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Lewis Energizes Missions Conference

Beverly Keist
Staff Writer

On Monday, March 20, the Cedarville College family crowded into the James T. Jeremiah Chapel for the beginning of the 1995 Missions Conference. Reverend Ed Lewis was this year's keynote speaker, speaking Monday through Thursday evenings.

Lewis opened the conference with a message that called attention to what he called the worst criminal activity of Christians: failing to share the message of the gospel to a lost and dying world.

Throughout the week, the college family heard stories of his own mission work as he empha-

sized the power of God. Lewis challenged the audience to be available for God's use, reminding us of Paul's assertion that Christians who want to live a

"It's not a question as to whether or not we should be involved in missions. The real issue is how we should be involved."

godly life should expect to be persecuted (II Tim. 3:12).

His final sermon urged listeners to evaluate their commitment to God's service and ended with an altar call to which several

hundred students responded. Some reaffirmed past commitments to full-time Christian service. Others dedicated themselves to the ministry for the first time, while still others responded to show willingness to be used wherever God leads.

Lewis, who has earned the nickname "Micro Machine" because of his small stature and enthusiastic speaking style, spent nine years with his family as a missionary

in Austria. During that time he and his wife Joanne trained youth leaders, held youth rallies in Vienna, and organized summer worker programs.

Part of Lewis' time overseas involved underground communication with Christians in Czechoslovakia, as he preached in evangelistic meetings, led youth training sessions, and smuggled Bibles and other goods past the Iron Curtain. Presently Lewis works for the Evangelical Alliance Mission as a missionary mobilizer.

Despite an extremely busy schedule, Lewis managed to make time for an interview with Cedars before he had to leave.

Cedars: Did you do missionary work before you went to Austria?

Lewis: Well, the first time I was involved in missions was in 1974 when I went out as a summer missionary, and it was indeed in Austria. I had been in Austria prior to that as a foreign exchange student when I was a senior in high school. That's when I did all the hard stuff like learn the culture and latch onto the language.

Cedars: What other kinds of work had you done before you became involved in missions?

Lewis: Putting myself through college, I was employed as a door-to-door salesman of cemetery lots, vaults, and markers, which was really interesting. If you can do that, you can do almost anything.

I was also employed as the



The animated Ed Lewis is a perennial favorite with students. His evening series in the Missionary Conference combined humor, anecdotes and Scripture to deliver powerful, convicting messages. Photo by A. Young

Gromacki Divides His Time Between School and Church

Paul Dean
Contributing Writer

1995 marks Dr. Robert Gromacki's 35th year teaching at Cedarville College. Like many other faculty, teaching has not been his sole activity. Gromacki is author of 14 books and over 100 articles and publications. Some of his past activities have included pulpit supply at dozens of churches, interim pastor for several area churches, Alpha Chi advisor, varsity golf coach, and church planting in Washington Court House. Cedars recently met with Gromacki to discuss the church planting effort, some of his thoughts on Cedarville, and other current events.

Cedars: When did the ministry at Washington Court House begin?

Gromacki: February of 1990.

Cedars: Step by step, could you explain how you started the church planting effort?

Gromacki: Actually, they came to me. A student, Tim Walters, came to me and asked for help. He had come from a Holiness/Nazarene church.

Several members of that

church had come to believe in eternal security and decided to reject the "second blessing" experience found in Holiness theology. Having spent their whole lives in this church, they did not know what to do or where to go.

Through Tim the church asked me to hold a Sunday night Bible study. In February of 1990, I started leading a Sunday night Bible study in a private home. We began the study with 15 to 17 couples and went through the book of First John.

Cedars: When did the Bible study group decide to begin a church?

Gromacki: After two months, the people decided to form their own church. During that time they had been attending morning services at the Holiness/Nazarene church. I agreed to help them start the church.

At the time they did not know what kind of church they wanted to be. Some people wanted to be a Grace Brethren church, others a Bible church, but after some

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manager of a Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Store and once made a milkshake out of 32 flavors of ice cream at one time. It tasted mostly like chocolate and looked like sludge.

When I graduated from college, however, I was an associate pastor/youth minister for three years. That was in Muskegon, Michigan. It was a fun time, and I learned a lot, really good practical stuff. Then I taught senior high school for three years here in Ohio in a regular public school system. I taught plane geometry, algebra, and German.

Cedars: Had you been planning to go into missions work earlier?

Lewis: Well, I was nine years old when I actually decided to follow Jesus and placed my faith and trust in Him and got saved. At that point it just seemed very logical to me that what I did everybody else should do. It just seemed like the best deal in the

world, and I couldn't understand why anybody would be opposed to it.

However, it wasn't until I was about fourteen years old and I was attending summer camp that I actually threw my little stick in the fire and said, "I'm willing to do whatever God wants me to do." At that time I did not know that was "missionarying," but I fully intended to pursue whatever it was that God intended for me to do. I felt that was a process of trying to maximize the talents and abilities that He gave me.

Cedars: Did you have other career plans, then?

Lewis: Actually, I told everybody I was going to be a doctor. I went away as a foreign exchange student, and it was during that year that the Lord really planted a love for the Austrian people in my heart. I saw the need; I knew I should go back as

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Marty Joy "Aphrodite" Bartley and Alicia Ann "Venus" Bennett
Stafford Loans

It was a sunny April afternoon on campus. The birds were singing a joyous song, and no one was walking on the grass. It was only weeks after the end of winter hibernation, and Cedarville couples were out in force, carpeting the grounds much like a commercial for Paramount's Kings Island. Luckily, SGA had successfully petitioned only days earlier for extra benches to accommodate the expected

crowds, so there was more than ample space to snuggle.

Among the attractively landscaped park of Printy benches, we finally come across the two bright, attractive, and attached young people upon whom we will focus our collective attention.

"Oh Sugar, remember when we were doomed to spend our winter together in Maddox lounge night after night, struggling to be affectionate discreetly so we wouldn't get demerits?" she queried.

"Snookums, let's not forget

those long weekends where we were slaves to the snack shop formerly known as the Gavelyte!" he sighed.

Why, our gentle readers may ask, do we concern ourselves with the lives of this particular couple? Are we eavesdropping on Kristin Rinehart and Mark Totten? Could it be Melanie Dawson and Steve Caton? No.

The significance is that the male part of this duo is our very special Tobin-in-Training: Our Hero-in-Utero: Joel Elmore. As devoted followers of Tobin and his disciples, we take a rather

personal interest in Joel's love life. Not to mention that, as is usual to those of us besmirched by the title of "journalists," we are generally busybodies with an opinion on everything. Even things we can't pronounce.

It was in the bleakest months of winter quarter when Joel Elmore had his first clandestine meeting with Christina Stauffer. Christina was working busily in the Dishpit of Despair to make ends meet when tuition-free Joel peeked in and glimpsed a vision of loveliness. However, it was not until he saw her heft the 102 pound basket of food into the disposal that Cupid's arrow hit the bull's-eye.

Shortly after a secretly arranged pick-a-date, they attended a basketball game together. No sooner than the early spring thaw, they found themselves frequenting the gorge and occasionally enjoying a rendezvous a la Young's.

Everyday in chapel, they sat side-by-side—Joel with his arm around her, yet across the wooden pew back. It was in chapel that they heard Dr. Dixon speak the words that forever altered their course in life. Those words that they scribbled so furiously in their chapel notes, the words that they read over and over again to grasp and claim their meaning forever: "I love to walk across campus and see the

kids holding hands. I'd like to see more of it." So they did...everywhere, even if they were just walking to get a bagel at Chuck's.

"Remember, Sweetums," cooed Christina, "when you bought those tickets so we could go see Country Music Legend Willie Nelson? And then you had him dedicate 'You Are My Sunshine, Bartley & Bennett' to me? And then it became our song?"

While basking in this memory, Pi Deltan Paige "Sacajawea" Wolfanger was showing her tour group "a typical Cedarville couple enjoying their time together."

The video crew was almost ready to shoot them in the setting sun for the new college video when a stunning figure of a man, Our Hero: Tobin Strong stepped in and blotted out the sun.

"Joel, we need to talk. The relationship you and Christina have is making people uncomfortable. All this kissy-face and holding hands across the table at Chuck's, all this time together. It's not healthy. Take it slow. You're young."

With these sage words of advice, Tobin turned heroically, grasped the hand of an attractive blonde woman named Kim, and walked off in search of the gorge.

Letter From The Editor

Spring quarter is here, and the fever has broken. The weather is starting to turn, and in two weeks we've got an extended break for the Easter holiday. Not much else could go right. Wait, the first round of the Master's Tournament is beginning on Thursday (complete with my favorite golfer, Davis Love III, who qualified this past weekend with a win in New Orleans). It's hard to believe that just three short weeks ago, much of our population was in the throes of a serious winter depression.

Break served us well, replenishing our souls, baking our skin and draining our coffers. It gave me a new look at college life here at Cedarville. I found myself in two distinct locations on our break: North Texas and Palm Beach, Florida. In both cases my travels centered around college campuses. In Texas I saw a college town that is worse off than Cedarville. The roads have more pot holes, (the ones that are paved) and the landscape is just as flat and barren. And there are 26,000 students. Who said Texans are smart people?

The other world I ran into is twice removed from reality. I spent most of the week on a college campus in the midst of paradise. The campus nearly falls into the intercoastal waterway and is less than a five minute bike ride from the Atlantic Ocean. The beach that the students frequent is the one at the end of Clark St., right next to Estée Lauder's mansion. On late night strolls, I walked past the Kennedy compound that made national news a few years back. I also wandered around the vaulted halls of the Breakers Hotel. Two weeks prior, the owners and players met there to try and find a way to play baseball this decade.

I say all that to say this: we have it pretty good here. I sat in on a chapel at the school I was at in Florida, and the difference was amazing. It's true what those visiting speakers say, there is a notable difference at Cedarville. Chapel everyday is not a very convenient aspect of college life—students are always searching for more time, I know. Every house has its quarrels, and "dysfunctional family" is applied to just about every group of human beings in existence (including baseball). But I can safely say that after seeing the alternative, I'm glad for what we have here at Cedarville.

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a missionary. Unfortunately, I had told everybody I was going to be a doctor, but they did not need doctors in Austria. They have some of the finest medical facilities in the world.

So, I came back and went to the pre-med program at Case Western University, majoring in chemistry simply because I told everybody, "I'm gonna be a doctor," and pride got in the way. I was miserable, dropped out after a very short time, and worked in a factory for a year to earn money so I could go back to Bible college. Then I went back and studied comparative religion and philosophy.

Cedars: Where was that?

Lewis: That was at Grand Rapids Baptist, which is now Cornerstone.

Cedars: You told us some stories from your Bible-smuggling years. How long were you in-

involved with that?

Lewis: From 1983 until Eastern Europe opened up in 1989, about six years...six really capital "S" scary years.

Cedars: And you never really thought you could see yourself doing that?

Lewis: No, when I went in, I never intended to do that. In fact, I got scared every time I did it. When I left, my family didn't even know where I was going to be.

Cedars: Did they know what you were doing?

Lewis: Oh, sure, they knew that I was going into Czechoslovakia. They would say goodbye, but they had no way of getting in touch with me. I would be gone over a week, and not even I knew where I was going. There was just no way to check up. I couldn't call, I couldn't send a postcard out, so it was kind of scary. They never knew when to expect me back, so sometimes I would sneak in in the middle of the night and try to scare them. It was kind of fun.

Cedars: Those experiences must

have been a real stretch of your faith.

Lewis: It was; it was. In fact, I think I shared earlier that I was never more closely aligned with God than during those years. There's something about desperately needing His help that draws you close to Him. It's the kind of thing we wish we could maintain all the time, but in those emergency situations, boy you're really wanting to reach out to Him, to make sure that everything is in order.

Cedars: When I was younger I read *God's Smuggler* by Brother Andrew, and I remember being inspired by his courage. Had you heard stories of others doing that kind of work that inspired you?

Lewis: Actually, I had read that book, and I had also read *Tortured for Christ*. Those books really just scared me to death. I really had no desire to do that, but I just did it. While doing it, I tried not to think of all the risks involved; I would just focus on what God could do. So I was never really afraid while I was doing it. Before and after I felt like kissing the ground in Austria when I was safely in the West, but during the time, I was just wonderfully amazed at how God could use me.

I also felt and still feel that I learned more from those people than I could have possibly taught them. In fact at times I asked them, "Why do you actually have me come in here and do this? We could very easily smuggle in a cassette tape of me saying everything and more than I could possibly say in a seven hour period during one of our underground seminars."

They said, "Yeah, yeah, we could do that. But Philip (you know they used my false name Philip [to protect themselves]), your presence here is more important here than what you say. When we see you here, we know

that you care for us and that there are other Christians who are praying for us. So you are a symbol; you keep coming."

Cedars: What was it like when the Iron Curtain fell and you realized you could finally go in freely?

Lewis: Well, it was a total surprise; we were not expecting it. Those of us who were praying regularly for it were totally taken aback. In fact, we didn't believe it. I was in prayer meetings where we prayed that these folks would be taken out of the way, and then all that happened. It floored us.

In fact, after everything opened up, as late as January or February in 1990, I was very careful driving in. I was still hiding my car two kilometers from the meeting. I was taking a circuitous route to get there. I would knock with the brief, coded message on the door, and they would open it up and say, "Oh, Philip, come on in!"

I would say, "SHHH!"

[They said,] "Oh, no, it's OK!"

I didn't believe them. I didn't want to take any chances, because we thought perhaps the governments were merely playing dead: opening things up and pulling everybody out from hiding, only to clobber us. But it didn't turn out to be that way.

Cedars: On the final night of the conference, many students went forward as a public demonstration of their commitment to ministry and willingness to be used by God. Now that the altar call is over, how would you challenge them as they take the next step in keeping their commitments?

Lewis: First, to those who have committed specifically to Christian service overseas or cross-cultural situations: you need to gain qualifications for whatever you intend to do. If you're going to be a missionary doctor, hey, we want you to be good doctors. If you're going to be a nurse or a teacher or a mechanic, you need to be proficient in your field. So, you really need to study hard.

You also need to start developing relationships with future partners in ministry, the mission agencies, for example. You should not wait until you're all ready to go and then contact mission agencies. You'll be horribly surprised with prerequisites you never knew existed.

So, right now, you should check out two to five mission agencies that go the places you want or feel led to go, that do the things you want or feel led to do. Then you should start a relationship; fill out those little preliminary information forms or

have those five-minute interviews. When you are ready to go, it will speed up the process tremendously.

So, while you're getting qualified, start a relationship with a mission agency. This will also provide you with a good relationship which is mutually accountable, and those folks at the mission agency will be praying for you. They're going to be on your side, and they'll provide you with added spiritual input as well.

It's really good to latch onto somebody whom you trust, somebody who is spiritually mature. Find a man or woman of prayer—maybe someone from your home church, someone from the college campus here—and get involved in an accountability relationship. This will help you to gauge how things are going.

It's really important that you notify your home church of your intentions as well, because the home church is the sending agency. When somebody comes up to me and says, "I want to be a missionary," the first question I ask them is, "What does your pastor think about this?" or "Is your church behind you?" because they are the folks that we are working with.

In fact, our mission agency's statement of purpose states, "TEAM's purpose is to help churches send missionaries to plant reproducing churches in other nations."

Cedars: What about those people who are unsure about what they want to do but are open to going where God leads?

Lewis: Well, first of all I think everybody should be involved in missions, whether they know it or not, because it's not a question as to whether or not we should be involved in missions. The real issue is how we should be involved.

Some people will be going, yes, but not everybody will. Not everybody should. We don't want everybody there; we need some people back here doing the support work. We need people working in the home offices; we need people planning the strategy for world evangelization; we need other folks who are intelligently supporting missions; we need prayer warriors.

I heartily recommend going for a short-term missionary experience, whether it be for one week, a month, or a year. You'll actually see what it's like on the mission field.

I really think you're going to be a better member of the body of Christ for having seen that kind of thing.

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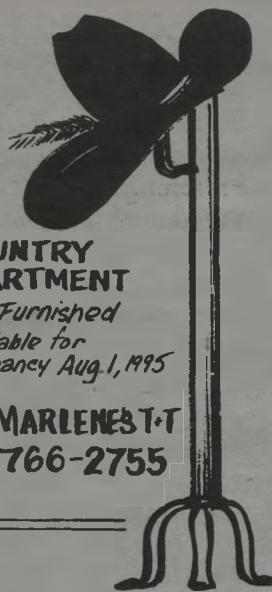
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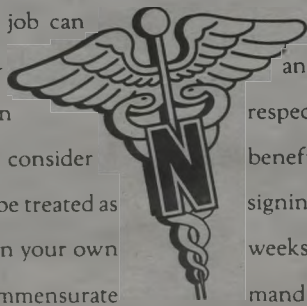
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Gromacki

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deliberation they decided to become a Baptist church.

In November of 1990 we were finally chartered as Grace Community Baptist Church with about 30 charter members. My wife and I decided that to really help them out we had to identify with them. We chose to leave Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville and to worship every week with them.

Our first service was Easter Sunday, April 1991. We met in an old country schoolhouse basement. Shortly after that we were able to meet in the music room of the Washington Court House High School. It seated around 90.

We stayed in that room until we outgrew it. We moved to the cafeteria, where we are now. That room seats 250. During some special services we've had even more than that attend.

Cedars: What types of outreach have you concentrated on to expand the church?

Gromacki: Many different types, really. First we needed to establish a presence in the community, to let people know we were there, who we were, and what we wanted to do.

One way we decided to do that was through mailing the Grace Community Paper. It is a publication of the Gospel Publishing Company out of Birmingham, Alabama. It is a 12 page newspaper with all kinds of articles, some written by Chuck Swindoll and James Dobson, dealing with family matters, society matters, that type of thing.

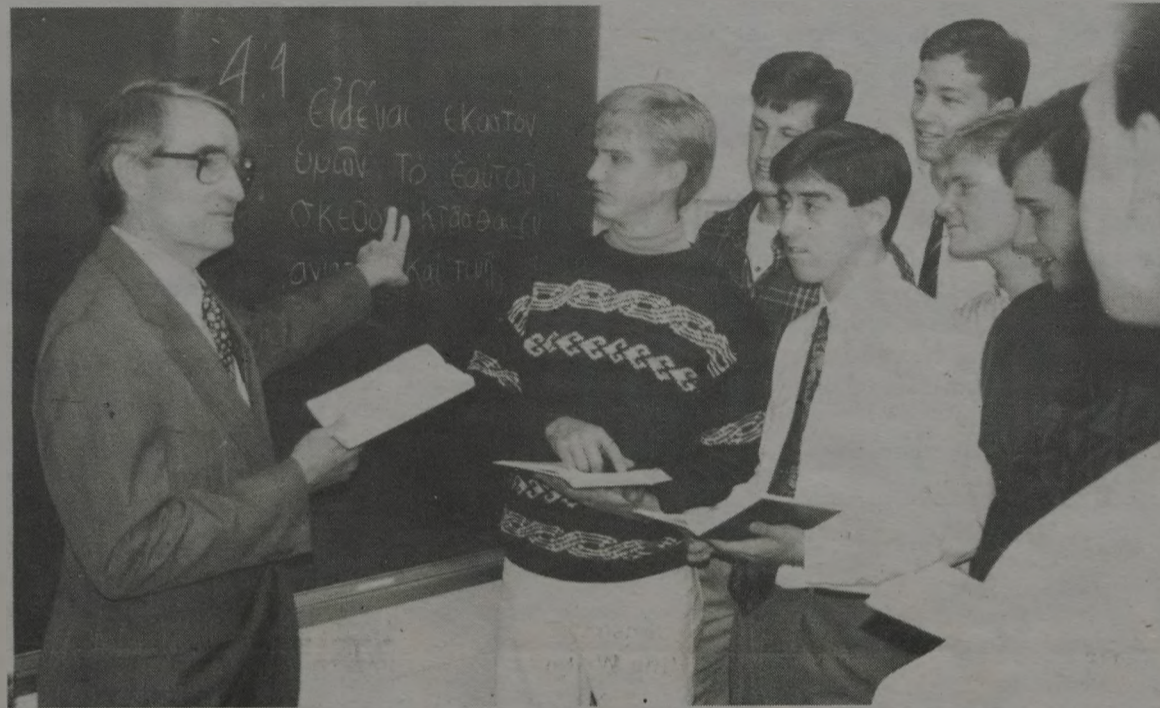
Grace Community Church has about a page and a half in that paper to tell about us, who we are, where we meet, that sort of thing. We send this out to all the people who are served by the Washington Court House Post Office. We send out 10,000 of those every two months.

Besides the paper we've grown through word of mouth, special services, personal outreach, cantatas, a full music/drama production, and a five-day backyard Bible club. As far as I know there has never been a steady Bible preaching ministry, and these people want this. We do not go out after them, but many have left churches that do not have a solid Bible foundation and come to ours.

Cedars: What are your goals for growth? Do you see Grace Community becoming as large as

Grace Baptist here in Cedarville?

Gromacki: We do look for growth, and we want to grow. However, we want to grow individuals and families. That is our focus. In order to do this you must have facilities and programs, so from the beginning we have looked for land to build



Robert Gromacki has taught at Cedarville College for 35 years. Recently, he contributed to a practical theology book, writing on the relevance of the incarnation. Photo by A. Young

our own building.

Cedars: How did you acquire your land and how is the building project going?

Gromacki: When we first considered the land, it was too expensive, but about nine months later the owners of the land came to us. The church was larger then and financially able to purchase the land. There were some zoning conflicts, but the city rezoned the land to make it available for us to build our church on the property. The groundbreaking ceremony took place two weeks ago, and the foundation should be laid by the end of next week. The plan is to be in the building by November.

Cedars: What obstacles have you faced in this ministry?

Gromacki: Some property owners in the area were opposed to a church being built in the area zoned for houses, but the Lord opened it up for us. We are there in that community to serve, not to make enemies. If the community would have voted that they didn't want us there, it would have been the end of it. We would have had to go somewhere else.

Aside from that, the obstacle is time. It takes time to build a

church. If you look week to week it can be discouraging, but if you look at the big picture and see how it has grown, then it is very encouraging.

Cedars: How has being a pastor affected your responsibilities as a professor?

Gromacki: There hasn't been any conflict. In fact, I think that being a pastor has enriched my teaching. There are so many practical things I can bring from the church experience into the classroom and vice versa.

Cedars: Getting back to Cedar-

God.

I think students coming today are probably better prepared. They have greater life experiences behind them; they have more advanced maturity. They certainly have the capacity to do things better than we did them before with computers and that type of thing.

It's hard to say whether or not they are more or less spiritually minded. I see many students with a high level of commitment to Christ. I also detect some apathy, but we've always had that.

ville, over the years what have you seen as the college's greatest strength?

Gromacki: The sense of balance has been a great strength, the balance between evangelizing the lost and teaching and discipling the saved.

The fact that the institution has grown, which indicates life and a sense of purpose, has been one reason why God has kept me here. I'm not part of an institution that has gone stagnant, one whose best years are in the past.

At Cedarville we always feel that we can press forward, that we can always do better as we seek to glorify God. In the early days no one thought much of Cedarville. Now in Christian academia people look to us as an example of what a Christian college ought to be.

Cedars: How have students changed over the years?

Gromacki: Someone once said that the more things change, the more things stay the same. Students are still students. They're still 18, and they have the same interests as they did then. They're interested in the opposite sex, a career, doing well in school, and doing the will of

Cedars: You contributed to a book that just came out. What is the book about?

Gromacki: The book is called *Basic Theology: Applied*. It is a tribute to Charles Ryrie. My section is on the virgin birth and the incarnation. It's entitled "Christmas, So What?" It answers the questions: What is so significant about the coming of Jesus Christ to earth? How does that play out in our lives? What can we learn from it? How can we profit daily from understanding this truth?

Cedars: What is the target audience for this book?

Gromacki: The target audience will be the same that read *Basic Theology*, because this book shows the practical side of theology, the applied side of theology.

Cedars: Many major Christian authors sense a de-emphasizing of theology. Do you see that also, and do you see this book written to counter that?

Gromacki: Yes, I think we are living in a day when life experiences of people are becoming central, husband/wife relationships, parent/child relationships, all of that. People are rushing to put out books to deal with these areas. All the emphasis is on meeting the social and psychological needs of people, many times to the detriment of the exposition of the whole counsel of God.

We've got to be careful that we don't have a lack of balance. There's nothing wrong with counseling, with helping people, but not at the expense of establishing people in the faith. To me, when a person comes to understand God and the redemptive purpose of God through the ages and His purpose for us, we begin to understand our relationship to Him. It is then that we will be able to understand ourselves and our relationship to others.

For example you go to the book of Ephesians. Paul talks about husband/wife relationships, but he doesn't talk about them until chapter five. Today people want to hear about relationships up front. Paul first talks about Christ, God, and the church.

Once we understand that, we can work out our human relationships. This issue-centered teaching may be able to do some good, but I don't know that we will be able to stabilize people in the faith.

In answer to your second question, no, I don't think the book has an ulterior motive. It is simply a tribute to Charles Ryrie.

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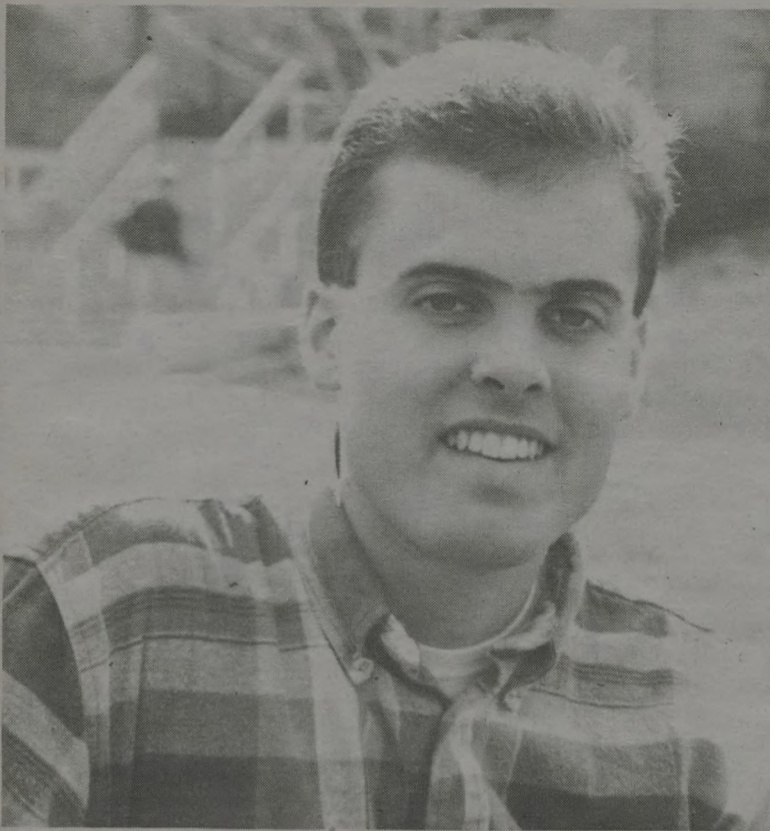
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Senior Chad Vitarelli began his singing career at age eight. While at Cedarville, he has participated in many musical groups including the popular Kingsmen Quartet. Photo by A. Young

Vitarelli Showcases Variety

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Spring can be a busy time for seniors, especially for those who are preparing for their senior recitals. Chad Vitarelli, a church music major, has been spending many hours preparing for his senior voice recital which will be held in the chapel on April 8 at 8:00 p.m.

Vitarelli's hour-long recital (with intermission) will include a variety of music styles such as Renaissance lute songs, Jewish folk songs sung in German, early 20th century songs based on Scripture passages, arias from operas, and some contemporary songs.

Music has always been a big part of Vitarelli's life. "When I was eight years old I sang 'Trust

and Obey" in church, and I've been singing ever since," he said.

In high school, Vitarelli was in the choir, sang solos in school concerts, and was involved in a musical. He also participated in Talents for Christ, an annual competition among GARBC youth groups state-wide.

It wasn't until it was time to choose a college that Vitarelli decided he wanted to sing as a career. Since being at Cedarville he has been actively involved in a number of singing groups including Concert Chorale, a MIS team to Jamaica, Men's Glee Club, and the Kingsmen Quartet, one of the most popular singing groups on campus.

Vitarelli is committed to full-time ministry for the Lord but hasn't determined what direc-

tion to follow once the quarter is over.

"I guess I'm waiting for God to plug me in somewhere. Trusting in Him is a great place to be," Vitarelli said.

As for Vitarelli's personal goals, he is desiring to know Christ and glorify Him through his talents.

"I know that the Lord wants me to serve Him for the rest of my life. Singing is one facet of my life that the Holy Spirit wants to minister through, but only one facet. Faithful stewardship of all the resources that Christ has made available to me demands that I lay them all at His feet. It's my prayer that I will die to selfish motives daily, and that His desires will become mine," he said.

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Thursday's Live Changes Focus

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This week one third of the student body will gather on Thursday for a night of challenge and entertainment that is not about sex. The title of this quarter's Thursday's Live is "This One's Not About Sex, Trust Me!"

Director Steve Brock said, "[This Thursday's Live] is about transcending our differences with the similarities that we have in Christ."

The point of this Thursday's Live is to help us remember that we are all created equally in God's image, with different backgrounds and different gifts. These differences each serve a special purpose in God's plan.

"One concern I have is that [students] will think that we're accusing them of being racist, but diversity is not a red, yellow, black or white issue. It is a brother and sister in Christ issue. Hopefully students will walk out feeling like they can do a little better; it is not about racism," Brock said.

Brock said that the nature of this Thursday's Live is different from any program in the past. "We are trying some new and unique things. It is a very powerful program," he said.

"The goal of Thursday's Live is to address contemporary topics in a way that is entertaining and dramatic. We will be using a balance of drama, humor, and



Thursday's Live draws students together for an informal night of drama and music. Carl Ruby, Dana Gosser, and Steve Brock are among the people who have planned this week's event. Photo by A. Young

contemporary music. It will challenge [students] to think about new ways that they can live out their commitment to Christ, and some of it won't be easy to watch," Carl Ruby, Coordinator of this Thursday's Live, said. Past topics of Thursday's Live have included dysfunctional families, sexual purity, relationships, and the entertainment industry.

Junior Brian Lenhart said that he usually attends the Thursday's Live programs because they are entertaining and teach good lessons. "I learned from the [program] about date rape to be sensitive to people it's maybe happened to. It's not something to joke about,"

Lenhart said.

"I am glad that issues like sex and rape are not brushed off and disregarded just because this is a Christian college," Sophomore Rachel Maki said.

"Thursday's Live has helped me to recognize pressures and be able to talk with other believers about issues affecting us as Christians in a world without values. It has helped us to support each other with encouragement and accountability," Maki said.

Kirsten Gibbs and Dana Gosser of the Admissions Department and Debi Wong, SGA Intercultural chair, also worked with Brock and Ruby to produce Thursday's Live.

Alumni Set Out to Conquer Appalachian Trail



Mark Moody and Tom Kadamus head for the hills in the pursuit of adventure and enlightenment. Their biggest challenge so far has been blisters. (Submitted)

Mark Moody and Tom Kadamus graduated from Cedarville College in June of 1994. On Mar. 17, the two met up at Springer Mountain, GA and began a trip up the Appalachian Trail (AT). The two will be sending Cedars letters every two weeks to let the students know where their journey is taking them and how they fare along the way.

It seems somewhat ridiculous hiking from Georgia to Maine, but here we are with about 2,100 miles left to go. We started thinking about this trip when we were 13 years old and hiking through the mountains of Massachusetts together. We met at Camp Northfield, in Northfield, MA. Throughout high school, we discussed our desire to hike the entire AT (2,200 miles) numerous times.

If it weren't for Tommy mentioning to me last May before graduation that he wanted to do the trail, I'd still be moving through my education at Dallas Theological Seminary. But Tom's decision to do the trail helped me to see that if I was ever going to hike the whole thing, now was the best time to try. Plus, all of our hiking has been done together, so who better to do it with?

We've hit some tough mountains right from the start. Up and down, up and down—that seems to be the whole state of Georgia. It's day four and we're at Blairsville, GA, in Neel's Gap. We've decided to stay with friends we've met on the trail since this is their stop. Also, we needed somewhere to stay for

the night because I am waiting for new boots to arrive tomorrow. Both of our feet are blistering up pretty badly and I need a new pair of boots that aren't so tight. I called the company, and they're shipping a new, bigger pair tomorrow so that Tom and I can hit the trail again.

The opportunity for sharing our faith has been pretty incredible, and I am excited for the future. My trail name is Chippy, dating back to my days working on staff at Camp Northfield. Tommy's trail name is Tutone, going back to his freshman year at Cedarville. I'll try to drop a note again soon to let you know how things are going. Take care to spend time with God.

Chippy, Mark Moody
Tutone, Tom Kadamus

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Baseball Team Swings Into Season

Martin Simons
Contributing Writer

The Cedarville baseball team began their new season with four wins in the first ten games. On Mar. 14, the team swept Asbury in a doubleheader: 6-4, 5-4. The next day, they beat Tennessee Temple both games: 5-3, 11-6.

The team lost to Tennessee Wesleyan, Mount Saint Joseph, and Ohio Dominican. Cedarville played Wittenberg at home on Mar. 30 and lost both games of the doubleheader. Against Mount Vernon Nazarene on April 1, the team again suffered a double defeat in the home field.

"The goal for the team this year is to finish in the top half of the conference. There are some tough teams such as Mount Vernon and Ohio Dominican who will be playing for first place," Manager Norris Smith said.

Seniors on the team this year



John Iamaio cracks a line drive down left field for a single. Photo by A. Young

include pitcher Matt Robinson, right fielder David Geiger, shortstop Paul Melvin, and secondbaseman Jeff Bowen.

After ten games, Geiger lead the team with a .407 batting average. Stephen Mays was sec-

ond with a .405 average. Dave Pierce led the team in pitching with an earned run average (ERA) of 1.80. Clint Miller was second with an ERA of 2.65. Miller led the team with 17 innings pitched.

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Track Team Looks for Another Winning Season



Senior Stephanie Sherman won the 100 meter hurdle event at home on April 1 with a time of 15.5 seconds. This year's outdoor track team hopes to capitalize on its combination of veteran experience and rookie promise. Photo by A. Young

**Danny Cook
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After training in beautiful Florida, the Cedarville track team had to leap back into the trenches to battle their Midwest competition.

"The season looks promising for both the men and the women," Coach Paul Orchard said. Last year, in addition to other fine performances, the women won the NCCAA title, and the men placed second. Orchard hopes for even more this year.

"Our goal has to be to win the Mid-Ohio Conference (MOC.) The team has more strength this year. The University of Findlay will be tough to beat, but we have to be striving to be the best team in the conference," Orchard said.

Both the men and the women

look to be strong in distance and field events, Orchard said.

Stephanie Sherman, who is looking for a return trip to the NAIA nationals in the triple jump, said the women's force lies largely in their distance lineup. Michelle Burson, Julianne Pletcher, and Jennifer Zenner have been powerful in the first two meets, just like last year. Zenner missed qualifying for NAIA nationals in the 800 meters by only one second. Pletcher has already qualified for NAIA nationals in the 10,000 meters.

The distance team's depth has helped as well.

"We have about eight to ten other runners to pick up sixth, seventh, and eighth places, and this makes the difference," Sherman said.

With the team so stacked, Sherman predicted the best. "Last year the women won NCCAA, and we didn't lose any graduating seniors. One of our goals is to improve," she said.

In men's distance, Pete Simons, Kevin Conkel, Chuck Lyngass, and James Persenaire compose a formidable unit. Simons changed his focus from 5,000 meters to the steeplechase and is already stalking the big boys.

Conkel, a strong contender in the 10,000 meters, expects some of the newer talent acquired in cross-country to kick in for this season's climax.

"Track is a little more intense [than cross-country], and they are adapting now. We hope

they'll be there for us when we need them at the NCCAA, for example," Conkel said.

The men's distance will not have to carry all the load. Although the team lost sprinter Daryl Hammock, it added new potential in the field events. Bobby Polack was completely new to the triple jump. "He has already come within two inches of the school record," Orchard said.

In shot, disk, and javelin, Cedarville lost Tim Keib, but gained new energy: Dan Hudson and Jay Randall. Dave Swasey will take to the field in the hammer throw.

"Outdoor track is really the middle of a long season that starts in the fall," Orchard said. At this point, he is honing the team for the important meets.

"We're in mid-season, not peaking yet, and putting in hard workouts before we gear down and taper for the last couple meets," Orchard said.

Orchard said he must not only encourage and train the athletes but also strategize for the team. Both sides of coaching are important.

"I have to have them ready to compete on the competition days and make sure each person is in the event that he or she can best be utilized," Orchard said.

Last year was Orchard's first one as coach. This year, he said he knows the individuals better. As a second year coach, he has learned how far to press individual athletes and how they will handle certain events.

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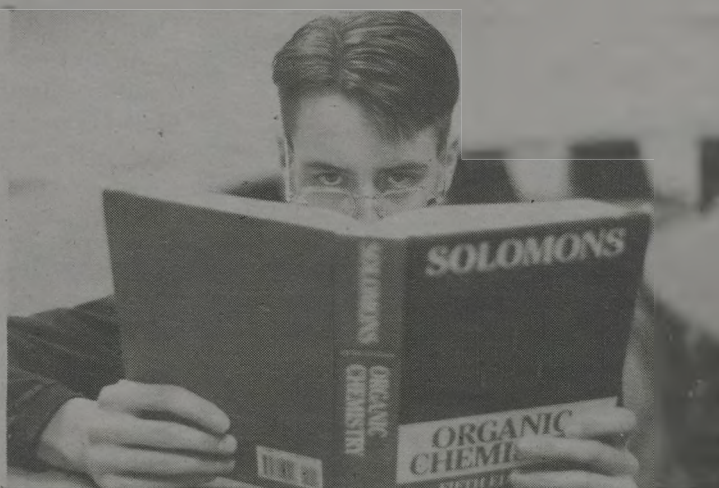
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"What is your goal for this quarter?"



"To find a good balance between spending time with my friends and spending time with my books!" — Kerry Allen, Soph., Accounting
"I hope to strengthen my leadership and obtain certain roles for next year." — Jesse Roberts, Soph., Mech. Engineering



"To get the best grades that I possibly can." — Bryan Jefferies, Jr., Biology/Pre-Med



"To get a date with Bill." — Toni DeUsanio, Fr., Psychology
"To get a date." — Bill Pawluk, Jr., Nursing
"To be a third wheel on Bill and Toni's date." — Rene Rosencrantz, Fr., English



"To successfully deliver quintuplets by myself in my maternity clinicals." — Amy Scobee, Jr., Nursing



"My goal is to encourage others through a godly testimony." — Carla Salvaggio, Fr., Elementary Ed.



"To be more disciplined academically and spiritually." — Jen Roloff, Jr., Math Ed.



"To win an intramural softball game." — Sarah Mattke, Fr., Undeclared
"To get to know Chuck's workers better." — Sam Garland, Sr., Pre-Vet

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