonic Band.

"I would like to thank many people," commented Robbins. "First of all, the friends that have nominated, encouraged, and aided me in my campaign for secretary. Secondly, the entire student body for electing me, and most importantly, the Lord who will give me no more than I can handle."

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ers plan for next year

Chaplain

by Kevin Tupps
Staff Writer

Kip Kratche is the newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) chaplain. Hailing from Willoughby Hills, Ohio, Kratche is a junior pre-seminary/Bible major eager to serve and minister to his peers beginning in the fall of the 87-88 academic year.

Kratche commented that much thought and prayer had gone into his decision to run for the office of chaplain. Kratche said he wanted to make sure that his "heart was in the right place." Urged by friends, and after a period of soul-searching, Kratche chose to run. He sees that being chaplain provides a wonderful opportunity to challenge and encourage the student body.

Kratche plans to make Friday chapels personal and practical. In order to accomplish this, he plans to spend more time in a sharing type atmosphere, rather than a continuous time of preaching. For example, Kratche would like to be able to devote an entire chapel service to special music, singing, and praise. Also, he might find the chance to organize a panel discussion relating some pertinent topics.

In addition to these special types of chapel services, Kratche expresses his desire to introduce separate series of messages on the subject of friendships and encouragement. And, he has related how eager he is to hear from the student body concerning exactly what topics they would like him to bring forth for student chapel.

Kratche brings experience in dealing with people to the office of chaplain. For two years prior to his arrival at Cedarville, he attended

Ohio State University where the challenge was great to stand up and be a witness for the Lord. This allowed Kratche to develop personal evangelistic skills which will aid in his ministry as chaplain.

During his high school years, he helped to organize a Bible study group. It started with only two members, yet soon reached nearly 50 in attendance. Kratche has also been involved with a jail team ministry.

Using Ephesians 4:11-13, Kratche comments, "As a chaplain, that would be my goal, to somehow try to help students here grow spiritually...and I realize that is an awesome responsibility..."



Treasurer

by Lisa Fawcett
Assigning Editor

Steve Moyer, a junior accounting major, won last Friday's election to become SGA treasurer for next year.

Moyer feels he can bring concern, credibility, and commitment to his office.

First, with his concern for students, Moyer wants to find the most efficient way to use students' money. He hopes to use more money for campus activities and for student organizations.

He commented, "I want to work with the social and cultural committee and try to get more students involved at Cedarville."

During his campaign, Moyer also emphasized his credibility. He

has worked for the past two summers for Castle's Produce where he was responsible for all the company's figures.

As SGA representative for the officials' club, Moyer feels comfortable with the way student government runs. "I really enjoyed it this past year and see the office of treasurer as another opportunity to serve," he commented.

Tom Pratt, current SGA treasurer, encouraged Moyer to run. He felt Moyer had the skills needed for the position. After seeing the nature of the SGA budget and the treasurer's responsibilities, Moyer agreed.

Finally, Moyer feels committed to God and the students. "Cedarville is what you make it," he said. "I want this opportunity to serve the school and students to make it a better place for everyone."



Sidewalk Talk

How do you feel SGA can serve you better?

Compiled by Kim Potts
Staff Writer



"We need better communication about activities and ministries of all organizations on campus."

JoAnne Mantz, junior, business education



"...by having special meetings where students could interact with SGA officers."

Mike Roberts, sophomore, pre-seminary



"I think SGA could serve us better through more school-wide parties."

Ann Dykes, sophomore, nursing

other quotes:

"I feel that SGA could better serve the student body by encouraging involvement of each student in one of the fine student organizations."

Errin Mulberry, junior, communications

"I think that there is some vital information that needs to be brought to the public eye in a more effective manner."

Ramona Larsen, freshman, nursing

"...to keep the line of communication available between the students and administration."

Brent Budd, junior, behavioral science

"Get more input from the students and try to arrange more student activities."

Julie Lawson, junior, elementary education major

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Development office raises funds

by Valerie Jones
Staff Writer

The office of development, which coordinates and raises funds for the college, has increased efforts in the last few years, focusing on the Centennial campaign.

The campaign officially began Aug. 1, 1984, but was preceded by an extensive amount of research to determine that there would be enough support for it.

The development office found overwhelming support and launched the campaign. The trustees were asked to participate first. They, as a body, committed an outright gift and a pledge.

Next, the faculty, staff and administrators were offered the opportunity to give, followed by key individuals who had donated to the college for a number of years.

One couple whose children had attended here challenged the alumni to match a contribution of \$150,000. The alumni not only met the challenge but exceeded it.

Then in late Feb. 1986, the campaign went public with magazine articles and two news conferences, one in Dayton and one on campus. Since then, the office of development has continued to call on individuals, companies and churches for support.

The funds raised through the campaign are divided into four major areas, the largest amount going to the library. At the end of Feb., \$3.1 million of the \$4.2 million goal had been reached.

The funds will also be used to remodel the old library into classrooms and offices for the business department. The estimated cost for the remodeling will be \$720,000.

Another portion of the donations will go to the general fund. The

general fund includes any gifts that are given to the college without specific instructions as to what it should be used for.

The development office estimated two million dollars a year during the campaign, and so far 1.6 million of that has been met.

The last area of funds will go to endowments. The goal of the campaign was to double endowments. That goal has already been met and exceeded with \$732,000 pledged. A major portion of the earnings from those endowments will go toward student aid.

Because the office of development deals with fund raising, its influence reaches into many different areas. For example, it handles annual gifts as well as planned long-term giving, such as wills.

Development also deals in relations with alumni, churches, foundations and the general public. The office is in charge of advertising and WCDR.

Martin Clark, vice president for development, spends about 40 percent of his time travelling on behalf of the college. While traveling, he visits donors and speaks to various groups.

Clark began in the fall of 1974 as director of counselling services. Before that he was a pastor at the College Baptist Church in Blacksburg, Va. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Bob Jones University and his doctorate of education degree from Polytechnique Institute and State University.

The Centennial campaign has been development's main interest since the time Clark started working in the office in 1984.

As a result of the campaign, interest has been generated all over the country and support has been obtained to take the college into the next century.

The office of development plans to continue the campaign until late 1987.



As vice president of development, Martin Clark continues the Centennial campaign. (Photo courtesy public relations)

ASPA focuses on management

by Kurt Anderson
Lead Writer

On Jan. 15, Valerie Blaylock and Mr. Kurt Moreland were presented with a certificate inducting a new campus organization, the Cedarville College Student Chapter of the American Society of Personnel Administrators (ASPA).

"The student chapter is primarily a way for students interested in personnel to become involved out-

side the classroom," says Moreland, who is the coordinator. "Through ASPA they can establish links with professionals already in the field and with the wide range of professional literature available."

"It provides a lot of opportunities to learn what personnel management is really like, through readings, discussions, and various types of professional interaction, including internships and possibly

employment," according to Moreland.

ASPA president, Valerie Blaylock points to the same advantages. "It's a tremendous way of broadening your horizons and gaining new experiences. With these opportunities we can really learn what personnel administrators do on the job."

The opportunities she refers to are various offers by personnel professionals for possible internships, for "shadow days" involving a day on the job with a personnel administrator, and various other experiences.

try, and Gaffner, together with Moreland, who oversees the college's organizational communication program, contacted various other chapters to determine what could be done to establish one on campus.

By the middle of fall quarter, Moreland had the bylaws drawn up, and had contacted a pool of over a dozen interested students. At the end of the quarter elections were held, dues were paid, and in January, the organization became officially recognized by the national organization of ASPA.

The formation of the chapter culminated nearly a year of work for both Moreland and Mr. David Gaffner. Gaffner, director of the career planning & placement office, has been involved for several years with the Springfield Association of Personnel Administrators, which is chartered by ASPA.

During 1986, Gaffner served as president of the Springfield chapter and recognized the potential benefits that the chapter could offer to college students interested in human relations and personnel management.

There are numerous student chapters of ASPA across the coun-

The Springfield Association of Personnel Administrators serves as the parent organization for the student chapter. Gaffner is the liaison between the two organizations, which have already met to plan activities and opportunities for professional interaction.

The chapter is composed of fifteen students, with five officers, led by Blaylock.

Blaylock emphasizes that the immediate needs of the organization are to establish goals and professional contacts, and to also recruit among the underclassmen. Nearly all the current members are seniors, and sophomores and juniors interested in personnel are needed to keep the chapter active in succeeding years.



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Wood prepares recital



by Becky Hummel
Staff Writer

In fulfillment of his graduation requirements, Steve Wood will be presenting his senior trombone recital at 8:00 p.m. on March 9, 1987 in the chapel.

As a music major, Steve has been active in symphonic band, brass choir, pep band and other musical ensembles and is now working toward this performance.

He began working on his recital music last spring under the direction of Mr. Michael DiCuirci. DiCuirci has been Wood's trombone teacher for nearly four years. DiCuirci "made sure I worked hard," Wood reflected. He helped most by pushing hard. He's always been encouraging.

The recital will last an hour and will include seven different pieces. "You'll hear a lot of different styles. They range from jazz to classical." There will be Baroque and modern music. The jazz number will include an electric bass and a drum set. "It's a good show piece" Wood said. There will

also be a French horn, trumpet, and trombone trio in one of the pieces.

Wood explained that there is a diversity of music in the recital. This is to keep the recital interesting and to demonstrate his ability to play different kinds of music. "There will be something everyone likes and dislikes."

Wood started his music career in fifth grade. After trying out "the funny looking one [instrument] that slides" he thought the trombone was "really neat."

He began taking private lessons and was supported and encouraged by his parents to work hard on his instrument. Wood's brother Mike recalls "I remember him practicing in the living room and Mom always telling him to practice."

Throughout high school, Wood played in the marching and jazz bands as well as in the All-South Jersey Band and conference honor bands. He also played in his home church in southern New Jersey.

Wood explained that he has always had a real interest in music. His top two areas of interest were

music and chemistry "but I loved music more" he commented.

Wood became interested in the college through three events. In his sophomore year of high school, Cedarville's brass choir traveled to his home church. Then Dr. Dixon visited the church, and finally, through a close friend of the family who attended the college. Wood had wanted to major in music at a Christian liberal arts college, and Cedarville fit the bill.

Looking back on the past few years, Wood's most remembered times were the different band tours he went on. His involvement in band has given him exposure to many different places and types of

music. He has also been faced with challenges.

Wood has also enjoyed his involvement in pep band. "Pep band is just for fun," he stated. He also added "I get a good seat!"

Looking ahead, Steve plans to graduate in June, but will return to the area in the fall to student teach.

In the summer he will enter the Army National Guard. After eight weeks of boot camp, he will begin playing with the Army band.

When finished with his education next year, Wood plans to find a job teaching music in a southern school and hopes to become a band director.

Senior, Steve Wood presents a trombone recital on March 9th in the James T. Jeremiah chapel.

Entner leads support groups

by Jane Baughman
Staff Writer

Sandy Entner is leading three counseling groups, children of divorce, perfectionism, and a personal growth group. These groups meet for "mutual encouragement and support," says Entner.

A counseling group is a group of students who meet together to get help for a common problem. These groups allow students to interact with others who are seeking to overcome the same problem. During a group session students share ways that they are handling their problems and learn skills to deal with them. "Christians need each other and the Lord tells us to encourage and build up one another," Entner said. Groups give students the opportunity to do that.

Entner has a specific plan or goal for each meeting, but many times the interaction of the group will lead to the topic which is discussed that day.

Entner sees her role as a "facilitator." "I help the group communicate with one another." She helps the students see options and learn how to pray about a certain situa-

tion. She said, "Sometimes my role is to cry with people when they hurt."

In the past, counseling groups have met to deal with terminal illness, children from alcoholism, and grief recovery. The group on terminal illness dealt with a problem that students could not control. A parent or relative was dying or had a lifetime disease and the group provided needed perspective.

The personal growth group concentrates on developing Christian character and Christian thinking. It works through the format of a Bible study.

All groups are begun on the basis of identified need and interest among the students. Therefore, anyone interested in starting a new group or renewing a former group should contact Entner.

Some of the special programs that the counseling service will be sponsoring in the future are the engaged encounter and films, seminars, and speakers dealing with self-esteem, relationships, friendships, and dating.

Writer's Block



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Ministering through athletics

Fite travels through Europe



Tom Fite is preparing to travel with Sports Life Ministries, an organization that interweaves soccer and the gospel.

by Steve Hanson
Lead Writer

For many college athletes, finding a good job can be difficult enough after graduation, but landing one that allows the athlete to extend his playing career beyond the college ranks borders on the impossible.

Former soccer standout and assistant coach, Tom Fite, is one of the rare exceptions. He now possesses the ability to mix business with pleasure.

Recently Fite signed a two-year contract with Sports Life Ministries (SLM) based in Tacoma, Washington. This privately-funded, Christian organization utilizes the game of soccer to spread the gospel nationally and internationally.

The former NAIA All-American emphasized his excitement about joining SLM because it combines two of the most important things in his life, soccer and Jesus Christ.

SLM's motto presents their main objective, said director, Rich Hay, "using sports to bring life to the world." Soccer's popularity enables it to reign as the number one sport in the world, according to Hay. He also noted that almost 1.5 billion people observed the World cup soccer matches in Mexico last June. "The game of soccer can be used to tear down barriers to presenting the gospel."

Consisting of Christian soccer players from across the nation, SLM teams compete against various amateur and professional

teams throughout the United States and Europe.

After each game SLM presents a time of fellowship and testimonies that allows the opposing team, referees and fans to attend. "This gives us a chance to share our faith with others," Fite said. "On several occasions it's presented good opportunities to witness and we've found people to be very receptive."

Working closely with missionaries abroad, SLM acts as a catalyst to their evangelistic efforts. "Playing soccer allows us to get a foot in the door, thus letting the missionaries do follow-up work," said Fite.

Through this outreach Fite continues to pursue his post graduate soccer career while gaining firsthand missions experience.

Competing in soccer matches however comprises just a small

portion of SLM, stated the fifth year senior. "There are several different ministries that each of the SLM players are involved in every day of the week. Coaching, public relations, conducting sports clinics and summer camps, speaking engagements and community involvement just scratch the surface," Fite asserted.

Although Fite's official service with the team does not begin until Aug. 1, Hay requested the he travel with SLM this coming March as they participate in the Mitre Amateur Cup in Atlanta, GA., and then again on the international tour to Europe in May.

According to Hay, not many people receive this honor, but in previous acquaintances with Fite, he says he feels that Fite's presence on the field can enhance the team's performance as well as their testimony.

Fite, who just completed his business education degree, learned of SLM while playing intercollegiate soccer, but former team captain, Dave Jones, really sparked his interest in the organization.

Jones worked for SLM for two years and kept contact with Fite. After several meetings with Hay, and through Jones' influence, Fite also decided to pursue the possibility of joining SLM.

The hardest part of the ministry comes in the preparation to leave for Washington, according to Fite. SLM receives most of its funding from private donors which means Fite must raise monthly support similar to missionaries working under a mission board. Estimates show that he needs to raise approximately \$900 per month to cover living expenses, insurance coverage and travel expenditures.

"Most of the support will come from family, friends and area churches who are supportive of me," he stated. "Any contributions would be greatly appreciated."

According to Fite, several individuals have pledged verbally but he is unsure exactly how much support he currently holds. "The only one I'm positive about right now is Grandma for \$15," he added.

Fite estimated that if 40 to 50 individuals sponsor him for \$25 per month he should reach an adequate support level. He also emphasized that he continues to trust God for the money and covets prayer.

At seven years of age, Fite found himself competing in Cincinnati Youth Soccer Leagues. Little did he realize this initial introduction to the game coupled with more than a decade of practice would stem into opportunities most kids only dream about.

"As God's plan for my life is unfolding, it is interesting and exciting to see how God can use the skills and talents He gave me for His honor and glory," Fite asserted. "Soccer skills have taken many years to develop, and using these skills to serve Him gives new meaning and purpose to sports competition."

Jackets warm up for season

by Russ Wight
Staff Writer

The baseball team is preparing for the spring season.

After compiling a 14-18-1 record last year, coach Dan Coomes hopes to improve that record to at least .500 in a year in which six of 14 team members are freshman.

In spite of this fact, perhaps the toughest problem facing Coomes and his team is their opponents. There are a total of 42 games on this year's slate, and every team on the schedule has improved.

The season opens with a home contest on Tuesday, March 10, against the University of Cincinnati. Following that is a seven day 10 game trip to Florida, where Coomes feels he will find out a lot about his team.

After returning from Florida, the team plays nine games in 11

days for a total of 21 games in 31 days in the month of March.

All of this early scheduling means that the Jackets will need strong pitching from several players in order to have early success. Coomes feels that he has eight pitchers that can do the job for him.

Leading this year's pitching staff is freshman Steve Hester. He is the hardest thrower on the team, possessing a 90 mph fastball. He also throws a curve and slider.

Junior Dan Erlandson is ready to go, after missing the fall season due to illness. His fastball has been clocked at 85 mph and also throws a curve and a slider. He had a 3-3 record last year with a 5.04 earned run average (ERA).

Senior hurler Tom Pratt returns after posting a record of 3-5 with a 4.82 ERA in 56 innings. He led the team in strikeouts with 36 but he also led the team in base on balls with 32.

His best pitch is the fastball, and it has been clocked at 83 mph. He also throws a curve and a split-finger fastball. Also a third baseman, he was an All-District selection two seasons ago.

Freshman Steve Hardy also is expected to contribute much this year. His main pitches are fastball, curve, and the change-up. He has been clocked in the low 80's.

The top reliever for the Jackets this season will be Sam Springer. He throws a curve and a change-up and is clocked in the low 80's. His record last season was 2-3 with a 5.04 ERA.

Sophomore Louis Cruz is a curve ball-slider pitcher who posted a record of 0-1 last year with a 10.98 ERA. He will spot start and provide relief work.

Freshman Randy Hensley brings an excellent curve ball to the mound and will also spot start and relieve.

Rounding out the staff is freshman Steve P. Smith. He is a side-arm thrower who has a fastball, curve, and a knuckleball, and will be used mostly in relief.

Coomes foresees his offense not relying on the power game at all. In fact, last year's team hit only 14 home runs.

Instead, the team will rely on speed and good hitting and crisp line drives to move players around the bases.

Several positions will feature platooning, depending on who is pitching.

Coomes feels that a catcher has a significant position due to his responsibility to handle the pitchers and set up the defense.

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Dealing with drugs, AIDS

Grads face tight market

by Susan Skorupa

EAST LANSING, MI (CPS) Thanks to the merger mania that swept through corporate America in 1986, student job prospects for this spring seem dimmer than last spring's, two recent national surveys of company hiring plans indicate.

And grads this year are likely to be tested for drug use or even AIDS before getting a job.

Michigan State's annual survey, released in late December, found that big companies in particular have cut back their plans for hiring new college grads.

A Northwestern University study released at the same time predicts demand for 1987 grads will mirror 1986 hiring, but employers say they will screen applicants more closely than before, and starting salaries, while increasing an average of 2.1 percent, will lag behind inflation.

Both Michigan State and Northwestern observers blame the unprecedented wave of corporate mergers and acquisitions that reached record levels last year.

"Downsizing, consolidations, mergers and acquisitions have cost the country jobs in some of our

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biggest and best paying corporations," says Victor Lindquist, Northwestern's placement director and author of the annual Endicott-Lindquist Report.

About 56 percent of companies Lindquist surveyed said they'd intentionally reduced their managerial staffs during the last year through reorganization, hiring freezes, termination without severance or early retirement incentives.

Michigan State's annual survey of 700 businesses also found the

biggest companies are the ones cutting back the most, reports MSU survey co-author Patrick Scheetz.

For example, companies with more than 10,000 employees said they'd hire 9.3 percent fewer new college grads this spring, Scheetz says. Firms with 5,000 to 10,000 employees will cut new grad hiring by 1.5 percent.

General Motors, for one, faced with falling profits, announced in late December it will halt college recruiting efforts altogether.

In response, area colleges are trying to bring smaller firms to campus to recruit. "We're expanding our job days to small and medium-sized companies," says Janis Chabica, director of Cooperative Education at the University of Michigan-Flint.

But, while hiring will increase among smaller companies -- as much as 6.7 percent in companies with 500 to 1,000 employees -- overall hiring will slip 2.4 percent nationally, Scheetz says.

"This year, the demand will be in mid-sized and small companies," he explains. "Many larger organizations are merging and downsizing. If they can't make a

product they need themselves, they're farming the job out to smaller companies. Hence the growth of smaller operations."

Better technology also is making it easier for companies to increase productivity without adding staff, Scheetz notes.

"There's an element of global competition now so companies are looking to do more with fewer employees."

Firms also are cutting hiring plans because they're unsure what 1987's economy will be like, Lindquist agrees.

"Only three percent [of the firms surveyed] expect a [business] downturn, but some employers are still cautious about 1987 because of concerns about the economy, the continuing exportation of American jobs, the deficits in foreign trade and our national debt."

Nevertheless, hotel and restaurant management, marketing and sales, education, electrical engineering, computer science, retail and accounting majors should get a lot of job offers, Scheetz says.

The surveys show overall demand has shifted from manufacturing to service jobs. Engineering opportunities are down nine percent and non-engineering opportunities are up five percent, Lindquist adds.

Students majoring in civil and mechanical engineering, home economics, agriculture, geology and advertising will probably have the hardest time getting jobs, the surveys suggest.

Top starting salaries will go to electrical, mechanical and chemical engineers, all breaking the \$29,000 per year mark.

But the flat demand and the large number of graduates mean higher salaries will go to students with the best grades and internship experience, Lindquist says.

Geographically, the southwestern states will offer the most opportunities, followed by the Northeast, the Southeast, north central, south central and northwest regions.

"Two years ago the south central area had one of the highest hiring rates in the country," Scheetz recalls. "Now it places fifth out of six, and you can probably blame the drop on the energy industry."

The students who are recruited, moreover, may face yet another obstacle before actually winning jobs this spring.

One-third of Lindquist's 230 respondents now test job applicants for drug use, a 136 percent increase in the number of testers. An additional 19 percent say they'll start testing in the next year.

The College Placement Council (CPC) reports that nearly 30 percent of the firms that recruit on campuses now screen applicants for drug use. Another 20 percent plan to adopt the practice within two years.

"The data found in our survey [of 497 national employers] corroborate other reports that drug screening programs are on the rise," says CPC spokesman Warren Kauffman. "Clearly the study shows this is a major employment issue."

Nearly 90 percent of employers who use drug screening tests say they won't hire applicants who fail the tests. Most rank safety as the top reason for demanding such testing, followed by security, quality and reliability of products and services, productivity, health cost control and noncompany or government regulations.

Two percent of firms in Lindquist's survey also now test employees for AIDS, while another five percent plan to begin such testing in 1987.

Library showcase highlights themes

by Angela Bowling

Luann Nicholas, a librarian, coordinates themes and resources for the library showcase.

Themes for the showcase are changed approximately once a month. Judy Johnson, coordinator of reader's services and the individual ultimately responsible for the displays, states, "they are chosen according to the seasonal calendar and academic calendar, specifically highlighting special events."

Nicholas thinks of the ideas and develops them with Johnson. After the theme is chosen, Nicholas solicits resources (trinkets, stuffed animals, posters, books, etc.) from the library, its staff, and the bookstore.

The library uses many of its own resources, but when the display needs something the library cannot provide, Nicholas seeks other resources.

Johnson, Jan Bosma, and students Lynell Smith and Pam Swan-

son often contribute their time and resources for the showcase.


The bookstore also loans many supplies for the display, providing books and posters. Their support is invaluable to the maintenance of the showcase.


In October the showcase featured a Homecoming display. For fall, Nicholas centered the showcase around Thanksgiving. A special nativity theme was used in December, and in January, Nicholas focused the display around the significance of reading.

The first of February was centered around Valentine's Day, featuring teddy bears provided by students who work in the library.


The next showcase featured noted author and lecturer Bruce Lockerbie who spoke in chapel last week.

The following showcase, the last one in the old library, will depict the progress of the new library and will display articles written by several neighboring newspapers about the Centennial activities.

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Buffy sniffles through date

by Ruth Margraff
Staff Writer

It all started when Marigold bounced onto the bed just as Buffy was shoving a yearbook out of sight. "Who're ya twirping, Buff?"

"Oh, I don't do twirps, Marigold," Buff mused into a hand mirror, noticing a cold sore she was developing under her nose.

"Not at all? Nobody?"

"Of course not, silly, that's pagan, you know." The sore must have come from excessive blowing of the nasal cavities without the benefit of Puffs.

"Are you from an ACE school?" Marigold blurted.

"No, but I went to Charm class once. Let's see ... ah, you never stand up in womanhood unless you've got your knees together, and you can't have bangs on a square face or horizontal stripes if you're wide in the hips. And you NEVER call men. Not even on twirp week."

"Buffy, I wanted to—"

"And red is out - except for Jezebel."

"Buffy! I have to ask you a favor. I have a little problem." Buffy put the mirror down. Marigold could dome up with some real headbangers sometimes. "I need you for Friday night to help me out by—"

"I can't twirp anybody, Marigold. My mom would have a toad."

"Well, don't tell her."

"And Morris would break out in hives."

"Don't tell her either. Now this is crisis so listen to me. It's like

this, I sorta got myself in a jam last month. This guy took me to the Golden Lamb four times in a row and I really didn't like him, but I love lamb so I just kinda kept on going. Well, I felt bad about it and everything so when he started begging me to twirp him I said I'd do it when the time came."

"Thinking by then he'd have to quit school and mortgage his parents to pay for his dating life," Buff mumbled into a Kleenex.

"Thinking by then he'd leave me alone! He kept telling me he'd buy me anything - roses, cards, Precious Moments, lambs, diamonds, if I'd just promise to twirp him. He's never been twirped."

"Send him a twirp cookie. By the way, when do I come on this manic scene?"

"Diamonds, I said, Buff. I can't go with him alone."

"I see. I'm providing the major distraction from the left ring finger while you sweethearts chow down on baby sheep?"

"If I eat another lamb I will bleat, Buffy. I'll eat goat eyes before I'll bite into another flock."

Buffy blew her nose thoughtfully. "Don't you think it will hurt the guy when you show up with a body guard?"

"No. No, I was getting to that. You won't be alone - you will twirp his friend - it will be double fun - it really will!"

"Oh, is that the ticket? If this is another haunted house flopper, count me out. I don't even feel good, Marigold. There are little beeping noises in my ears, nose runnin' like Carl Lewis on a hundred yard dash."

"Ooo," Marigold chuckled, "I was wondering what that thing was on your nose."

"It's a sore."

"I've never seen anything like it."

"Thanks. I was hoping I'd be rare."

"You'll feel much better, we'll have a blast," Marigold prophesied.

And that's how it all began on twirp week, 1987. Marigold kept saying, "You'll feel much better, we'll have such a good time."



Buffy would try not to think about it. How does she rope me into these things? Buffy would wonder in between Sinutabs.

And that was even before Buffy lost her voice.

So when Buffy staggered out to the car, she did so with a scarf over the half of her face which included the peculiar rarity in cold soreness. Marigold already occupied the car with her date. Buffy gasped when she saw who he was. *Not Ernie Wimplezitt. Well! He'd certainly be the type to buy a twirp date. He must have done well with the Archives.*

"We're meeting Brick at the restaurant," Marigold fluttered, "That's your date, I mean, Brick Powers? Ernie says he's real good lookin' so don't worry."

Buffy pulled the scarf up a little higher.

"Yeah, here, show her that photo I clipped out of the manual for her. See? And there's a shot with his Doberman on the beach this summer."

"Whad'ya think, Buff?" Marigold chirped.

"H-seems H-nice," Buffy croaked.

When they walked in, Marigold cutely gathered the coats, but

Buffy kept the scarf on for good measure. It was a good thing she did.

Brick Powers was sitting in candlelight at the table. Smiling just like the beach only no Doberman. "Suave," Buffy thought - and at any other time she may have been interested. Instead, she slunk down into a chair, trying to seem as wallpaperish as possible. She might have done all right but when the scarf brushed slightly over the candle light, she would have burned at the stake if Ernie hadn't produced a pocket-sized fire hydrant.

"H-thanks h-Ernie," Buff gasped, holding the scarf tightly over her nostrils.

"Are you cold Ma'am?" asked Brick of the scarf.

"Yes," Buffy nodded frantically.

"Did you see that? How wonderful to think that Ernie just saved so many lives!"

Buffy silenced her with a look. *Don't push it. You never know what else he has in his pockets and it might be just your size.*

"Buffy already has a picture of you," Ernie volunteered. I got it for her from the yearbook. Clipped it out. She liked that one with the dog too, didn't ya, Buff?"

"Have we ever met?" Brick queried, glancing at his watch.

"No," Buff's head wagged.

"She can't talk - she's got laran-gitus," Marigold explained.

"Are you going to, ah, eat anything tonight?" Brick asked, still wondering about the shroud.

"Nope, just looks like she wants to sit there and look at you," Ernie observed.

Buffy sneezed hard. She couldn't get a Kleenex under the scarf in time so it fell down onto her lap as they all watched the rarity exposed.

Ernie was up out of his chair. "What is that?" he demanded, pointing at the growth. "That looks just like something one of our milk cows got the summer she was in heat."

Brick choked on his dinner roll.

"It's just a cold sore, Ernie, sit down," Marigold appealed.

"That's not any cold sore, honey, that's just like what old Bessy had on her lip when she finally got hot. We put some kind of Indian juice on her but it didn't clear up for a couple years. The flies would come buzzin' in and out of—"

"I think it's about time to go," Brick cleared his throat.

"Oh not so soon," Marigold whimpered. "We're having such a good time. Aren't we Buffy?"

Buffy just blew her nose.

"Yeah, I'd say she likes you, Brick," Ernie decided upon closer examination of the sore, "You guys can work out your differences, I'm sure."

Brick looked horrified.

"In fact," Ernie continued, "I have a little piece to say myself. Marigold and I have been dating for some time and I thought this would be a good moment for you all to witness our mutual affection. I got the ring in Lebanon - the jeweler cut the stone especially into the shape of a lamb just because you're special, honey."

Ernie would have gone down on his knee, but Marigold had passed out under the table. Buffy breathed a sigh of relief. Wimplezitt shrugged, almost putting the ring away when he whirled on Buffy. "Well, now, we might make a decent team. I could experiment on your bizarre outbreaks and I could have the ring reshaped... a cow maybe?"

Brick grabbed Ernie, dragging him out of the restaurant. Buffy watched them go all the way to the bus stop — Ernie spraying him with the pocket hydrant.

Buffy popped another Sinutab as she rescarved the rarity. Poking Marigold with a fork under the table, Buff waited for the poor girl to come around. It took a while because she kept mumbling, "You'll feel much better, we'll have such a nice time."

When her eyes quit rolling around, Buffy croaked, "H-are h-you h-okay?"

Marigold stared up at the scarf on the verge of tears. "Let's can this twirp garbage, Buffy, I want that charm class."



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