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Family

The demise of our society will not be far behind the presently crumbling family, says Glenn Nash. Read his touching editorial on page 2.

Mayor

Mayor Bob Preston began his new duties in January. Cedars gave him an opportunity to share his plans and goals. See page 4 for details.

Freshmen

The Freshmen class began a "Student of the Month" program in March. Find out the two students selected for March in the article on page 8.

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CEDARS

A Student Publication of Cedarville College

Wright State completes study

by Julie Swift
Staff Writer

A 69-page report touring the economic development potential of the village of Cedarville has been submitted to the Cedarville

Village Council. The Center for Urban and Public Affairs at Wright State University prepared the study. The report was divided into five chapters covering the regional context of Cedarville, a demographic analysis, the economic

development potential, the impact of Cedarville College and development strategies.

The Wright State group gathered residents' input, historical data and a number of statistics in their study. The philosophy of the

Cedarville Village Council is that by being better informed, it can better serve the residents' wants and needs. The study uncovered the necessary information and fulfilled its function, according to council members.

deficiencies are reflected in lower overall rents for Cedarville residents. Over half the Cedarville population pays less than \$200 per month in rent."

The study points out that the older housing stock can also be an advantage to Cedarville. Through some renovation, the housing can "accentuate the traditional flair of Cedarville."

The survey found that residents are satisfied with the village government and public services. The services lacking the most are in the recreational department. An arrangement with Cedarville College to make use of its facilities and events may alleviate some of this dissatisfaction.

Residents favor moderate growth which would not challenge the small town atmosphere. The revitalization of the downtown district received strong support from the residents. The catalyst for this was cited as the addition of businesses.

Cedarville houses a population of over 3,000. Education, manufacturing and farming are the leading industries, and these enhance the village's rural setting. Surroundings which also complement the setting include John Bryan National Park, Clifton Gorge and Williamson Mound Park. The location of Cedarville holds promise, for it is central to three interstate highways: I-70, I-75 and I-71. The Wright State group suggests the renovation of the Cedarville Opera House and the Old Cedarville Mill for attracting sightseers. The Opera House is currently being renovated.

Statistically, Cedarville shows a steady population growth from 1,034 in 1940 to 3,220 in 1986. The majority of the village's population is between the ages of 17 and 21. This reflects the influence of Cedarville College on the community. The labor force in the village is concentrated on farming and education.

According to the study, over 50 percent of the housing units in Cedarville were built prior to 1940. The older nature of the village housing results in some deficiencies in the quality of the housing. The study notes that "these



Downtown Cedarville has seen many changes over the years. The village is currently giving its downtown a new look by restoring the Opera House and developing a historic theme for the buildings' facades. (photo by D. Filter)

EDITORIALS

Cedars responds to survey

by Derek Neufarth
Editor-in-Chief

Cedars has the results of its survey and has tabulated the responses of 439 readers. I'm sorry, I meant to say 433 readers. Six of the respondents said that they don't read the paper at all. We

hope that the changes we make, as indicated by the survey, will bring these few back to our pages.

There are three major conclusions that I draw from the results of the survey (see the table of results along with the article on

page 8). First, readers want more than campus news in their "campus" newspaper. Second, readers want a broad spectrum of issues and viewpoints on the editorial pages. Third, readers want a light side in the form of humor, features and pictures.

look at local, national and international news to use the newspapers and magazines provided in the library. I wish that *Cedars* could provide this service to students, but there simply is not the means to do it. We will do our best to provide some news from levels other than the campus.

Second, as indicated by the responses given to the questions about news and editorials, *Cedars* must begin to deal with a broader spectrum of issues. A total of 183 people indicated this need. Another 125 said that more viewpoints would also be desirable.

I must take responsibility for the lack of a broad spectrum of controversial issues on the editorial page. I have always tried too hard to make the issues immediately relevant. That is, of course, nearly impossible. In the future I will attempt to keep the editorials relevant covering issues of interest and controversy.

Letters to the Editor are not limited to the issues introduced by *Cedars*. You must introduce the issues on which you want a forum.

Concerning viewpoints, I have put a greater number of people on the editorial page than has been placed there in the past. The lack of vastly differing viewpoints is due to the college

family's homogeneity, it is not due to any censorship on my part. Again, you as readers are responsible for introducing the differing viewpoints. If you have a differing viewpoint, or know that one exists, then express it.

Last, respondents indicated that they would like to see, alongside the intellectually stimulating and controversial issues, a light side. Pictures and humor are the two most read sections of the paper with features not far behind. Editorials, news and sports follow, respectively. Is this a mixed message, or do complex minds need a lot of simple diversion?

Cedars will attempt to increase the quality of pictures, humor and features. Along with the improvements, we will be trying several new features including: "Things To Do," syndicated cartoons and sports statistics. Eventually, we will add many of the other features that were proposed in the survey.

We genuinely want to improve the quality and relevance of *Cedars*, and this survey will certainly help us. If you have now, or ever have, comments about *Cedars*, please share them with us so that we may continually improve the newspaper.

Editor's note to Villagers

by Derek Neufarth
Editor-in-Chief

It is the privilege of *Cedars* to dedicate this issue of the paper to the village of Cedarville. We hope that villagers and students alike will enjoy the articles about the up and coming town of Cedarville.

For villagers who might not know, *Cedars* is the student-governed newspaper of Cedarville College. One thing that we encourage at *Cedars* is for readers to re-

spond to our publication. We should like to extend that invitation to the residents of the village.

If you have any comments about articles or editorials in this issue, please write to us. If you have any ideas or opinions about Cedarville or Cedarville College that you want to express, please send them to the following address: *Cedars*, Box 601; Cedarville, OH 45314. We will gladly consider all letters for publication.

We hope that the articles in this issue will be informative and enjoyable. Let us know.

You will probably be interested to know (assuming you responded to the survey) how *Cedars* will proceed with the results of the survey.

First of all, 239 people said they wanted campus, local and national news covered in *Cedars*. Another 169 said that they wanted campus news along with other news perceived to be of interest to students. Only 21 readers said the news should be strictly campus oriented. This clearly indicates the need for more comprehensive news coverage.

I suggest to anyone who wants a relatively comprehensive

Society needs strong families to survive

by Glenn Nash
Business Manager

Although the pressures of our modern society have threatened the survival of the traditional family, this institution must regain strength if our society is to survive.

U.S. history tells us that back in the days when a vibrant rural economy existed in our country, stronger family relationships, in contrast to those of today, existed also. Children were economic assets instead of liabilities. A husband and wife stayed married because divorce was a social taboo. They were forced to work out their difficulties and to learn how to make their marriage work. However, today, divorce is a common and accepted practice.

Also, in the past, mothers spent many hours with their children teaching and training them. Today, many women must work outside the home to help support the family. Therefore, they have little time to spend with children. To some, children are only an infringement on the free time they do have.

Even though Cedarville has a strong rural background, this community, like all others, has felt the effects of modern society on the family. However, I think many if not most people who live here

could attest to the joy and need of strong family relationships.

I myself, even though I grew up in an urban area, can testify to how important these relationships are. For instance, in my own family, there are nine children. I am number eight, and I will never forget the experiences I had growing up. Here are some of them.

We were an average middle-class American family. All of my brothers and sisters had nicknames. My father built at least one of our homes. Of course we moved often to accommodate the size of the family. You can imagine what Christmas time was like with nine kids. Dad was the official present passer-outer and passed out each one-at-a-time so we could all ooh and aah at what the other was getting. It seemed like hours passed before all the presents were opened.

The home I spent many of my childhood years in had five bedrooms and some occasional bats. During this time, I think my youngest brother and I were the biggest rascals of all the kids. We ran away at least twice and were always getting into trouble for this or that. I can remember how one of our babysitters served us the same type of soup every day, and with animal crackers to boot!

As my brothers and sisters began to marry and move

away, I remember how my mom and dad used to bring the rest of the tribe over to their small apartments for visits. Somehow, we always managed to squeeze everyone in and then proceeded to eat everything in the house. I think they were, in a way, always glad to see us go.

Of course our family had struggles and difficulties. It is not easy to raise nine kids. But we all hung in there in the difficult times because we were a family. Presently, we all attempt to keep in touch with each other and try to have a yearly get-together.

Yes, the traditional family structure of mom and dad, son and daughter, is important, but we must include these things. Kids need to see their moms and dads who love each other and are committed to each other. Moms and dads, even in our hurried society need to spend quality time with their children and let them know they are loved. Kids need to honor and respect their parents.

Despite the pressures of our society to break this relationship apart, we need to, by God's grace, commit ourselves to developing, building, and strengthening our present families so that the children we raise, which are the backbone of our country, will grow strong and prepared to face the world around them.

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Villages's pros and cons

by Debbie Haffey
Advisor of Cedars

When you were considering possible colleges to which to apply, all of them were probably not located in areas quite as remote as Cedarville College. It might even still seem to some of you as if

the disadvantages of country living are too numerous to ignore. So let's look at the advantages and disadvantages of life in the village as an attempt to help acclimate you to the inevitable.

First, perhaps I should equivocate a bit and point out that Cedarville College is in a rural

community. This is an advantage because of all the bucolic (or should I say moo-colic) opportunities it presents. On the other hand, rural is a disadvantage, according to my "citized" sources, because there is no noise: "Why do you think we play our music so loudly?"

Other disadvantages in-

clude the following: no mall; no fast food restaurants; just an overall loss of conveniences which results in one "using up" life. "Oh, for a greasy soybean burger," I hear students wistfully sigh as they pass up Cedarville's home-cooked choices. "Oh, for a nearby mall," I hear sports enthusiasts complain on

days that weather does not permit outdoor exercising, and they would like to rack up aerobic points churning past the storefronts. Of course, one can still eat well and get very good exercise, even in a rural community. But the problem seems to be that it takes so much time to pass the time. The instantiated convenience of life is left at the big city limits by all outbound traffic. Things simply slow down because life becomes less convenient, and everything takes more time.

Sidewalk Talk

What do you like best about the village?



"That it's small and quiet. It's nice to walk." Renee Brown, junior, behavioral science



"It's quiet." George Gibbs, junior, finance



"I like the park. I like to walk in the park; it's very nice." David Holt, sophomore, accounting



"Spring break when all the students leave. It's nice and quiet. I like the gorge." Rod Tennant, college security officer



"The atmosphere. Everybody is friendly. It's relaxing." Mike Minto, sophomore, finance



"The park and the atmosphere. The countryside — mostly the falls." Beth Ann Smith, sophomore, marketing

Nevertheless, it is this same "out of the way" flavor which brings a rural community its greatest advantages. For, you see, as in all of life, this coin has two sides; so now, let's look at the better side of rural living.

One advantage to life in Cedarville is the relative safety in which Cedarville residents/students live. Coeds at urban colleges must carefully plan their forays into the night (if they go at all) to reduce the likelihood of attack.

Today it is probably as safe on Cedarville's campus as it was twenty years ago when I would, in my walk back to the dorm from reading the 11 p.m. news at WCDR, pause among the trees and revel in the glory of God.

The style of the country also lends a comfortable feeling to life. There are Americans who will never know (what I consider to be) the joy of waking in the morning to the songs of birds, cries of the wild geese, lowing of the cattle, or bleating of the sheep. There is an easy luxury in being surrounded with more of His creation than one needs.

I've saved the best for last: rural is romantic — not hearts and flowers romantic, but a poignant, Victorian romantic. This is a yearning for beauty beyond our control. I predict that after you graduate and move away from the Cedarville area, when you think of the nostalgic beauty that pervades this place, you will most often think of those magnificent sunsets reflected on the lake. It is the springtime of Cedarville, especially, which worms its way into your heart and makes it difficult to think of a time when you won't return in the fall.

Are all the answers to life, all the joys and sorrows of living, to be found at small colleges like Cedarville, in small towns like Cedarville? No. But, in the midst of training for vocation and avocation, this place can be an oasis of comfortable life at a comfortable pace. It is relatively remote, but not desolate. Those of us who have invaded this town to stay are happy to share it with others for a few years, for we have come to love all that it does, and does not, offer us.

Preston focuses on village growth

by Terri Huber
Copy Editor

When Cedarville Mayor Bob Preston began his four-year term at the beginning of this year, he brought plenty of ideas with him. His goals as village mayor are focused on bettering the place he has called home for almost all of his life.

Preston entered his present office with some experience in small town government. He served one term as the treasurer of Clifton when he lived in that community before moving to Cedarville. Since he has been in Cedarville, he has served on the village's volunteer fire department for about thirteen years. When asked to describe his duties as the mayor of Cedarville, Preston pointed out that his office shares overlapping duties with the village council. These shared duties are designed to help even out the work load for those involved in the village government, for most hold full-time jobs outside of their governmental positions. Preston himself has been an

engineer at the Dayton office of Ohio Bell for the past 13 years.

The mayoral office is the "executive branch of the government for the village while the council is the legislative branch," explained Preston. The mayor presides over the council meetings and does not vote except in the case of a tied vote; then his vote breaks the standstill.

As mayor, Preston is responsible for three main areas. First, he oversees the administration of the village departments. Cedarville has two departments, the police department and the village utilities. The administrative heads of these two departments report directly to the mayor.

Second, he oversees Cedarville's finances. "Under the Ohio Revised Code, I'm responsible for the financial monitoring of the village," Preston said. "The mayor insures the village is in a sound financial position."

Third, Preston oversees the mayor's court. The State Statute stipulates that if a mayor's court is called, the mayor must preside



Cedarville Mayor Bob Preston wants to help the village grow during his four-year term.

(photo by D. Filter)

over the session. The statute does not require Preston to establish a

mayor's court, but he did so because he said it holds benefits for the village and its residents.

Offenses cited under the village laws and heard in the mayor's court allow Preston some flexibility to develop a payment or work schedule to help village residents pay for their offenses.

Preston's main goal for Cedarville is growth. He noted that if the village does not grow in revenue strength, costs for services will rise and will be a burden to residents. Without the rise in costs, though, services would have to be cut back. Preston does not see a cutback in services as a viable option.

During his term as mayor, Preston said that he wants "to see the expansion of businesses, residences, and industrial growth." The study prepared by the Wright State group was the first step to see what was feasible and what the people in the village want.

The Wright State group has been contracted by the village for the remainder of this year to help Cedarville assemble a capital

improvement fund, make government grant applications and provide a land-use study.

All of this work is necessary, according to Preston. He said that through these studies, Cedarville is "putting together

groundwork for expansion that must exist...before the physical expansion of [Cedarville's] boundaries." Following this research, the village can look at possible annexation. Preston calls this the "next logical step in the se-

quence." Following the possible annexation to expand Cedarville's boundaries, the capital improvement fund would be examined.

The current study being prepared by the group from Wright State will tell the village what funds to support in long- and short-range programs. It will also designate how the funds should be earmarked so that Cedarville would be able to apply for federal grants.

Once these areas have all been studied and prioritized, Cedarville will be prepared to present the village as an appealing location for businesses and industries that want to establish themselves in this area. Preston said that both the Greene County Improvement Corporation and Dayton Power and Light are currently involved in campaigns to draw businesses to the Greene County area.

When these businesses are interested in Greene County, then Cedarville will need a strong presentation to battle other cities vying for the hope of the economic boost a new business can provide a community. "This is why it is important that we have these things in place as this campaign [by the Greene County organization] reaches its peak," said Preston.

He noted that Cedarville has "been stagnant in the past 10-15 years" when it came to working toward industrial growth in the village. He said that the Morris Beam foundry is the only major industry in Cedarville, and it has declined drastically in employment. Preston pointed out that the village had taken a passive attitude toward the business' decline instead of attempting to communicate with the company.

He said that it is fortunate that Cedarville College has had the drive and the foresight to increase its financial base and grow. Without the college, Preston noted that the village's economy would be hard hit. But he stressed that the village cannot rely on one major economic support nor can it indefinitely rely on the existing base. Residents will bear the brunt of increasing costs of services if Cedarville does not expand its financial base.

Village fire department works with college EMS

by Jim Gerakinis
Staff Writer

The village of

Cedarville's fire department consists of 40 volunteer members, including 16 who can run squad and

four certified paramedics. Because they are volunteers, these members bring varying skills to the department.

The only time the Cedarville College Emergency Medical Service (EMS) works with the village fire department is when the fire department is using both of its squads. The fire department handles college emergencies from Saturday morning at eight until seven o'clock on Monday morning. In addition to this service, the village fire department aids the college in cases of cardiac, respiratory or severe trauma cases.

When asked about the communication between the two departments, Fire Chief Scott Baldwin stated, "Our doors are always open." The fire department provides training one Monday a month for the EMS squad and one Monday for the fire squad. On

The fire department provides a large number of services for its relatively small size. These include its own fire and arson inspectors, underwater recovery team, level-three training and public service.

alternate Mondays, companies such as chemical corporations and Dayton Power and Light offer training.

Baldwin added that interaction between the village and the college departments will undoubtedly increase as both grow. An example of this growth is that three years ago, the fire department averaged approximately 350 runs a year; it now averages 550 runs a year.

During the weekend of the storm, the department received a total of 65 calls, 16 of which were fires.

A major concern of the department is the college because of its population density. The service must be ready with the aid of the college EMS to handle any problem. However, as Squad Lieutenant Chris Gillaugh stated, "the department must know its limitations in regards to finances and technology."

The goal of the department as stated by Baldwin is, "to provide the best EMS care available in the field and to be able to keep personnel trained above what is expected because this is what the public deserves."



The village fire department investigates a gas leak at Printy Hall. (photo by D. Filter)

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Strobridge shares town history

by Jeff Main
Lead Writer

Harold Strobridge enjoys collecting stories and pictures of local history and folklore. He has been gathering interesting bits and pieces of Cedarville history since the early 1940's when he originally lived in Cedarville.

His quest for the past began with a conversation in a coffee shop located on the corner of Routes 72 and 42 where the Miami Bank now rests.

On the suggestion of a friend in that coffee house, Strobridge, a now-retired automobile repair shop owner, began collecting stories told to him by "old-timers;" these stories had been passed down through generations.

Each time he received a story, he would try to document it as best he could, focusing especially on any pictures or slides that would correlate with the account. To date, he has collected over 600 slides of Cedarville memorabilia which he occasionally presents at local churches, anniversaries, and social events.

Years ago, he heard Earl Randall recount a story passed down to him from his great-grandfather of a local stage coach route. The stage coaches had operated for about 12 years, hauling lime from

the Cedarville lime pit (now the small lake just south of Route 42 on a "dry run" (an old creek bed) at the



Harold Strobridge has been gathering facts and stories of Cedarville history for almost 40 years. (photo by D. Filter)

the western corporate limit).

The stage coach company was forced out of business the very day the trains started running on the Columbus-Xenia Railroad (later the Miami railroad) in 1840. But the trails left by the coaches remained for many years. Strobridge unwittingly bought the property through which the coaches

had traveled. While walking along a "dry run" (an old creek bed) at the

back of his property, he discovered one of the few remaining tracks of the old coach route.

Strobridge explained that Cedarville history began long before the white man arrived in the area. He said that some archaeologists from Wright State University have uncovered some remarkable artifacts near the famed Indian

mound, in Williamson Mound Park, just west of town.

He explained that white history began in the region of Cedarville in the late 1700's with Simon Kenton, a rugged outdoorsman and early settler in Springfield. Kenton was captured by the Shawnee Indians some seven or eight times and was forced to run a gauntlet that was formed by two long lines of Indians who beat him as he attempted to run from one end of the gauntlet to the other. He personally claimed to have killed hundreds of the Native Americans and appeared to be quite a catch—so much so that the Indians would take him as far as Fort Wayne in Detroit to parade him in front of their rivals.

Kenton finally settled in the area that is now Springfield. The trace or path that he made to travel south as far as the Ohio River and Lexington, Ken., went straight through what is now Cedarville. Hence, that portion of Route 42 is now called Simon Kenton Trace, in his honor. After settling in Springfield, he built a grist mill there and was later converted to Christianity.

The white men drove the Shawnee out of Old Town in 1797, at least five years before the first whites permanently settled in the Cedarville area. By 1812, whites had built the first house in the area,

about a half mile east of Cedarville.

Strobridge explained that after the first settlers moved into the Cedarville area, the town began to develop rapidly. In 1816, Jessie Newport divided the town into lots for sale. The early town was situated entirely north of Massie Creek because no one had yet built a bridge to extend the settlement to the south.

Strobridge noted that several factors led to the growth of the Cedarville community, which was incorporated into a township in 1850: the plentiful supply of lumber for mills and houses, the lime pit just west of town and the influx of the Scottish Presbyterians.

Mills sprung up to meet the increasing supply and demand for lumber. The original downtown mill was quickly overwhelmed by the volume of logs that floated down the river. Soon, three other mills were built at short intervals along the river, and a portable mill was used for a time.

The lime from the pit was used to make bricks and became very popular throughout the Ohio region. This industry supported the local stage coach business and led to the direction of the Xenia-Columbus Railroad through Cedarville in 1840.

DiCuirci serves on council

by Kevin Tupps
Lead Writer

Michael DiCuirci, assoc. prof. of music, was elected to the Village Council of Cedarville last November.

DiCuirci meets with Mayor Bob Preston and five other village councilmen two times each month. The purpose of the council, according to DiCuirci, is to supervise the general welfare of the village, including maintenance of the streets and bridges, management of the park and the electricity and water facilities. These are only a few operations of the council.

DiCuirci is currently in his first year of a four-year term, and he has worked with the council in the past. DiCuirci has organized the Cedarville Labor Day parades for the past three years and was a member of the Cedarville Improvement Committee. He was also in charge of organizing the summer concert series held in the village park.

DiCuirci decided to run for the council because of the interest in the village he had cultivated over the years. DiCuirci said, "I wanted to do more; I wanted to have more input, more impact....

I'm starting to learn that there is a lot more to government than I thought...but we're trying to work as hard as we can to improve Cedarville."

And, according to DiCuirci, an effective catalyst in revitalizing the image of the village is a study of the village completed by the Center for Urban and Public Affairs at Wright State University. "Wright State was commissioned by the Village Council to do a study of our community and suggest areas of improvement," DiCuirci commented.

He feels the studies being done by Wright State are vital to the community. He suggested that the studies help the council to get involved in long-range planning and considerations of revitalization in order to "get an identity going" for the village.

DiCuirci said that being on the council is a rewarding challenge. He is a member of the Community Relations Committee, and he enjoys his involvement. "But," noted DiCuirci, "I've got a lot to learn."

When the ice storm hit Cedarville several weeks ago, the council was active in helping restore Cedarville to normality.

DiCuirci said that it was "a great time of community effort because the ice storm caused a lot of incon-

veniences and emergencies.... I think the village and the college working together should be commended for their efforts...."



DiCuirci has worked with the town council in the past, but this is his first term on the council. (photo by D. Filter)

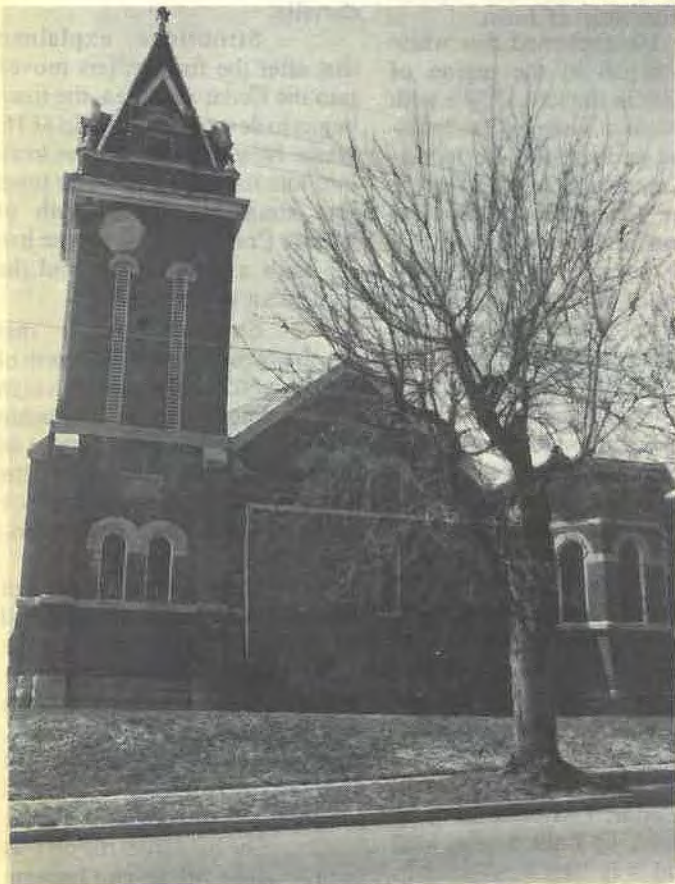
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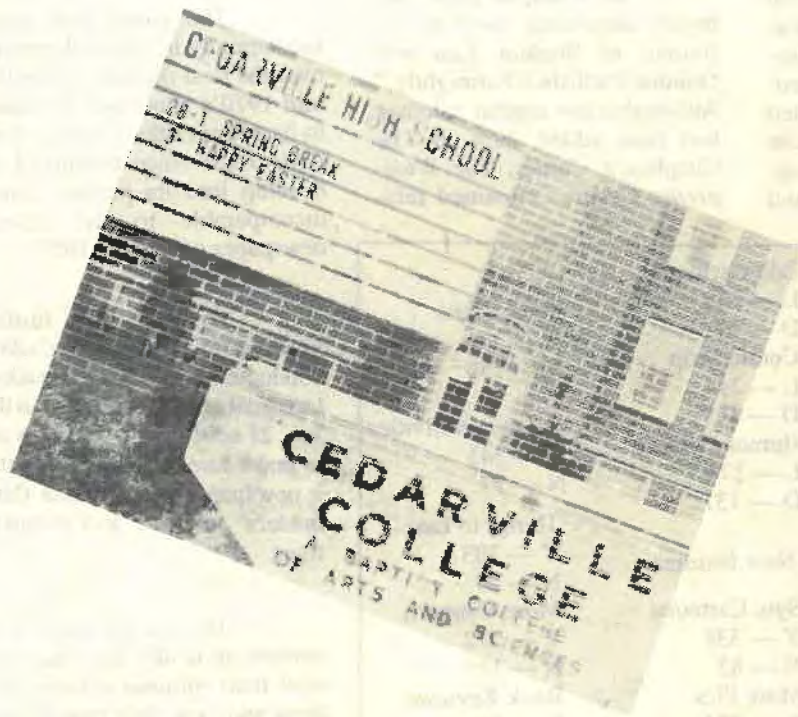
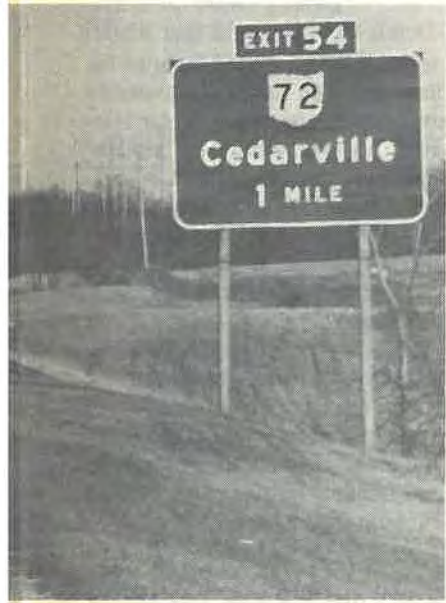
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Cedars responds to survey

by Mark Baker
Staff Writer

In 1957, students of the new Cedarville Baptist College first began producing a campus newspaper, calling it *The Whispering Cedars*.

The Whispering Cedars

was small—only seven by eight-and-a-half inches as compared to the 11-and-a-half by 14-and-a-half inch publication now produced. Its sparse, mimeographed, ad-free pages presented such items as the Dean's List roster and intramural sports updates which included scores and

a short summary of each game.

By 1966, the paper had begun describing itself as "A Journal of Student Fact and Opinion Published Fortnightly." Although a few regular columns had been added, such as The Chaplain's Corner, *The Whispering Cedars* remained rela-

tively small.

The paper then grew substantially in size and content over the next decade, and in the mid-1970's shortened its name to its current title, *Cedars*. And *Cedars* has since continued to develop into its present form, incomparable to the school newspaper of the late 1950's.

In an effort to further improve the publication, *Cedars* conducted a survey of its readers last quarter. As mentioned in the Jan. 21 edition, the editors want to make sure they are producing a newspaper that reflects their readers' interests and perspectives.

The survey queried its readers as to the sections they read, their opinions of those sections and how they thought the paper's focus could best be adjusted. It also asked readers whether or not they would enjoy certain features being proposed for future issues.

Cedars Editor-in-Chief Derek Neufarth said that while most of the proposed features for future issues received favorable responses, one in particular elicited an overwhelming student approval: a "Things To Do" column. Neufarth noted that it came the closest to receiving an unanimous approval, with over 93 percent of the survey's respondents favoring it.

"The students want diversity," he said, "and many of them, not from this area, seem to want guidance on things to do in the area. It [the column] will be one of our priorities when we start making the changes."

Several readers suggested that Sidewalk Talk should present more intellectual questions and a broader range of more-informed responses. Others proposed new sections they would like to see added, such as a page for students' poetry and short fiction as well as a want-ad and personal section. One student even suggested devoting space to printing campus couples' engagement announcements.

Many of the views expressed were from completely opposite camps, such as those addressing the range of news stories *Cedars* should cover.

One student wrote, "I think it is important for you to deal with national issues because we aren't going to be in Cedarville forever," and another added, "I would like to see *Cedars* as a door to the world outside 'our bubble.'"

Yet others said that as a college newspaper, *Cedars* should be entirely campus-oriented in its features and news stories. Local, national and inter-

national news, they said, can be read in the library's selection of daily newspapers.

But according to Neufarth, "There's a strong indication that students want more than campus news. We've shied away from that in the past, thinking the paper should be more campus-oriented."

"But," he added, "we don't want the students to think we should be responsible to give complete national news. We're not equipped for that. We can only try to cover campus news comprehensively. The other things are just sidelines."

Cedars Survey Results

Total responses: 439

- I am a:
student: 379
faculty: 36
staff: 24
- I read *Cedars*:
cover to cover: 77
selectively: 356
not at all: 6
- I read:
news: 207
sports: 187
editorials: 243
humor: 329
pictures: 334
features: 300
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campus only: 21

- campus unless: 169
campus, local: 20
camp., loc., nat'l: 239
- Edits should:
campus only: 97
more issues: 183
more views: 125
fewer: 43
more: 65
- Sports . . .
enough: 287
too much: 37
more: 92

Current features

- Sidewalk Talk
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- Student Life
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D — 15

Edit Cartoons

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D — 67
- Comic Strip
L — 244
D — 119
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N — 85
- More Pics
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N — 73
- Games
Y — 186
N — 220

Sports Stats

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N — 159

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- Y — 345
N — 77

Things to Do

- Y — 393
N — 29

More Coupons

- Y — 272
N — 119

Book Reviews

- Y — 206
N — 185

Music Reviews

- Y — 241
N — 151

Freshmen honor classmates

by Tami Taylor
Contributing Writer

A new student recognition project has been proposed by the freshman class. The project consists of recognizing two freshmen every month by awarding them each the title "Class of '91, Student of the Month." Todd Hudnall, president of the freshman class, originated the idea.

"Everyone enjoys recognition, and this would be a good way for our class to get to know one

another," said Hudnall.

The process involves freshmen nominating their classmates for the award by way of a letter to the officers. A freshman student can be nominated for anything which is commendable. This could include displaying an outstanding character quality to being a good listener.

After the letters are reviewed by the freshman class officers, a male and a female student are chosen. The nominating letters will be read in the following fresh-

man class chapel, and each student chosen will receive a certificate of recognition. In addition, their names will be placed on a permanent plaque.

Hudnall said, "So many people go unnoticed and need to be appreciated publicly. I encourage all the freshmen to get involved and send their nominations in."

Tummy Halsey, freshman class treasurer, also encourages the students to get involved. "This is not a popularity contest," she added, "but a way of recognizing those who truly deserve to be recognized but seldom are. I really hope that the freshmen will participate."

Dr. Rex Rogers, freshman class advisor, commented, "This is a very innovative idea that this class has generated. I believe that they should be commended for

their interest in supporting their fellow freshmen."

According to Hudnall, the class of '91 intends to continue this program up to their graduation. "This whole idea depends on our class," he said. "I know there are many out there who deserve to be recognized, and I would hope that their friends would write in and nominate them. But if no letters are written, that means no awards can be given."

Letters of nominations can be sent through intra-campus mail to Hudnall or any of the freshman officers.

February recipients of this award were Neil Hartzell and Sue Rogers. Since class meetings were cancelled in March, there were no awards given for that month. However, the April nominees have been chosen and will be recognized during the freshman class meeting tomorrow.

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Students minister in Utah

by Jeff Main
Lead Writer

The 1988 Utah evangelism team traveled to Salt Lake City (SLC) over spring break to help the Berean Baptist Church distribute tracts and evangelize neighborhoods near the church. The team left Cedarville late on Friday, March 11, and arrived in Sandy City (a SLC suburb) early Sunday morning after thirty-six hours in the van.

The team included sophomore Robert Koch, junior Sherie Grove, sophomore Kathleen Low, seniors Jeff Main and Glenn Nash and sophomore Deborah Robin-

son. Pastor Wesley Clem and his wife Joanna, hosted three of the team members at their home, and the Irving family hosted the other three for the week.

On Monday morning, the team toured downtown SLC and saw the Latter-Day Saints' (LDS) Temple Square, the Beehive House (one of the houses previously owned by Brigham Young, the historic LDS prophet and leader), the Desert Book Store (an LDS organ), and the LDS central office complex.

The Mormon Temple in Temple Square, a massive Gothic

structure now over 100 years old, is off-limits for non-LDS members, but the various murals and multimedia presentations in the nearby visitor center provide glimpses inside the Mormon temple, history, and theology.

Between tours in the visitor center, the team witnessed to two high-school age Mormon girls. This opportunity provided the team members with an initial perspective on some of the important differences between Mormon and Biblical doctrine.

The team began its door-to-door ministry on Tuesday morning. Meeting at the Clem's at nine

for a devotion led by Pastor Clem, the members were on the streets within an hour. Each morning from Tuesday to Friday, Clem's morning devotion centered on a different aspect of Biblical theology which proved very helpful when confronting Mormons.

He especially stressed the doctrine of justification by grace through faith alone. Using passages such as John 15, Rom. 4-6, and Eph. 2, he explained that the team members would have to be very careful to specifically explain the necessity of distinguishing the proper place of human effort in salvation. He noted that the Mormons do not understand that a Christian will have a new desire put within his soul by God to do good works. Rather, they believe that these works are actually a part of regeneration, a mutual contract between God and man.

Each morning after the devotion, the team set out in the van to begin canvassing neighborhoods. The members divided up into three groups of two.

Some of the most productive and interesting contacts were made with returned Mormon missionaries. The LDS church strongly encourages all of its young people to devote two years after high-school or college to a full-time mission. The member planning to do this must personally raise the support and finish an intensive six-week Missionary

Training Course (MTC). This course requires great discipline and involves memorizing lengthy passages of Mormon dialogue, theology and philosophy. After finishing the course, the young missionary is sent to a predetermined place where he will spend two years confronting people with the Mormon gospel.

Returning from the field, the Mormon missionary often has a much broader view of LDS doctrine and practices than the average LDS church member. Having seen both the strengths and weaknesses of the church, he may be more open to outside opinions than is initially expected.

Team members dealt with people from various socio-economic and religious backgrounds. As well as meeting Mormons, they also met agnostics, Catholics, members of the Church of Christ, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists and mystics. The team members worked in upper- and lower-middle-class neighborhoods.

Since 1820 when the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith claimed to receive the restored revelation on golden plates, the church he founded has grown into a colossal empire. It has over four million members, billions of dollars in assets and vast amounts of property, and 55 thousand missionaries on the field as of 1988.

Percesepe and McGoldrick co-teach honors class

by Theresa Henry
Lead Writer

The making of the modern mind is the course offered through the honors program this quarter. It focuses on the age of revolutions.

According to Dr. Gary Percesepe, asst. prof. of philosophy and the director of the honors program, "it examines the arts of philosophy against the backdrop of the history of Western civilization."

"I'm really excited about the [honors] program," said Percesepe. He hopes that the program will "attract...and retain honor students."

While this quarter's emphasis is the age of revolutions, next fall quarter will study classical antiquity, and winter quarter will focus on the Renaissance and the Reformation. These three classes are the first phase, or freshman level, of the honors program.

The second phase, the sophomore and junior level, includes four integrative seminars. One of these, sociology of sport, was offered last quarter. The third and final phase involves a senior seminar which requires a research thesis in the student's major field of study.

According to Percesepe, the purpose of the honors program is "to cultivate the Christian mind." He wants to create an atmosphere in which the students' world and life views will emerge in different ways.

The class is joint-taught by Percesepe and Dr. James McGoldrick, professor of history. McGoldrick will focus more on the lecture while Percesepe will lead class discussions.

Percesepe defined this quarter's class a "very integrated approach to the humanities." The class will have a variety of guest speakers. According to Percesepe, they hope to get "special speakers who wouldn't ordinarily be at Cedarville."

Last quarter, Percesepe and the instructors of the various honors courses invited Richard Kahn and Mike Schmidt to campus.

This quarter, they are planning to have Dr. Merold Westphal, author of God, Guilt and Death, present a "contemporary appreciation of religion," said Percesepe. The program will also host guest faculty from Wittenberg and Cedarville. The Cedarville faculty includes Dr. Allen

Monroe, Dr. Leroy Eimers, Mr. Joseph Halsey, Dr. Charles Clevenger, and Mr. Charles Pagnard.

Clevenger and Pagnard will teach a unit on "contemporary appreciation of jazz," said Percesepe. They will discuss Beethoven as a revolutionary figure. Percesepe wants the students to be "exposed to some of the finest people in their fields."

This quarter, 24 students are enrolled in the honors class. Percesepe wants to add 25 to 30 new honor students per year into the program.

Any student may apply to the program. Honors students are chosen by ACT/SAT scores and proven academic performance, according to Percesepe. However, entrance is not limited by academic achievement. Diligence may also determine entrance into the program.

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SPORTS

Jackets take second in NCCAA

by Steve Hanson
Lead Writer

Tennessee Temple University (TTU) in Chattanooga was the site of the final matches for the men's basketball team as they competed in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) tournament over spring break.

The Jackets, who were seeded second in the eight team tourney, chose to play in the NCCAA playoffs after being ousted from NAIA post-season play a week earlier by Rio Grande College in a seesaw battle, 97-95.

It was the first time the Jackets had entered the Christian college tournament because it usually has overloaded other post-season playoffs.

Cedarville advanced to the championship game by defeating Bartlesville College of Oklahoma by ten points, 96-86, and



Junior forward Tony Ewing won MVP honors at the NCCAA tourney.

then sneaking past Lee College of Tennessee, 90-87.

The final match for the

NCCAA title pitted the Yellow Jackets against the hometown team, TTU. The crowd proved to

be predominantly in TTU's favor, but the Jackets held their ground through most of the match.

With less than 90 seconds to play, the Yellow Jackets had a seven point lead, but TTU hit two three-point shots, and both freshman guard Gary Harrison and junior forward Chris Reese failed to connect on the front end of bonus shots. TTU seized the opportunity and proceeded to hit their final shot of the game with five seconds left granting them the triumph, 80-79.

Junior forward Tony Ewing was the dominant force in the tournament, as he has been all season, leading the Jackets' scoring attack. Ewing recorded a career high of 31 points against Lee College and tallied 74 points, 35 rebounds and five slam dunks of the three-game stretch. Playoff officials and coaches awarded Ewing the tournament's most valuable player trophy for his efforts.

Ewing's season accomplishments extend far beyond just the post-season tournament. First team All-American honors, as well as NCCAA District III and Mid Ohio Conference honors also establish Ewing's abilities on the basketball floor. He averaged almost 19 points per game and placed second in free throw percentage, sinking four out of every five attempts.

Through 31 games this season, Ewing often recorded the high score of the evening and usually made his presence felt under the basket, ramming home over 50 slam dunks. In his third season as a Yellow Jacket, the Hoosier native surpassed the 1,000 point total by 29 points.

"We had a great team this year, and I couldn't have done it without the help of my teammates," said Ewing. "The way we pulled together this season was great."

Senior guard Mike Freeman placed himself sixth on the Jackets all-time scoring list with 1,558 points in a school record of 122 games over his four years at Cedarville. Freeman placed a distant second in slam dunks this season but led the outside scoring and ranked first in three point shots made per game.

Low post man, Don Simerly has also exhausted his eligibility as a Yellow Jacket. The starting center pulled down just over 200 rebounds, which was bested only by Ewing who grabbed 46 more. Simerly recorded the team's highest field goal percentage canning two out of every three attempts.

Co-captains Eddie Wakefield and John Angus must also turn over the reins next year. According to Callan, each of them provided the leadership necessary for the team to perform as it did in the season's late going. Both Wakefield and Simerly received honorable mention in the NCCAA District III balloting.

Senior Brent Baird, who suffered a career-ending knee injury late in the season, also aided the Jackets' efforts this season and led the squad in rebounding averages at 7.5 per game before being sidelined.

Although the team graduates several members, Callan commented that the other players have developed well enough to fill the vacant positions. "Many of the guys came on strong late in the season and contributed to the overall success of this year's team," Callan asserted. "I know that I can call on any number of the guys to get the job done and that will help looking ahead to next season."

Track teams prepare for season

by Steve Hanson
Lead Writer

The strong wind and cold temperatures did not hinder the performances of the Cedarville track athletes in their opening-day meet the last weekend in March. Although the meet was not officially scored, several individual athletes improved their personal times and prepared themselves for the upcoming season.

Senior John Oswald and sophomore Eric Fillingier paced each other to victory in the 5,000

meters recording a time of 15 minutes and 44 seconds. The duo raced ahead of the pack and finished well in front of the nearest competitor.

These two will provide leadership for the Yellow Jackets this season, and both anticipate returning to the NAIA meet this year. Oswald finished seventh in the nation in the three-mile indoor race at Kansas City this year; the first six finishers received All-American status. Fillingier faired just as well and finished seventh in the 10,000-meter race in just 31.5

minutes.

Sophomore Steve Seymour placed first in both the 16 lb. shot put and the discus launching 45.5 feet and 122 feet, respectively, in each event. Last season, Seymour led the team in both events and scored high in several meets.

The women's events saw senior Shelly Fratus and junior Lynn Strickland take the top honors in their contests. Fratus ran the 400 meters in just over a minute while Strickland cleared the high jump bar at 5'2" and ran the 200-meter dash in 27.6 seconds.

The initial meet of the 1988 track season marked the first time in over six years that Strickland ran track. The transfer student originally came to Cedarville to play basketball until King per-

sueded her to don the running spikes again.

King noted that Strickland will probably qualify for the NAIA outdoor meet in Los Angeles if she performs as well as her indoor meets. She cleared the high jump bar at 5'6" last winter, high enough to qualify.

The road ahead will not be easy for the Jackets. They must battle NCAA contenders in a meet at Duke University in early April and then be prepared for the first officially-scored meet of the 1988 season at Findlay.

King stated that Rio Grande will be the biggest threat to the Yellow Jackets in the NAIA meets while Huntington College from Michigan will be the squad to beat in the Christian college ranks.



Senior Jody Eckert breaks the tape in Cedarville's opening track meet. Sophomore Penni Bresson takes second. (photo by D. Filter)

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Murdoch plans challenging season

by Steve Hanson
Lead Writer

Head basketball coach Don Callan recorded his 400th career victory on Nov. 21, 1987. Exactly four months and two days later, head tennis coach Murray Murdoch reached the same milestone in five years less time.



Sophomore Scott Poling knows that practice is the only way to a winning season. (photo by D. Filter)

The triumph occurred on March 23 against Findlay College where the Yellow Jackets recorded their sixth shutout of the season, bringing their season record to only one defeat after 18 games. Their only loss came from the rackets of NCAA Division I foe Eastern Kentucky.

Three years ago Murdoch was inducted into the Cedarville College Sports Hall of Fame for his efforts, and his accomplishments could be even more impressive in the near future. This year's squad of predominantly sophomore netters is keeping even pace with the record feats they performed as freshmen, and the team anticipates breaking last season's record of 20 shutouts and besting their 38-5 season record.

Coming off his best year ever, the 23-year head coach toppled many school records and fielded a team that placed 12th in the NAIA national tournament. Murdoch placed 12th in 1969 and 13th in 1984, but neither of those teams advanced players farther than last year's squad did.

Ranked 20th in the nation last season, Murdoch stated he was pleased with the team's determination in the final stretch of the season as well as the improvements made after the players adjusted to college

ball. This season he hopes the team will develop even farther and attain or better their preseason national ranking of 13.

"I think we need to keep pushing each other to achieve," said Murdoch. "Probably the main weakness is not in technical ability, but is more mental. The guys need to keep mental awareness at all times on the court."

After coaching 458 games, Murdoch has only 56 losses. Seven of those occurred in district dual meets, five of which were recorded in his first year of coaching.

Because of his team's stronghold on the NAIA District 22, he holds 18 district titles and 19 Mid Ohio Conference championships. Murdoch has sent either team or individual representatives to NAIA nationals in 20 of the last 21 years.

This year he anticipates doing the same and will depend upon the experience of his number

one player, Jeff Kohl, who is currently ranked 14th in NAIA polls. Kohl, along with all the regular starters, tallied almost 30 match victories last season which was the lowest on the team.

Bruce Taranger will also be a dominating force on the road back to Kansas City where the NAIA national tournament is held. The Canadian native posted 37 match victories last season and claimed the runner-up spot in the District 22 singles playoffs.

Murdoch has three newcomers to his already potent squad. Freshman Dan McArthur is a transfer student from Word of Life Bible Institute, and he has played Junior Wimbledon for the Botswana national team.

The other freshman playing for the Yellow Jackets this season is Paul Kitchen. He reigned as the number one city player from his hometown of Battlecreek, Mich.

Murdoch's youngest son Mark is also practicing with the squad this season. The freshman will option for a red shirt year under NAIA rules due to a shoulder injury he acquired a few months ago.

Challenging the team appears to be one of Murdoch's main intent this year. "I'm trying to put together a tough schedule each year because I want the guys to be motivated to always do better," he said.

"My biggest problem now is trying to keep everyone healthy," said Murdoch. He was referring to his number two and four players, Taranger and Brumhaugh, who have acquired mononucleosis.

Women enter season strong

by Julie Swift
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team challenged Malone, last year's NAIA District 22 champion, in their first match of the 1988 season. The narrow 4-5 loss sent the team into the season with optimism. "We've never had this kind of depth," said coach Pam Diehl. This is a strong statement for a team who lost three of its top six players last year: Judy Happe, Amy DeCook and Jenny Ward.

Preparation for the season began in January with indoor practices. The spring break trip to Lakeland, Fla., concluded the pre-season training. There the aim was to establish positions within the team through challenge matches. Competition was tight because many team members are at almost equal skill levels. The final lineup has yet to be finalized.

Battling for the top four positions are senior Roge Lash, freshman Janell Kelley, sophomore Stefanie Swift and freshman Julie Swift. Lash was last year's

top singles player. She anticipates a season finale at the NAIA in Kansas City. Kelley has previously played in tournaments. Stefanie Swift played in the fourth position on last year's team. She is joined by her sister, Julie. The Swift sisters will function as the second doubles team behind Lash and Kelley as first doubles.

Challengers for the fifth and sixth team positions are junior Becky Tucker, sophomore Michelle Nakano and freshman Kathy Fetterman. Tucker played the fifth position last year. This year she will make up half of the third doubles team. Nakano comes from Hawaii and jumped into the lineup with her athletic playing style. Fetterman joins the team with high school experience.

Adding to the team's depth are returnees senior Michelle Lelah and senior Carla Weitkamp. Completing the lineup are sophomore Mary Price, senior Kim Bradshaw, senior Kim Hughes and freshman Joan Wilson. Diehl is impressed by each team member's

willingness to fulfill her role on the team.

Team goals set this season are to increase consistency and to peak at the District 22 tournament. Diehl commented, "If we play to our potential, we should be able to win Districts and head for Nationals in Kansas City."

Against Malone, the premier matchup was at first doubles where Lash and Kelley played one of their best games to claim victory in three sets. At second doubles, the Swift sisters rallied from 2-5 in the third set, but they lost in the tie breaker, 3-7. Fetterman posted her first college win at sixth singles. Diehl was pleased, especially

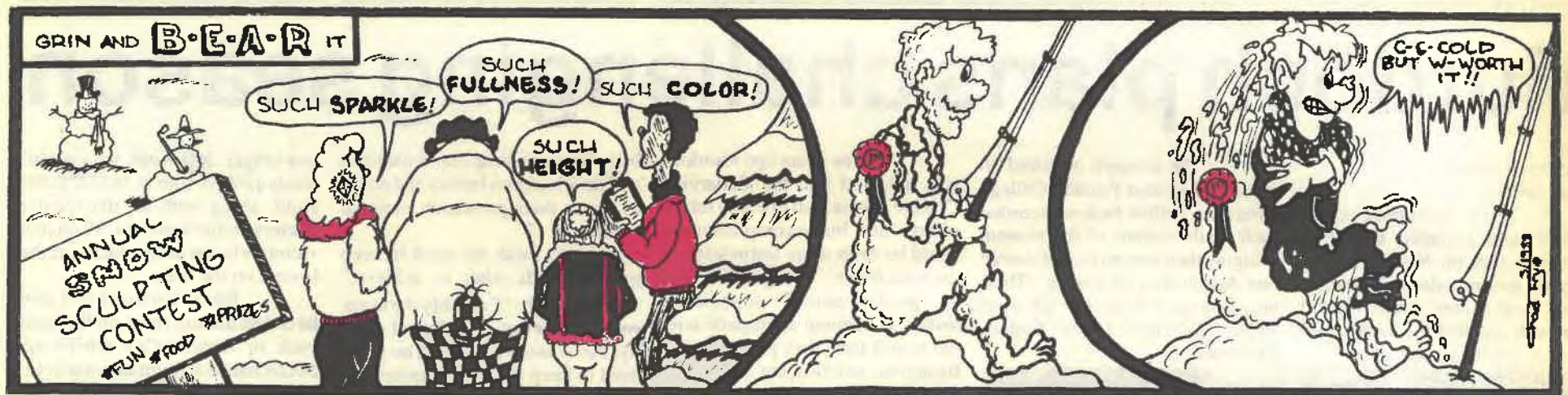
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by Herbert Bean
Staff Writer

Ever since I was little, the phrase "spring is in the air" has carried an eerie connotation to it. I knew there were birds in the air, balloons in the air, planes in the air and flying fish in the air. The idea of a whole season being in the air caused me to stay indoors from March to June. Since then, I've always been a winter person.

As I've gotten older now, winter is more of a blight than a blessing. There's nothing pleasant about it being cold enough to freeze your nose hairs.

So, as it comes closer to spring, I thought I'd write a poem of spring. The title of the following classic is "Isn't Life Funny?"

Isn't life funny, around the time of
Easter Bunny
When the flowers all bloom in the
grass,
And the sun is a shining, the birds
are a whining,
And you're still stuck in your class.

And isn't life a joke when your skin
starts to smoke
From the sun beating down on your
chest,
And you toss and you turn from
that horrid sunburn,
But you're not as tanned as the rest.

Oh, isn't life hilarious, when your
health is quite precarious
From the cold you caught sunning
your back,
So you go to nurse Gene for some
tetracycline
To give you the health that you
lack.

Yes, isn't life witty when the girls
are all pretty
And your gut is as big as a truck.
You try to lose some weight so you
can get a date,

But even skinny you still have no
luck.

Don't you just adore life at the
Springfield reservoir
When the water laps up to your
toes.
Then the freezing begins, and the
frostbite sets in,
And you sink like a rock to your
nose.

Isn't life comical? The bills are
astronomical,
Oh, when off to King's Island you
get
Where the rides are so great, but
the food that you ate
Costs as much as the national debt.

Boy, isn't life a gag, when your
grades start to sag
'Cause you spent too much time
playing ball.
And the tears that you cry as you
wave goodbye
Say you won't be back next year at
all.

Isn't life a gas while you sit
through a hot class
With nothing but sweat on your
brain.
Oh, but the "next time," you swear,
"I'll vacate that chair."
I'll never come to this class again."

Man, isn't life a tease when you fall
on your knees
To beg for a date to the J.S.
But the dress that you bought will
sit there and rot.
Who can blame you for trying your
best?

But life's final pun gives the pro-
fessor such fun
When he adds up your last senior
score.
You thought that you were
through, but I guess he fooled you.
You'll be back again next year for
more.

As I thought through this classic, I realized that it wasn't that great. In fact, it had nothing to do with spring at all. So I decided to open this up to you, the students. This is the First Annual Andy Nomous Poet Laureate Contest. Write a poem (preferably funny) about the subject of spring and send it to:

Andy Nomous Contest
c/o Cedars

I'll judge the poems, and the winner will receive an "I won the Andy Nomous Poetry Contest" t-shirt. Your poem will also be published in my column (which saves me from writing so much).

At least five people must enter for the contest to take place. You can get a group of people together on this, but only one t-

shirt will be given. (Who do you think I am, Rockefeller?) All entries must be received by May 2, 1988.

So, come on! Send in those poems! Spring is in the air!

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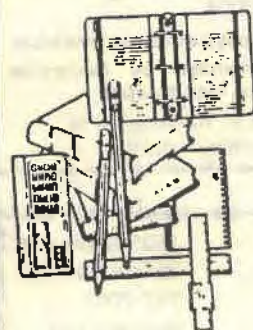
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