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EDITORIAL

IS FREE THOUGHT ATTAINABLE?

Are free thought and academic freedom privileges found on the Cedarville College campus? Do opinions and social pressures encourage students to think along environmental patterns? Is true academic freedom found in the secular college of America? Are their students pushed into thought patterns by social and opinion pressures?

Before we can answer these questions it is necessary to take a good view of what is in an education. Can complete objectivity be employed to give a complete education? Certainly objectivity must be employed, but not, nor can it be, divorced from subjectivity. If I were in a hurry and asked a professor of history to tell me if Julius Caesar was an evil man, I would not like a long dissertation of the complete life of Caesar but just a short answer to my question. I know of an instructor that once had her students write a theme describing the door knob on the classroom door. A simple thing to do? Certainly not, for her students found the forty minute period was up before they could completely exhaust what could be said about that one simple doorknob. Could we then teach history objectively? Of course not! Therefore the instructor can only employ selected examples to teach his course. The demands of time necessitate selectivity. Since selectivity is the only practical method of teaching subjectivity, it is used on our campus. A student, therefore, should desire and gets to be led through an area of education by his professor. Original thought, however, can still be practiced by the students.

Opinions and social pressures of being on a Christian campus have an effect on the students' thoughts. Is this bad? Certainly not, for this has been that driving factor that has brought many students to our campus.

Do these same pressures exist in the secular colleges of America? Once again, they certainly do! Professor Raymond Bartholomew presented an article written by Solomon Asch entitled "Opinions and Social Pressure" from the book Form and Idea published by the Macmillan Company in 1961. The pressures that can be exerted upon a student in a classroom situation is amazingly great. It is advisable for all students to read this article relating the results of tests made in three of our institutions of higher learning.

We now realize that no matter where a student goes to college, he will be coming under great social and opinion pressure. Then it is necessary for the prospective student to choose that institution which insures the highest quality of given material. It is for this reason that we can be thankful that we can attend Cedarville, a college based upon and proclaiming the principle given to us by Jesus Christ.

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HOLIDAY MOOD SET BY EVENING OF MUSIC

Sounds of the holiday season rang out last Monday night, as the College Music Department presented its annual Christmas concert.

The concert opened with the College Band under the direction of Mr. William Thornton. Among the pieces played by the band were the moving "Gesu Bambino" and the ever popular "Jingle Bells."

The next part of the program was given over to Miss Ruth Smith and the Choralaires. The Choralaires presented the lively English carol "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and a sparkling rendition of "Jingle Bells." They ended with the popular Harry Simeone arrangement of "The Night Before Christmas."

The climax of the evening came as a choir composed of members of the College Choir, the Choralaires, and those who wished to participate presented "Born A King," a cantata written by John W. Peterson. Ele Smelser, Vicki Curcio, Bob Ridnour, and Mark Averitt sang the solos, and Bob Reynolds was narrator. Shirley Byrd accompanied at the piano and Gordon Griffin at the organ.

The concert was truly representative of the real meaning of the Christmas season. From the sparkling traditional carols to the moving story in song of our Lord's birthday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM
THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT OF CEDARVILLE COLLEGE.

SUMMER SCHOOL BEING PLANNED AT C. C.

Another step forward in the academic life at Cedarville College will, in all probability, be taken this summer. A six weeks summer school will be instituted. Dr. Johnson is planning on enrolling one hundred students and will have approximately ten professors on the faculty. This program will include for the most part the courses which are general requirements here at Cedarville. Nine hours will be the suggested summer school load with extra hours available on special permission. There will be a pre-registration in May, and the school will be open to students, pastors, or anyone interested in furthering their education.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE JUNIOR CLASS

On Friday, December 13, the Junior Class sponsored a Christmas all-school party. The Choralaires, under the direction of Miss Ruth Smith, favored those present at the party with a lively arrangement of "Jingle Bells." The girls in the group were dressed appropriately for the season in their new rose dresses.

Gordon Griffin presented numbers at the piano. We were also privileged to hear vocal numbers by Mrs. Judy Smith. Judy (Lachman) Smith was graduated from Cedarville College last June.

The very fine program under the direction of Vicki Curcio did much to put the students who attended in the joyous spirit of the Christmas season.

PROFILE OF AMERICA IN CRISIS

"No man is an island." One man died and the world stood still.

Not long ago, amidst the normal pattern of a normal afternoon, America was shocked into reality in a very abnormal way. The death of the late President John F. Kennedy shocked not only our nation but the whole world to its very foundation and pulled the veil of stagnate indifference away from the character of the American people. As in previous crises, Americans were again found to be very respectful, emotional, and warm. This respect was clearly evidenced by the hushed millions who flooded Washington on that fate-filled weekend and the closed schools and crowded sanctuaries. Emotionally, America's eyes were filled with tears while friend and foe dared but say only good about the assassinated president. In one section of the country, emotions were so high that a factory worker, a John Birch extremist, remarked that the country was better off without President Kennedy and the rest of the employees walked off their jobs demanding that he be fired. The fact that Americans sent over \$200,000 to the widow of the Dallas policeman killed in the incident and \$6,000 plus a home in Kansas to the widow of the assassin clearly shows the warmth and deep concern that Americans have for their fellow man. We, as a country and as a people, can be proud of our heritage, proud of our courageous leaders both past and present and proud of our actions during this past month.

That tragic weekend, not too long ago, brought to our minds the fact of the un-

certainty of life. Whether it be rich man or poor, leader or follower, "Ask not for whom the bell tolls"

FURTHER POLITICAL INTEREST— JOIN C. C. C. C.

At long last there seems to be a real interest springing up among Cedarville students along the lines of politics. This is evidenced in the new club on campus—The Cedarville College Conservative Club. Whereas politics are the center of many larger campuses across the nation, we at Cedarville seem to be a little reluctant to take a real interest in them. Is this the right attitude for us as Christians? No. We have just as great a responsibility to our country and to the way it is governed as do those around us.

The club plans to invite guest speakers in and have open discussion groups on current political trends and national problems. A radio discussion panel will have a program every week on our school radio station, WCDR-FM. Membership is always open to those who qualify, and those who are interested should contact Mr. Paul Reno, the president of the club.

This coming year promises to be a very interesting one along political lines. The club will have many things to discuss, do, and see in its inaugural year. Here is a real opportunity for you to deepen your political insight.

LISTEN to WCDR-FM at 90.1 meg "reflecting your taste in good programming" at Cedarville College.

PRE-REGISTRATION
JANUARY 6-17

Pre-registration has been recently added to Cedarville College. It began second semester of last year and has proved to be very advantageous to the students. It provides the students with a longer semester break, helps them avoid the previously characteristic long lines, gives them a greater chance to see their advisers and to consult them in a more leisurely manner, and gives them a chance to plan their schedules more rationally. It also relieves the worry of coming back from semester break wondering what you will take the following semester. It is to the student's advantage to take part in pre-registration.

Upon returning from Christmas vacation, students will find in their mailboxes all the materials and instructions necessary for pre-registration. Each student should follow the step-by-step instructions given, and he will find pre-registration is simple. He should also plan to make financial arrangements during pre-registration.

Any students having classes at Central State should pre-register over there first to avoid conflicts in their schedules. Pre-registration at Central State parallels the pre-registration at Cedarville.

There will be no final registration for those students who forget to pre-register; and therefore, each student should have his registration for next semester completed by January 18th! There will be a \$5 fine levied upon any-

one who does not pre-register during the two weeks set aside for it.

STUDENTS: DON'T FORGET TO
PRE-REGISTER—JANUARY 6-17!

CEDARVILLE TAKES SECOND
IN TAYLOR TOURNEY

On Friday, December 6, Coach Don Callan and protégés embarked for Up-land, Indiana, to battle with Spring Arbor College in the preliminary contest of the Taylor Tournament.

Coach Callan's crew performed admirably well as they soundly whipped Spring Arbor 111-81. Dozier Carter banged through 28 points and Jerry Olsen tallied 23 to aid the offensive cause. Neil Veydt took scoring honors for the opposition as he scored 22 points.

The game started out as a "nip and tuck" affair as both teams exchanged baskets during much of the first half. Neil Veydt hit a jump shot with five minutes left as Spring Arbor took a 35-34 lead. One-half minute later Jerry Olsen gunned through a twenty-five footer to give us a 36-35 lead that was never relinquished.

In the second half our forces overpowered the Spring Arbor team and Coach Callan wisely substituted to rest the regulars and give part-time performers added experience. With two minutes left Mel Pentecost hit a twelve foot jumper to push us past the century mark of 100 points. Ed Norris hit on 3 out of 3 field goal attempts as we won handily over Spring Arbor 111-81.

JACKETS NIP REDMEN

In their first encounter of the season, our Yellow Jacket basketball squad barely stayed off a last minute Rio Grande rally to win 72-71. Dozier Carter and Mark Combs led the offensive barrage with 18 points apiece while Jerry Olsen and Jake Osborn added 16 and 15 points respectively.

Cedarville held onto a narrow lead during much of the first half as our fine back-court duo of Jerry Olsen and Mark Combs shot brilliantly. We managed to hang on to a 39-35 point lead at half time.

With 12 minutes left Mark Combs made a pretty drive-in shot, but in so doing severely wrenched his ankle and was forced to leave the game. After Carter had muscled in a lay-up and added a charity toss, Terry Williams and Phil Trout found a loose spot in our defense and the Redmen were back in the game. Rio Grande, trailing 72-71, gained possession of the ball with 12 seconds remaining, but was unable to score against a tough Cedarville defense.

The Huntington Foresters, having won an overtime thriller 104-102 over Taylor University, qualified to meet our Yellow Jackets in the championship game Saturday night.

The game was one of the most exciting in Cedarville College history as the team fought valiantly before finally succumbing 108-105. Jake Osborn got the offensive fireworks started for us as he canned a jump shot. The lead changed hands several times as Huntington's Bill Leiter and Kent Paul swapped baskets with our forces. Midway through

the first half Huntington decided to go into a full court press that caught us off guard. Their decision paid off in points as we made many turnovers in the process of bringing the ball up the floor. Huntington led at half time 55-47.

Following an entertaining half-time show, Huntington increased their lead to 17 points as Leiter and Leroy Snapp accounted for a quick flurry of points. Dozier Carter scored a three point play with 13 minutes left to narrow the margin of difference to 11 points. At that time Coach Callan called time and revamped his strategy by using a full-court press which worked to our advantage.

Jerry Olsen was credited with 10 assists with Jake Osborn on the receiving end of many of them during the latter part of the second half. With 18 seconds remaining and only trailing by one point, we blew an opportunity to score. Our comeback was ineffective with the score standing 106-105 as Bill Leiter sank two unimportant free throws after time had run out giving them the victory 108-105.

Leiter led the Huntington scorers with 32 points, followed by Kent Paul with 29. Dozier Carter, who was awarded the most valuable player award for tournament play, amassed 37 points for the Yellow Jackets while Jake Osborn chipped in 20.

We are grateful to Miriam Greiner for her artistic contribution to this issue.
