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Dixon Who's Who Forensics

Last Thursday marked the 49th year of a man we all know and love, President Dixon. Earl Pitts gives us a look at some of the highlights in our President's life on pages 6 and 7.

Thirty-nine Cedarville students have been nominated to be a part of Who's Who Among Students. Read about qualifications and check the list on page 5.

The forensics team began as a debate team over 20 years ago. Today, under David Robey's leadership, it continues to thrive. Joanie Helmuth tells the story on page 9.

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Schmidt discusses faith and fame

by Steve Hanson
Lead Writer

What two things do Cedarville College students and the third baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies have in common? They usually live in an artificial world, and they both have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The latter communal response is responsible for bringing Mike Schmidt to the campus of Cedarville as the honorary Charter Day speaker on Jan. 26. Through a series of contacts with Dr. Wendell Kempton, president of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) and a close friend of Schmidt, the superstar third baseman agreed to make the appearance.

The four-time batting champion and eight-time homerun titlist became acquainted with Kempton during a pre-game Bible study at Veterans Stadium on a Sunday morning in 1975. Schmidt wanted to know more about the lifestyle Kempton spoke about, and he arranged to meet with Kempton a few days later. After several years of wrestling with the issue of salvation, Schmidt finally yielded his life to Jesus Christ.

Schmidt now refers to Kempton as the most influential man in his life, and he said that he looks up to him as someone to pattern his life after. He also emphasized that he is just one of a dozen athletes influenced by Kempton.

Professors Gary Percepe, Kurt Moreland and Mike DiCuirco co-authored the idea of inviting Schmidt to campus. They teach an honors class on the sociology of sports, particularly

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baseball.

This class was conceptualized by these professors last year. While brainstorming for ideas, they gambled on a longshot to bring Schmidt in to speak to the class. "We thought of the idea while sitting over coffee one afternoon," Percepe said. "We didn't think there would be much of a chance of getting him here, but we contacted Wendell Kempton and the rest is history."

The 10-time Gold Glove winner grew up in Dayton and attended Ohio University before beginning his 17 seasons as a professional baseball player. Schmidt has 530 homers to his credit, placing him with an elite group of players. This feat has been accomplished by less than 10 other players since the sport's conception in the 1800's.

The three-time National League MVP, the 1980 World Series MVP and 11-time All-Star player said that God has put him in an influential position that he can use as a witnessing tool. Schmidt said that the pressures and temptations are very great in his position. "Sometimes I feel like I'm on a spiritual roller coaster where I'll go for a week without reading my Bible, and then I can just tell that I

am missing something in my life," he noted.

Schmidt said that many attitudes in his life have been altered since giving his life over to God. Learning to love his wife and family with true agape love was at the top of the list of changes as was his prayer time before each time at bat.

School administrators planned a full day of activities for Schmidt which included a three hour class lecture, an hour press conference with local media and the keynote address for Charter Day Chapel.

During the sessions, the devout family man and father of two fielded questions on virtually every area of the nation's favorite passtime. His meaningful insights into the game and business of baseball satisfied curious reporters from local media sources and provided a firsthand description of professional athletes' lifestyles. He also provided batting and fielding tips that aided in his success as a player.

"You really value your leisure time," Schmidt said. "People always put you on a pedestal and stare at you wherever you go. Sometimes I don't think

people realize that baseball players are human too."

Ironically, Schmidt said that one of the few times that he can actually relax during the season is when he is on the diamond playing baseball. "When I'm actually on the field playing, nobody can bother you. No reporters, no fans, no endorsements. You can actually have fun."

Through 15 seasons with the Phillies, the tall right-handed hitter and fielder reflected on some of his most memorable moments. His world series MVP, April 17, 1977, in Chicago when he hit four homeruns in one game to defeat the Cubs 18-16 came to mind with other admirable achievements. But Schmidt recalled early last season when he unleashed his 500th round-

tripper of his career as his most remembered accomplishment.

At the close of the superstar's last season on the Cedarville campus, he encouraged prayers from students on his behalf. He also emphasized the need to pray for other athletes who have taken a stand for Christ citing Dale Murphy, Gary Maddox and Julius Erving.

Schmidt said that he hopes to have several more productive years in the big leagues, but most of all he will attempt to be more of a role model for people and take more leadership responsibilities.

The glamorous lifestyle, publicity, endorsements and fame will end someday, Schmidt added, but his faith is something that can outlast everything else.



Phillies third baseman Mike Schmidt fielded questions from both students and the press during his recent visit to campus. (photo by C. Weaver)

EDITORIALS

Free syringes solve the AIDS crisis

by Terri Huber
Copy Editor

On the national evening news a few weeks ago, I saw a feature story about a group in New York city named ADAPT that can dramatically slow down the spread of AIDS. The solution is extraordinarily complex, but I will

write it as simply as possible: give drug addicts free hypodermic syringes so they will not pass the fatal virus back and forth among themselves. A reduced occurrence of AIDS among intravenous drug users will therefore reduce the occurrence of AIDS among the general population.

Yes, you have read cor-

rectly. This must make sense because we all know that the best way to prevent pregnancies among unwed teen-age girls is to gradually educate our youth about sex (beginning in grade school, of course) and to hand out free contraceptives. Free hypodermic syringes and free contraceptives: the saviors of today's society.

When will people realize that the problems of rapidly-spreading AIDS and of teen-age pregnancy require more attention than temporary "band-aid" solutions? The solutions offered so far only attempt to treat the results of these crises based on immorality. These approaches are like the doctor who treats only the

patient's symptoms but refuses to address the root illness. Of course, solving the problem of immorality, all sin, in fact, is much more involved than just slapping a temporary band-aid on results such as AIDS.

But are Christians addressing more than the symptoms of sin? A believer should make his opposition to abortion publically known because abortion-on-demand is a sin. Because abortion is sin, Christians need to approach the problem at its source.

Does the believer who protests against abortion pray for the conviction and salvation of the administrators at the abortion clinics? The doctors who perform the abortions? The judges who uphold a woman's right to choose abortion as a form of birth control? If not, then the Christian is guilty of using a reasoning pattern similar to those who would hand out contraceptives to prevent teen-age pregnancies.

God calls the church to higher standards than unsaved men. The believer has a responsibility to face all situations from a wholistic Christian perspective, in light of his Christian ethical premises. But are believers willing to take this responsibility?

Read first, discard later

by Bob Bowman
Assignment Editor

There are many things I could write about this week; some would capture your interest more than others. Of course, I could write about the awesome experience of asking Mike Schmidt a question about baseball fans during my sociology of sports class, but that would immediately bore the two people who would say, "Mike who?"

I could write about student evaluation of teachers, a topic that could affect every student and faculty member on this campus. The present system may be over-

hauled in an effort to give students a better opportunity for feedback. But that article may come at a later time.

Then again, I could write something a bit more sentimental, the sadness I feel knowing that this may be my last winter ever in Ohio. I will sadly miss the stroll to the AC from the Hill at wind chills of negative 35 degrees. Take heart, my friend; spring is only six weeks away!

But in the meantime, I must comment on a subject of more critical importance, brought on in an indirect manner by the *Cedars* survey. On Mon., Jan. 25, I pecked in the trash cans at the PO and found a number of discarded surveys residing there.

Only a few days before, I had daringly rescued a number of *Cedars* from the same fate.

I probably should not have looked. I guess now I know what it is like for a ballplayer to read about himself on the sports page, or a judge who finds out that one of his rulings was just overturned.

I have not taken it personally; I have seen too many discarded newspapers of all types to feel bad about it. I guess I am writing just to express my opinion on the subject. So humor me.

Now I know that students get tons of mail everyday. I also know that junk mail usually outnumbers and somehow chokes off first class mail before it can even reach the average student's mailbox. I admit that I, too, have discarded many pieces of junk mail in the trash cans at the PO, after reading it, of course.

However, I find that many who are most critical of *Cedars*, (or periodicals, books, even the Bible for that matter) have read very little of it, if they have opened it at all. I am sorry it has to be that way. Maybe I am the last one to realize this phenomenon of life.

Cedars, though, is your newspaper. It would not exist without you. (Why are you all packing your bags and leaving?) I would hope that you at least looked at the survey, and the paper, before sentencing it to the trash can.

I also realize that this little outburst does not apply to most of you because you have shown enough interest to read this far into my editorial. I thank you because you, at least, were kind enough, or bored enough, to take interest in your newspaper.

But do me a favor and humor me one last time. *Cedars* is

not just junk mail; it is your newspaper. If you happen to see someone discarding an unopened *Cedars* into a trash can at the PO, please take it out and stack it on the table by the window.

At least then someone else (whose box mate probably took both copies in the box) will get a chance to pick it up, read it and be eternally grateful for your thoughtfulness. I can see the letters of outrage from the garbage-men already.

To those of you who read *Cedars*, tell your friends and neighbors about us. I thank you for your support.

Letter

Dear *Cedars*,

With the upcoming presidential elections, there is on the part of us Christians a responsibility to vote for a man (or woman) that exhibits or displays a reasonable support of Judeo-Christian values.

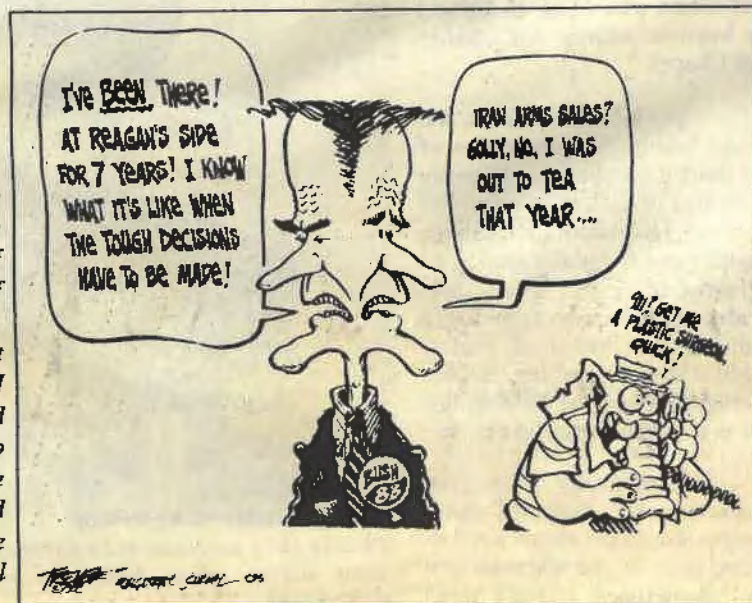
It is not always easy to differentiate between those running for this office. The Jan. 18 issue of *The New American*, which our library carries, contains an article about George Bush, his history, his supporters and his views. Please recommend it to your readers.

Thank you,
Stephen Ross

Editor's Response

Not being familiar with the article or the magazine, I went to the library to find "The Candidacy of George Bush" in the Jan. 18 issue of *The New American*.

I will at the reader's request recommend the article, although I think that it is highly subjective and misleading. I would also like to suggest, in order to provide some objectivity, "Stop Beating Around the Bush" by Robert K. Dornan in the Nov. 6, 1987, issue of the *National Review*.



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Lectureship series features Hendricks

by Marla Coffey
Contributing Writer

Dr. Howard Hendricks of Dallas Theological Seminary is the featured speaker for this year's Staley Lectureship Series. The series will be held Feb. 16-18.

Hendricks, who specializes in family and church education, will speak about the Christian home. This will be his first visit to Cedarville College, but he is known in Christian circles for his books, articles and films on the

family.

The agenda for the lectureship series includes three chapel services and a Tuesday afternoon seminar on developing Christian leadership, also to be held in the James T. Jeremiah Chapel. Hendricks will speak in Dr. Robert Parr's family and society class on Thursday morning at eight.

While the series is primarily for the student body, pastors and other ministry professionals have been invited to the Tues-

day afternoon session. Their agenda will include the morning chapel service, campus tours and a luncheon in the Heritage Square at the Athletic Center. President Dixon will speak at the luncheon. At two o'clock, Hendricks will begin his lectures, which will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Dr. Robert Gromacki, prof. of Bible and Greek, has been in charge of the Staley Lectureship Series since its introduction to Cedarville College in 1973. The

series is intended to bring a variety of speakers to enrich the spiritual lives of students and to sharpen the effectiveness of their Christian witness. Past speakers have included Henry M. Morris, Charles C. Ryrie, Gary Friesen and, most recently, Dr. Bruce Lockerbie. Topics have included archeology and Bible history, scientific Biblical creationism, modern cults and brainwashing, and the Christian and the liberal arts.

According to Gromacki, the series was organized by the

Thomas F. Staley Foundation to strengthen college-age Christians. The organization was founded by Staley, a Christian businessman who wanted to use his assets to contribute to the survival of the small Christian college and to proclaim the foundation's thesis: "that the message of the Christian gospel, when proclaimed in its historic fullness, is always contemporary, relevant and meaningful to any generation." This message is to be brought by evangelicals who show a commitment to scholarly endeavors.

Sidewalk Talk

What should be the next campus building project?

by Terri Huber
Copy Editor



"A new student center. We need more room for social mobility and social interaction. It meets the needs of the clinic and the post office and the cafeteria." **Brian Sjoquist, junior, comprehensive Bible**



"Building a new student center and a cafeteria because it's so crowded and there are long waits in the cafeteria." **David Sommers, junior, comprehensive science**



"It depends on what field you are in. Some people might say the dorms need expanding, but I don't live on campus." **Lori DeMint, freshman, pre-med**



"Another fine arts center. That sticks out in my mind." **Steve Dye, junior, pre-seminary/history**



"Working with Williams to renovate it so it is better equipped." **Catherine Beachy, senior, elementary education**



"There should be a section of rooms set aside for just nursing classes. Another guy's dorm." **Susan Stalter, senior, nursing**



Dr. Howard Hendricks (photo courtesy R. Gromacki)

The expenses of the series are paid for through a gift of stock that has multiplied in value since it was given to Cedarville in 1973. "We have at our disposal at Cedarville College all the funds necessary to finance this," Gromacki said. None of the money comes from the school's budget.

The Staley Foundation allows each school to choose its own speakers. "The Bible department serves as the committee," Gromacki stated. "We try to bring to the campus people who have written, who are well-known in a certain area. We try to bring a variety of speakers."

"Because it's a lectureship, it may be more formal in chapel, depending on the speaker," he said. About Hendricks, he said, "The students are in for a real treat."

Gromacki, who studied under Hendricks at Dallas Theological Seminary, described Hendricks as a dynamic speaker. "Whenever you came out of a Hendricks class, you wanted to be what he was teaching." Gromacki believes that all students should take an interest in Hendricks' topic, the Christian home.

"The basic structure of life is the home, husband-wife, parent-child [relationships]. We as believers have to develop the home as God designed it in order to have the most satisfying life on earth," he said. "All of us should be interested in that."

other quotes:

"A new chapel because it's so crowded [now]." **Patti Armstrong, senior, nursing**

"The chapel is too small." **Cliff Fawcett, senior, nursing**

Trustees plan campus expansion

by Julie Swift
Contributing Writer

On Thurs., Jan. 7, the Cedarville College trustees met for the executive committee meeting. The main item of discussion regarded locating an architect to assist the following five task teams: new men's dorm, chapel expansion, Science Center expansion, retrofit of the College Center for the music department, and new Student Union.

President Dixon presented the idea of consulting an architect, and the committee unanimously agreed. Investigation by each task team would be advanced with the professional opinion of an architect. A heightened awareness of the technicalities will enable the task teams to make better decisions. The search for an architect to supplement the five task teams has been launched.

The balance of the meeting was held on Fri., Jan. 8. The four standing committees updated the trustees on the affairs of the college.

The business committee presented the 1988-89 budget proposal for tentative approval. The final budget proposal will be submitted at the April meeting. A review of the 1987-88 budget revealed the areas where improvements are necessary.

The development committee reported on the status of the campaign for new developments. The focus pointed to reaching the \$4-million goal to qualify for the \$350,000 grant. The trustees were updated on the progress of the Business Administration Building. Total gifts received were discussed, as well as future fund-raising plans.

The student life committee considered the possibility of a new men's dorm by looking at the present need and state of men's dorms. The trustees were briefed on the student interviews which were hosted by the committee. These interviews are conducted annually to get the input of the students. Suggestions were evaluated and may be incorporated into the Cedarville experience.

The academic committee reported on tenures, promotions and leaves of absence. Faculty granted tenure include Elaine Brown, asst. prof. of physical

education; Charles Clevenger, asst. prof. of music; Marinus Hazen, assoc. prof. of finance; and Dr. Rex Rogers, asst. prof. of political science.

The following faculty received promotions: Richard Baldwin, to assoc. prof. of business; Clevenger, to assoc. prof. of

music; and Rogers, to assoc. prof. of political science.

Leaves of absence were granted to several faculty. Dr. Larry Helmick, professor of chemistry, will spend the 1988-89 school year at the Lewis Research Center of NASA. Dr. Robert Gromacki, professor of Bible and

Greek, will use his leave to write during spring quarter 1989. Mark Klimek, asst. prof. of nursing, plans to pursue his doctorate during his leave.

The board of trustees for Cedarville College consists of members who are chosen for three-year terms. In each re-election year, one-third of the board mem-

bers are eligible for re-election. The nucleus of the board is the executive committee, which currently consists of President Dixon, chairman William A. Brock, vice-chairman Gilbert Brueckner, secretary Lawrence Fetzer and treasurer Eugene Apple. The trustees elected Dr. Robert L. Sumner to the position of trustee emeritus.

EMS upgrades capabilities

by Jim Gerakinis
Staff Writer

The recent survey distributed by the Cedarville College Emergency Medical Service (CCEMS) was only the first step towards providing better service for Cedarville students and the surrounding community.

Another step taken to improve the image of CCEMS is the proposal for new uniforms for the service. This is because EMS members are often mistaken for security personell. New uniforms will distinguish the members from security officers while at the same time fall in line with the school dress code. New radios have also been ordered to replace those not functioning properly.

EMS has taken measures to improve the capabilities of its members. Members are now required to participate in clinical time with the emergency department at Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia. Involvement in this program has both improved the group's public relations with the

hospital and supplemented the squad's emergency experience.

CCEMS chief John Willer was instrumental in bringing about this program. Emergency departments from other parts of Green county have now followed the involvement by the CCEMS in the program.

Bi-weekly meetings keep members up to date on training procedures and squad business. The meetings are in addition to the Emergency Medical Technician's (EMT) class required for all EMS members. The class consists of 80 class hours and 20 clinical hours. There is a written exam as well as a practical exam for the class which must be passed with a 75 percent grade and a 100 percent score respectively.

The EMT class, sponsored by EMS, is offered in both the fall and winter quarters. Preference is given to Cedarville College students followed by those in neighboring emergency departments who wish to attend.

CCEMS also reaches out to the community. The squad has



The EMS squad is working to improve its capabilities as well as its image. It now has new uniforms and more medical experience for its members. (photo courtesy EMS)

agency department chiefs twice a year and with department representatives from the county bi-monthly.

The goal of the department, according to SGA representative Jack Smith, is to "increase professionalism and patient care so that people outside and inside of the school perceive us not just as college students, but as professionals in our field." Willer added that "the goal of the department is not so much expansion but improve-

ment of services provided." The service currently has 12 student members.

The Emergency Medical Service is not unique to Cedarville College. Colleges in this area that also have a medical service include Antioch College and Central State University.

President Dixon has stated that, "anything with the name Christian on it should have quality stamped all over it." "This is what CCEMS is striving for in their patient care and professional performance," noted Smith.

Dean and Mary Brown perform tomorrow

by Molly Williams
Staff Writer

On Fri., Feb. 5, WCDR will present Dean and Mary Brown in concert at the James T. Jeremiah Chapel. The Browns host "Music That Ministers," a television program broadcast on Trinity Broadcasting Network on channel 43 out of Richmond, Ind.

The Browns live in West Memphis, Ark., and have traveled for 13 years in 22 countries includ-

ing Canada, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, Europe and all of the United States.

The Browns present a variety of music that appeals to family members of different ages. They have a special ministry in which each of their songs reflects a specific scriptural passage. "He Exceeds the Need," based on Ephesians 3:20, is the title of their most popular song and album.

Dean grew up in a pastor's home and has traveled with several music groups. Mary attended George Peabody College

in Nashville, Tenn., where she majored in music education. Mary writes most of the couple's music.

WCDR hosts two concerts a year for the primary purpose of what WCDR's Mark Kordic sees as "ministry to all listeners." The concerts are open to students and serve as an opportunity for non-college listeners to meet the radio station's staff members.

The radio station is entirely listener supported. WCDR anticipates a power increase in the near future that will enable the station to reach a potential of al-

most one million new listeners. Kordic and other staff members use opportunities like the concerts to find out what listeners would like in the radio station. WCDR offers not only Christian music but also other programs such as news, weather reports, sports updates and many special Christian broadcasts.

The concert has been promoted in churches throughout the listening area and will be promoted in residence hall prayer meetings and chapel services today and tomorrow.

Tickets are on sale in the College Center lobby for two dollars. The concert will begin at 7:30 Friday evening.

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Program connects students to alumni

by Mark Baker
Contributing Writer

Cedarville's alumni relations and career planning and placement offices have joined forces to develop a new program that will enable a student to contact college alumni who are experienced in that student's field of interest.

The directors of alumni relations and career planning and placement, Gary Kuhn and David Gaffner, have named their project the Alumni Career Consultant Network (ACCN). The ACCN is designed to give students some practical insights into their post-graduate pursuits.

College graduates are frequently unsure of how to look for employment or to select an advanced degree program after college. And even after they have a new job or have been accepted into a graduate school, they may still only have a vague understanding of what to expect in their new situation.

Gaffner said that students using the ACCN will be able to contact an alumnus and ask about certain aspects of their career. Three of these areas involve matters related to beginning a job. They are knowledge of career, knowledge of entry-level positions and contact with hiring personnel.

"There are lots of questions our office can't answer,"

Gaffner said. "This program can help them (the students) get some first-hand knowledge."

The ACCN is not only for answering students' questions about jobs, though. Students may also choose to ask alumni about internships and graduate schools. Gaffner said there are several doctors, professionals and persons still in graduate school who will be listed on the ACCN file.

In addition to the usual frustrations of adjusting to a new job or school, college graduates who relocate far from home often meet unexpectedly with culture shock. The ACCN includes a special category for consultation to help a graduate prepare for living in a new location. This category is called Advice about moving to your geographic area. An alumnus' knowledge of another region could be extremely helpful for the native Texan who has found work in Chicago or the New Englander preparing for graduate school on the West Coast.

Gaffner and Kuhn decided to start the ACCN after studying the success of similar programs at other schools.

College alumni were first told about the program this past fall in Cedarville's alumni newsletter, the *Aviso*.

The *Aviso* described the program's purpose and asked the alumni for their participation. On a form sent out later, alumni were



Mark Baker questions Gary Kuhn about how the new ACCN can benefit students. (photo by D. Filter)

able to select which areas they could give advice in and how many times per year they are willing to be contacted.

Kuhn believes that many Cedarville graduates would not have considered a program like the ACCN to have been worthwhile when they were students. "But now that they're on the other side of the fence," he said, "they're convinced that they should warn students about some of the problems they ran into out there."

Gaffner said that the alumni's response to the program has been very positive. The placement office has received approximately 300 responses from across the country. "Many of (the alumni) have commented that they think this is a great idea," Gaffner said. He added that "several of

them are willing to come to campus and make presentations."

Responses to the ACCN survey are currently being filed in the computer files of the career planning and placement office. Gaffner said he hopes to have all the information filed by late February. After that, students may input their questions and get a printout of who to contact.

Gaffner and Kuhn believe the ACCN will compliment the students' classroom education. "We wanted to do something more for the student body," Gaffner said. "This will help them to get to the nitty gritty issues of what's going on out there."

"The alumni can provide some helpful things you can't get in a textbook," Kuhn added. "Sometimes the faculty may not be

as in tune (as the alumni) with what's currently out there in the workplace."

He pointed out that graduates often come across interesting job opportunities that most students do not realize that they qualify for. He believes the ACCN will better acquaint students with the variety of jobs available to them.

Because many graduates ultimately take jobs they did not anticipate taking, Kuhn believes that students should know what jobs are available in today's marketplace.

"Few people actually work in jobs associated directly with their college major. A person's latent interest sometimes blooms into a new profession," he said. Kuhn, although serving as the alumni relations director, majored in animal science at Ohio State University.

Both men also believe the ACCN will provide a good service to the alumni by allowing them to help their alma mater in a way other than by providing financial support. "Often a young alumnus will want to help the college, but won't have the money to do all he wants," Kuhn said. "This way they can give of their time and information instead."

Kuhn believes the ACCN can help cultivate a ministry between Cedarville's alumni and current students. He explained that some graduates end up in locations with no other Cedarville graduates nearby. In some cases, a graduate may be the only Christian in the area.

"Part of our purpose is to provide Christian fellowship and service opportunities. Contact with a student can also help an alumnus renew his communication and fellowship with Cedarville," he said.

Gaffner described the alumnus' potential role as a mentor to give a student insight and direction for his career decisions.

Both men strongly encourage the student body to take advantage of the ACCN. Gaffner noted that students who want to use the ACCN or who have questions about the program should visit the career planning and placement office beginning in late February.

"The thing that will make the program a total success," he said, "is if the students do take advantage of it."

Students nominated to Who's Who

by Bob Bowman
Assignment Editor

The student services office has recently released its list of Who's Who nominees for the 1987-88 school year. Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is a national organization that recognizes students with outstanding academic qualities, involvement in extra-curricular activities and a host of other criteria.

According to Vice-President Don Rickard, dean of student services, Who's Who provides each college with a quota and allows them to apply the criteria for selection to their individual campuses.

At Cedarville, the selection process is handled by the student life committee, consisting of Vice-President Rickard, two students and two faculty members.

They ask residence hall staff, administrators and faculty for recommendations. Generally, 26 of the names are selected by the faculty and 13 by the committee, totalling 39 for the college.

These names are then brought before the administrative counsel for final approval. Rickard said that the criteria for selection is as follows: the student must be a junior or senior, may only be chosen once in those two years of eligibility and must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above.

Remaining criteria include involvement in extra-curricular activities such as sports, Christian service and Student Government as well as displaying a quality Christian character.

Rickard noted that there are many students on campus who deserve Who's Who recognition. "The frustration is that every year there are many quality students that we are unable to include because of the limitations of the quota," he said.

Students selected to Who's Who for this year will be recognized at a special chapel service sometime in May.

Who's Who Among Students:

Mark Baker, Timothy Beach, Wendy Bell, Robert Bowman, Susan Brown, Karen Clifford, Daniel Erlandson, Mark

Fairhurst, Melody Ferguson, Eileen Friesen, Janet Garmatter, Daniel Gonzalez, Daniel Hale, Nancy Hanna, Elizabeth Hansen, Joel Hayden, Michelle Hinnergardt, Kristina Hoddemann, Van Holloway, Jan Johnson, Kristyn Johnson, Kendra King, Danny Kloka, John Landis, John Law, Shari Leach, Jeanne McCarrell, Ruth Margraff, Scott Morgan, Ruth Morris, Paul Muckley, Cory Neumann, John Oswald, James Pawelski, Krista Reed, Rhonda Smith, Penney Stackhouse, Amy Titus, Terri VanBeveren and Cynthia Wagner.

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President Dixon: Thi

by Earl Pitts
Contributing Writer

Since 1978, an extraordinary personality has been a presence on this campus to such an extent that even those visiting have a hard time avoiding the aura

that surrounds him. His charisma is contagious to the Cedarville College family, and his love for the lost is evident to all who have heard the finesse of this classic evangelist.

To have heard the zeal with which he preaches

is to be convinced that he was born to evangelize. The electricity that emanates from his ministry energizes the college family in a way that only Paul Dixon can.

Paul Hubert Dixon, Cedarville's only PhD by birth, is a many-faceted individual. President of a college, yes, but also an avid fisherman and country west-

ern music buff. President and Dixon has been known to sneak down to Lake Tansi in Tennessee for a weekend fishing get-away while wearing his Levi's, a flannel shirt



Our President must have broken some hearts in 1956 when he left Norwood High School in Cincinnati as a single man. It didn't take long for one young lady to find him, though.

King for the day, or should it be? President Dixon basked in the spotlight when he was unofficially crowned King of the Queen 1987.

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and his rubber waders. On the drive down to Tennessee, of course, the sun roof on the Park Avenue remained open while the Oak Ridge Boys blaired from the back speak-

ers. Anyone who has been acquainted with President Dixon for very long must know beyond the shadow of a doubt that he is a

baseball fan from the word go. More specifically, he is a life-long Cincinnati Reds fan, or an overnight Phillies fan when Mike Schmidt is in town! Undoubtedly, Presi-

dent Dixon relaxes during the summer months lying on his back in a boat waiting for the fish to come in while keeping in touch with Rose's Reds.

Nothing charms the 49-year-old Dixon, though, as

does a short, blue eyed blonde. Baby Drew, that is. Yes, grandpa will always find time to play one more round of Hi-Ho-Cherry-O with his special little guy. In fact, Drew's "presence" was one of the most cherished "presents" at President Dixon's 49th birthday bash which took place last Thursday night.



President and Mrs. Dixon spent some time with their favorite little sailor, Andrew Paul, this Christmas.



President Dixon lands some big ones during his annual spring fishing trip with Cedarville College trustees. Trustee Gil Brueckner (foreground) and Vice President Martin Clark were along for the ride at Lake Tansi, Tenn., in the spring of 1986.



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Key Dates in the Life of Paul Dixon

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| March 16, 1950 | First Kiss |
| Sept. 16, 1956 | Completed GED requirements |
| Jan. 1957 | Met Pat Landers |
| Sept. 1957 | Fell for Pat Landers |
| Nov. 18, 1958 | Engaged to Pat Landers |
| April 6, 1960 | Married Pat Landers |
| May 1961 | Graduated college |
| April 6, 1962 | Became a father |
| Aug. 13, 1965 | Gave first spanking |
| June 1964 | Began full-time evangelism |
| Jan. 12, 1965 | Went shopping with wife for first time |
| Aug. 1971 | Moved to Cedarville |
| Sept. 1978 | Became President |
| July 1979 | Landed seven-foot bass |
| May 1986 | Completed doctorate |
| Aug. 1986 | Golfed with wife for first time |
| Sept. 1, 1986 | Became grandfather |
| May 1987 | First suit ruined by mashed carrots |
| Jan. 28, 1988 | One year closer to being "over the hill" |

Catholics face AIDS conflict

(CPS) — Because of a division in the Catholic Church, students at most Catholic campuses in the U.S. can learn about the "harsh realities" of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), but they can't buy condoms on campus.

In fact, the American branch of the church officially said only last month that Catholic students can even learn about condoms. While traditional Catholic doctrine calls the use of any contraceptive devices sinful, the U.S. branch of the church in December approved telling parishioners about such devices as part of a larger effort to control the spread of AIDS.

"Condoms are not available (on campus), and are not likely

to be unless the Church changes its stance," said Dr. Harold Dobbs, who heads the health service at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

But most Catholic campus health officials have embraced the December statement by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which disagreed with the Vatican dogma and said congregants should know condoms may help them avoid the disease. AIDS can be spread by using contaminated blood products or intravenous needles, or through sexual intimacy with an AIDS carrier.

Telling Catholic students that using condoms could help them avoid AIDS, however, presented educators with the prospect of contradicting Vatican policy.

Most of these educators have opted to accept that policy while proceeding with AIDS programs. For example, at Marquette, "safe sex is not extramarital sex. That is the position of the school and the church," Dobbs said.

But with the Bishops Conference's blessing, Dobbs and health officials at many other Catholic campuses are stretching dogma far enough to include mentions of condoms in AIDS brochures it gives to students.

"AIDS is the polio of the 1980's," Dr. James Moriarity of Notre Dame University said in explaining why Notre Dame now gives students brochures that talk about condoms. "It has kids scared to go out, scared to develop rela-

tionships. And more people will die from AIDS next year than died in the Vietnam war."

Catholic campuses as diverse as St. Mary's College of California, the University of San Francisco (USF) and Georgetown University are doing the same thing. They are handing out AIDS prevention brochures produced either by the American College Health Association or, as at USF, through the campus ministry office. Many of the campuses have sponsored conferences or discussions that include mention of condoms.

Yet, unlike some other colleges, the Catholic campuses are not dispensing condoms. "Condoms are not part of the approach we've chosen to take,"

explained USF spokesman Mike Brown.

This can make for tricky rhetoric. At Notre Dame, Moriarity and his colleagues "discuss AIDS in the context of sexually transmitted diseases. We don't educate for promiscuity or encourage pregnancy, but we deal with the facts, with the harsh reality."

Similarly, Georgetown provides information, including a condom-mentioning U.S. Surgeon General's report on AIDS, without "encouraging or advocating" sexual activity.

Georgetown student health service director Dr. William Dodson, like physicians at other Catholic schools, noted that while the AIDS programs might provoke discussions, there has been no raging theological debate about them.

"Keeping people ignorant will not encourage appropriate behavior," said Father James Schexneider of the Diocese of Oakland's AIDS task force, which reviews materials distributed to students at St. Mary's and other colleges. "We don't encourage the use of condoms, but we include mention of them as a preventive measure. If people choose to be sexually active or to be i.v. drug users, this information will keep them alive."

Georgetown's Dodson saw no conflict between Vatican dogma and what Georgetown is doing. "Catholic doctrine and good public health go hand in hand."

Georgetown's AIDS education program does not use the term "safe sex," Dodson said, "but we point out the truth of the Surgeon General's report: the only way to be absolutely safe is abstinence, but there are safer ways than others. Then we discuss the other alternatives."

Dodson added, "We are medical personnel first. Our job is to give information to students or patients so they can make informed decisions." But Dodson contended good AIDS education programs had to include issues larger than physiology.

"Talking about the plumbing is not enough. We want to talk about the responsibility of one person to another and about non-exploitive relationships," Dodson said.

Chon visits Liberia

by Theresa Henry
Lead Writer

Jennifer Chon, a sophomore biology major, spent her Christmas break in Africa. She went "to see what missionary life is like...and for the experience."

On Dec. 13, she and three others landed in Liberia, West Africa. Mr. and Mrs. King, teachers from her high school, and Richie Blymier, a senior at the school, accompanied her.

Rev. Roy "Chick" Watkins flew the four of them from Liberia to Tappta where they stayed until Jan. 4. Watkins has been a missionary to Africa for 25 years. He spoke at Cedarville's missionary conference three years ago.

During her first week in Tappta, Chon worked at a youth conference holding Bible clubs for



Sophomore Jennifer Chon spent part of her Christmas break working with missionaries in Liberia. (photo by D. Filter)

children 12 years old and younger. Chon experienced several busy weeks in Tappta, first with graduation, then a radio station dedication and finally a Bible conference.

This conference was called the Gio Conference, named after one of the seven tribes in Liberia. Chon estimated that 14,000 people attended, and 200-

300 were saved. There were also hundreds of re-dedications. She also said that in one day 2,000 people were baptized. The lake-side service lasted four hours as different preachers baptized the converts.

Watkins is head of one of the five Baptist Mid-Missions (BMM) missionary families in Tappta. From Tappta, they work out into the more isolated villages nearby. Chon and her friends stayed with the missionaries in Tappta. "They [the people in Tappta] hunt for food," she said. That is "the only way to survive."

Chon said that it was an honor to have electricity for only two hours a day and to have running

cold water. They did not have running hot water. "One weekend we actually went into a village...they were isolated," she said. They held services in the middle of the street.

Though "some [of the Liberians] did speak English," Chon recalled, the preachers often used translators in the churches. Chon's Liberian hosts cooked the food for the Bible conference. They ate rice and soup for every meal. Chon said that the food was "much more starchy" as "they like to be filled with more fattening foods."

Noting the change in culture, Chon said, "A main difference is just the way they think." Liberian women expect to have several children. Most men want to have many wives and children.

Chon said that fornication and prostitution are two of the "main problems" among the Liberians. She said it was not uncommon to see unwed girls only sixteen years old with two children.

"It was so hard leaving," said Chon. In the time she was there, she became attached to the village people and the missionaries. Chon summarized the trip as "a learning experience I will never forget. It really opened my eyes to the need around the world...and how open they are" to the gospel.

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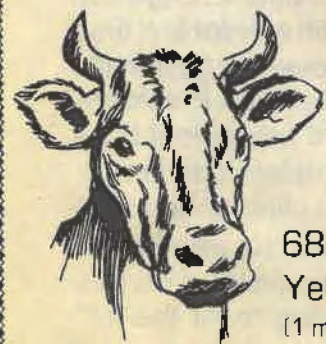
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Antioch continues to experiment

by Jeff Main
Lead Writer

Antioch College was at low ebb during the Civil War years. Enrollment was diminishing as was enthusiasm for education. Those young men of the college who did not leave to join the union forces organized themselves into reserve regiments to train in the event reinforcements would be needed.

Classes were often cancelled. Some of the young ladies felt useless because they could not become more directly involved in the war effort. Facing this war mania and the continued high deficits caused by the decreasing enrollment, the leadership of the institution became frustrated.

In the years immediately following the war, the newly reopened college continued to struggle financially but remained committed to high academic standards. The administration wanted to pursue the dream of Horace

Mann, the first president of Antioch, who had desired it to be "the Harvard of the West."

The entrance requirements and courses did rival the vigor of both Harvard and the University of Michigan. To enter the freshman class, an applicant had to be proficient in English composition, Greek, Latin and algebra. Entrance examinations over the writings of Virgil and Cicero were taken in Latin, and those over Xenophon were taken in Greek.

In addition, the applicant had to bring a certificate from a previous teacher signifying that the student had read one of Caesar's Commentaries, five of Cicero's Orations and three books of Virgil, each in the language of its author.

By the beginning of the 20th century, Antioch offered three degree programs: the B.A., M.A. and B.S. True to its philosophy of liberal arts, it offered a variety of courses in history, philosophy, ethics, logic, Christian

evidences, Classical and Koine Greek, Latin, modern languages, the physical and life sciences, economics and law.

Although non-sectarian and liberal in its theology and entrance standards, Antioch maintained high moral standards. Especially interesting were its views on the separation of the sexes. Male and female students were not allowed in each others' rooms under any circumstances, nor could they take walks off the campus together without a chaperon.

School regulations regimented the day for the student. The student arose at six o'clock and began reciting lessons at 7:30. Chapel began promptly at 9:30. Students were to be in their seats at the final toll of each bell. The academic day ended between one and three o'clock in the afternoon, depending on the student's class schedule.

However, during the afternoon, the schedule continued long after classes, strengthening the whole person. There were

society meetings to attend and calisthenics to strengthen the body. There was wood to gather for the next night. Although their schedules differed slightly, both men and women had plenty of physical exercise in the afternoons.

In 1920, the inauguration of Arthur Morgan as president of Antioch marked a new "brush with the fringes of utopia" for the college. He had a new dream for the struggling institution. He hoped to "prepare men to live whole lives instead of the fragmentary lives they once lived." He feared both educational extremes: the entirely broad but impractical curriculum and the narrow, technically proficient curriculum lacking a larger vision.

He also desired the Antioch graduate to leave with a greater concern for social injustice, war and poverty. He desired that the college would produce a balanced individual.

As part of his vision, he instituted the co-op work/study

program whereby students would be required each year to spend two of the four terms in a job usually related to their field of study. Although many aspects of his vision evaporated within a year or two of his inauguration, the co-op program continues to this day as a hallmark of the Antioch experience.

One of the less fortunate parts of Morgan's vision was his small industries plan. As part of this technical curricula, he led in the establishment of a small printing press, bronze foundry and shoe project on the Antioch campus. However, the school soon turned back to the more academic aspects of education.

Another hallmark of the Antioch ideal is a fiercely democratic attitude present on its campus. In 1926, the students proposed a student-faculty joint government. This quickly became a reality. Through the years, the community government has continued to expand its role in college affairs.

By 1945, the enrollment had increased to 750 and the faculty to 100, yielding a student-faculty ratio of only seven to one. These low ratios continue to this day, allowing faculty to devote much individual attention to each student.

Throughout its history, Antioch College has always been an educational experiment, ever changing, always questioning norms and accepted practices. It is always acting to change society and reacting against what it perceives as injustice. The mood is always anticipation and a desire to reach new heights.

Forensics team showcases talent

by Joanie Helmuth
Staff Writer

The forensics team will present its Forensics Showcase on Feb. 9 and 25.

What used to be a debate team 20 years ago developed into the forensics program, what director David Robey calls "a cross-section of literature and public speaking." The forensics team has been at Cedarville for about 10 years. The idea for the team originated with Dick Walker, who is currently director of campus activities.

Students must audition to be on the forensics team. If the student makes the audition, he is placed in the honors speech class taught by Robey, asst. prof. of communication arts. In this class, students learn about the various areas of intercollegiate forensics competition. Sharon Van Dommel, a sophomore nursing major, new to the forensics team this year, said that she spent more time in her forensics class than any



Sharon Van Dommel and five other members of the forensics team will present their pieces during the Forensics Showcase. (photo by D. Humphrey)

other class she has taken. "Forensics is a serious time commitment, and one has to be a very task-oriented person to be involved," she said.

The team competes in three general areas: oral interpretation, which includes poetry and dramatic duo; and limited preparation events, which includes im-

promptu and extemporaneous speaking.

The Forensics Showcase will present several areas in which they compete: prose, dramatic duo, poetry, communication analysis, informative, persuasion and after dinner speaking (a light-hearted speech with a serious meaning). Six students from the team will present their speeches and readings on both Feb. 9 and 25. The students participating are Sharon Van Dommel, Jamie Brown, Tim Derks, Gary Clemmer, Melanie Harty, Scott Beattie, Julie Kurtz, Meg Wheeler, Wendy Widder, Katie Pontius, Donna Payne, Ruth Margraff and Kristyn Johnson.

The Feb. 9 performance will begin at seven o'clock and the Feb. 25 at 6:30. Both will be held in the James T. Jeremiah Chapel.

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Aerobics now open for men

by Kristi Hashberger
Contributing Writer

The men at Cedarville have a new opportunity to improve their cardiovascular systems, tone their bodies and increase their flexibility. This new opportunity is aerobics.

The aerobics classes for men started on Mon., Jan. 18. Although the classes are only three weeks old, they have grown, and the men seem to be very enthusiastic about it. "I love them! I've done aerobics before, so I'm kind of used to it. I'm glad we...are able to have the classes," said senior Gregg Sadler.

The classes are the result of the instructors' idea. The aerobics instructors approached some men with their idea, and their feedback was good. The instructors are excited about the new classes. Instructors Lisa Bryant and Shelby Browning both think the classes are a good idea.

The men's classes are the same as the women's with a few exceptions. Browning said, "I haven't changed hardly anything in my routine; it's just as intense. Although I do emphasize flexibility a little more because guys aren't as flexible as girls. I also have to move a little slower from move to move."

Bryant, however, has changed her routine slightly by trying to incorporate moves from different sports. "[The routine] is not so girlish. They aren't as flexible, so I really work on that. The floorwork is pretty much the same; however, their abdominal and inner thigh muscles are stronger, so they need to do more repetitions of the exercises to feel the effect girls do."

Sophomore Steve Lesko attends the classes regularly. He said, "It's tiring, but I get a good, complete workout. I was really sore the next day, but I like it a lot." Eventually, Mark Mathews, head of the intramural sports program,

would like for one of the men to teach the men's classes. Bryant said she would like to see it open up for men and women.

She hopes to keep the program growing by improving it.

"I'd like to eventually see a room specifically for aerobics, one with mirrors and proper ventilation. Also, I hope that the instructors can get paid. We put a lot of our time and hard work into it," said Bryant. The men's aerobics

classes are open to all men and are held in the wrestling room every Monday and Thursday evening at seven. The classes are taught by Browning on Mondays. Bryant and Sue Moyer teach the class on alternate Thursdays.

Track teams compete indoors

by Steve Hanson
Lead Writer

The men's and women's track teams competed at Bloomington, Ind., on Jan. 16 in their first of six winter indoor meets.

1987 men's outdoor District 22 10K champion Eric Fillinger again turned in a fine initial meet performance, finishing among the top runners as did teammate senior John Oswald. Senior Shelly Fratus emerged as the top Lady Jacket performer for her competition in the intermediate hurdles.

Cedarville's 1986 Female Athlete of the Year and NAIA All-American Jane Romig-Brooker also competed in the meet, placing better than some NCAA Division I competitors in distance running. According to head coach Elvin King, the Jackets fared well considering none of the indoor meets are scored as a team performance, but each is designed to improve individual performances.

King stated that track is different than other sports because it consists of many special events. He also said that the indoor season is comparable to baseball's spring training. It provides athletes with a chance to sharpen their skills before the start of the regular season.

"Our main reason for competing in track during the winter is to develop individuals for the outdoor season," King emphasized. "None of these meets is

scored or counted for a season record until the NAIA national meet in Kansas City, Missouri, next month."

To qualify for the national meet, an athlete must achieve a predetermined standard in his individual event. The standard is based on an average of sixth place finishers at the national tournament over

the past five years. The athlete may make or break this mark in any one of the six indoor meets.

Competing inside sometimes hinders an athlete's performance because of the nature and limitations of the facilities used. Events such as the javelin or discus must be eliminated while other events such as the 10K race must be

shortened. However, King said competing indoors makes an athlete appreciate outdoor competition much more.

The Yellow Jackets have a home meet on March 5 against nine Christian colleges from surrounding states. The competition begins at noon in the Athletic Center.

Wrestlers break all records

by Dan Braithwaite
Contributing Writer

The varsity wrestlers boast an 11-3 overall record which is the best in Cedarville's history. "We have never had so many wins in a season," said coach Ron Comfort.

This year Cedarville is hosting the Christian National Wrestling Championship on Feb. 27. This is the first time it will be held at Cedarville.

"We've broken every school record," said Comfort. Two of these records are the most pins and the most wins. One half of the wrestlers have winning records this year, and the team will have eight returning starters next year.

Wrestlers with outstanding records are freshman Paul Link with a 17-3 standing; senior Todd Dowden at 16-4; senior Kelly Moore at 15-5; sophomore Phil Cruz at 13-5; freshman Kurt Dowden at 12-6-2; and freshman heavy-weight Brian Perez at 12-8. These



Freshman Jim Holder and senior Todd Dowden spend some time on the mats practicing. (photo by D. Humphrey)

individuals are leading the team, but it has taken team effort to have the success it has enjoyed so far.

This fall the wrestlers won the Urbana Open Tournament, and they are working to win three tournaments this season. Cedarville had not won a tournament until this year. At the Ohio Northern Tournament on Dec. 11 and 12, they

finished 10th out of 29 with Link in second place and Todd Dowden in fifth. They are striving to win more than half of their matches. They can accomplish this if they win 12 matches this season.

The team's ultimate goal is to win the Christian National Championship. "We want people to come out and support us on our drive to a national championship," said Comfort.

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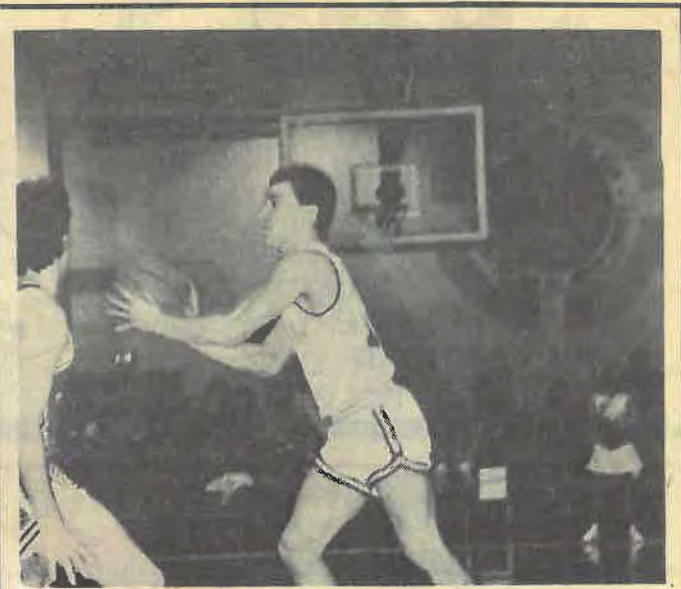
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Senior Brent Baird attempts to use his height to go up and over the defense for another Jacket basket. (photo by D. Rutt)



Junior Chris Reese dribbles around the Malone defense on his way to the bucket. The Jackets lost this heart-breaker when Malone hit a shot at the buzzer. Final score, 80-78. (photo by D. Rutt)



Freshman Gary Harrison works the ball away from the defense. (photo by D. Rutt)

Jackets fight loss of players

by Russ Wight
Staff Writer

Injuries and inconsistent play continue to plague the women's basketball team as they approach the home stretch in the 1987-88 season. However, the team has already surpassed last season's victory total. The Jackets had a record of 6-9 as of Jan. 25 and own a 1-3 mark in the Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference (WBCC).

Coach Bob Fires said the team has been working for consistent play all season. He cited a recent example from a game in the St. Mary's Tournament at Notre Dame, Ind.

In the opening game against host St. Mary's, the team committed turn-overs on their first five trips down the floor, and their first points did not come until the contest was five minutes old. The team went on to lose by only three points. Fires felt they would have won had they played well for 40 minutes instead of 35.

Also affecting the team is player personnel. Three players who have started games are either no longer on the team or injured. Guards Michelle Freeman and Chris Walbon are no longer members of the Jacket squad. Between them, they had started 10 games and scored 11 points per game.

Chris Friesen is no longer playing with the team due to a herniated disc in her back that will require surgery at some point in the future. Fires was unsure as to

whether she would play again this season. Losing Friesen would be a blow to the team because she is leading the conference in rebounding and is second in scoring.

On the positive side for Friesen, she now has 909 points in her career and should reach 1,000 this season if she is able to play. Only three other women have scored 1,000 points in their careers at Cedarville. Vicki Butler is the

all-time leading scorer for the Lady Yellow Jackets with 2,103 points. Val Whisler recorded 1,057 points while with the squad, and Cathy Bunton tallied 1,013 points for the Jackets.

The team took great strides when forward Lynn Strickland became eligible. Through four games, Strickland has scored 71 points and made 56 rebounds. Strickland is a "game-breaker"

kind of player, but Fires is concerned that his other players will try to force the ball to her rather than playing a team game.

Several Jackets appear in the WBCC leaders chart. In scoring, Crystal Patrick is ranked 13th, joining Friesen on that list. Patrick and Friesen also appear on the field goal percentage list as seventh and ninth respectively. Patrick is joined by Joy Fagan on the assists

chart at sixth and seventh respectively.

With the exception of Friesen leading the conference in rebounding, all of the top spots in the conference belong to Findlay College players. Findlay has a record of 13-1, including a 70-59 win over Cedarville at Findlay on Jan. 9. Defiance leads the conference right now, thanks to a 66-58 win over Findlay on Jan. 23.



Senior Crystal Patrick and several of her teammates rank in the top spots on the WBCC standings. (photo by D. Humphrey)

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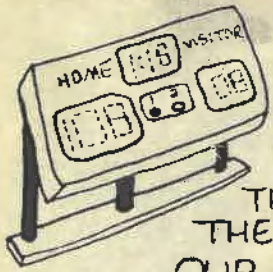
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by Herbert Bean
Staff Writer

For some reason, I don't like the phrase "Twirp Week." I mean, I've realized for years that I'm a twirp. I don't need a whole week to remind me.

When I heard that Twirp Week was coming up, I immediately thought back to Nerd Day during spirit week. On that fateful day in October, I got up for my eight o'clock class. This was sort of a new experience for me. I hadn't even thought about it being Nerd Day, so I dressed normally. At least I thought it was normal. But I forgot that purple cords, a pink Van Heusen shirt, an orange Sears sweater and white sneakers only match in Eastern Uganda.

By the end of the day, I had gotten so many compliments on my nerdy school spirit that I

threw the whole outfit away. I was not going to let that happen again. I had already decided to contract a serious case of mono and stay in my room for the entire Twirp Week.

Then I found out what Twirp Week really is. The girls are supposed to ask out the guys! My spirits rose, my mono was cured, my eyes shone, my palms began to sweat. I might finally get a date! Don't get me wrong. It's not like I've never had a date here. I took my sister out one desperate weekend, and my roommate took me out for dinner on my birthday. Of course, it's not socially acceptable to date your sister, and I wasn't about to try to hold my roommate's hand! Twirp Week could be my chance for a "real" date!

Feverishly I searched my mind for girls who might possibly ask me out. Hopefully, I thought of the girl that smiled at me in history

class the other day. No, actually she had been laughing at me because the sweater I had on put enough static electricity in my hair to light a small city. Well, forget her.

Wait a minute! The girl in chapel last Thursday wanted to know my name! Then again, she wanted to know my name so she could fill out the demerit slip she gave me for sleeping in chapel.

What about the girl I sat beside at the basketball game? She seemed to think I was pretty cute. Unfortunately, her boyfriend didn't, and he gave new meaning to the word BIG.

Slowly my hopes began to fade. I was beginning to drown in the ocean of depression. I felt a more severe disease coming on: leprosy. I wasn't going to get a date after all. The words "geek,"

"dweeb," "clown," "jerk" and "bachelor" all began to replace my given middle name. I was doomed to a life of datelessness! Would

someone "twirp" me or would I remain a twirp? It's only a short time before Twirp Week. My love life hangs in the balance!

FEB. 19 - 21

FRIDAY

AX Talent Night

Li'l Sibs Party

Late Night Bowling

Pi Sig's Late Night Ice Skating Party

"84 Charing Cross Road"

Winter Drama Production

Thurs. - Sat. 8:00 p.m.; Sat. 2:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY

Baseball Card Show

Yellow Jacket Basketball 7:30 vs Rio Grande

Film Night

Winter Drama (2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.)

Invite your li'l brother or li'l sister to spend the weekend.

(Cousins or friends are welcome.) Special packets including a meal pass and Yellow Jacket game pass will be available for registered guests. Special Li'l Sibs t-shirts will be on sale.

LI'L SIBS WEEKEND



Juniors Scott Wedlake (left) and Mike Freeman work together to bring a message through music. (photo by D. Filter)

Student Life...



President Dixon draws a winning number in the gold rush at his "49er" birthday party last Thursday. (photo by D. Humphrey)