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## CIS

Although computers are the wave of the future, and sometimes offer the highest payest jobs, students seem to be steering away from the CIS major. Mark Baker tells the story on page 4.

## Changes

Sherri Cruver, *Cedars* Layout Editor for three years, graduates this quarter. Joanie Helmuth, a freshmen English major, will be taking over Spring quarter. Read about the change on page 5.

## Basketball

Read how the men's team won the home court advantage on page 7.



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# CEDARS

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## Wiersbe to speak at conference

by Kristi Hashberger  
Staff Writer

One of the highlights of spring quarter will take place the first week that students return from spring break. It is the 1988 Spring Enrichment Conference, and it will be held March 21-25. The special speaker will be Mr. Warren Wiersbe.

Wiersbe is the general director of Back to the Bible Broadcast in Lincoln, Neb., where he is also a Bible teacher. Back to the Bible Broadcast is primarily a radio ministry. It supports 140 missionaries and has offices in nine other countries. It is broadcasted over 600 stations internationally. Wiersbe has been with the organiza-

tion since 1980.

Wiersbe has been to Cedarville many times; last year he spoke at the Charter Day chapel. It was then that the Board of Trustees awarded him the Doctor of Letters for his ministry. "I don't go to many colleges; I'm very selective. We've been close with Cedarville since it started, and we feel very at home there. I like speaking to the young people because they are alert and interested...they want reality," said Wiersbe.

Wiersbe is known for his work with Back to the Bible, his speaking ability, and also for the great amount of books he has authored. Among them are *Real Worship*, *Why Us?* *When Bad Things*

*Happen to God's People*, and, the most popular, his series of "Be" books, which are Bible studies. His latest book, *And the Integrity Crisis*, will be out this spring. He has also been involved with Youth for Christ International.

Wiersbe is from East Chicago, Ind., and attended Indiana University, Roosevelt University and North Baptist Seminary, where he met his wife, Betty. He pastored three churches, the most recent being the Moody Church of Chicago.

Wiersbe will be speaking at every morning chapel service during the week and will speak in the evenings Monday through Thursday.



Warren Wiersbe, general director of Back to the Bible broadcast, will be the special speaker at the Spring Enrichment Conference. (photo courtesy public relations)



Winners of the SGA election (left to right): David Mooney - vice president, Scott Beattie - president, Shawn Spangler - secretary, Ron Hayes - treasurer, Steve Dye - chaplain. (photo by D. Filter)

# EDITORIALS

## Don't take service for granted

by Derek Neufarth  
Editor-in-Chief

In every institution there are behind-the-scenes jobs and people, and Cedarville is no exception. There is maintenance, house-keeping, food service and others who provide services without which the college could not function. Unfortunately, they often receive the brunt of our insensitive and unfounded complaints.

Two entities on this campus about which we often complain are the Post Office (PO) and the switchboard. Without these and the communications that they supply, the college would be a dumb giant, yet they never seem to do anything fast enough for us. They don't do things the way we want

them done, either.

I admit with shame that I have said unfavorable things about the PO and the switchboard. "Why haven't I got that test back yet? The teacher sent it to the PO yesterday!" "Why does she have to put me on hold? It's not like there are other calls."

Typically, when people evaluate the service they receive, they have this selfish notion; they think that they are the only ones in the world using the PO or calling through the switchboard.

I can assure you through personal experience that this is not the case. In order to help the PO when *Cedars* was giving a survey to every buxholder, another editor and I went behind the boxes to put

the mail in that we usually wish to be taking out. It's hard work to say the least. And I got to see just how much of it there is to do.

Realizing the amount of work the PO does, I had to ask supervisor Connie Bradds about the actual numbers. Every day the PO puts over 2,400 pieces of U.S. mail in the boxes. Also, there is the outgoing mail that must be prepared to meet government standards.

This does not include campus mail which easily exceeds the amount of U.S. mail every day. The campus mail includes personal mail, exams and papers for entire classes, bulk mailings from different departments and, of course, the *Cedars* which you are now reading.

I was also surprised when Mrs. Bradds told me that the college PO serves more people than the Cedarville Post Office serves.

So the next time you are complaining that the test your professor sent out yesterday isn't in your box yet, remember that it is one of thousands of pieces of mail.

Around the same time I was able to observe the busy PO, I was also able to see just how busy it can get on the switchboard. I went in Founders' Hall to use the phone behind the switchboard. Then as I waited to get through, I saw an amazing thing.

It was all the poor operator could do to keep up with the barrage of calls, but she remained as calm as if she were answering the phone at home. I was amazed, and I finally understood why I had on a few occasions been asked to wait a few seconds for my call to go through.

I had to ask the switchboard operator, Ida St Clair, some questions. Some of her answers amazed me. She has 14 lines for which she is responsible. On those lines she channels all of the incoming calls to their destinations on

campus. She is also often called upon to help people on campus to find the extension or number they want. She has all of the extensions memorized.

Mrs. St Clair told me that the switchboard is much more than a phone center. It is also a reception desk. She said, too, that it is often a general information center. She recalled once being asked by a girl during TWIRP week where the girl could take her date for dinner.

Later that day, I returned to my office where I received a message in response to one of my questions. "I received 179 calls between three and four o'clock." This didn't include the number of people that had been to her desk.

You may be wondering when she had time to talk to me. She spoke to me between phone calls and never once forgot her place in the conversation.

These people's jobs are far more complex than any of us suppose, until we are able to see them in action. I challenge you to go and watch them work so that you can gain a new appreciation, like I did, for the jobs that I thought were never done fast enough.

## Military is a necessary evil

Dear Editor,

I felt compelled to respond to *Cedars'* recent editorials on the Christian and warfare. While perhaps little else of consequence could be added to the views already capably presented, it should be noted that our American military establishment does not exist to engage in warfare. Our military strength is maintained to provide the nation with a powerful deterrent to the horrors of an armed conflict. The job of each and every uniformed man and woman is not to wait for combat, but to sustain the peace. Without her armed forces, America would be much like New York City without a law enforcement structure. Because of the fallen nature of mankind, the presence of force and the threat of harm are ultimately the only restraints. Thus, a strong military establishment is a "necessary evil" and has been (necessary) since the formation of the first civilization.

I voice these concerns on behalf of myself and scores of other soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen in the classrooms and offices of Cedarville College. Some of us are infantrymen, some are administrative clerks, and some are aviators. Whether a retired Major or a new PFC, we all share one common bond: we love our God, and we love our country. By and large, we are not the flaming nationalists of Mr. Pawelski's definition, nor do we fully endorse our government's policies in every instance. Nonetheless, we have willingly committed ourselves to

the defense of this nation, and if that necessitates the bearing of arms upon a battlefield, then so shall it be.

It is my prayer that I may never be called upon to destroy another man. I am not, however, naive; I realize that the M-16 rifle was not engineered for deer season, and that I have been trained to fire on paper silhouettes of human being for a purpose. My point is this: as long as sin and tyranny characterize our world, we have an obligation to protect and to preserve the freedoms we have been given, whatever the cost. Daniel Webster once said, "God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it." While Mr. Webster was not exactly a theologian of any caliber, he was acquainted, firsthand, with the price of our freedom.

It is my belief that in times of actual conflict, each individual must struggle independently with the concept of "just" versus "unjust" warfare. I do not endorse "war for the sake of war." It is up to each of us before the Lord to decide if our cause is right or wrong. Such decisions are increasingly more difficult to make in our contemporary world. In 1944, in the hedgerows of France, it was relatively easy to justify the war against the evils of the Third Reich. In 1968, in the steamy jungles of Vietnam, such conclusions were more difficult to reach. We have a God who will guide and direct if we only take the time to listen.

Military might is an unfortunate imperative on our earth. Even countries that have long advocated neutrality, such as Sweden and Switzerland, have remained unscathed only because of their strong martial forces. In the United States, the same documents which grant us the rights to exercise our faith also dictate that all able-bodied young men incur an obligation to serve in the national defense structure. While the "all volunteer" forces of the past several years allow them not to serve at their discretion, the civic duty remains, and, consequently, these men can be drafted in the event that they are needed.

Thus, if we are to "be subject unto the higher powers" (Rom. 13:1) as the Apostle Paul has asserted, it becomes apparent that under certain circumstances our response to our country's call during wartime is a responsibility, not an option.

The prophetic "Holy City" will have no tanks, no machine guns, no concertina wire, and no threat of invasion. In the meantime, however, let us remember the words of the late Dwight D. Eisenhower: "In the final choice, a soldier's pack is not so heavy a burden as a prisoner's chains."

Sincerely,  
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# Opposition to SBP seems "popular"

Dear Editor,

It seems that it has become "popular" to oppose the Student Body Project, "Fight for Lights." It would be interesting to know if these opponents have really stopped to consider the benefits of a lighted stadium. How

many of those who were cheering the *Letters to the Editor* of Feb. 18 bothered to carefully read the front-page article and the Editor's interview, both of which outlined the details of this project?

I sense a short-sightedness on the part of the Lights "fight-

ers." People keep talking about it being a "big waste of money" that will only benefit a select group of athletes. What is ironic is that should the lights be installed, these same complainers will probably be the ones cheering the loudest when it's "popular" to go to the night

soccer games and all-school activities. Do these people realize that most major high schools across the country have lighted stadiums? How can Cedarville College expect to attract top-level students if their initial impression of the campus is one of being inferior to their

high school?

And what am I hearing as alternatives for the SBP? Washing machines, carpeting in Maddox, heat in the domes and air-conditioning in the Science Building? I agree that some of these things are badly needed, but are these projects really the kind of things that a Student Body Project should encompass? I think not. For one thing, some of these alternatives are obviously maintenance problems and should be handled by funds designated for that purpose. Secondly, some of these projects would affect a much more select group than would stadium lights. For example, carpeting in Maddox would mainly benefit those students who reside in Maddox. And washing machines (besides needing to be replaced every ten years) would help only on-campus students. Have we forgotten about benefiting our off-campus, commuting and married students? After all, isn't this an all-school/entire student body project? Should we really limit the scope of this project to a few washing machines?

As for air-conditioning in the Science Building...I agree that this is a viable option on which the entire student body should vote. I also agree that the initial presentation of the "Fight for Lights" and the impromptu election were very poorly handled by SGA. But maybe those now opposing the project should stop to consider what they are really upset about. Are they really opposed to having a lighted stadium, or are they just upset because they didn't think of it first?

Sincerely,  
Shelley Fratus

# Students claim equal access denied

by Terri Huber  
Copy Editor

On Feb. 2 of this year, Federal Judge C. Arlen Beam ruled against students who want to study the Bible in public school facilities during non-instructional hours. He based his ruling on the Supreme Court's recent decision upholding censorship of school newspapers.

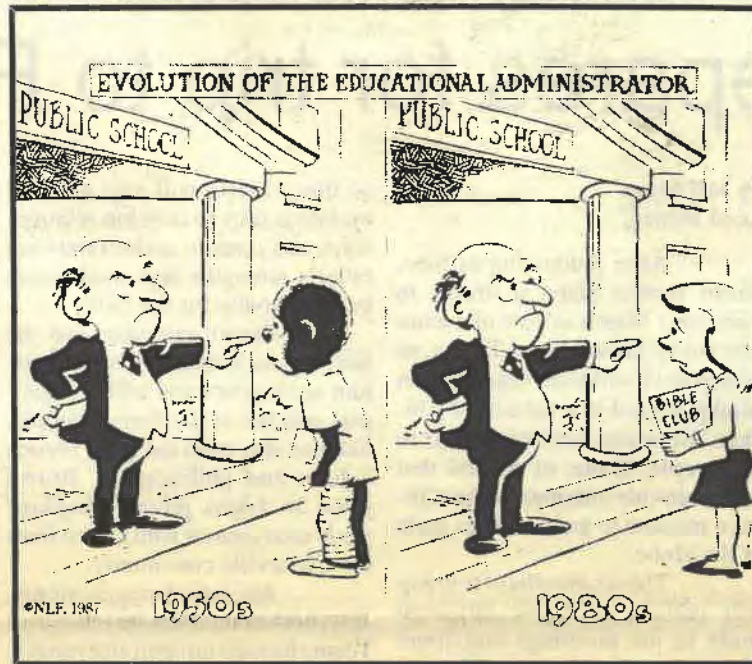
When a group of students was prevented from holding a Bible club on Westside High School's property in Omaha, Neb., the students took the school to court, claiming that they had been denied equal access to public facilities because of their religious beliefs.

This case, which represents the first time the constitutionality of the Federal Equal Access Act has been challenged, gained national prominence when

public-interest law firms recognized the potential for a legal precedent in the areas of free speech, religious rights, students' rights and equal access to public facilities.

The case had the close attention of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Education Association (NEA) and the National Legal Foundation (NLF). The NLF is the legal advocacy firm which provided lead counsel in the Mobile, Ala., humanism/textbook case decided last year.

Robert K. Skolrood, general counsel for the NLF and co-counsel for the plaintiffs, said Judge Beam's decision is a disaster to Christians and to the constitutional freedom in the United States. According to Skolrood, "Bridget Mergens and her fellow students sought equal, not preferential treatment. They did not ask



the school to advance religion, but to stop discriminating against students because of their religious

views." The would-be Bible club members were disturbed over the ruling. Bridget Mergens, one of the student plaintiffs, said following the judge's decision, "I just hope everyone will realize what happened here. A federal judge has told students across America that freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution are not for everyone, just a privileged few."

# Administration looks at teacher evaluation system

by Tami Taylor  
Contributing Writer

The current process of students evaluating professors is being discussed and considered for changes. In the present system, students fill out evaluation sheets during the winter quarter. Professors choose one of their classes to be evaluated, thereby determining which classes the students critique. The change, if accepted, will require evaluation sheets to be distributed in every class at the conclusion of each quarter.

"There are several advantages in changing the current system," said Duane Wood, academic

vice-president. "First of all, by including all of the classes of every quarter, we will get a more complete picture, a better total evaluation of each teacher, and avoid [vagueness]. Another advantage is that one bad review in a single class won't harm the overall evaluation of that professor because of the wider opinion being considered."

However, there are also drawbacks to the change. Wood is concerned about the evaluations becoming too routine for the students. He fears that by requiring

students to complete so many evaluations, they might rush through them and give no suggestions or explanations for their opinions.

"The cost of the new system and the time it would require might also be drawbacks," added Wood.

Wood pointed out that, "although very important to the process, student opinion is not the only means of evaluating teachers. I know of other schools who utilize peer evaluation only, department

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# Number of computer majors drops

by Mark Baker  
Staff Writer

Over the past six years, U.S. colleges and universities have experienced an enormous drop in the percentage of students pursuing degrees in their computer departments.

In the early '80s, though, computer system programs comprised one of the most populated new fields of study in the country. Degrees in computer science were being hailed as the guaranteed tick-

ets to success for collegians preparing to enter the workforce. And students were enrolling by the thousands into computer science programs.

But last November, an article in the *Wall Street Journal* reported the results of a survey that had asked incoming freshmen about their intended majors and careers. The study, conducted by the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) and the American Council on Education, found that only three and a half percent of

students in 1986 were planning to be computer programmers of analysts, down from eight-point-eight percent in 1982. Also, while four and a half percent planned to major in computer science in 1983, only slightly under two percent had similar intentions in 1986.

In response to the shortage, employers have already started changing their recruitment strategies on college campuses.

Cedarville's director of career planning and placement David Gaffner pointed out how the

dwindling supply of computer majors is effecting his office's contact with employers.

"With the shortage, employers are more responsive in coming to campus and notifying me of their needs," he said. "But," he added, "if we lose a sufficient pool of majors, the employers won't come."

David Rotman, Cedarville's director of computer services, believes the decline of interest is due mostly to the passing of the computer's years as the "glam-

our major."

He said that the early '80s had a surplus of majors because many students saw the computer as the key to unlimited high salary positions. But not all of them, as he pointed out, had the aptitude to succeed in computer related jobs.

"Programming and computers are more skills oriented," he said. "The programmers must have certain technical skills."

Dan Kloha, a junior majoring in accounting and computer information systems (CIS), believes the most important skill a computer programmer must have is the ability to think logically.

Kloha believes that many people are frightened away from studying the computer by all its technical jargon and languages.

"But when you get past the technical aspects," he said, "the logic is everyday logic. It's common sense."

Both Kloha and senior Steve Smith, a CIS and business administration major from Conneaut, Ohio, believe that a strong computer background can help a person qualify for and advance more quickly in many career areas besides just the computer field itself.

Rotman, who is also an asst. prof. of business administration, believes that Cedarville's CIS major can give students a broad, quality computer education that's competitive with those received from other institutions, some much larger than Cedarville.

"For the objectives it has, it (the CIS major) compares well with the state school programs. And it's better than most other Christian schools, especially facility wise," he said.

Cedarville College has available for students' use a total of 45 IBM compatible computers, as well as 16 terminals connected to a Digital Equipment Corporation VAX 11/750.

He noted that the major has been expanded over the past two years by introducing three new classes to the department. With the addition of the microcomputer applications, software and hardware concepts, and programming languages courses, CIS majors now have 13 classes to choose from.

Gaffner, who has contact with dozens of major employers each year, concluded, "Employers are continually looking for an increasing number of computer majors. Computers are an open job market, and there's plenty of need for CIS majors."

# Brown prepares for trip to France



Sue Brown plans to use her music as part of her ministry in France next March. (photo by D. Humphrey)

by Jeff Main  
Lead Writer

After graduating in June, Susan Brown plans to travel to Paris next March as part of a team sent out by International Teams, an evangelical mission organization headquartered in a suburb of Chicago. Her team, consisting of six to ten people, is one of several that will train this summer at the Chicago mission to go to various parts of the globe.

The six months of training will include intensive language study in the mornings and street evangelism in downtown Chicago in the afternoons. Brown has not yet met the other members of her team,

so this training will also give the members time to develop relationships and come to understand each other's strengths and weaknesses before leaving for the field.

Brown explained that she has become acquainted with Christian apologetics and with the general mindset of the French people. She has also been studying French culture and philosophy. Brown plans to begin private language study next quarter with a tutor from the Cedarville community.

An interdenominational, independent mission, International Teams focuses on open air evangelistic techniques. Its teams then organize these converts into congregations as a church-planting ministry.

Brown explained that in France, the teams witness in coffee houses, out in the streets and at book tables set up at major universities.

She pointed out that her difficulty in working with the French will be their sense of skepticism. Because they have had few effective spiritual role models, the French people have been easy prey for cults.

Brown said that Islam has a very large group of followers both in France and in Britain. This results from the immigration of people from the various third-world countries that were once part

of the European colonial empires. Brown explained that because she is from an Air Force family, she is accustomed to living on the road.

She first became interested in missions while attending Wheaton College. During her first year there, she was interested in their ethnomusicology program, a comparative study of the music of different cultures. As a flute major, she viewed this study as a possible tool to reach third-world people.

She also began to see the relative apathy of American Christians to the plight of people in disadvantaged countries. This stimulated her in a path toward reaching these people.

While Brown was at Wheaton, Elizabeth Elliot, the wife of Jim Elliot, a missionary pilot killed by the Auca Indians in South America, spoke in chapel. Brown said the theme of the message, "That I May Know Him," forced her to seriously consider how she could help reach the lost for Christ.

Unable to return to Wheaton, Brown transferred to Wright State University for her sophomore year. A philosophy class she took that year again forced her to defend her Christian convictions and promoted her interest in the subject.

Brown transferred to Cedarville for her junior year. Since then, she has especially enjoyed her classes in music, philosophy and world missions. She has also participated in the Anti-och interaction team.

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# Cruver retires as layout editor

by Theresa Henry  
Lead Writer  
Cedars' layout editor sen-

ior Sherri Cruver will retire after this quarter, handing the tools of the trade to freshman Joanie Helmuth.



Layout Editor Sherri Cruver (right) passes on four years of experience to her replacement, Joanie Helmuth. (photo by D. Filter)

Helmuth is an English major from Springfield, Ohio, with a professional writing emphasis. For her, taking on the position is "a new adventure."

"I'm pretty excited about it," she said, but at the same time she voiced some apprehension. After a quarter of training, this is the first issue she has fully controlled.

"I do enjoy writing for Cedars," said Helmuth, so when she heard of the open position for layout editor, she applied. She thought this would be a good chance to see how the newspaper is run and to see if she would be interested in journalism.

Helmuth is not yet sure of her future goals, but she mentioned the possibility of graduate school and maybe law school. "If I did any teaching," she noted, "it would be at the college level." She also

showed interest in writing text books.

Instead of staying in this area, Helmuth indicated she would like to move to the New England states. As for other interests, she plays the piano and enjoys reading.

1988 has been Cruver's fourth year on the Cedars staff and her third year as layout editor. A senior accounting major, she plans to return to her home in Brunswick, Ohio, to look for an accounting job.

She will marry Matt Wojnarowski on Aug. 20 and will live in Cedarville until he finishes his final year at Cedarville.

Cruver described the job of layout editor as generally deciding what the newspaper will look like. The layout editor designs ads, decides how articles are arranged on the page, crops pictures, does any kind of artwork necessary and does the final proofs before sending it off to the press.

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chair evaluation only or just student evaluation. But Cedarville uses a combination of sources. In my opinion, the greater the combination, the more effective it will be."

In reference to student evaluations in general, Wood noted that there are factors that can affect an honest review of a teacher such as the letter grade that the student gets, the lack of personal attention received because of class size or the unfounded judgment that the class wasn't entertaining.

However, Wood added that although students are not experts in the evaluation process, they can generally tell if a professor is organized, concerned and a good lecturer by their expectations and the stated objectives of the class.

Wood said that evaluations are effective and serve as factors in the re-appointment, tenure, merit and promotions of professors. Wood stated, "Because of [the evaluations'] importance and impact on everyone, they tend to raise anxieties and cause worry."

He also added, "While stressing the process of evaluation, we don't want to overemphasize it and underemphasize development and improvement."

Among those involved in reviewing and considering the change along with Wood are the department chair committee and the student academic advisory board.

Wood said that the final decision will not be made until the next school year. Wood will make the final decisions bearing in mind the input from the departmental chairs.

# Johnson presents "Jane Eyre"

by Marla Coffey  
Staff Writer

Kristyn Johnson, a senior communication arts and English major, will present her senior recital at eight o'clock on Saturday evening in Alford Auditorium. Johnson wanted to combine her majors in the theme of her program. She will perform scenes from *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte.

"*Jane Eyre* has always been one of my favorite novels," Johnson said. The story, published in 1847, describes the life of Jane, an orphan who grows up to be a governess. Her romantic interest in her employer seems doomed, but a surprising turn of events changes her life.

All senior communication arts majors are required to complete a senior project and

many choose to do a recital. Johnson, however, is not required to perform, but she has chosen to present a recital. "Because I'm an education major, I could use my student teaching for my senior project, but I wanted to do a recital.... I am getting a lot of experience in drama, both on stage and behind the scenes."

Johnson organized every aspect of the production. She designed the program and prepared props, costumes and sets. She also coordinated the lighting, arranged for practice times in Alford and chose the excerpts for the performance.

"My goal is to make *Jane Eyre* something that comes alive and is real to people," Johnson said, noting that many people are intimidated by the formal language used by Bronte.

Other seniors presenting

recitals this spring are Ruth Margraff, Errin Mulberry and Shari Leach.




Senior Kristyn Johnson brings *Jane Eyre* to life on Alford's stage. (photo courtesy public relations)

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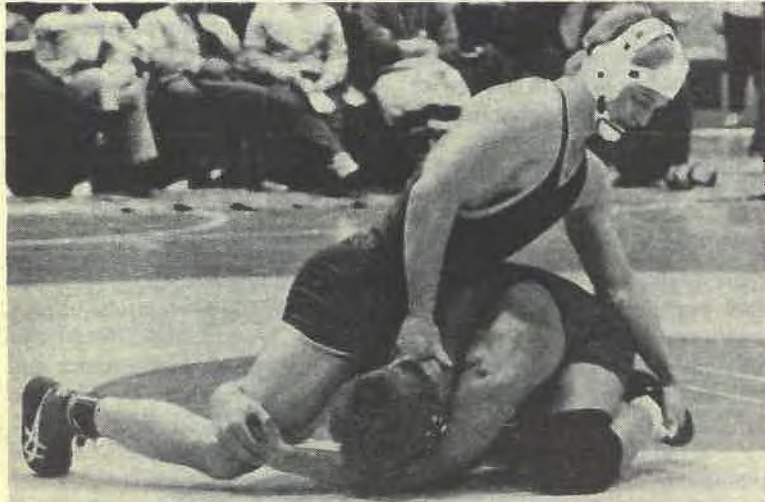
## SPORTS

## Wrestlers place second in NCCAA

by Dan Braithwaite  
Contributing Writer

The 1987-'88 Yellow

Jacket wrestling team capped off an outstanding season. The wrestlers took second place out of 12 teams last week at the NCCAA



Freshman Paul Link is one of seven Cedarville wrestlers who qualified for the NAIA Nationals. (photo by D. Rutt)

National Tournament. "We're ecstatic with the season's progress and are looking forward to next year," said coach Ron Comfort. The team performed well as the individual members worked together. "It was a balanced attack for the NCCAA Nationals," he said. The Yellow Jackets entered the tournament with a 17-6 record.

Olivet Nazarene placed first in the tournament last Saturday for the second year in a row. "We were beaten by the toughest competition out there," said

Cedarville's assistant coach Jeff Conklin. "We've never finished higher than third before," added coach Comfort.

The wrestling team is just about to complete a winning sea-

son. Their record was 17-6 going into the NAIA Nationals. Comfort said, "The team exceeded my expectations. I expected a .500 season, and we've done much better than that."

The Yellow Jackets finished third as a team at the NAIA Area 7 Tournament. Freshman Brian Perez finished second in the heavyweight division, junior Russ Kime placed second in his class, senior Todd Dowden took first, sophomore Phil Cruz fourth, freshman Kurt Dowden third and sophomore Dale Kime third.

Senior team co-captains Todd Dowden and Kelly Moore as well as senior Hamilton Richards will not be returning to the wrestling team next year. "It looks as if we have several good incoming

freshmen. We will have a young team next year," said Comfort.

New mats, warm ups, school support and excellent recruitment have helped to improve the wrestling team. Good recruiting power promises a strong team for the following years. "The success of the team will attract more recruits for future years," said Conklin, who serves as the NCCAA National Tournament director as well as the Yellow Jacket's assistant coach.

Todd Dowden was last year's Athlete of the Year. He is a three-time NCCAA national champion and needs to win only four more matches to have won 100 matches while at Cedarville. He holds three consecutive National titles.

"We don't want to go just for the ride, we want to win," said Cruz and Perez. Conklin added, "The ultimate goal for our wrestlers is to serve the Lord through their effort. They try to wrestle to the best of their ability and, most of all, take every opportunity to witness to the other teams."

Outstanding records going into the NAIA Nationals include freshman Paul Link (35-8), Todd Dowden (31-8), Cruz (28-14-1), Moore (26-14-1), Russ Kime (17-11-1), Perez (22-16) and Kurt Dowden (26-19-2).

Conklin said, "In 16 years Cedarville had never had a winning record in wrestling. This year we had seven out of ten wrestlers with .500 seasons." Perez noted that this was "an enjoyable season. There is a bright future in sight for Cedarville wrestling."

"Seven wrestlers qualified for the NAIA Nationals, and that is hard to do," added Conklin. In order to qualify, a wrestler must either finish in the top three in his region's weight class or finish in the top two of a qualifier tournament where eight teams or more compete. Kurt Dowden, Todd Dowden, Cruz, Link, Dale Kime, Russ Kime and Perez have qualified so far. The NAIA Nationals will be held March 1-5 in Tacoma, Wash.

## Baseball team rebuilds for season

by Jim Gerakinis  
Staff Writer

The spring season is well under way for the Cedarville College baseball team. The team began practice on Jan. 5 and is looking forward to its first competition.

The regular season begins during spring break in Florida. Cedarville will play in the Warner Southern Christian Tournament in Lake Wales, Fla., for the first time.

The outlook for the season focuses on rebuilding. Head coach Dan Coomes indicated that the team has lost seven starters from

last year's team including Steve Hester who was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds.

Key newcomers to the team are freshman Adam Winters and sophomore Gary Dankworth, who provide pitching and infield help. The team will also call on support from freshmen infielders Todd Clemens and Tim Birch.

The outfield is defensively one of the best Cedarville has ever had. Returning is senior all-district player Ken Horton in center field. Sophomore Rod Haseltine will play left field, and juniors Dave Dennis and Luis Cruz will share responsibilities in right

field.

According to Coomes, pitching is probably the strongest point of the team. Also returning to this year's team are senior Dan Erlandson and sophomore Shane Hardy, both of whom have only allowed an average of under three runs per game. Starting behind the plate will be senior Brian Marburger.

The team's weakest point is its inexperience. However, as Coomes commented, the team should grow stronger as the season progresses.

Coomes also noted that this year's team had been working more on the basics, concentrating on such things as sacrifice hits, hits and runs.

The team hopes to have at least a .500 season or come close to matching last year's mark of 18-14.



The Cedarville baseball team is practicing the basics as they rebuild for this year. (photo by D. Filter)

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# Jackets host NAIA tonight

by Steve Hanson  
Lead Writer

The phrase "two out of three ain't bad" applied to the men's varsity basketball team last week as they huddled the top three teams in the district for the season finale.

The Yellow Jackets fell prey to Walsh College on the road 78-74 before rallying to win the final two games of the season against top-seeded foes Rio Grande and Defiance in the Athletic Center (AC).

The annual Parents' Night game found a capacity crowd on hand to watch an action-filled 40 minutes of basketball against conference-champion Rio Grande. The contest offered a

little of everything, including three slam dunks apiece by forward Tony Ewing and Red Men forward Ron Rittinger.

Both of these juniors played key factors in the contest, tallying the most points for their respective schools. Rittinger pumped in 37 points, helping him retain his title as one of the district's leading scorers. Ewing, who ranks eighth in the district for scoring, paced Cedarville with 22 points, canning 10 out of 12 attempts from the field.

Senior center Don Simerly pulled down 13 missed shots while recording 21 points on offense. Senior point guard Eddie Wakefield added 16 points while junior forward Chris Reese nailed all of his free throw attempts and

shot 75 percent from the floor to produce 15 points.

The lead changed hands several times in the first 20 minutes before holding at 42 all at the half. The Yellow Jackets hit two out of every three buckets and nine out of every ten shots from the foul line in the second half to make the difference.

A final run-and-gun spurt by the Jackets with five minutes remaining put the game out of reach as Cedarville went on to record their seventh 100-plus game of the season, 102-86.

The final game of the season allowed the Jackets to build momentum heading into post-season play as they upset District 22 leader Defiance, 82-76.

Freshman guard Gary

Harrison made the difference as he not only recorded the Jackets' high score on 75-percent field shooting and five for five from the line, but he also recorded 14 assists. The Ohio native who recently became a starter for the squad also hit four out of five three-point attempts for 19 points.

Reese was perfect from the free throw line as he has been for the past three games. Earlier this year, the son of Cedarville Hall of Famer Pete Reese broke his father's record for 28 consecutive free throws, nailing 45 straight over a two-year period. This achievement helped place him second in the district in free throw percentage, canning nine out of every ten shots. His 50-percent shooting and 66-percent three

point totals yielded 16 points for the Yellow Jackets.

Ewing again helped pace the Jackets to victory, recording 14 points and two slam dunks. Ewing was three and one half points below his season average which earned him the Yellow Jacket scoring title again this year.

Simerly's presence was again felt under the basket as he generated 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds while captain Eddie Wakefield reached the double-digit mark with 10 points.

Cedarville, who as a team ranked first in District 22 scoring by averaging 90 points each time they took to the hardwood, played the last four games without the aid of their leading rebounder.

"I'm pleased with the way the guys are playing right now," said head coach Don Callan. "We've got good momentum right when we need it the most. We can head into the play-offs after just knocking off the top two teams in the league."

The 28-year mentor also added that the end of the Yellow Jackets' regular season seems like they have already been through the play-offs. "We have got to play just as intense as before," added Callan, "but this time it's going to be on their home court which will be a whole new ballgame."

Last week's effort paid off for the 19-10 Yellow Jackets as they assured themselves a home play-off game which will tip off tonight in the AC beginning at seven-thirty.

## Women's basketball finishes strong

by Julie Swift  
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team posted a 12-13 record, just one win shy of the coveted .500 mark. Injury and close-game losses attributed to the near miss. This year's record far exceeded last year's record of 4-19.

A series of ups and downs characterized the season, with winning streaks preceeding losing streaks. The Jan. 14 release of junior forward Lynn Strickland was expected to boost the team's level of play, but junior center Chris Friesen's back injury offset this advantage. Coach Bob Fires commented, "One strong player was replaced by another strong player, so the change wasn't drastic." The rest of the team shared the burden and united for some effective wins.

Since Jan. 5, Cedarville has posted wins over Urbana, Thomas More, Tiffin and Defiance. Losses were dealt by Findlay, Bluffton, Defiance, Michigan-Dearborn, Marion, Taylor and Urbana.

On Feb. 13, for the first time in four years, Cedarville topped Defiance 75-69. This victory was a highlight because it followed four straight losses, and on Jan. 16 Cedarville had suffered

a 55-75 loss to the Defiance team. Freshman forward Reba James was a key contributor, coming off the bench to score 16 points. She joined junior guard Joy Fagan as the two leading scorers. The team invested in good shooting to clinch the win.

Cedarville faced league-leading Findlay on Jan. 9 and Feb. 6. The Jackets tallied scores of 59-70 and 66-82. In the second contest, Cedarville trailed by only three points at half time but could not keep pace in the second half.

The St. Mary's Tournament held on Jan. 22 and 23 was a disappointment for the team. Both Michigan-Dearborn and Marion escaped Cedarville's efforts, and they sent the Jackets home winless.

Cedarville heat Urbana 66-51 on Jan. 19 and was beaten by Urbana 51-74 on Feb. 9. The latter was a tough loss, and the game was plagued by 30 turnovers for Cedarville.

The Jackets topped the regular season with a win at Tiffin. Before the game, coach Fires said they would have to play good basketball to win, and that they did. Sparked by the return of Friesen, the team was infected with spirit. Good defense guaranteed the victory.

Six team members earned the honor of leading scorer throughout the season. Offense and defense were both team efforts. Friesen dominated scoring at the season's start before her injury. Strickland picked up where Friesen left off, with her 32 points against Taylor as the finest showing. Senior point guard Crystal Patrick swished for 27 points against Wilmington; Fagan tallied 18 points against Findlay; senior forward Kim Masters scored 16 points against Urbana, and James claimed 16 points against Defiance.

NCAA tournament action began on Feb. 23 when Cedarville defeated Marion College, 62-58. The winner advanced to the second round Feb. 26 and 27 at Huntington, Ind.



Junior forward Lynn Strickland is one of six Lady Jackets who placed as leading scorers this season. (photo by C. Weaver)

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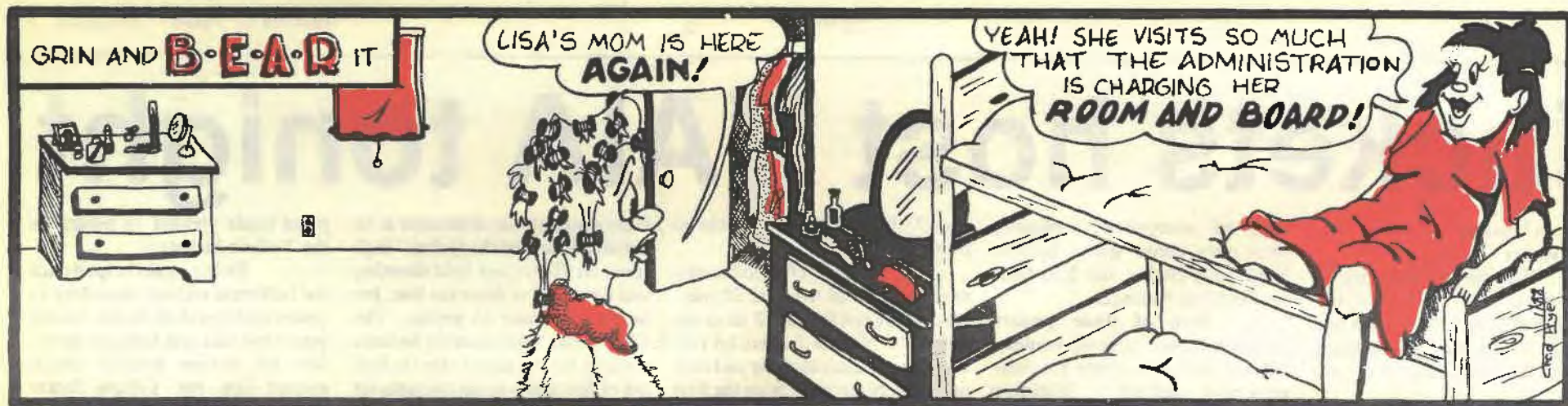
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by Herbert Bean

Oh, the endless saga of love! For weeks my heart has been starving for affection. Then the fateful week arrived: TWIRP week.

Up until the first day of TWIRP week, my ad went unnoticed:

Male, unfortunately single, seeks single female, preferably human and living, for a TWIRP date. Any background considered. Just send a picture and a four-page, typed resume to Herbert Bean, intra-campus mail, or call 555-LOVE.

I did have two phone calls. One was Dean Bosworth telling me to take the ads off of the chapel pulpit. The other was an old woman trying to reach Jake's Meat Market and Towing Service.

I was feeling dejected. Nothing I had tried had worked. Singleness reared its ugly head.

Then it happened! The phone rang, and it wasn't for my roommate! It was a girl asking me for a TWIRP date! I was so excited that I hyperventilated!

The only stipulation was that it be a blind date. I hastily agreed, lest this dream would fade. I asked her name. She said it was Weona (pronounced like "We own a Chevy."). I asked her if she liked Chinese food. She said yes. We set the date for Friday.

I couldn't sleep the whole week. I wanted to impress her, so I went early to pick her up. Two days early. I thought a jog would calm me down, so off I went. I jogged to Dayton and back. Finally, the day arrived. I washed my car and myself. Then I went to Maddox to pick up Weona.

She was gorgeous! But that was from a distance. When she got into the car, I was overcome by a horrific smell. It was a cross between Chanel No. 5 and burnt motor oil. My eyes crossed; my nose hairs fell out; I swooned. I figured I was legally intoxicated in all 50 states.

I ventured a closer look at my date. I never realized that there were that many shades of mascara. I've heard the saying "if the barn needs painting, paint it," but this was ridiculous.

On top of all that, Weona hadn't stopped talking since she got in the car. She talked about classes, chapel, church, the cafeteria, the new library, the elections, the deficit, Ronald Reagan, Nancy Reagan, all of the Reagans, nuclear war, my car, her family, my family, the college family, love, hate, rock music, country music, Christian music, RAs, RDs, evolution, thermodynamics, the "Fight for Lights," the "Fight for Rights," jet propulsion, black suppression, Texas longhorns, food, the Boston Tea Party, environmental protection. Plus, she gave a full dissertation on the joys of raising ferrets in the dorm.

My mind reeled at the possibility of that much conversation coming out of one mouth. I told her that a date at this time would be impossible because I had to wash my hair or get terminally ill or something.

I went back to my room. I sold my car and burnt the clothes I was wearing. I began reading *War and Peace*. I took down my ads. I threw the phone away. I bought some ferrets and began to raise them in my room.

On some nights, I awoke sweating after dreaming of a

mouth with arms and legs chasing me into the elevator at the library. And on some occasions, I swear I can still smell Weona's perfume. (I am currently undergoing treatment in the counseling office to relieve these nightmares). I've decided not to worry about women anymore. The way I see it, if "beggars can't be choosers," then I'm not begging. Then again, there's a TWIRP week next year, too!

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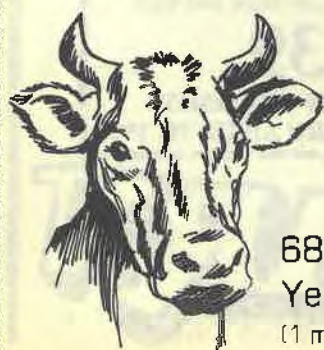
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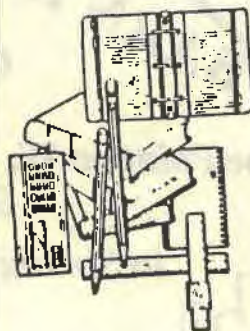
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