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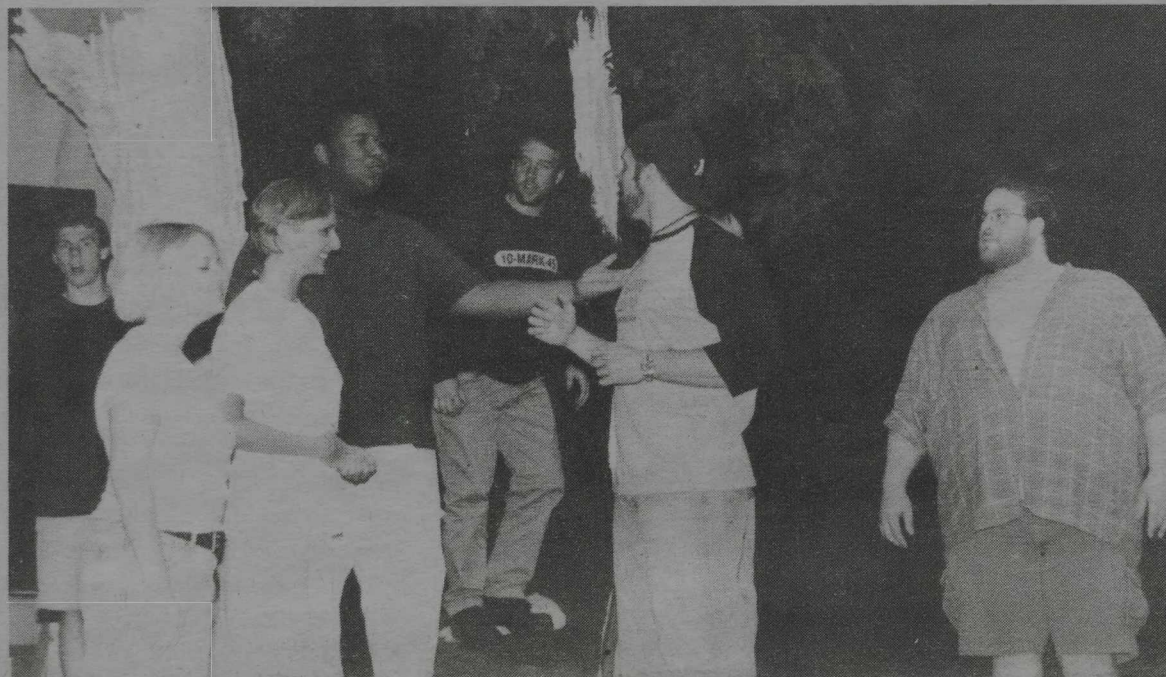
Final Alford production is Bard's *As You Like It*

Stephanie Carlton
Contributing Writer

From wrestling to wooing to weddings, Cedarville's spring drama promises a variety just *As You Like It*. The play is showing over two weekends, April 27-29 and May 4-6, with several of the performances already sold out.

One of William Shakespeare's lighter works, the simple comedy is anchored in reality. Rather than an intricate plot or characters, Shakespeare highlights salient ideas and themes.

Student dramaturg Jason Pierson commented on Shakespeare's use of the pastoral in his notes, "The pastoral romance was extremely popular in Elizabethan England, and Shakespeare catered to this popularity (by using some pastoral conventions) and also satirized it (by



Shakespeare's drama *As You Like It* will be the final production performed in Alford Auditorium. Photo by B. Perkins

poking fun at the pastoral life and characters)."

Pierson continues, "Many rivalries are evident in *As You Like It*: court vs. country, real-

ism vs. romanticism, the active life vs. the contemplative life, nature vs. fortune, inherent nobility vs. acquired virtue. Yet, all of these rivalries are embodied

and even reconciled in *As You Like It*'s central and dominating character, Rosalind... She is one of Shakespeare's most well-known, rounded, and complete

characters and has been delighting audiences and critics for 400 years."

It is *As You Like It* that holds what is perhaps Shakespeare's most famous line, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: they have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts..."

Although he wrote it in 1599, Shakespeare set the play in the early French Renaissance of 1400. The utopian "Forest of Arden" is the scene for most of the play, giving almost a "Robin Hood" feel to it.

Director Dr. David Robey said he is excited about making Shakespeare audience-friendly. "Shakespeare is a clever, intelligent writer, and many college students have never seen a Shakespeare play," he said.

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Trustee board approves Cedarville University

Charlie Shifflett
Contributing Writer

President Dixon promised students that they would not want to miss his address in chapel on Monday, April 10, following the quarterly trustee meetings. Those who opted for the chapel skip missed out on a historic announcement and did not receive a chrome Cedarville University key chain given to all students, faculty, and staff at the close of chapel.

Anticipation permeated the campus that Monday morning before chapel. The college bookstore had notified students it would be closed during chapel, and Dixon's promise still rung clearly in the students' ears. What would the big announcements be? Visions of televisions in dormitory rooms and shorts

in Chuck's danced—or creatively moved—in the heads of students, but the president had something a little bigger than these to announce to the students, faculty, and staff.

Although Dixon's big announcement did not come until the end of his address, there was plenty to keep everyone interested. He discussed tentative plans for the new Fitness Center to offer over 90,000 square feet of space containing both athletic and intramural facilities, an indoor track, and possibly even a swimming pool. The Student Life Center needs only \$2 million to pay off its \$21 million bill. Tuition will increase approximately 5.4% next year, keeping it below tuition prices of many other Christian schools.

Dixon also unveiled the new meal plan options that students

will have next year—not the least of which was the introduction of Chuck's Bucks, a "currency" that can be used at both the dining hall and the SLC snack shop.

But it was Dixon's final announcement that became the conversation of the day at Chuck's—the fact that Cedarville College will become Cedarville University Sept. 1, 2000.

The decision to change the institution's name rested largely on the increased diversity that has become characteristic of the college in recent years. David Ormsbee, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Chairman of the task team assigned in 1996 to study the school's name change, says that this "diversity" encompasses far more than what a "traditional liberal arts college offers."

The college's offering of over 100 majors to undergraduate students, the recent development and introduction of graduate programs, and the division of all academic departments into four schools each contributed to the task team's recommendation that the college become a university. Ormsbee said that the term university is the best descriptor of the Cedarville vision. "Cedarville University better reflects where we are and where we are going," he said.

But, a common concern among students is precisely, "Where are we going?"

Bill Stewart, a senior Bible major planning to attend Dallas Theological Seminary in the fall, fears that Cedarville University may lose the small, family atmosphere in favor of a larger, more impersonal one.

However, as Ormsbee wrote in the "University" Descriptor Study, the decision to become a university does "not mean that the institution plans to grow more rapidly in the future. The trustees and administration continue to believe that moderate, managed growth [which has been regulated to about fifty students a year] is the best approach to take in order to preserve the Christ-centered, educational quality for which Cedarville is known."

Robert Gromacki, Professor of Bible, author, and pastor, said, "[The name change] will seem strange after calling the school Cedarville College for over 40 years." He continued, "Whether Cedarville College or Cedarville University, it's still Cedarville; its distinctives will remain."

Ruby replaces Rickard as VP of Student Services

Grayden Schafer
Contributing Writer

At the end of this academic year, a change will take place that will affect the lives of Cedarville College students. The baton for the position of Vice President for Student Services will pass from Dean Donald Rickard to Dean Carl Ruby.

The Vice President for Student Services affects not just the administration, but also the students. This individual makes important decisions concerning the way that the college handles non-academic student life. However, Cedarville students may be well assured that the baton will be passed from one steady hand to another. Both Rickard and Ruby share a common love for students and for Cedarville College that is evident through their dedicated work and their Christian lives.

Rickard's connection with Cedarville College preceded his tenure as Vice President for Student Services. His childhood pastor at Emmanuel Baptist in Toledo was Dr. James T. Jeremiah. He even toured the land that was to become the Baptist institution of Cedarville College before the campus ever opened.

Rickard attended Cedarville and met his wife here. He was drawn to his current position at



Dean Carl Ruby will take over the helm of Student Services. Photo by B. Perkins

Cedarville in August of 1970 and has served here ever since. He attributes this to the grace of God and the guidance of the administration and president.

During his years in the position, Rickard has shaped the role of Vice President for Student Services. He took on the responsibility of overseeing the Campus Activities Office, established The Rock and 4.0 chapel, and worked with the Student Government Association. Rickard also taught courses on subjects that closely affected the students' personal lives.

Rickard gives credit to his staff for helping to define his role at Cedarville. "I'm thankful that we have such talented people who fit their positions here," he said.

Rickard reflected on how the campus has changed in 30 years. "For one thing the campus body has tripled," he said. "When I came there were only 900 students. Now there's 2,700."

He is quick, however, to point out that certain things have stayed the same. "People may say that the students change with culture, but they really don't.

Students will always face the same needs, problems, and struggles," he said.

Students have always been Rickard's top priority. He greatly appreciates the interaction and challenges that the students have presented to both his wife and himself. Even as Rickard steps down, ready to take a long-awaited trip to Yankee Stadium, he admits that the students are what he will miss the most. "I really love them," he said.

Ruby shares that same feeling. He will assume the position of Vice President for Student Services in the fall. Like Rickard, Ruby has a long history with Cedarville College. He came to Cedarville in 1979, lived in William's Hall, (then a dorm) and also met his wife here. Ruby now serves as Dean of Students, a position Associate Dean of Students Jon Purple will occupy in the fall.

Ruby looks forward to the new position primarily because he enjoys the input he will have in students' lives. "One of my goals will be to convey a sense of approachability to the student body," he said. "In the fall we will seek to create a variety of opportunities for students to interact with the Vice President." Ruby plans to travel to Taylor University for a weekend retreat

with the SGA officers. He also plans to go on the summer CAB trip, spend time in the dorms, and eat a weekly dinner at Chuck's next year. Ruby hopes these activities will articulate a positive vision for student life.

However, Ruby also wants to keep the Vice President's position firmly rooted in tradition. "My top priority is to protect the student culture," he said. He wants to continue to attract "energetic, Christ-centered students" to the Cedarville campus and is eager to receive feedback from students regarding his position.

Ruby plans to participate in frequent meetings between the deans, the SGA officers, and the students. These informal sessions will give students a chance to speak out. He cannot, however, do this alone. "It will take help from the students to make these programs work," Ruby said. "We need to work together."

Ruby will use his ideas and vision to continue to help the students. "Cedarville College has had a profound, positive impact on my life and on my vision of what it means to follow Jesus Christ," Ruby said. "Over the next 25 years I want to do whatever I can to ensure that we continue to have that kind of impact in the lives of our students."

Cast of 23 to perform drama

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The original manuscript of the play has been translated into the general American dialect, a typical translation for contemporary audiences. The only actual editing is of archaic puns that the modern mind might not find humorous.

As it has been more than four years since the last one, many communication arts students were asking for a Shakespeare play this spring. Consequently, *As You Like It* was chosen. It is one of the most popular of Shakespeare's plays. In fact, Cedarville performed it just over 20 years ago.

The production of *As You Like It* requires this year's largest cast: 23 members. Student involvement in the play rivals the number of students involved in Getting Started Weekend. For every one person on stage there are at least three working behind the scenes on costumes, set, and make-up. About 100 students will contribute to the event in various capacities.

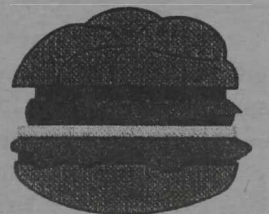
Seniors Brenon Cristofer and Clarissa Band are the play's two leads. Cristofer has participated in six major productions, including the lead in last year's *The Heiress*. This will be Band's third play at Cedarville.

The cast and crew have set high production standards. Authentic costumes and a realistic set comprise the majority of the \$9,000 budget. They have not overlooked any details. For example, at a banquet scene all the apples are green because the red apples had not yet been hybridized in the early 1400s.

Alford Auditorium has been hosting dramas since 1976. With the completion of the Student Life Center this summer, *As You Like It* will be the final production in the building. Robey said, "We are excited about next year, but our goal is to make this the finest production yet in Alford."

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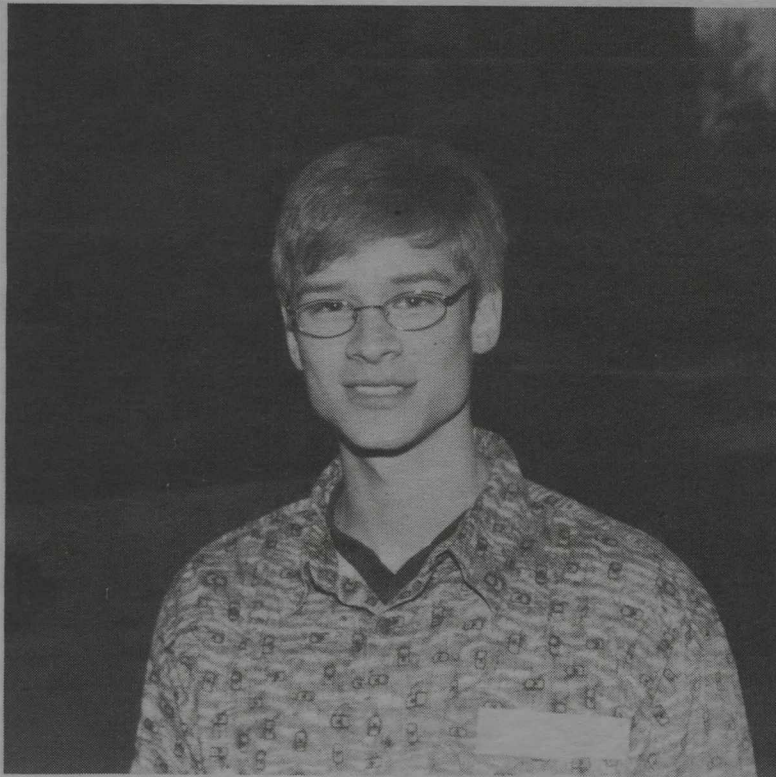
Gudrun Olson

Assignment Editor

For many Cedarville students, MIS team meetings are a regular part of the hectic Spring Quarter schedule. Amidst the flurry of support letters, passports, immunizations, language study, and team bonding, it is possible to lose sight of the goal—reaching people. A poignant reminder came in the form of Matthias Becker, an 18-year-old visiting Cedarville from Frankfurt, Germany, during his Spring Break, or Osterferien.

Last summer Becker met Dr. Tim Heaton, an MIS leader to the Black Forest Camp in Germany. The meeting was the first in a relationship that would continue after camp ended. "I had prayed that God would allow me to reach just one person while I was there," Heaton said. "Matthias was the first person I met."

Becker remembers the encounter too. "[Heaton] really looked like a tourist. He looked like a fisherman in his hat. In a sense he was a fisherman, if you



Matthias Becker is in his last year of high school in Germany. Photo by B. Perkins

know what I mean." "I had a stereotype of Americans," Becker said. "I thought Americans were fat, lazy, patriotic, arrogant, haughty, loud, and that they talked a lot. The last part is true." Becker imagined the typical American wearing a baseball cap and a Hawai-

ian shirt with "a hamburger in the right hand and a Coke in the left hand."

Becker confessed that not only was he prejudiced toward Americans, but he really did not want to be at camp that particular week. "I felt like I wanted to leave when I just had arrived." It only took a couple of days to change his mind about camp and the American counselors. "They forced me to come out of my quietness. They were convincing."

Becker grew up attending church and a Christian school, but he was not excited about Christianity. "I was like a lost sheep," he said. "I think I was going the wrong direction. The camp brought me back on the right path."

Heaton was with Becker during this spiritual metamorphosis. "We had some really profound conversations," Becker said, "about emotions, the past, the future, my spiritual situation, my problems, his solutions. It was good to talk to him. He was like a father to me."

Heaton explained that Becker was hurting when he arrived at camp. "His mother and father are divorced, and his mother had remarried," Heaton said. "Things were not going well with Matthias and his stepfather. Matthias had pretty much re-

jected Christianity and was studying Martial Arts and Eastern religions. Since camp, he has gone back to his family and asked for forgiveness, and the whole family is working in this area. Though he still works out in a disciplined fashion, he has given up his Martial Arts and thrown all his Eastern religion books away."

The camp itself seemed to be a haven for Becker. "I felt cared for," he said. "They were interested in me and in my feelings. There was a praise and worship time every night that really touched my heart. There were also appropriate sermons in the evenings. I needed some spiritual milk at the time."

Since the week at camp Becker has undergone what he calls a really deep change. "It is the work of the Holy Spirit in me that made me look for a new church, read the Bible regularly, and become really interested in Christianity in general."

In Oct. Becker answered the call to be a pastor. "When I was a child I didn't want to become a pastor," he said. "I would have rather been a street cleaner than a pastor. Now I want to be a pastor, and my head does not know why, but my heart overrules my intellect. It's the work of the Holy Spirit that makes me burn for Jesus and that has created a new person: a young, ardent Christian having a divine vision for his life."

Throughout the radical transition in his life Becker has kept in touch with Heaton by way of handwritten letters. "I told him about my spiritual growth," Becker said. "I asked him about questions in my spiritual life. It deepened our relationship."

Heaton agrees that the correspondence has been mutually encouraging. Although disciplining by way of letters has been difficult at times, Heaton said, "It has been a delight and a joy. I enjoy his wonderfully poetic, long, perfectly-written letters. His letters always convey such insight and emotion."

Becker's mother was so impressed with the change she witnessed in her son that she sur-

prised him with an airline ticket to visit Heaton's family for two weeks. Becker described his first flight as "exciting, joyful, and peaceful."

During his time at Cedarville, Becker attended chapel and various literature and Bible classes, spent time in the library (that was larger than he expected), and spoke to the German class. The Heaton family also took him to Chicago to visit the Sears Tower, the museums, and other Windy City attractions.

One of Becker's favorite activities during his visit was "visiting all of the Christian bookshops, looking through the English Bibles and books from C.S. Lewis." In his schooling Becker has chosen to focus on German and English as his two main courses. His latest fascination is Latin, which he is in the process of teaching himself by reading a Latin Bible and using a Latin dictionary.

Although studying Latin may be rare for a typical American 18-year-old, Becker shares many of the same hobbies: soccer, Playstation, swimming, reading, and watching TV.

After graduation in a year and a half, Becker plans to do nine months of military or social service. After that, "It's becoming more certain every second that I will be a student at Cedarville," Becker said.

Heaton prays that Becker will be able to obtain good Biblical training despite the prohibitive cost of coming to the States for education. "It would be great if we could establish a scholarship here at Cedarville for students that are touched through our MIS trips and who are committed to go back to their country and do work with nationals," he said. "We found many students in Germany who want to come to the U.S. and forget Germany, but Matthias has a vision to revive Germany for Jesus Christ."

Becker's advice to Cedarville students going on MIS trips this summer is: "Pray for one person you can have an influence on during your time. You have the opportunity to change lives. I experienced it myself. Just show the love of Christ."

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Campus News

Chuck and "bucks" move to Student Life Center

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August is a month for relaxing on the beach and licking ice cream cones under the sweltering sun. Although Chuck McKinney cannot provide the beach, beginning in August, he will provide soft serve ice cream.

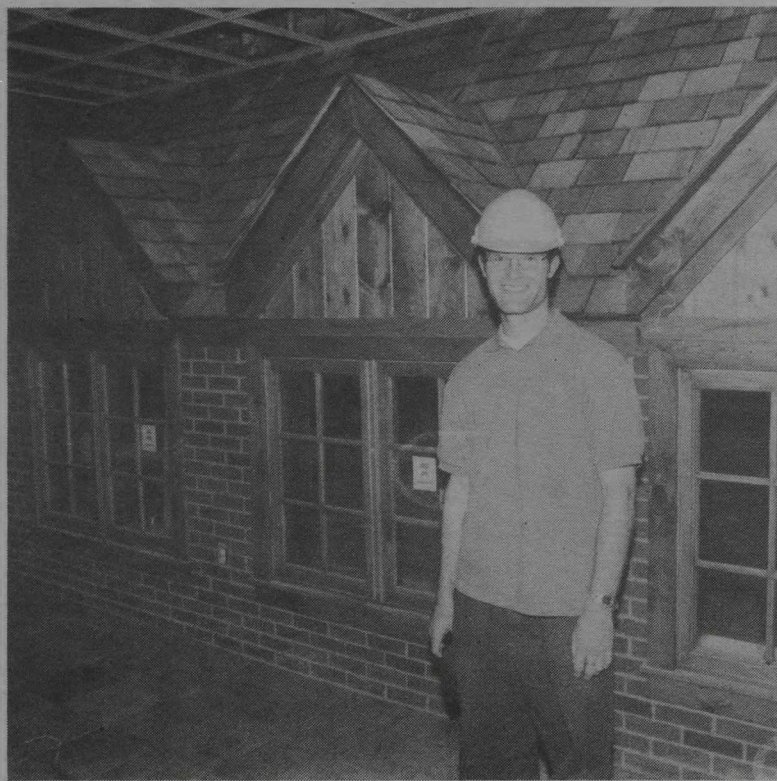
McKinney, the Director of Food Service, anticipates opening the new cafeteria at the beginning of August. Prior to opening its doors in the Student Life Center, Food Service will experience a two-week transition period. During this time all necessary equipment will move from its current location into the new facility.

The spacious new cafeteria, decorated in varying shades of tan, will seat 900 students on the floor and 300 more in the balcony. The current cafeteria seats only 600 people.

The kitchen and storage facilities will also be larger in the current facilities. Ice machines, currently located behind the lines in the dining room, will be able to be placed in the storage areas, allowing the dining room to be significantly quieter. The layout, according to McKinney, is greatly improved. Even the machines are expected to be of higher quality. McKinney anticipates that the machines in the dishpit will dry the trays before they are put back on the lines.

In addition to the increased space, this new facility overlooking Cedar Lake through an entire wall of windows will provide the students with a larger variety of dining options. There will be two double-sided beverage lines, daily stations (including a pizza station and a grilling station for hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, etc.), a Mexican bar, a deli bar and wrap station (various meats in a wrap), two salad and soup lines, a Lite and Healthy and Vegetarian bar, a self cook station, and two traditional lines. Each line will be self-serve except during special dinners—i.e. steak and chicken nights.

Under a modern ventilation system and an acoustic ceiling,



Senior Greg Johnson will miss out on the new snack shop. Photo by B. Perkins

the new Chuck's will serve quieter meals on new china, silverware, and trays. Even the antiquated orange seats will be replaced.

Despite all of the changes, Chuck's will open its doors according to the same schedule it currently follows. Students will continue to scan in when entering the dining room; the computer will simply record the amount of times each student scans in, allotting only the purchased 14 or 21 meals per week.

Chuck's Bucks, another dining innovation, will be available for all students. This program allows students to put additional money into a separate account to be spent at the new Snack Shop. The Chuck's Bucks will be equal in value to standard bills, but can be purchased with a 10% discount. For example, students may wish to put \$50 into this separate account. If they purchase \$50 in Chuck's Bucks, they will receive a 10% discount, thus paying only \$45 for \$50 worth of food. With Chuck's Bucks, students can swipe their card at the snack shop and the amount of their purchase will be deducted from their separate account.

The new Snack Shop, decorated much like a quaint, cozy coffee shop, will also be located

in the Student Life Center. The shop's facade consists of a roof with multiple gabled windows. The entire roof area is decorated with wooden shingles, giving the shop the appearance of a seaside village.

Beside the shop is a modified and more intimate food court setting. Both an indoor and outdoor patio area, complete with scattered tables and chairs, will provide students with an additional area to simply kick back, eat, and relax.

Inside the shop, additional tables and chairs will be set up, as well as sconce lights, sofas and soft chairs, a fireplace, and a small stage. When commenting on the new facility, Patti Beam, 13-year Secretary for Food Service, said, "It's going to be beautiful."

The Snack Shop will present students with food not provided at Chuck's (other than replacement meals); it will, however, be under Chuck's direct supervision. Both student workers and a full-time manager will present students with breakfast foods such as donuts, Danishes, muffins, and poptarts. Lunch and dinner items include pizza by the slice, grilled items (cheese/hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled cheese, chicken breasts, etc.), subs, wraps, salads, and

bagel sandwiches. Because the entire shop has a coffee shop theme, flavored coffees, Snapples, capuccinos, and other coffee items will be offered as well.

In addition to these new foods, replacement meals (i.e. a full menu meal) will be available to contract students ten times per quarter. Students may simply scan into the Snack Shop instead of Chuck's as one of their contract meals ten times each quarter.

Not only will the Snack Shop provide students with more dining options—it will also provide those options for a longer period of time. From Monday through Thursday, the shop will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. On Fridays, the shop will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 12:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays will have reduced hours: Saturday it will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Sundays it will

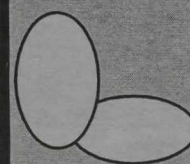
be open from 7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Finally, the Student Life Center will also house the new President's Dining Room. This facility, down the hall from the kitchen, will host up to 60 people, 20 more than it presently holds. This room is also positioned so that one entire wall is made of the windows that overlook Cedar Lake.

For functions that include more than 60 people, the building provides four classrooms that can open into one large room, seating approximately 360 guests. Those four classrooms, located beside the new Chuck's dining hall, can also be divided into two smaller banquet areas or four very small areas.

According to McKinney, "[These new banquet and dining facilities] are phenomenal practically, aesthetically, and functionally."

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U99.5 celebrates tenth birthday



Junior Letitia Tapp of U99.5 celebrated the station's 10th birthday. *Photo by B. Perkins*

Jen Wishart
Contributing Writer

This quarter, U99.5 celebrates its tenth year as the college campus radio station. Students started U99.5, or WSRN (which was its name when it first started), in 1990. It began as an AM radio station, but in 1997 switched over to FM.

Steven Olson, Operations Director said, "When the campus incorporated computers into each room, we began to lose our signals as an AM station, so we switched over to FM to reach more of the student body. We have a transmitter on top of the water tower, which is new this year, and we also have a transmitter on top of [Collins Hall]."

Throughout Spring Quarter, U99.5 has held several contests and drawings in preparation for their celebration, which was held in Alumni Hall on Monday, April 17. During this celebration, the station gave away prizes. The lucky winners walked away with a stereo system, a block of CDs, and a CD rack.

With all of the promotion during this quarter, a lot of students have heard about the ten-year anniversary of the radio station. Nicole Carpenter, U99.5's Promotions Director said, "I am in charge of everything you see that has to do with the station. I

handle the flyers and daily contests and drawings. I have been doing promotions ever since last spring and really enjoy it." Carpenter also commented on the importance of communicating to the student body what the radio station does and how they served students at the radio station.

U99.5 has come a long way since their first year in 1990. Their office space and studio space has increased, and next year they will be moving into the Student Life Center.

Olson said, "A major improvement will be when we move into the new building next year. We will be right inside the front doors with a lot of windows for people to actually look in and see what we do. We have a prime location; we have new desks and some new furniture for the department heads, and hopefully we will get some new equipment too."

Olson and Carpenter are excited to see where the radio station will go in the upcoming years. They will both be on staff next year as they adjust to the new building and celebrate 11 years as the campus radio station. Olson said, "We have just come a long way—in studio space, in music, and in students. We play some stuff now that we couldn't have played ten years ago. One of our goals is to please the students in all we do."

Cedar Faces

Connie Bradds

Office Manager of Post Office

Date and place of birth: Mar. 29 in Hillsboro, Ohio.

How long have you worked at Cedarville College? 15 years.

How is God using you in your current position? I have confidence that this is where the Lord wants me. I enjoy working with other Christians, students—the interaction that I have there.

How did you meet your husband? On a blind date—I knew who he was. We were both on a bowling league, but I really didn't care for him that much. But he was persistent. We've been married for 36 years.

How many children do you have? I have two girls—the youngest works in the Copy Center and teaches PAEL. I'm also a grandmother, and I love my grandchildren!

Do you have any tamed beasts living in your home? We have a cat named Furby right now that we got for Christmas, but we are preparing to get rid of him.

Do you have any hobbies? I enjoy taking care of my grandchildren—Nicole and Chandler.

What is the most outrageous thing you have ever done? Climbing mountains in Arizona. I overcame my fear of heights and rattlesnakes!

What was the best moment of your life? My wedding day—although becoming a mother of two is a close second.



In your driving career, have you ever been involved in an accident or received a ticket? I've never been in an accident, and I've only received two tickets—one was for turning on a red light after 3:00 p.m., and the other one was while I was nine months pregnant!

What is your favorite springtime activity? Riding bikes.

How and when did you become a Christian? It happened at a Christian camp when I was 11 years old.

What one thing have you done that brings you the most satisfaction? Having children, having a family, and being a grandmother.

What is your goal for the future? My husband and I have taught Sunday School at a detention home for nine years. We hope to devote more time to that and to do more "follow-up." It is a humbling experience, but a tremendous ministry.

What one piece of advice would you give the student body? Remember that whatever happens in your life—God is in control.

Nearly 1,000 "juniors" learn to be true friends

Kimberly Eridon
Contributing Writer

More than 950 students in grades four through six joined an elite team of special agents on a highly classified mission that might have impacted the world as they know it. The new secret agents from the Almost Impossible Missions Force (AIMF) set out to identify a suspect known only as a "True Friend" through activity stations, skits, music, and videos at Junior Jam last Saturday.

The theme for the second annual Junior Jam, organized by Director of External Relations Janice Supplee, was "Mission: (Almost) Impossible," and the mission began in the DMC Jeremiah Chapel at 10:00 a.m. after the agents divided into groups and had a chance to meet with their Cedarville College student counselors. Adult sponsors attended seminars about puppetry, growth, and music led by Cedarville College faculty and staff members. Approximately 350 Cedarville students, faculty, and staff members participated in this year's event.

After the opening rally, secret agents proceeded to lunch or one of five activity stations to learn more about their suspect.

In the opening session, Lawlor RD Josh Amos, the liaison between the mysterious Mr. Phelps (Director of Counseling John Potter) and the secret agents, gave his new recruits information about their role as agents in the AIMF. Cedarville's own SoulFree provided the music in the opening and closing sessions, and they were a big hit with the secret agents. Amos went on a brief mission after receiving a phone call on his shoe phone. His progress in retrieving the mission disk hidden by the mysterious Mr. Phelps played "live" on the video screens.

College members of the AIMF performed a skit demonstrating some of the characteristics the suspect, "True Friend," did not have. Josh returned with the mission disc, played it on his cd player, hidden in a plant, and the AIMF secret agents watched as

Mr. Phelps clarified their mission. Then the agents were off to find the five clues they had been assigned (the hat, the mouth, the heart, the gloves, and the shoes).

Each activity station focused on one of the clues. Admissions Correspondence Coordinator Judy Awabdy organized the head activity station, "Modus Operandi," which taught the secret agents to think right thoughts and serve others in humility. Matthew 20:27, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant," was the theme verse of the station.

Kids had the chance to be on the game show, "Who Wants a Chance to Share," where all the questions revolved around humility and serving others. When a contestant answered correctly, he or she received candy to throw out into the audience and one piece of candy to keep.

"Junior Jam was great," 11-year-old Krissy VanZile said. "My favorite part was the movie and the 'Want to Share' show."

In the mouth activity station, "Voice Patterns," that Events Coordinator Cindy Wilkins, students learned that the "True Friend" is always encouraging others in what he says.

The AIMF agents completed obstacle courses on the track in-field while their teammates practiced encouraging others with their mouths. 11-year-old T.J. Hamblin said, "I liked the track part best because it had the obstacle course."

Mrs. Mischelle McIntosh wrote and directed a skit for the heart station, where participants learned about the motive of friendship and learning to trust and be trustworthy.

Junior Agent E of the AIMF taught some of the members of Cedarville College's Clowns for Christ how to be trustworthy friends.

Some of the secret agents in the audience volunteered to demonstrate how well the clowns had learned their lesson about trustworthiness by being blindfolded and directed by Agent E around the stage. Without telling the volunteer, Agent E had participants fall back-

wards off the stage into the waiting arms of the clowns. Sophomore counselor Julia Roberts said, "I thought the clown part was fun, and I thought the opening and closing parts in the chapel were great."

The hands activity station was about the fingerprints of God, and its theme verse was Ephesians 4:32: "And be ye kind, one to another . . ." The secret agents learned that showing acts of kindness to others leaves fingerprints on their lives. Secret agents made coupon books, decorated them with ink fingerprints and glitter glue spread with their fingers, and filled them out to give acts of kindness to others. External Relations Office Manager Christina Faulkner organized and ran this station. Courtney Corbin, 10, said, "I loved it when we got to do the fingerprints because I like playing with finger paints."

Junior Maren Meyers taught about reaching out to others using a large paper foot with each toe representing "FEETS." In order to reach out to other people a true friend must be friendly to other people. Friends are Expected to love all people. They are to consider themselves Equal and even less than other people. Friends must be friends at all Times, and they must be Servants.

One of the games consisted of piling shoes in a heap, mixing them up, and putting them back on. AIMF staff members gave the agents paper feet and told them to write the name of someone they could use their feet to walk over and reach out to.

After the secret agents found and investigated each of the five clues, they returned to the chapel for debriefing, music, contests, and another message from Mr. Phelps before heading home. SoulFree led the group in singing, and the juniors watched the skit from the opening session again. Amos stopped the skit at certain places, and the audience agents used their newly researched clues to determine which skit characters needed to use the characteristics of a true friend. The selected characters then donned the clue (hat, mouth, etc.). "I liked the part

when the guy had that red mouth on and was trying to talk. It was so funny," 11-year-old Chris Clark said.

Students who could remember the verses from each of the activity stations received prizes. Then Amos shared a brief invitation asking those in the audience who did not have personal relationships with Jesus, the best and most true friend, to ask one of the counselors how they could be saved. Mr. Phelps dismissed them from the mission disc after congratulating them for identifying the suspect: "True Friend."

Junior Jam secret agents poured onto the stage to get autographs from the participants as well as to play on the video game system still on stage from the skit. Sophomore counselor Charis Nims said, "My favorite part was when all my girls ran up and hugged me, and my kids asked me to sign their shirts at the end."

"Junior Jam was a really neat experience," Sophomore James Waldo said. "I just liked seeing the kids' excitement about learning how to become better friends. I will definitely be a counselor again next year."

Traffic slows over Cedarville bridge



Downtown construction has caused several traffic jams in Cedarville. Photo by B. Perkins

Kimberly Edlund
Contributing Writer

Driving through downtown Cedarville has become much more time consuming since the beginning of April. After two and a half years of discussion about repairing the bridge over Massies Creek, construction officially began April 3.

Although current students have a long two months in front of them, the bridge should be ready next August before students return for the 2000-01 school year—the key word being *should*. According to Cedarville Mayor Dr. James Phipps, the completion depends on the weather and acquiring necessary materials.

When the construction crew came last year to survey the project, Cedarville was in the middle of a drought. That is not the case this year, causing the creek to be much higher than anticipated, so the work could take longer than originally planned. The basic idea of this project is to remove the top layer of the bridge one half at a time, putting in beams and a new deck, and then resurfacing the road. The state highway patrol is funding the project, which will cost more than half a million dollars.

Although construction will affect downtown businesses, Phipps and the village hope that customers will overlook the inconvenience and continue to patronize the shops.

Students go abroad...to Indy

Kristan Gott
Staff Writer

Every year a group of secondary and elementary education majors take a trip to Huntington, IN, for an overseas teaching conference. During this year's conference, 25 Cedarville students—a record number—attended. They drove to Indiana on Friday, April 7.

The group arrived at Good Shepherd Retreat Center, where they had two sessions dealing with culture shock and how to better relate to cultures that are not quite like America's.

During the evening, about half of the students met with Al Gurley. Gurley has been interacting with students through e-mail and has played an active role in placing students in different schools around the world to do their student teaching.

The rest of the group had a chance to mingle with and introduce themselves to students from other Christian colleges who were also attending the seminar. The other colleges represented at the conference were Anderson, Cornerstone, Eastern, Geneva, Huntington, Spring Arbor, Toccoa Falls, and Wheaton.

Saturday, the students went through a series of sessions dealing with Third World Culture kids in relation to their personalities and how they adjust—or in some cases do not adjust. The afternoon sessions focused on helping teachers learn to relate move effectively to an overseas school. The evening and Sunday morning sessions talked about the transitions people experience when they teach overseas.

Junior Ryan Einfeldt, who is a Third World Culture kid himself, said, "Dave Pollock's many experiences abroad and love for Third World Culture kids makes him a very valuable resource for those of us who grew up overseas, and for anyone who will be going to another culture. While no seminar can completely prepare someone for the experiences that he or she will face, the things that

we heard will prepare us very well for the challenges."

During one of the afternoon breaks, everyone traveled to an old chapel where monks used to sing their hymns at 3:00 a.m. During the 45 minutes at the monastery, all nine colleges joined together to worship their creator through singing.

Junior Jessica Mathias said, "Above the chapel in an enclosed room with windows opening up to the chapel was the choir room. We were able to go into that room and lift our voices to the Lord. The sound was incredible because of the acoustics of the room. The 50 of us sounded like a huge choir."

The students had another worship service Sunday morning. All of the students were able to participate in any way that they felt the Lord leading, including

singing, giving testimonies, playing an instrument, or reading scripture.

Dr. Philip Bassett, Chairman of the Education Department, attended the second half of the conference. He said, "I am proud of the way the 25 Cedarville students set the tone of the conference with their enthusiastic participation. They were serious about their purpose for being there and yet had lots of fun."

Bassett continued: "It was also very encouraging to see nearly 20% of next year's student teachers preparing to teach in a cross-cultural setting. The need for teachers in mission schools and international schools is critical and becoming more so. I'm thankful the Lord has called so many Cedarville students to play such an important role in teaching around the world."

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Sign language class available to student body

Sarah Allen

Contributing Writer

Intermediate Sign Language is a class that students can take this quarter, not for credit, but for their own enrichment. Nancy Snook, an alumna of Cedarville, instructs the class and is gearing it toward those who took Beginning Sign Language in the fall.

During the 10-hour course this quarter, students will become more familiar with the basics of the language.

By using the textbook and supplementing it with songs and games, Snook hopes to teach the students practical conversational signing. She also plans to teach them verses that they would be able to use when they witness to people who are hearing-impaired.

She does not, however, guarantee that they will be fluent in



Freshmen Davina Murray and Emily Gayer are learning to communicate using their hands. Intermediate Sign Language is a 10-hour, non-credit course. Photo by B. Perkins

sign language after the short time they are together in class. She considers sign language to be a foreign language. It is impossible for a person to master it within such a brief period of time.

"I always tell this to my students at the beginning of the class," Snook said. "Deafness is like a pool of water. When you take this class, you are just dipping your toe into the water. If you don't like it, you can take

your foot out. If you do like it, you wade deeper."

Ten years ago, Snook had the chance to "dip her toe in" when she accompanied the MIS team on a missions trip to a Jamaican village for the deaf. She had some experience with sign language before, but this trip inspired her to continue.

Students get involved in this course because they know someone or have a family member who is deaf or they might merely be curious about sign language. In some instances, they are preparing for the future, when they might have contact with a deaf person.

Junior Jason Harding said he plans on becoming a missionary and wants to take advantage of any opportunity that might help him serve the Lord. Freshman Davina Murray also expressed this interest. "If there happens to be a deaf ministry in my church,

I would like to get involved," she said.

Like Harding and Murray, sophomore Kristen Hilsher also had her career in mind when she decided to take the class.

"I've wanted to learn sign language for a while," she said. "I want to teach special education someday and this is something I want to know in case the opportunity arises for me to use it," she said.

Students in the past have found more immediate opportunities in which to use their skills. One year, during Open Heirs in Cincinnati, one of Snook's students had the opportunity to witness through signing to a man who was deaf.

"I hope the people who take this class realize the merits of sign language," Snook said. "I want [them] to enjoy it and be able to use it for the Lord to reach out to those who are deaf."

Cedarville students participate in national census

Carol Marks

Wilbur Bud

Although Cedarville students normally find themselves protected from the "real world," the Cedarville bubble did not shield them from the U.S. Census Bureau's recent survey. Whether it was the long or the short version, all students received a census form from the Bureau to fill out.

Cedarville Mayor and Communication Arts Chairman James Phipps said, "Most [students] would have been listed on a census at their homes." Still, students had to fill out the short form while in Ohio. "The ones that were handed out here should have filled it out here," Phipps said. Even though students had to fill out a census form at school, they are not included in the population count that determines funding for Cedarville.

Although students do not factor into the equation, the census is important when it comes to money for local projects. "Most all funding for local schools, funding for entitlement pro-

grams, and funding for roadways is adjusted based on population demographics. Unless you have a population that meets certain standards, you don't receive funding," Phipps said. "The last census had [Cedarville] at 3,125."

"The schools need [the census count] to justify programs. We will [also] need it every once in a while if a company needs to move in the area," Phipps said. Companies can use the count to determine whether or not they would have enough people to build a workforce.

Phipps described the difference between the long and short versions of the census. "The long form is purely a random sampling technique. It gives you demographics for a locale." About eight pages, the long form requires more time and effort on the part of participants than the one-page short form. "[The short form] is purely to count heads," Phipps said. "Both [forms] are necessary for the count."

Senior Nate Jenkins had to fill out the long census form this year. "It was a pain...I think it's

somewhat ineffective because I don't think half the people that get those things on the doorknob will fill it out."

Phipps, however, cautioned that the census is a legal obligation. "There is in place federal law that people answer. It shouldn't be taken lightly—it's something that people need to answer."

Even though Jenkins thought questions on the census like "How did you get to work this last week?" were odd, he did not find the survey invasive. "I don't think any of the questions were terribly intrusive."

Freshman Catherine Spink disagreed. "My census [here at school] was fine, but I had a problem with the one [my family took] that asked how many bathrooms they had and what their income was. I think it sort of takes away some of our freedom and it's an invasion of our privacy."

Phipps does not expect to see the results of the survey for a while. "I expect this will be about a year-long procedure on [the U.S. Census Bureau's] part."

Sample questions from the 2000 Census

- How did this person usually get to work last week?
- How many minutes did it usually take this person to get from home to work last week?
- Has this person been looking for work during the last four weeks?
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Supreme Court Ruling

The Supreme Court interpreted a 1996 federal law aimed to curb appeals and speed up the execution process. In a 5-4 decision, the most conservative of the justices aligned to limit federal judges' power to reverse state decisions on death row cases.

The decision will directly affect all federal court cases where the judge reviews an inmate's claim that a constitutional flaw muddied his/her case, hindering a fair verdict. For example, a prisoner may cite an incompetent lawyer or lack of evidence as the reason for a mistaken sentence.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor explained the interpretation by saying that a federal judge can only reverse a state court decision if the court used an "unreasonable" rendering of federal law.

Although the new ruling lessens the power of the federal courts in death penalty appeals, the justices could have taken an approach that would have removed all types of federal review.

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Dayton Flyers grounded

Some say the University of Dayton got off easy this week when the NCAA finally levied its punishment for the school's recruiting violations.

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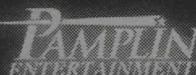
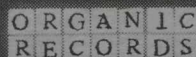
The ruling follows evidence that trustee Clay Mathile gave a \$32,000 loan to the father of prime recruit Brooks Hall. The sum is large compared to that of most other NCAA violations.

UD's basketball program has had a good reputation for graduating its players and producing quality members of society.

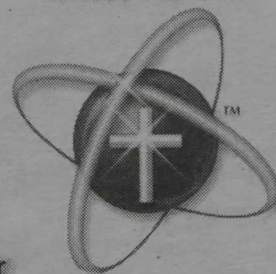
Purnell said, "This is not a red-letter day. And I'm sorry it happened, but it's over now and it's time to move on. Let's play."

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Belding not passive about upcoming graduation

Karen Belding
Staff Writer

In the Middle Ages, the "Black Death" swept across Europe, decimating entire communities and severely curbing the population. (It's hard to populate much when you're dead.) The plague was so terrible that we still hear about it centuries later.

Well, guess what? The Black Death is *nothing* compared to an epidemic sweeping through Cedarville right now. You readers may think that we're well protected by Patterson Clinic (look how vigilant they are about the flu shot, after all!), but we're not. Patterson figures we can fight this one off on our own. This dread disease is called "senioritis," and it afflicts roughly a fifth of the student body. (Sorry, underclassmen—you may be tired of school, but you do **not** have senioritis.)

Senioritis is very selective—it attacks only seniors and

fourth-year students. The closer graduation gets, the sicker its victims become. The only cure is to walk across a stage and get a piece of paper with your name and some little letters on it. In the meantime, all you can do is try to wait it out.

Symptoms are varied. The most obvious indicators are boredom, a complete disinterest in academics, and a disenchantment with college life. "I have your usual lack of motivation and concern about academic matters," senior Mark Hayner said.

"I feel fidgety, like I have cabin fever," senior Sarah Flenar said.

Fourth-year student Rob Moll said, "I have overall apathy and neglect and a blatant disregard for schoolwork." The sum of four years of study takes its toll.

"I just feel burned out," Andy Hedges said.

Studying and classes lose whatever attraction they pos-

sessed, and morning classes in particular become unappealing. "Skipping my 9:00 is sounding like a normal part of my day," High said.

Apart from academic exhaustion, seniors have to hear *the same exact thing for the fourth year in a row*. A certain amount of tradition is nice—but we've heard the Founders' Week message four years now, and we could give the dandelion speech ourselves.

"The dandelion speech just wasn't as cute as it was freshman year," one weary senior said. Regulations also become a little more onerous. Students who did not bat an eye at restrictions as freshmen are now chafing at the bit—curfew and dress codes can be downright irritating. "One thing I won't miss is having to wear jeans to Chuck's," Hedges said.

Since graduating is the only cure, sufferers have got to find some way to live with their dis-

ease. Seniors report a wide variety of coping mechanisms. Hayner said, "I handle it by procrastinating, playing with my Star Wars toy, and playing in intramurals."

Moll has a slightly different tactic. "My strategy is doing nothing at all. I try to spend time in bed," he said. "Maybe it will go away," he added optimistically. Flenar said, "I just wait for June."

Of course, senioritis is not just hard on seniors—it also takes a toll on their instructors, who must cope with students who are present in body but not in mind. Associate Professor of Bible Dr. David Drullinger said, "I remind them of their commitments and encourage them to commit themselves to 'finishing well.'"

However, even students in the last phase of senioritis say they will miss aspects of Cedarville life once they are gone.

Most graduating students talk about missing friends and fel-

lowship they have here. "I'll miss many people and the closeness of the Christian environment," Hayner said. Hedges said, "I will miss the closeness of the friendships I've made. And I will miss the many opportunities for involvement and the variety here." As High said, "Despite any frustrations, I love it here. But when it's time to go, it's time to go."

Do not think that we seniors have bad attitudes or hate college—we have just outgrown it. As Paul Gwilt said, "I feel like Kramer from *Seinfeld* when he was getting ready to travel to California—he pointed to his head and said, 'Up here, I'm already gone.'"

From a practical point of view, senioritis is a necessary transition between college life and adult life. It would be pretty sad to see a chapel full of graduates sobbing their eyes out and pleading with Dr. Dixon to keep them for just one more year.

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Cooper never tires of learning about Holy Land

Note from the Editor: Cedarville College junior Leah Cooper is spending a semester on a kibbutz west of Jerusalem, from where she's filed this report.

Shalom from the beautiful and Biblical land of Eretz Yisrael. At present I sit on top of a hill that affords me a fantastic view of Tel Aviv to the west, Ancient Kiriath Jaarim to the south, and Jerusalem to the east. I am staying at a private community called a "kibbutz" that a group of Finnish believers formed in the 70s.

Kibbutzes exist all over Israel. Usually they consist of families and volunteer workers who share responsibilities, resources, and food. Many members even share clothes, with each person taking his allotment of clothing for the week from a communal wardrobe supplied by everyone at the kibbutz. Originally the idea was rather socialistic but has since toned down a bit in light of its failure to live up to its humanistic ideals. The kibbutz that I now call home is named Yad HaShemonah—"Hand of the Eight" in Hebrew—in honor of the eight Jews Finland handed over to the Nazis during World War II.

All of the families and volunteers here are born-again Christians who are nice enough to let 40 college students stay in their guest houses and eat their food. We have a total of three faculty members here at our little campus (actually an extension program of the Master's College in California), all of whom are Americans who have lived in Israel for a number of years. They are amazing! While I am here, I get to study Jewish culture, the Holocaust, and a little bit of modern Hebrew—all the while traveling around the country to learn how Israel relates to the scriptures.

I cannot believe how much being in this country completely changes your outlook on people, culture, the Bible, and world politics. My first few times in Jerusalem were eye-opening experiences to say the least. In order to understand Jerusalem, you need a little background. First of all, the city is divided up into

about two utterly different categories. There is the Old City, which is surrounded by a 400-year-old wall and divided into four quarters: Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Armenian. All around the Old City walls sits the New City, built up since 1967, when the Israeli army won the city over from Jordan. Despite the significantly larger size of the New City, it is mostly the Old City that Israeli and Muslim authorities constantly fight over.

The whole situation is crazy. You see, in 691 AD the Muslims decided that Mohammed ascended to heaven right where the Jewish temple previously stood. They built this huge structure with a golden dome on top and called it The Dome of the Rock. They even built a mosque right near it and declared the whole area holy. Both of those buildings still stand today as proof to the whole Muslim world that Allah has ultimate superiority over all other religions. Arabs now control the entire temple mount with Israeli policemen only around to keep watch over them. Not satisfied, every day the Muslims demand that Israel give them complete control of all east Jerusalem. Lately they threaten war if they do not have it by the end of the year.

The loss of the city to the Jews is a catastrophe for them. The conflict is extreme because every day the religious Jews gather at the Western Wall of the temple mount—the wall closest to where the temple used to stand—and pray fervently for the restoration of the temple that the Romans destroyed in 70 AD. They come from all over the world, praying out of their *sudder* (Jewish prayer book) and stuffing little scraps of paper with their prayers on them into the wall. If Israel gives in to the Muslim demands, the whole Western Wall area and Jewish quarter would be given over to Arab authorities with no Jews allowed in the Old City at all.

Now, I know these circumstances are nothing new under the sun, but it is difficult to imagine Jerusalem without Jews. They are simply everywhere. I see ultra-orthodox Jews with

their long black coats, prayer shawls, and long side curls sticking out from underneath black fedoras. Then I see Conservative and Reform Jews with their flat round *keepah* hats that seem to be somehow glued to the back of their heads.

Of course, one cannot forget the soldiers that troop all about the country, always managing to keep every square inch of this country's soil under their surveillance. I can't seem to go anywhere without running into at least ten of them. Every Israeli girl is required to serve two years in the army after high school, and every guy three years. They wear various shades of olive green or navy blue and carry monstrous black rifles strapped to their shoulders. My pastor warned me about the green-wearing, gun-toting crowd before I came here, and I was certain I would hate walking around with a bunch of people carrying guns, but they actually make me feel pretty safe. It helps to have them around too, because most of them speak English fairly well, so if you ever get lost or need to find something, they are always around to help out.

The Arabs, of course, are another story. I had to set out to learn how to deal with Arab people in order to call taxis and get around the Old City. In the first place, it is much more difficult for women to speak to Arab men because women occupy a much different place in their culture than in America or even Israel. Islamic dress codes demand that women wear long, full dresses and modest head coverings that leave only their faces and hands exposed. If one sees them at all, they walk demurely in groups of four or five and speak mostly among themselves. American women present a dilemma to Muslims because our attitudes and clothes seem rather inappropriate. They think that all American women are immoral and indecent (thank you, Hollywood!). So basically, you have to be extremely careful and know a little Arabic in order to get them to respect you and keep up a good witness.

Arabs own almost all of the shops in the Old City, and as you walk down the streets they all yell at you to come into their shops and spend your shekels. "Halloo! Halloo! Please, step

this way, I give you a good deal!" The rule of thumb for a good barterer is to always start at half the price offered, go up from there, and if in doubt simply rudely wave your hand and say, "Ana mabidi," which is Arabic for, "I don't want it!" The shopkeepers rarely let you get away without significantly lowering the price. The Arabs will be reasonable as long as you are firm with them and do not let them believe that you are a dumb, gullible American tourist.

At any rate, that is a little run-down on Jerusalem and Israel in general. There is so much to say, but not enough words to explain the land that God chose for his people. This place is so complex and different from anything that I have ever experienced, and I think that living here will affect my outlook on life for a long time. I am excited about all of the Biblical and historical sites that are around me, and anxious to share with others all of the cool things that I learn. Lahitraot!

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MUSIC REVIEWS

Remember the guy who mesmerized us in fellowship several weeks ago with a powerful rendering of "Worlds Apart?" His name is Matt Bell, and he's one of Cedarville's most promising musical artists. Matt has already recorded a 12-song debut album entitled "Driven Home," which features plenty of his emotion-drenched vocals and acoustic talent.

Matt also reveals his lyrical flair throughout the album. For instance, "For Me?" says, "A one sided victory is what I feel inside my soul / Don't know how you benefit from this when you emptied Him to make me whole." And "The Way" includes the line, "You've got your halo on, but your wings won't fly that far / The only place you've traveled is further away from who you are." One of the best tracks is "A Few More Miles," which tells a compelling story of skepticism and faith from the perspective of a shepherd who is hesitant to believe the hype about the baby in the manger.

Bell's music resembles the melancholy acoustic songs of Jars of Clay or Derek Webb of Caedmon's Call. There is a distinct note of urgency in Bell's vocals that makes his songs gripping and believable.

I recently talked to Bell about his album, his biggest critic, his mission, and Garth Brooks.

Jeremy: What's your favorite song?

Matt: "Worlds Apart" by Jars of Clay.

Jeremy: What CD is currently in your CD player?

Matt: Grits is in my car stereo; it gets me pumped before my hockey games.

Jeremy: What are your favorite movies?

Matt: *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, *Billy Madison*, and *The Sixth Sense*.

Jeremy: What is your favorite non-inspired book?

Matt: I don't read much besides the Bible, but I'd have to say *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*.

Jeremy: What are your favorite hobbies?

Matt: Getting to know my God better, music, anything with friends and family, hockey, and underwater contact chess.

Jeremy: What kind of guitar do you use?

Matt: I have my old faithful Epiphone acoustic/electric and the Ibanez AE18 acoustic/electric. Oh yeah, and a Hamer Slammer.

Jeremy: What artists have influenced you musically?

Matt: One of the biggest influences on my music has been my friend Brian Morykon. Every time the guy writes a song, he finds a way to challenge me. That takes talent. That's what I want my music to do to people—challenge them every time they listen. I have also been influenced by Jars of Clay and the way they write lyrics—they totally break the pattern. Anyone who says they don't mention God enough needs to listen to them again.

Jeremy: What artists are your current favorites for pure enjoyment?

Matt: Besides the two mentioned above, I also like Bebo Norman and Edwin McCain. Oh, and for you country people, I'm a big Garth fan.



Sophomore Matt Bell strums his guitar for the Lord. Photo by B. Perkins

Jeremy: What are your most memorable performances?

Matt: This past summer, Brian and I played in this concert at the camp we worked at. We got to play every week in front of all the campers and counselors, and it was a blessing. Another great show was Joe's Java House. That place is such a ministry. There was something about that night—it was how it should always be. It felt like I was just worshipping God and there happened to be people there watching. Amazing.

Jeremy: How did you finance the production of "Driven Home"?

Matt: I praise God that I have very supportive parents. They have been behind me on this from the start. My parents were willing to provide the funds to record [the album], and as I sell CDs, I pay the bank of mom and dad. They realized that this was not Matt trying to become a star; it was a ministry, and they gladly support that. I couldn't have done it without them.

Jeremy: You presented the gospel on the first page of your CD cover. Were you intending this message for any particular person that you know?

Matt: God has been so good. That was one of the biggest reasons behind this CD—[reaching] the lost. I know so many unsaved people, and it breaks my heart to think about them. From the very start, I knew there was going to be that first page where the gospel was clearly presented. It wasn't an option to leave it out. See, the majority of my relatives and friends back home are unsaved and sometimes it is hard to talk to them. But they have always supported me when I sing, so I knew I could use it as a vehicle, and this was the perfect chance.

Jeremy: What was your inspiration in writing "Song of a Lifetime"?

Matt: That song carries a lot of emotion. At the end of this past summer, I was watching the news, and there was a story about partial birth abortion. After a couple minutes, I couldn't take anymore so I got up, went to my room, shut the door, and just thought. I started thinking about how unfair it is. I thought about these kids that never had a chance to live, to breathe the air, to be loved. Then I thought about those kids that have the

chance to live, but they don't know what a childhood is supposed to look like because they have been enduring abuse their whole life and fearing those that were supposed to be closest to them. It breaks my heart. It was that night that I promised myself that I was gonna be the best dad ever. I never want my kids to have to [wonder] if their daddy loves them.

Jeremy: Are there any songs you've written since you recorded "Driven Home" that you are particularly excited about?

Matt: I'm really excited about some of my new songs. One in particular has had a good response. I wrote it at a time where I felt like I was running from God rather than growing closer to Him. But in the song I focus more on how God always accepts us back. It's something I'll never understand. The song is called "Prodigal Me." I think it's one of those "cry of the heart" songs. There is one line that I sing out so loud every time. It goes, "And just so I don't fall again / Filter me till You are all I am." That is my desire. I am also excited because I have started to experiment and wrote two songs on the piano.

Jeremy: What are your career aspirations? Is music your primary ambition?

Matt: I'm pursuing music until God shows differently. I think it would be so amazing to play in front of millions of people and have their undivided attention for two or three hours. They came to watch you. And for however long the show is, you have a platform to share whatever you want. Amazing. It upsets me to see artists today who have this opportunity and instead of glorifying God, they use the stage to glorify self. I have already told God that if he gives me this opportunity, the moment I start to glorify Matt Bell is the moment I want him to take me off stage. "To whom much is given, much is required."

Jeremy: What has been the biggest obstacle in pursuing a music career?

Matt: Honestly, myself. I am my worst fan and my toughest critic. I have found myself saying, "Matt, give it up; you're no good" or "Matt, look at him, he's way better, you can't do that." I went through something like this recently, and it was awful. I didn't write anything for two months. But it took that to realize my focus was wrong. If I have the mindset that I'm out there to compete, I might as well throw my guitar away and not sing anymore because there are millions out there with more talent. That road will only lead to frustration and sorrow. But it's the times where I realize that I have an audience of one—that's what it's all about. I think the best times are when I take my guitar and go to the stairwell or the storage closet and just sing to him. If I have learned one thing, it's that I must truly live out my life verse, John 3:30: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

Jeremy: In ten words or less, what's the main message you want your music to convey?

Matt: The Way, the Truth, the Life.

*****Note:** You can purchase "Driven Home" for your collection in the CC bookstore.

Review by: *Jeremy Wingert*

Track teams second in AMC

Joe Blakey
Staff Writer

Head coach Paul Orchard had high expectations for his track and field teams going into last weekend's AMC Championships at Geneva College.

"Our men [were] excited," Orchard said. "Our goal going in [was] to win."

Orchard knew the women would struggle against a very good Malone team, but still had high hopes.

Malone College eventually proved to be too deep for both the men's and women's programs, as both Cedarville squads finished second behind Malone.

The men fell to Malone 205-178. Junior Cliff Reynolds was named the men's Outstanding Performer of the meet. He won two individual events and was on one winning relay team. Just two events after winning the open 400 in 48.87 seconds, Reynolds set a meet record, finishing the 400 meter hurdles in 53.53 seconds.

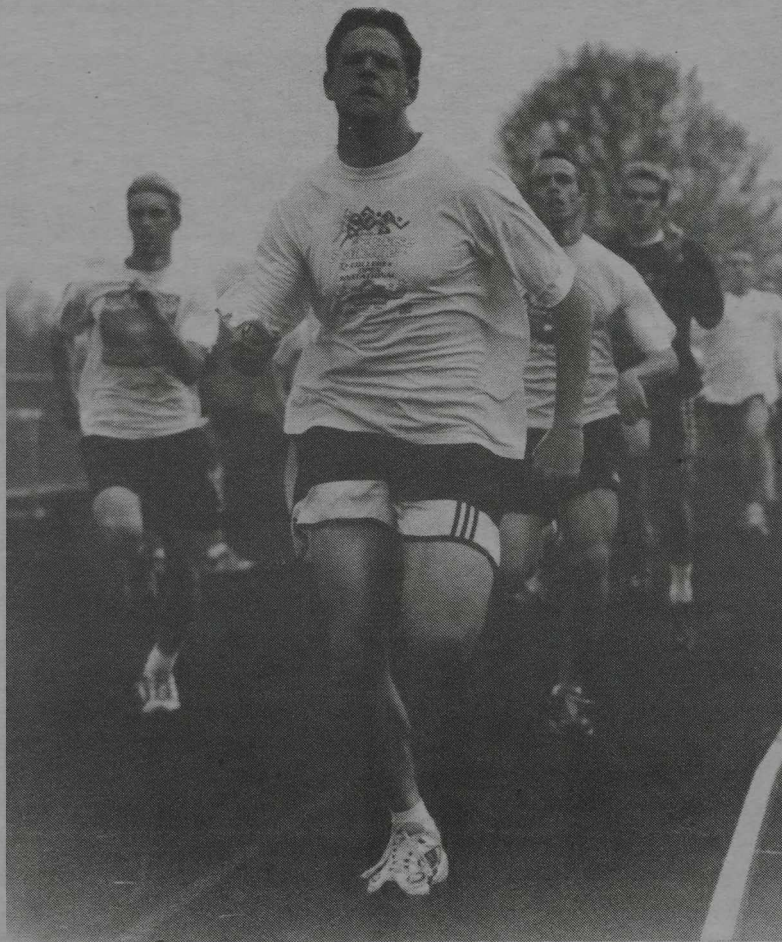
Although it is unusual for an athlete to be named to such an honor while not competing on the winning team, Reynolds' performance Saturday, certainly merited the honor.

Reynolds, senior Nate Jenkins, freshman Drew Nelson, and junior Eddie Nehus won the 4x400 meter relay, finishing in 3:20.82.

Orchard was looking for some good things from Reynolds and Nehus going into the meet. "Reynolds has been running well in the 400 hurdles and the mile relay team," he said. "Eddie Nehus has been really strong. We're trying to get him into the Drake Relays."

Nehus finished second in the 1500 and 800 meters. Also, junior Steven Wakefield finished second in the 5000 meters and Jenkins finished third in the 400 meters. Sophomore Jody Fox finished third in the 10,000 meters in 34:50.89.

Many of the distance performances were not as fast as one



Juniors Eddie Nehus and Cliff Reynolds, Senior Nate Jenkins, and Sophomore Mike Marsh are all top performers for the Yellow Jacket men's track team. Photo by B. Perkins

might anticipate because the runners were expected to perform double and triple events in many cases.

The team performed well in the field events. Sophomore Andy Paugh won the high jump and sophomore Mike Marsh finished third in the same event. Senior Peter Bednarek garnered a second-place finish in both the pole vault and the triple jump going for 14' and 43'10" respectively. Freshman Kent Ruth finished second in the men's javelin throw, and senior Shawn Graves won the hammer throw (a meet record of 164'), with sophomore Carl Traub coming in third.

Despite having the best performers in many of the events on the day Malone was helped by scattering many athletes in each event contested.

The women had a rough time against powerhouse Malone, taking second at the meet with 160 points. The team performed about as well as Orchard expected.

"Our middle distances are strong," Orchard said. "Erin

Nehus has been running well, and Kate Beatty has been performing well in the hurdles."

Freshman Erin Nehus, who earned NAIA All-American honors in cross country this past fall, won the 1500 meter event with a time of 4:54.74. She also took second in the 3000 meter. Sophomore Kate Beatty came home with two first place finishes. She set a meet record in the high jump at 5-6 and won the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.25 seconds.

Junior Jodi Quint won the javelin, and junior Jennifer Heidenreich took first in the triple jump and third in the 400 meter hurdles. Freshman Sharon Wright placed third in the 400 meter and 200 meter, and junior Sarah Pollock took third in the 800 meter. Also, senior Kelly Reitz was third in the 3,000 meter and second in the 10,000 meter.

In the women's field events, freshman Callie Edgington bettered her school record to 9' with a second-place finish in the pole vault. Sophomore Shannon Fries finished third in the

Small-fry, All-America game

Robyn Heffner
Contributing Writer

Only tall people can play basketball—or at least that is what everyone believes. But last Saturday night "everyone" was proved wrong. Twenty-two teams showed up at the SGA-sponsored Napoleon Basketball Tournament.

For four hours, Cedarville guys under six feet tall competed in the tournament that was held in the AC on April 8.

The tournament was originally going to be for both men and women, but there was not enough response from the women. There were, however, 22 men's teams that participated in the double-elimination tournament. Games lasted 15 minutes and were played 3-on-3.

SGA Activities Director Jeremy Bouma felt that the tournament was a success and that they received good feedback. He said that the only hitch in the tournament was not having referees, since the players had to call their own fouls. "One thing that we should have done differently was to use referees. I think most of the time it was alright, but it would have been nice to have an objective third party," Bouma said.

After seven rounds of competition, the championship game came down to the teams "Deez" and "The Sting." "Deez's" players were Dave Anthony, Mike Hunter, and Jim Hunter. On "The Sting" was Dave Fretz, Curt Lowry, John Mason, Dave Shaffer, and Derek Summer.

The final game was a battle. The "Deez's" took the lead right from the tip and maintained the advantage throughout most of the game. But "The Sting" did not give up. With about two minutes left, they took over the lead. The two teams battled the remainder of the game to end up with a tie score and only fifteen seconds left. "Deez's" Dave

Anthony drove the ball up the lane and passed it out to Mike Hunter, who threw up a three. The ball barely beat the buzzer for the win.

Anthony felt the tournament was a great experience. "This tournament was fun for us small guys because we didn't have to worry so much about getting our shots blocked. We small guys love to drive into the paint and shoot from long range without having a giant staring us in the face, waiting to block our shot. Even though there weren't many dunks in the games (that I know of), there were a ton of threes shot which made the games fun to play in. All in all, I enjoyed playing with Jim and Mike along with all the other players. It was just a good bonding time with the small guys."

The first-place winners each received a \$25 gift certificate to Longhorn Steakhouse, while the runners-up each received a \$10 gift certificate to Applebee's.

It is possible that Napoleon basketball will soon become a regular occurrence at Cedarville. Bouma hopes that Saturday's tournament was the first of many. "I hope this will become an annual tradition," he said.

Napoleon basketball did not originate at Cedarville College. The Napoleon tournament began at Princeton University and resembles the Gus Macher tournament, a nationwide tournament that differs from the Napoleon tournament in that there are no height stipulations and the games are not timed; instead, they are played to a certain number of points.

After SGA President Andy Blodgett had heard about the Napoleon tournament at other colleges and liked the idea, he brought it to Cedarville, where Bouma organized and ran it. "The basic reason we had this event was to give the shorter guys a chance at fame and fortune in the world of basketball," Bouma said.

Sports Scoreboard

Men's Baseball

Date	Opponent	Results
4/6	THOMAS MORE	Lost 2-6
4/11	at Shawnee State	Lost 7-11
4/13	MT. VERNON NAZARENE	Lost 1-9; 4-10
4/15	SAINT VINCENT	Lost/Lost 4-5; 8-13

Women's Softball

Date	Opponent	Results
4/5	at Shawnee State	Won/Lost 6-2; 3-11
4/10	at Tiffin	Won 0-4; 3-5
4/11	WILMINGTON	Won 8-0; 11-3
4/14	WALSH	Won/Lost 1-0; 0-1
4/15	MALONE	Won 3-1; 7-5

Men's Tennis

Date	Opponent	Results
4/6	WITTENBERG	Lost 0-9
4/8	ASBURY	Won 9-0
4/14	at Malone	Won 6-3
4/15	at Walsh	Lost 3-6

Women's Tennis

Date	Opponent	Results
4/3	at Dayton	Lost 2-7
4/7	at Walsh	Lost 2-7
4/8	at Malone	Won 7-2
4/10	MUSKINGUM	Won 9-0
4/15	GENEVA	Won 9-0

Track and Field

Date	Opponent	Results
4/8	at Miami Invitational	Non-Scoring
3/25	American Mideast Conference (at Beaver Falls, PA)	2nd of 6 - M 2nd of 6 - W

Men's Golf

Date	Opponent	Results
4/3	at Shawnee State Invitational (Elks Country Club)	5th of 8
4/6	at Urbana Invitational (Woodland Golf Course)	6th of 11
4/10	at Tiffin Invitational (Red Hawk Run Course)	tie 5th of 7
4/13	SOUTHWESTERN OHIO QUAD (Reid Park Country Club)	1st of 3



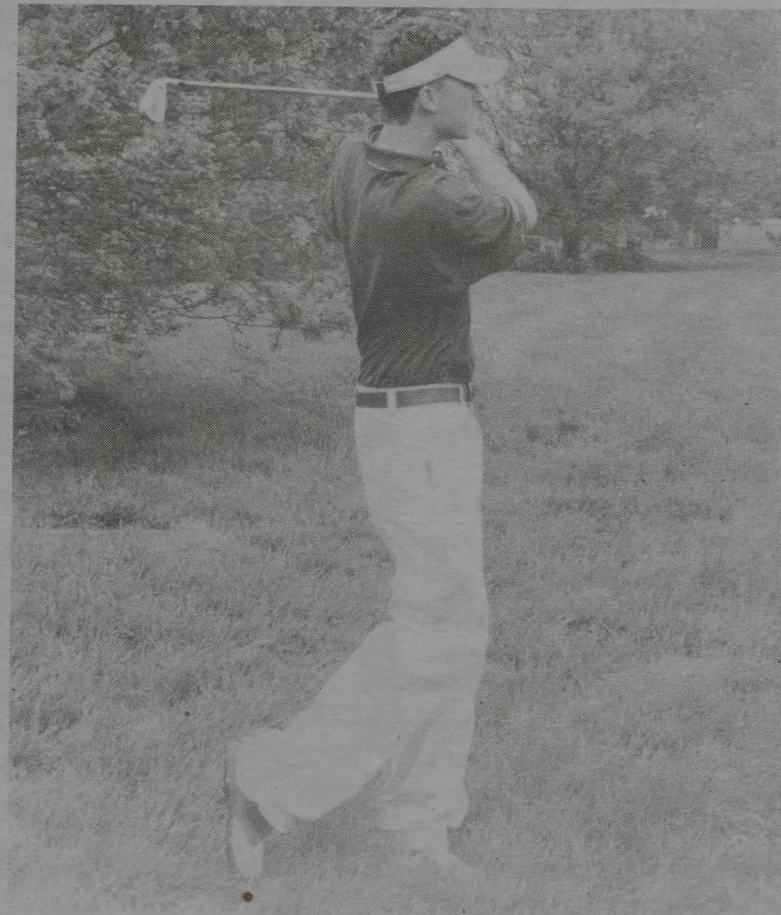
Young golfers putting around

Lori Bunger
Contributing Writer

Youth prevails as the Cedarville College men's golf team is in the midst of a difficult season. With two juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen, the team has faced several mediocre finishes partially due to the lack of experience.

Junior Matt Dunn is the team's number one player. He is the defending champion of the Cedarville Invitational upon carding a one-under-par 71. Dunn became only the third Yellow Jacket golfer and the first in 15 years to win the event. Dunn is averaging 78.2 strokes per game, his lowest average in collegiate competition thus far. He said, "The season has gone okay so far. We have had some good scores, but we have been too inconsistent. If we could get all five players to play well at the same time, we could do some damage in the big tournaments."

One of the highlights for the present season has been capturing the Southwest Ohio Challenge at Reid Park North Golf Course. The Jackets totaled 326 strokes to outdistance Urbana (338) and Wilmington (365). Dunn fired a 78 and took medalist honors by winning a playoff on the fourth hole. Freshman Craig Bennington scored



Sophomore Pete Vischer and the golf team took first in a recent match. Photo by B. Perkins

an 80 for the Jackets, freshman Tom Simon carded an 83, and sophomore Mike Poelzer had an 85 in his first outing this spring.

Coach Jim Kragel is in his sixth season as Cedarville's golf coach. He said, "I really believe this is the strongest group of golfers we've had since I've been here. We have made a commitment as a team to really try and be ready for the upcoming season. Although we are still a very young

team, we now have a group of golfers that on any given day can shoot a very good score for us. My hope is that we can be more consistent than last year."

The highlight of the Jackets' season is the Cedarville Invitational at Country Club of the North. Finishing second last season, the team is looking to improve upon their previous showing. The Invitational will take place on Tuesday, April 25.

Earley signs with Lady Jackets

Rachell Mitchell
Contributing Writer

As the Lady Jackets basketball team waits for the 2000-01 season, they are anticipating the arrival of their recruit Molly Earley.

"Our team is thrilled to have Molly join our squad," head coach Kathy Freese said.

Earley lives in nearby Springfield where she played for Northwestern High School. She stands six feet and averaged 14.2 points, 7.5 rebounds, and 2.5 steals per game. She helped lead the Warriors to regionals as they finished their season with a 24-2 record.

Earley was an honorable-mention, Division 3 All-Ohio Selection. Recruiters and scouts from schools like the University of Dayton and Xavier University in Cincinnati made her offers.

"I wasn't really interested in going to a big school. My sister goes to Cedarville and it will be nice to be close to home. I've been exposed to Cedarville my entire life, and through various events God really showed me that Cedarville was where I should go," Earley said.

Earley should be a tremendous asset to the Lady Jackets. "Molly is a very solid and strong basketball player. She will complement Julie Nourse very well," Freese said.

"I've met a lot of people from Cedarville and they always have good things to say about the school. I know Julie Nourse and Stephanie Schaner, who are players on the team, and they really encouraged me to come to Cedarville because it would be such a great experience," Earley said.

Earley shares the excitement of the women's basketball in her choice to come to Cedarville. She is absolutely thrilled to be able to attend a solid Christian college and be able to play basketball. "I am so excited to come. I can't wait to meet the people there and get to know them and be in that environment," Earley said.

Experienced women's tennis team continues winning ways

Jack Bailey
Contributing Writer

The Lady Jacket tennis squad continued to show evidence of depth and experience as they recently won three consecutive matches against Malone, Muskingum, and Geneva. As of the home match against Geneva on April 15, the Lady Jackets are 4-1 in the conference and 7-3 overall.

The outlook has been very optimistic since the season got underway. The Lady Jackets went on an early four-match shut-out streak after losing their first of the season to Carleton College over Spring Break. Since then, only the University of Dayton and defending con-

ference champion Walsh have defeated the Lady Jackets.

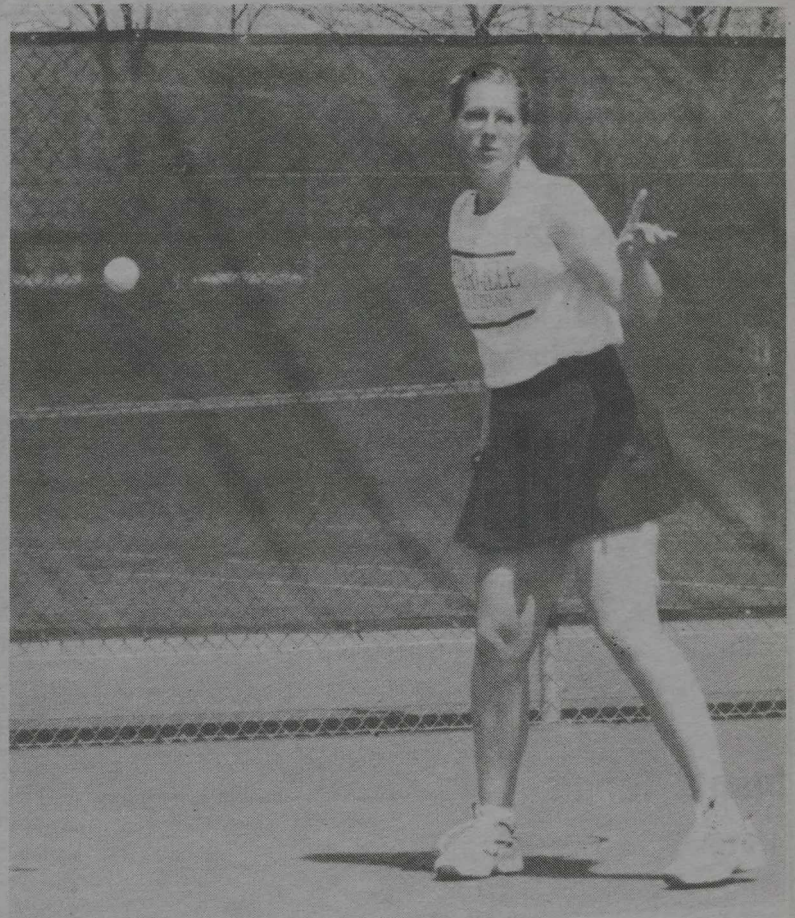
"Coming into this season, I had very high expectations for our team. We want to go to nationals and have the feeling that this is the year," sophomore Amy Gregory (#2 singles, #1 doubles) said.

The reason for the optimism this year is partly due to the fact that Cedarville boasts five women who are playing their final year, accounting for almost 15 combined years of previous varsity experience. Back this year are seniors Casey Ruffin (#1 singles, #1 doubles), Elizabeth Wolfe (#5 singles, #2 doubles), Angela Mast (#3 doubles), Julie Gregory, and graduate student, Ginger Butler

(#3 singles, #2 doubles). Completing the singles positions are two freshmen, Amy Reed (#4) and Jennifer Roman (#6); junior Angela Seeley completes the doubles teams at #3.

Adding to this year's experience are a number of all-conference performers. Ruffin and Butler have enjoyed all-conference seasons for three years, and Wolfe was voted all-conference as a junior. Sophomore Amy Gregory won the AMC Flight #4 singles title as a freshman and teamed up with Wolfe to take the Flight #2 doubles crown in conference action in 1999.

The Lady Jackets have only two more home matches before the NAIA Region IX Tournament in Canton May 11-13.



Senior Julie Gregory and the Lady Jackets are 7-3 overall. Photo by W. Jenks

Yellow Jacket Sports Schedule

Men's Tennis

April 27	vs. Thomas More	3:30 p.m.
April 28	at Transylvania	3:30 p.m.
May 2	vs. Findlay	4:00 p.m.
May 4	at Ohio Wesleyan	3:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis

April 28	at Transylvania	3:30 p.m.
April 29	vs. Seton Hill	11:00 a.m.
May 2	vs. Findlay	3:30 p.m.

Women's Softball

April 22	at NCCAA Midwest Regional	TBA
April 24	at Wittenberg (2)	3:00 p.m.
April 27	at Taylor (2)	3:00 p.m.
April 29	vs. Urbana (2)	3:00 p.m.
May 4-6	at NAIA Region IX Tournament	TBA

Men's Baseball

April 22	at Ohio Dominican (2)	1:00 p.m.
April 25	vs. Urbana (2)	1:00 p.m.
April 26	at Bluffton (2)	1:00 p.m.
April 29	at Rio Grande (2)	1:00 p.m.
May 2	vs. Wittenberg	3:30 p.m.
May 6	vs. Asbury (2)	1:00 p.m.

Track

April 27-29	at Drake or Penn Relays	TBA
April 29	at Cincinnati Invitational	11:00 a.m.
May 4-6	at NCCAA Nationals	TBA

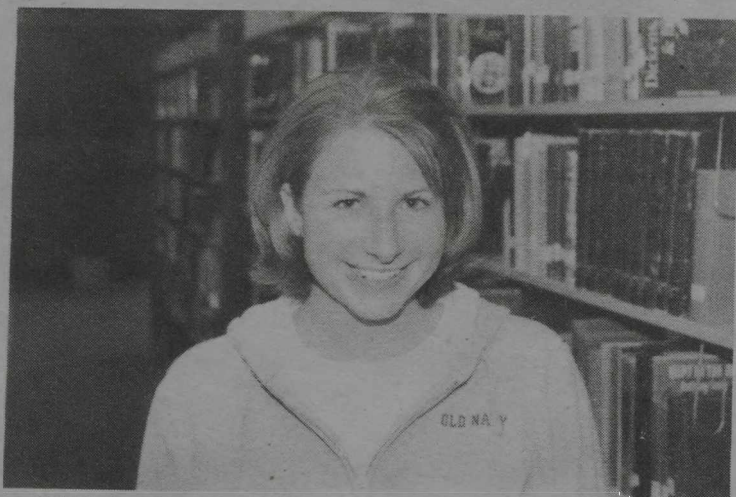
Men's Golf

April 22	at Mount Vernon Nazarene Invitational	10:00 a.m.
	Apple Valley Golf Course	
April 25	Cedarville Invitational	8:30 a.m.
	Country Club of the North	
May 4-5	at American Midwest Conference	10:00 a.m.
	Apple Valley	

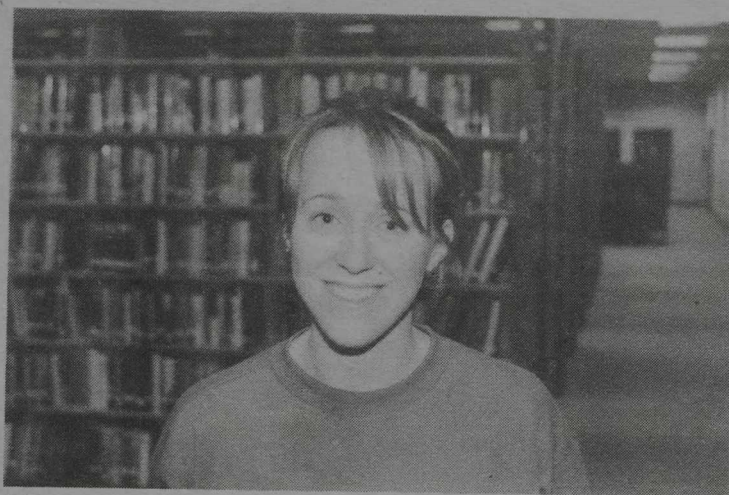
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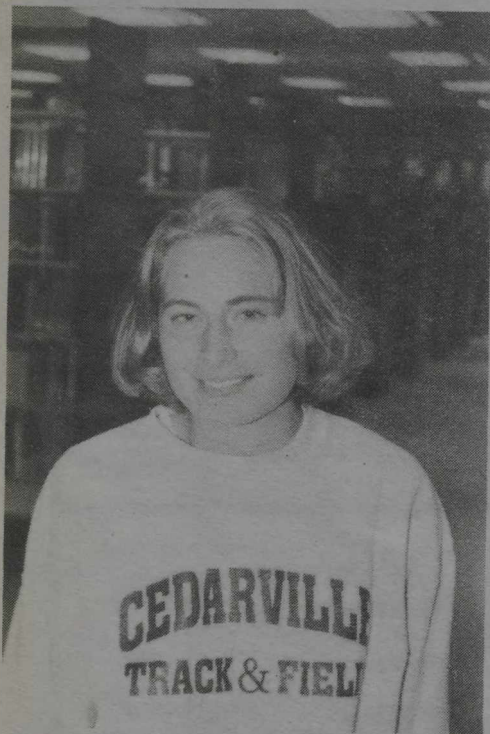
What should the United States do with Elian Gonzales?



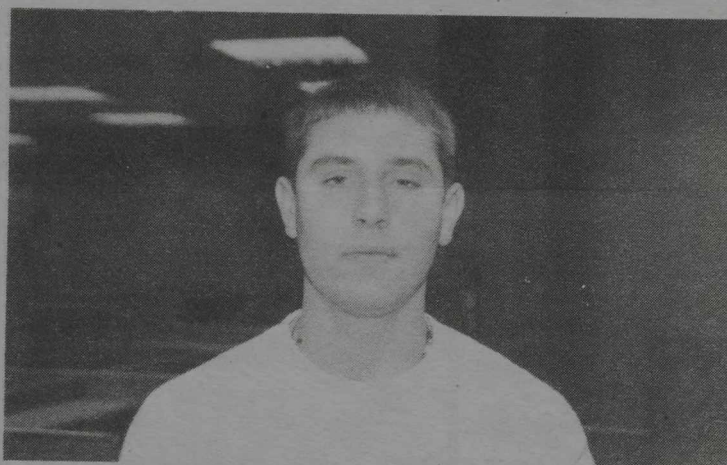
"I think that the issue is doing whatever is best for him in the long run. I don't know who should decide what is best for him, though."
Sophomore Athletic Training major Carolyn Dizer



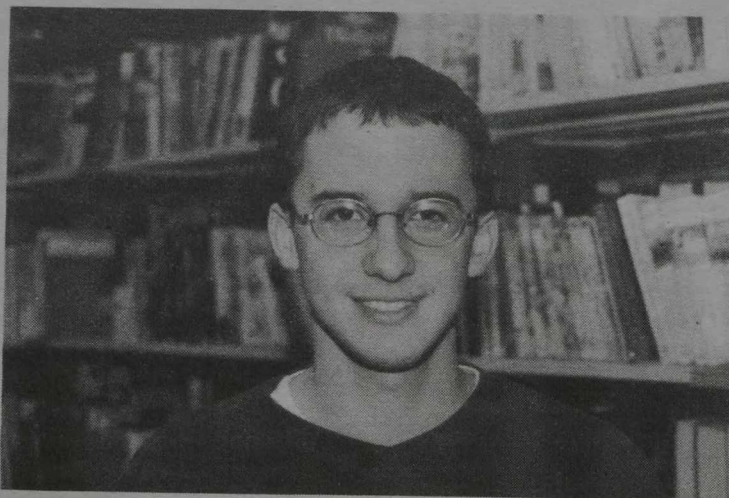
"Since he has family here, I think it would be best if he stayed in the United States."
Sophomore Nursing major Hannah Huggard



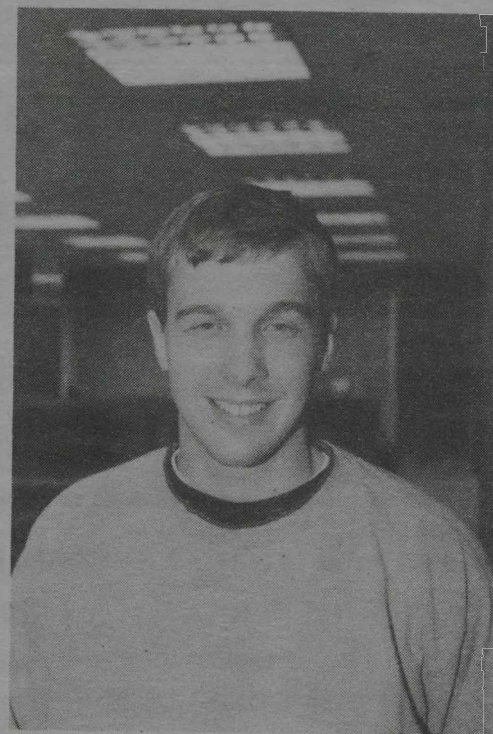
"I think that he should have to go back to his father."
Sophomore Biology major Jenni Gerber



"The boy was obviously coming to America. It was his mom's wish to be here. If he wasn't living with his dad in Cuba and he has relatives here, why not let him stay. I think his dad is a filthy communist. He could learn something from us Americans."
Freshman undeclared major Adam Hall



"I think he should be with his father. Automatically assuming that he would have a better life in America away from his father is rather ethnocentric."
Senior Accounting major David Fretz



"His proper place is with his father. His father obviously loves him and wants to raise him. If Elian were my child, I would want to see him grow up. Cuba isn't the best place in the world, but God still works there."
Junior Mathematics major Donald Manchester