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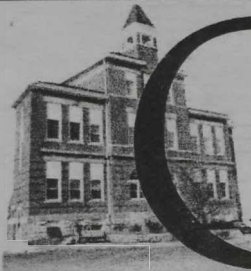
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Penzance Provides Parents With Weekend Laughs

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A silly combination of characters, events, and situations entertained thousands in Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. The cast of 40 from Cedarville University presented the 120-year-old show for the school's spring musical.

Audience members milled about the lobby of the Stevens Student Center Theater, laughing and discussing the amusing absurdity of the play. They recalled some of their favorite characters including the stuffy Major-General Stanley, the Pirate King, the pirate's apprentice Frederick, and the general's lovely daughter Mabel - played by Dr. Mark Spencer, Joshua Salmons, Joshua Canfield, and Crystal Cripe, respectively. The play was full of ridiculous situations, such as bumbling policemen, compassionate pirates, and an



Students perform the comedy, *Pirates of Penzance*, for Parents' Weekend audiences. Photo by D. McCoy

individual's struggle against the institution of Leap Year.

The story itself begins with bloodthirsty (or perhaps just

thirsty) pirates who have a soft spot for their duty and all fellow orphans. It is the 21st birthday of Frederick, who has

been mistakenly contracted as apprentice with the Pirate King because his nurse mistook the word "sea pilot" for "sea pirate."

He is, on this day, released from his duty and informs his fellows in crime that he is to be a pilot. It will be his unfortunate duty to kill all of his pirate friends. They do not like the situation, but agree that it will be his duty and wish him well.

Frederick has never seen a woman apart from his nurse Ruth (Janelle Criner), and she nearly convinces him to take her with him. Though she is much older than Frederick, she attempts to persuade him that she is as beautiful as any other woman. At this point, Frederick hears the singing of maidens and is overtaken by their beauty; Mabel is the boldest of the daughters and agrees to marry him despite his profession as a pirate.

The pirates then return, and each claim a daughter for his own. Enter the Major-General.

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Campus Honors Prayer With Day-Long Activities

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Lead Writer

Even though the format of the Day of Prayer on campus was different this year, Cedarville University family members still had plenty of opportunities to pray.

On May 3, the National Day of Prayer, CU had classes as usual. Students had to take some time out on their own to pray alone or with others. Some prayed before classes began, oth-

ers prayed after chapel at the two scheduled group prayer times in the Dixon Ministry Center.

During chapel, Dr. Dixon gave a short message about prayer and faith based on the Mark 9:14-32 passage about a father whose son was possessed. The father prayed a prayer and asked Jesus to do something if he could. "This is an awful prayer," Dixon said. Jesus told the father that he had to have faith and believe. The father said he believed and asked Jesus to help his unbelief; then Jesus healed his son.

"What little faith the father had was put in Jesus, and it was enough. We don't have to have perfect faith," Dixon said. He pointed out that Christians do need to be serious about prayer.

After the message, various faculty and staff members prayed for specific needs on the campus. Dixon then led in prayer and asked those who attended chapel to pray in small groups for specific requests such as the families of those who have lost loved ones, graduating seniors, upcoming

graduation guests, and family members who are not saved.

From 7:00 - 9:00 that evening, Elijah's Fire and Prayer Force, two prayer groups on campus, sponsored The Tent, which was another opportunity to pray, praise, and worship. These groups have held this event in the past, and many students said that they feel that The Tent provides students a good opportunity to pray.

Focusing the evening around themes like adoration, confession, and supplication, Soulfree

led related songs and gave the attendees time to pray after each song block. Many students turned out for the event, as well as some parents who had arrived early for Parents' Weekend.

Dixon said he believed that many parents, especially unsaved parents, might see the faith and serious attitude that students have about prayer and corporate worship if they could somehow attend The Tent. He said, "I wish there was some way we could have this event during Parents' Weekend."

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Students Assemble To Pray For Persecuted Church

Teresa Ott
Staff Writer

"City on a Hill," an event dedicated to raising awareness of the persecuted church, gathered students around a bonfire to pray for suffering Christians. The organization of Students for Religious Freedom and Student Government Association sponsored the event, which was held Sat., April 28 in the field behind the Stevens Student Center.

The planning committee included SRF representatives Lisa Hockenberry and Ben Nesbitt. Other committee members were Justin Geer, Amber Wiers, Josh Dickinson, and Leah Gombis.

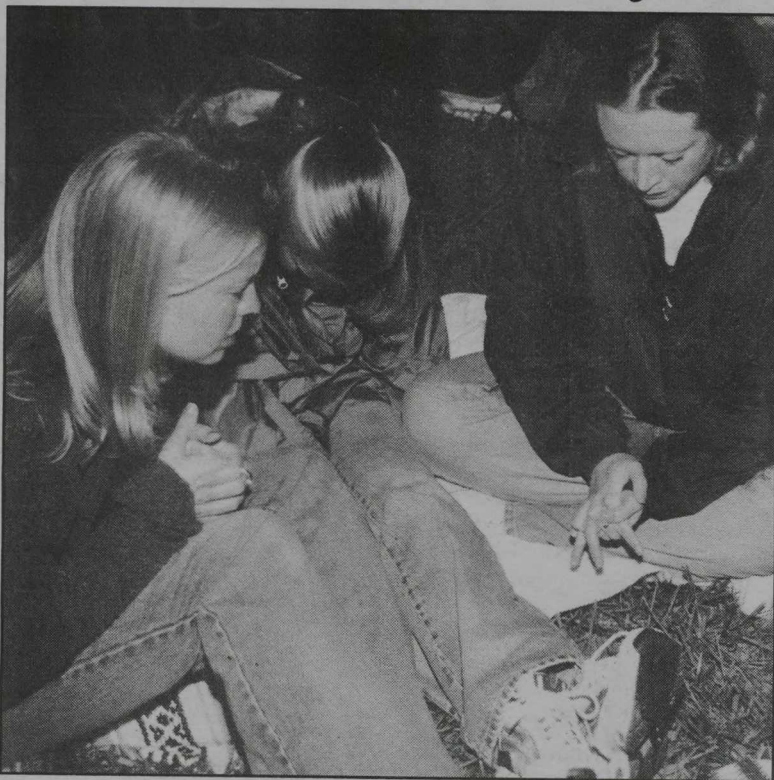
Dickinson summarized the goals of the committee: "Our desires were to glorify God above all else and to open the eyes of students to the great need of prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters."

Nesbitt said that he hoped "to see the student body become more active in praying and doing what they can to help the persecuted church."

Throughout the planning stages, even up to the night before the event was to take place, the committee experienced several difficulties. One of their major setbacks was a new regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency that banned bonfires.

Although they did not learn of this regulation until the day before the event, Doug Chisholm, the director of campus safety, was able to help to get the bonfire approved in time for Saturday night.

Amy Nyhuis, who was involved in coordinating the committees to plan the event, said that despite all the obstacles the leaders kept pressing forward. "There were so many hurdles that it was really amazing that it was actually happening. They had a vision, they had a goal, and they succeeded," Nyhuis said



Students gather for prayer concerning the persecuted church. Photo by D. McClain

Regarding her efforts Nesbitt said, "I learned a lot about organization and the obstacles that arise when attempting to plan an event such as this. I never knew that so much work had to be done to help make it successful. We truly have to rely on God in every circumstance."

As part of the event, students viewed video clips of people who had experienced and, in many cases, still are experiencing persecution. Heather Roth, who attended "City on a Hill," was moved by the videos, particularly one detailing the suffering of a group of Sudanese

men. Roth said, "At one point, the youngest were asked to deny Christ. The children, a five-year-old and four nine-year-olds, despite their age, would not deny Christ, so they were tortured and killed. A five-year-old understood his rewards in heaven and the power of God's truth to such an extent that he would not deny Christ. I pray that my dedication to Christ will be like that."

Dickinson said, "City on a Hill was a chance for me to really see what it means to be sold out to Christ. It allowed me to witness how horrible life can be for so many Christians, and at the same time, it showed me how God can give peace and joy to anyone in any circumstance."

Sophomore Cheryl Elliot attended the event and said, "It was shocking to hear the testimonies of those who were facing the persecution. I always knew that there were persecuted

people, but it hit home so much more to see their faces and hear them talk about it. The fact that the church is growing more now than ever before is an amazing testimony to the work of God."

Jedrey Staley also attended and said, "City on a Hill was extremely beneficial for my spiritual growth and closeness to an awesome God. I had a wonderful time. It really took my prayers up a notch."

Jake Dickinson, who participated, said, "City on a hill was a humbling experience in recognizing the genuine faith and perseverance of our brothers and sisters around the world. These persecuted Christ-followers are willing to sacrifice their lives in order to testify to the love of our Savior. This event has placed a burden on my heart to diligently pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and the persecution that they are enduring."

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News

Guest Lecturer Speaks On Communication Ethics

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Staff Writer

An internationally renowned scholar in the field of media ethics, Dr. Clifford Christians spoke on the topic of "Universal Principles in Communication Ethics" as a guest lecturer sponsored by the Miriam Maddox Forum on Fri., May 4. Christians brought a new light to issues in higher education and how to approach them from a distinctively Christian perspective, particularly communication ethics.

"The ethics of reason have dominated moral philosophy," Christians said as he began his lecture. "We have assumed that reason makes the human species distinctive," and that only through rationality, do we as humans legitimize moral principles. However, he also pointed out that the establishment of reason and morals in a universal sense has failed, that it is not considered true for all people in all places at all times. Instead

humans act in a way that is "appropriate" to their specific situation or culture. Christians stated that it is vital that believers approach the topic through the use of a Christian worldview, filtering ideas through what they know to be biblically true.

Christians discussed two major philosophers, Rene Descartes and John Locke, who have had a direct influence on the ideas of morals and reason. Descartes, who Christians described as the "greatest watershed figure on the 17th century," was a major proponent of rationalism whose ideas are often contrasted with Locke, a strong supporter of empiricism or knowledge gained through experience. A key concern of Locke's was how to communicate ideas across space and being understood in the manner it was meant. Christians asserted that the similarity between the two was the "commitment to individual reason and decision making in ethics," and that as a

Christian community, we must contribute to this discussion without becoming entrapped in either rationalism or empiricism.

Christians then asked what, as Christian human beings, is non-negotiable. His answer was the "primal sacredness of life" and reverence for human life on earth. This entails three basic principles: human dignity, truth, and non-violence. He also pointed out that the "failure of practice [of these principles] does not deny its validity." These principles are ethical principles on which various cultures rest and are not negotiable.

The lecture ended with Christians closing with an illustration from the Philippines on the sacredness of human life and the assertion that as Christians, we believe human life to be sacred because humans are made in the image of God.

Christians has studied extensively in the field of communication ethics. He graduated from Calvin College and Seminary, University of Southern Califor-



Dr. Clifford Christians recently spoke on communication ethics. Photo by D. McCoy

nia, and received his Ph.D. in Communications from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Christians has held the positions of Visiting Scholar at Princeton University, Insti-

tute Fellow in Social Ethics at the University of Chicago, and Pew Scholar at Oxford University. He has also published several works on this topic.

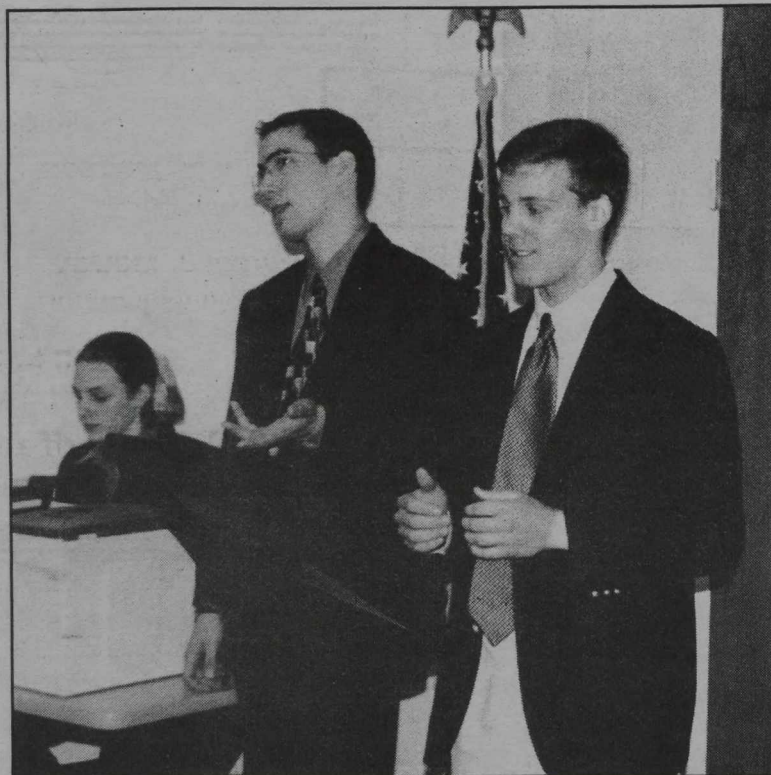
Cedarville Hosts Annual Homeschool Tournament

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Over one hundred junior high and high school students piled into the Engineering Nursing and Science building for a regional debate and speech tournament for home-schoolers on Thurs., May 3. They debated for a chance to qualify for the national tournament that will be held in Santa Clara, CA.

National Christian Forensics and Communication Association sponsored the debate. Cedarville alumni Christy Shipe and her father Michael Harris founded the organization with the help of Cedarville professor Deborah Haffey.

Students age 12 - 18 can compete individually, in a Lincoln-Douglas format, or as a team of two. The home-schoolers can also participate in individual speech events like impromptu speech, dramatic interpretation,



Homeschool students debate during this weekend's speech tournament. The regional competition takes place every year on Cedarville's campus. Photo by D. McCoy

and original oratory. The regional winners - four debaters and five participants in the in-

dividual events - will head to Santa Clara University in June to compete for the national title.

Jessica Whitehair, a home-schooled debater from Batesville, IN, went to nationals last year and came in tenth place. Whitehair is hoping to go again this year in the category of team debate, with her sister as her debate partner. Whitehair said, "I like debate because it's a challenge. I never know what to expect. You can prepare a little bit, but there's always that element of surprise." She also enjoys meeting people at tournaments who come from many different parts of the country. Many home-schooled students prepare for the Cedarville tournament by going to at least one practice tournament a month.

First year tournament director Paula Bentley has been involved in debate for several years and coaches a few Ohio students, including her son. Bentley believes debate gives the home-schooled students a lot of benefits. She said, "Kids

who have debated look you in the eye. They know how to speak, and they are not shy around adults. They learn wisdom and discernment and great oratory skills." But for Bentley, the best part of her job is not just the kids' speaking improvement. "The best part is seeing the kids glorifying God in what they do."

As director of the tournament, Bentley encourages the debaters to remember that they are "Christians first, debaters second." Whitehair said, "My Christianity affects my attitude. Debate can be aggressive and rude, but I make sure that my faith tempers my attitude."

A debater from this region, which includes Ohio and the surrounding states, has never won the national crown. But that may not last long. Bentley said, "Usually the debaters from California win, but we're looking to change that this year."

Parents Visit 'Ville, Participate In Weekend Events

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Parents weekend is an annual event anticipated by both parents and students at Cedarville University. Parents of current students have the opportunity to visit the campus and observe what student life at CU typically involves. They attend classes with their sons and daughters, eat in the cafeteria or the snack shop, or go to the Athletic Center, the game room, or the bookstore. Parents even get to use some of CU's state of the art technology.

At the same time, students get to spend some quality time with their parents engaging in different campus activities, as well as meet their friends' parents. Most parents arrived in Cedarville May 3 or 4 to take part in the various events on campus.

The weekend began early on Thursday with "The Tent," an open air prayer and praise time, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., sponsored by Elijah's Fire, Prayer Force, and Student Government Association. In addition to watching the NCCAA Track and Field Championships, which continued all day. Parents also had the option of attending the spring play, *Pirates of Penzance*, in the Stevens Student Center Theatre. On Friday, admirable CU students were formally rec-



Teresa Ott takes time out of last weekend for a photo with her parents. Photo by D. McCoy

ognized at Honors Day Chapel, which many parents chose to attend.

During the afternoon, a joint concert was put on by the Concert Chorale and the Men's Glee Club in the Recital Hall. From 6:30 to 7:30, parents and students had the opportunity to attend a less formal concert sponsored by SGA. Stifle the Folly, one of the newer bands on campus, gave an hour-long concert in the snack shop. "It was be something that was free to attend, and it gave the

parents a chance to see what students really do for fun around here," said the SGA board. It also gives the members of the band the opportunity to play for their parents." The Pops Concert was held later in the evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Jeremiah Chapel. Later, the Jazz Band gave a free late night concert at 10:30 for the enjoyment of both parents and students.

Saturday morning began with the hearty Prayer and Praise Pancake breakfast from 8:00 to

10:00 a.m. in the SSC hosted by the campus activities office and the MIS program. "We had 165 pre-register for this first time effort. It was organized to give an overview of MIS summer teams and to pray for those going out this summer on short-term missions. The MIS teams helped cook, set-up, serve, and clean up, in order to have all of the proceeds go toward the Bethesda Project in South Africa. The parents appreciated hearing about the teams and seeing three of the teams present puppets, music and drama. We'd like to say thank you to Pioneer, Gordon Foods, and CAO for helping to cover the extra costs which allowed us to send another \$850 to the Bethesda Project," said Brian Nester.

Parents who had registered for the 10th Annual Parents Weekend Golf Tournament prepared to tee-up at Sabastian Hills Golf Course, located close to Shawnee Lake in the Jamestown area. "This was our biggest tournament yet with over 90 golfers and was a great opportunity for families to play golf together during this special weekend at the 'Ville. Typically, it's mostly a father and son activity with a few mothers and daughters included as well.

This year's tournament was played in a scramble format,

meaning that both golfers got to essentially play as one. Both members of a two-person team hit each shot from the better lie from the previous shot, including putts. So this format provided a great experience for both the scratch golfers [those who play par golf], the average golfers, and the duffers [those who do not play par golf but still enjoy the game]. Playing with a partner allowed everyone to shoot a better score than they normally would, since they could hide many of their "bad" shots.

This year, for the first time, participants sported their very own special PW Golf Tournament T-Shirt to commemorate the event," said intramural director, Mark Matthews.

During the afternoon, the men's baseball team played against Asbury College, which several parents chose to attend. The final events of the NCCAA Track and Field Championships took place until the early afternoon, and *Pirates of Penzance* aired a second matinee showing, and also put on an evening performance at 8:00pm. The Dick and Mel Tunney concert took place during the same hour in the Jeremiah Chapel.

At the end of the weekend, many students went to church with their parents on Sunday morning before saying good-bye and returning to their normal routine.

Classes Clash For Cedarville Campus Competition

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Student Government Association will sponsor the fourth annual Class Clash, in which students are encouraged to compete against other classes in a variety of games. The competition on May 17 will include games such as mud-tug, dodge ball, roller blading relays, canoe races, capture the flag, co-ed softball, and beach ball volleyball. The competition will commence Olympic-style with an opening ceremony Wednesday evening, May 16 that will include a parade through campus. There will be a closing ceremony Thursday night after the

games have been completed, and the winners will be announced in SGA chapel the next day.

The theme for this year's games is "Return to Rohm." Amy Nyhuis, student government vice-president said, "This year we wanted to get a theme that would be exciting and get more people involved." Seth Martin, and Laura O'Donnell formed the committee that created the theme. "We wanted the theme to be something like the Olympics, but with a little more to it," Nyhuis said. Nyhuis, Martin, and O'Donnell eventually came up with the theme by playing off the movie *Gladiator*, while incorporating Campus Pastor Bob Rohm. Students should be looking for Pastor

Rohm's continued involvement in the event.

Class Clash began in the spring of 1998 with a single game of capture the flag, in which freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors competed against each other by class. Nyhuis said, "This year we wanted different games along with the old ones." Each year more games have been added to the competition, and this year's match will include several new ones as well.

The first 100 people to sign up for the events will receive a free Class Clash tee-shirt. Each class has a different colored team shirt. Students will be able to sign up for the Class Clash events in their class chapels on

May 11. Bob Lutz, senior class president said, "We want to encourage students to get big groups together to sign up for the events."

Lutz and Nyhuis were not the only student government officers involved in planning the event. The officers for each class also shared in the planning. Nyhuis said, "Class officers play a big part because they are the link between their classes and the production that occurs. Bob [Lutz] has really given the class officers ownership in what is being done, and the officers have taken responsibility in being willing to accomplish some of the more difficult tasks involved in planning this event."

This year's Clash will center around Cedar Lake and will also include an outdoor SGA sponsored dinner Thursday evening. Lutz said, "We want to create an atmosphere where students get excited about being in their class, and one of fun and competition. We also would like to see a large number of students involved this year."

Student participation in Class Clash has dwindled since its debut in 1998 when classes competed in the 100 mile race. Nyhuis said, "We want to get as many people involved as possible the whole way through. We wanted to create an activity that draws a lot of people, especially those who might not usually participate in this kind of event."

News

Breast Cancer Walk Raises Money For Treatment

Teresa Ott
Staff Writer

Students walk to class, walk to chapel, walk to Chuck's, and will now be able to walk to support community members who are battling cancer.

Eight years ago, Patty Davis and Jane Hattershire founded the Circle of Victory Cancer Awareness Walk to raise money for cancer patients. Davis herself is a survivor of breast cancer. Those who participate in the five-mile walk will each contribute \$15 for the registration fee. All of the money that is collected will go directly to patients in Greene County to help them pay for their medical expenses, which include treatment, prosthetics, and wigs. This year's participants will be walking today, Fri., May 11 at 6:45 p.m. in Fairborn Community Park.



Priscilla and Gina Band pose with their mother, a breast cancer survivor. This weekend, a cancer walk will be held to raise money for cancer treatment. Photo by D. McCoy

Sophomores Heidi Everett and Katie Zimmerman are responsible for promoting the event on campus. They re-

sponded to an e-mail that Dr. Nelson Henning, associate professor of social work, sent out to inform students of the opportunity to help cancer patients. Henning put them in contact with Davis, who gave them additional details and encouraged them to get more people involved. Zimmerman said that she knew she would participate in the walk, but wanted other Cedarville students to participate as well.

Although they are unsure of exactly how many students will attend, Zimmerman said, "The response from students has been awesome. People are very interested in participating in the walk."

Both recognize the event as an opportunity for students to interact with and support those who live near the University. Everett said that she feels it is important

for the community to see that Cedarville students care about them and understand what they are going through. "We really just want Cedarville students to interact with the community that we would normally not see," Everett said.

Zimmerman agreed and said, "It will provide the students with an opportunity to meet community members that we will not meet in local churches."

If 200 Cedarville students participate in the walk, as Everett and Zimmerman are hoping, they will have helped to raise \$3,000 to go towards Davis' \$10,000 goal for this year. Sophomore Stacey Rasmussen plans on participating in the walk with several of her friends and said, "The walk is a good opportunity for us to get involved in the community and show the people around us that we care."

Big Bird Ministry Provides Aid For Community

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Cedarville University has a plethora of ministries and organizations, yet one organization has dedicated its efforts to meeting the needs of elderly people right here in the Cedarville community.

Last spring, then-freshman class president Mike Coffey presented a challenge to the class of 2003 to start seriously serving in the community. This suggestion impacted the mind and heart of Ryan Flunker, who said, "I knew that's what I wanted to do and it just kind of exploded." The result? Operation Big Bird, a name first used as a joke in the early stages of the organization's development. Their first project yielded 35 students ready to help "strengthen the bonds between the University and the community," as their mission statement reads.

Flunker led the organization single-handedly until winter of

2001, when three other officers - Megan Whitman as vice president, Katie Zimmerman as secretary, and Jesse Frederick as technical/ multimedia director - joined him in leadership. Today the organization is the largest on campus, with over 100 active members, and over 200 students involved.

Big Bird, though on call for emergencies 24 hours a day, has two main planned project days per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The spring project for this year is on Sat., May 12. They have amassed a large list of people who need help in the Cedarville community, and volunteers will be split up into teams to serve. What started as an organization primarily for the class of 2003 is now campus-wide. This gives freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors the chance to "increase the quality of life in the families of the community, reflect the image of Christ's servanthood, provide a venue to share the gospel, and



Rachael Mohler cleans windows for residents in Xenia. Photo courtesy of R. Flunker

develop a life characterized with compassion while changing our hearts toward humility," as their mission statement says.

"God has gifted us with the ability, means, and opportunity

to serve. Seeing students willing to help really shows Christ's love," Flunker said. "All of this is totally God," Whitman said. "He impresses upon the hearts of students the desire to serve.

It's a huge chunk of time to sacrifice for others." Frederick said, "The greatest joy I've come to experience is to get out and know the community. Cedarville and the community hardly ever mesh. And I get to use a chainsaw. What's better than that?"

This service opportunity is also a ministry opportunity. God has already done marvelous things through the willingness of these students. During fall quarter, members of Big Bird were able to work and pray with families, who suffered from the Xenia tornado. Most recently, Big Bird had the privilege to participate in helping a family of six whose house had burned down in Clifton. Students donated over eight boxes of clothing and toiletries, plus some cash that Big Bird members gave out of their own pockets. "Big Bird wouldn't be Big Bird without the students and their hearts to serve," Flunker said. "We couldn't do as much as we do."

Viewpoints

Graduating Seniors Discuss Plans For Next Year

Nicole Carpenter
Contributing Writer

Working, travel, marriage, and getting out of mom and dad's house – these are just a few of the things going through the minds of most seniors here at Cedarville University. As graduation is only three weeks away, many are finalizing plans to move to various parts of the country or the world, while others are trying to find out how to begin paying off college loans, and some still have no idea what they are going to be doing in the next year.

Jessica Acker, a broadcasting and multimedia technology major, put it this way, "As a freshman, I looked at seniors who had no idea what they were going to do after graduation, and thought, 'Now that is the stupidest thing I have ever heard – a senior who has no idea what they are doing. What have they been doing the last four years?' So now, I'm a senior, and I completely understand how that can happen."

Currently, Acker is completing an internship with the film department at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, CO. During the summer, she will be taking a missions trip to Jamaica with her youth group from home. But what about after the summer? "Well, I haven't found a job yet," said Acker. She is feeling the frustrations of not knowing what is ahead, but as she puts it, she is allowing God to show her the next step in life when the time comes.

One senior because of his involvement in ROTC while here at Cedarville, is already guaranteed a job after graduation. Micah Hutchins, organizational communications major, will be a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Army, where he will be completing an 18 week Officer Basic Course at Aberdeen, MD as an ordinance officer.

"The good thing that will happen is that I start getting paid June 2, I have full medical benefits, and 30 day's leave," said Hutchins. In the future, he plans on pursuing his masters as time allows, "I plan to take night classes while on duty, and the Army will pay 75% of my tuition."

Megan Snyder, English education major, also knows what she will be doing after graduation. She plans on moving to Tampa, FL to teach. Snyder found the job with relative ease, "I sent one email and ended up with an application, a brochure on the cool things about Florida, and an invitation to please come interview." Within five years, she plans on starting her master's degree.

Tim Seigneur, accounting and finance major, has plans to marry senior Joanna Carr, move to Marietta, Ohio, and begin working at Rea & Associates. Seigneur found out about the company during a business Career Links Day in Oct. "They caught my eye because I saw they had an office in Marietta, which is where I wanted to live. I interviewed, but no positions were open in that office. I really wanted the Marietta office, so I decided to wait on God's timing. One month later, an employee was retiring soon, so a position opened and I accepted it," said Seigneur.

Lori Bunger, organizational communications major, did not find her job as easily. "My parents moved from the house I grew up in, less than a year ago and into a small apartment in Houston, Texas. Therefore I had no 'home' to go back to in case I didn't have a job," she said.

Bunger has taken a job in San Antonio, Texas doing sales for Caterpillar. Bunger credits the help of others in her ability to find a job, "The people who networked for me are incredible. The reason I found this job is

because people have just simply wanted to help me out."

Unlike these seniors, many are still searching for jobs in the coming year. Diane Bielo, media communications major, has applied to work at a few recording companies, but has heard nothing yet. "I have been encouraged a lot through my search that there are plenty of jobs out there using my degree," said Bielo. But right now she also has other concerns, "I want to go out on my own, but since I'm graduating in debt that might not be feasible for at least three months after graduation." Other plans include pursuing higher education in the form of speech communication in the coming years.

Jason Pierson found himself among many seniors that will be continuing their education immediately after graduation. Pierson, a communication arts with theatre emphasis major, will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "I'll be in the three year MFA program for Stage Management," said Pierson. "I participated in the U/RTA program [a program for people applying to graduate schools in theater] and was able to interview with a bunch of schools and meet a lot of great people. It really helped me see what was out there and what programs were available to me," said Pierson.

Greg Davis and Christy Abbs both know what they will be doing in the coming year. Davis will be taking a year long internship in the administrative offices of the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival. Abbs will be teaching in China.

Other than student loan payments, Davis has some deeper frustrations about figuring out what to do with the rest of his life. He wants his life to be more than a mere existence of having everything together. "You spend

preschool getting ready for grade school, grade school for middle school, middle school for high school, high school for college, and now what? I'm suddenly supposed to have everything figured out and truthfully, I don't. I feel like I've been told to get ready, and nobody ever told me what to get ready for. Mere existence isn't what I want to do for the rest of my life. I feel God has called me to something greater, and right now, I don't know what that is, and it's all right, even though I'm graduating in three weeks. I know for certain that at least for the next year, I am where God wants me to be," said Davis.

Abbs, a marketing major, has plans for the coming year that actually has little to do with her actual major. "I am going to be teaching English in China next year through Cedarville," said Abbs. "As I am a marketing major it is not the first thing that I would think of to go do. It was hard trying to sort out what I felt that God wanted me to do and what I wanted to do. I have such peace knowing that what I am going to be doing is something in which I can glorify God. I

went in for a great position with Lens Crafters, and prayed that I wouldn't get the job, because that wasn't what I felt I was supposed to do next year."

After the year, Abbs does not know what she will be doing. She said, "I have not decided yet. I suppose this will be determined after I finish next year."

Becky Stowers, a nursing major, knows what she wants to do in the coming years, but really has no idea where. She is deciding between moving to Minnesota or staying around Cedarville. "Since there's a nursing shortage, I can work anywhere, which is nice, don't get me wrong, but it makes it tough deciding where to go," said Stowers.

For now, she has some immediate future plans, "Directly after graduation I'm going home, getting my wisdom teeth out (since I needed them for college, going to and being in some weddings, possibly work at Lake Ann Baptist Camp a couple weeks, and then somewhere be a nurse," said Stowers.

Other seniors, Tisha Tapp and Caleb Smith, also have immedi-

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Viewpoints

Churches Must Get Involved In True Integration

Sam Logan
Columnist

Riots in downtown Cincinnati. Student protests at Penn State. Tension in Britain's Parliament over a few ill advised remarks. A fractured universal church. These things shouldn't be happening. We thought we fixed the problem in 1865, or at least in the mid-twentieth century. Racism is a thing of the past, right?

Unfortunately, no. Although most Americans wish we could dismiss any remaining racial prejudice as the ugly sin of a few white-robed fanatics who parade and chant in the dark recesses of the Deep South, we cannot rid ourselves of it so easily.

Recently I have been reminded of the failure of the church in this matter. The early church of Jesus Christ, as modeled in the book of Acts, was a racially integrated institution. In one of his most familiar petitions, Jesus prayed that we would be unified. I would submit that he wished his bride to be unified racially as well as doctrinally.

Christ meant the church to be a model for the world, a "city on a hill." We are to be an example of true fellowship with one another. Nevertheless, it is often rightly said that eleven o'clock on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in America. How can the church fulfill its mission as Christ intended if we are generally more fragmented than the communities to which we are ministering?

Occasionally my all white church will get together with our sister church, the members of which are mostly black (and the name of which, somewhat ironically, is Unity Bible Baptist Church). After the service or event - during which one can practically touch the tension in the air - everyone seems to breathe a nearly audible sigh of

relief. We pat ourselves on the back and congratulate ourselves for bridging the racial divide. And then we go back to our comfortable, racially homogenous church services, enjoying our inner sense of self-satisfaction as the pastor preaches on unity within the body of Christ.

I understand the difference between unity and racial homogeneity. The former is biblically mandated, while the latter is not even desirable. But how can we be unified if we do not fully embrace the diversity within the universal church itself?

This complex problem has even more complex origins. One source of racial fragmentation may be our natural desire to be with people with whom we can identify. Or we might misperceive the ideal society as a "melting pot," instead of a "salad bowl." In other words, we may tend to think that American society should entail a single culture, and when faced with multiple cultures, we reject them as unnatural or "un-American."

These intricacies aside, we may conclude that the scary fact of the matter is that by continuing to follow the comfortable tradition of surrounding ourselves with those most like us, we reinforce the problem that is already so firmly entrenched in our society and in our churches.

Some postmodern thinkers suggest that racism results when we do not understand the "humanness" of every person. Richard Rorty, the famous American pragmatist, takes this view. According to Rorty, we can solve the problem by "putting ourselves in the shoes" of others.

There is probably some truth to Rorty's position. After all, Christ called us to act toward others as we would want them to act toward us.

But I think the most Christian solution is to see the image of God in everyone. We love and respect all, not because they are human like we are, but because we are all made in God's image. Thus, a balanced horizontal relationship emanates from a proper understanding of our vertical relationship.

As students and faculty, how are we doing? Does Cedarville University reflect God's desire for unity within the body of Christ? Personally, I would like to see more racial diversity on campus, both in the student body and in the faculty. The existence of student organizations devoted to similar causes indicates that many students desire the same thing.

As Richard Carter, the president of the PEACE project, said, "If we had a more diverse faculty and a more diverse student body, then we would have a better understanding of how the world really functions, which is key for a good world-and-life view."

I'm sick of racial prejudice and its offspring. I'm tired of seeing it in our colleges, in our churches, and in myself. Like many social issues, this one has to be solved from the ground up. As the next generation of Christian leaders within our churches and communities, let us devote ourselves to removing the obstacle of racial prejudice, so that the world can see what God's love is all about.

Cedar Faces

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How long have you worked at Cedarville? Four months. I was born and raised in Baltimore, MD and moved to Ohio seven months ago.

When and how did you meet your wife? She is a Cedarville graduate, but she was working in Baltimore. We had mutual friends, so I got her number and gave her a call.

Which animal do you consider yourself most similar to? A dog. I think that dogs are always friendly, affectionate, and looking to please.

Where is your favorite place to dine out? A good steak house

Name the book that you consider most enjoyable: I would say the Bible is the most enjoyable and enlightening.

What two things would you pack (besides food and water) if you were to be stranded alone in the middle of the Sahara Desert for a month? I would want a cell phone and a map. I'd want to make sure that I could get out.

Which of Snow White's seven dwarfs do you most associate with? Happy

What is your favorite quotation? I really like, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It's really something I try to live by.

If you had the option of being transported anywhere in the world, where would you go? Hawaii

What is the best movie of all time? *It's A Wonderful Life*. Every year it still brings tears to my eyes.

Do you have any hobbies? I love pets. I raise and breed canaries. I also have a couple of docile corn snakes.

If you were scheduled to perform in chapel, what instrument would you play? If I could play anything, I'd play the piano. And since I was in chapel, I'd probably play something spiritual, probably *How Great Thou Art*.

Name one long term goal that you have for your life: To be a good husband and father, and through the Lord's help, to enrich the lives of others and make my existence here on earth worthwhile.

If you could ask President Bush one question, what would it be? What can I pray for you about? I know that he is a man who has to make a lot of decisions.

What advice would you give to the student body? Try to make the most out of everyday, savor each moment, because life goes by so quickly.

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Pirates

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He objects to having pirates as sons-in-law, and the pirates conversely protest to a Major-General as a father-in-law but admit they are willing to overlook the matter. The General figures out that he can save himself and his daughters if he plays on the pirates' emotions, so he tells them that he is an orphan. Because of this, if they take his daughters, he will be left alone, deprived of all his family. The pirates are disgusted at this; they are bound by their pirate code to bring no ill to orphans, all being orphans themselves.

Act Two begins with the despair of the Major-General on a sleepless night because he has lied to the pirates. Meanwhile, Frederick plans his attack on his former friends. His plan is thwarted before it can be implemented when the Pirate King discovers that Frederick was born on Leap year, rendering him only five years old rather than 21, and calls him back to his sworn duty as a pirate. This, of course, hampers his relationship with Mabel.

The cowardly police officers received commission from the Major-General to attack the pirates but hide when the pirates attack the general's house after finding out from Frederick that the general has lied to them about being an orphan. The battle is short-lived and bloodless because the Major-General appeals to the pirates' hearts as Englishmen, asking them to spare him in the name of the Queen. This they are bound to do by their pirate duty. Ruth returns and discloses that the pirates are in fact noblemen, and then the general is proud to give his daughters' hands to each of them.

The story, in all its absurdity, is beautifully portrayed though Gilbert and Sullivan's lyrical style. The choruses and music were very entertaining, and the stunningly complex set represented many hours of hard work by the stage crew.

Pirates proved to be an entertaining Parents' Weekend activity as well as a wonderful conclusion to the theater season.

Seniors

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ate plans, but are still deciding on the future. The two plan to get married on July 21, but as of now, they are unsure where they will be living. Smith is a Christian education for youth major, and is looking at two very good leads.

"I still catch myself getting frustrated that I don't have a place to work yet. I have really understood what it is to trust God. It is amazing how I've talked about it over the past few years, but not until I'm looking for a job that will support myself and my future family does trust become more evident. I did a search for a church in January. Four churches really stood out. Eventually, all four turned me down. At that point, I found myself back to square one with absolutely no church on my list of potentials. So, in mid-April, I

searched again. And again, four churches stood out. Two have turned me down. Two have asked for Tisha and I to come and visit. One of these we are really hoping will offer me the job. But it's in the Lord's hands," said Smith.

Tapp has said, "Just knowing where we're going to be landing yet with graduation coming up quick is a bit frustrating. But, we know that the Lord knows where he wants us, so we're really not worried or anything."

In the end, each senior faces the question of what they will do after graduation, and each senior will eventually find something. As many have stated, it is in God's hand and in his timing. For many, moving on is the only thing on their minds. Hutchins has said what many others have also echoed, "Cedarville has been an experience, but it is definitely time for me to move on."

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Student Faces

Amy Nyhuis

Senior Organizational Communications

Sibs? Karin, 19; Jeff, 16

What has been your favorite memory here at Cedarville? Dorm life – conversation and fun that goes on way after curfew

When the food at Chucks is less than appealing, what do you do to feed yourself? Unfortunately pizza, pizza, pizza. It is easy and, well, my diet is nonexistent.

Who is your favorite chapel speaker and why? James MacDonald, the night he spoke on revival was very impacting on my life. Then when the lights went out and we sang hymns, it was truly amazing.

What is the most humorous thing you ever remember being said in chapel? When the brass choir made use of the a-word.

Who has been the most influential person in your life, and why? Of course my parents have been incredible examples for me to look up to. My mom taught me how to laugh, and my dad taught me how to work hard and never give up.

What was the last song you listened to? My roommate's and my theme song: "I can't get no sleep," - "Insomnia" by Faithless

What is your favorite line from a song? "Take the Shackles off my feet, so I can dance!" - "Shackles," by Mary Mary

What is one thing you have done that you would never do again but would recommend it to someone else to try? Played on a university soccer team for four years. I loved it, I loved the competitions, the memories and the friendships. Now that it's over, I know I'll



never get to do it again. It was a lot of work and time, but I would definitely recommend it to someone else.

What is your most embarrassing moment? You mean today?

If you could take anything (other than the Bible) on a deserted island, what would you take, and why? A full-fledged karaoke system with unlimited songs, a microphone, an amp, and some speakers with some massive tweeters and woofers. I could be entertained forever.

What one class do you think everyone should take? Step Aerobics

What one word would you want printed on your tombstone? Pepperoni

If you could change one thing about Cedarville, what would it be? I would definitely install a monorail that would run across Cedar Lake.

How many hours of sleep do you average every night? Three and a half hours

What do you appreciate most about Cedarville? The people. I don't think I will ever be around so many friendly and incredibly fun people who love the Lord so much. I have loved calling this place home for the last four years, and I can honestly say I am going to miss this place.

Viewpoints

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

We would like to respond to an article in the last issue of *Cedars* written by Amber Young titled "Campus, Students, Prepare for Diversity." We also looked into the diversity issue here on the Cedarville campus for a recent paper, and we believe that the lack of diversity here at Cedarville is detrimental to our learning experiences. Wheaton College asserts, "It is not uncommon to hear Wheaton College alumni say they learned as much from their fellow students as they did from their formal studies. . . Learning to live with, and learn from people who are 'different' is one of the most important parts of a college education."

Most students do not understand that the lack of cultural diversity is going to hurt them when they are out of college. Janice Arenofsky, the author of "Cultural Diversity in the Workplace" said, "Your clients, customers, supervisors, or fellow employees may have a different ethnic background from you. You'll need to understand and respect their cultural traditions and customs so you can work more effectively with them."

There is no easy solution to bringing diversity to our campus. However, there are steps that we can take. We propose that we hold a basketball camp with the Cedarville basketball team and inner city kids. This proposal would help spread the word to kids who may never have heard of Cedarville otherwise. The lack of cultural diversity is a problem, but it is not going to be easy to solve. Not everyone is going to agree with the solutions, but with God's guidance and cooperation with each other, this issue will be solved.

Barry Chamberlin, Kama Curry, and Kristen Lapp

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Dear Editor,

We recently researched whether there was a need for Sunday library hours, and the responses we received seemed to say there was. Our data showed 79% of students surveyed felt Sunday library hours were a necessity on campus. We would have to agree with them. The library not being open on Sundays creates a problem for many students who attend this school. Many students use Sunday as their primary day to complete their homework and research. For some students, Sunday is their only full day to do research because of sports, work, ministry, etc. The library not being open on this day creates much stress on these students.

It is an "institutional preference" of the University to not offer library hours on Sunday, and we do not feel that it is necessary to have the library open during church service hours. However, there is an adequate amount of time after evening church services for the library to be open without interfering with church attendance. We propose the library should be available for student use on Sunday evenings from 8-11 p.m. With the availability of Sunday library hours, students will be able to use their time to excel in their classes.

Sincerely,

Tom Leach, Melissa Pressdee, and Ashley Verfaillie

Dear Editor,

For a recent research paper, the three of us investigated environmentally irresponsible practices at Cedarville University. Five problems in particular came to our attention: the use of Styrofoam dinnerware at Chuck's on Sunday nights, the disposal of newspapers (which could be recycled), the discarding of plastic and aluminum beverage containers, the waste of non-newspaper paper products, and the generation of paper towel waste.

We maintain that those practices mentioned above are problematic and should be dealt with as such because they squander financial and ecological resources. On the basis of Scripture, we believe that all professing Christians have a responsibility to faithfully enact their stewardship role. As a Christian university, Cedarville must manage its resources in a responsible manner.

To increase God-honoring stewardship at our university, we propose instituting a joint student-faculty council for environmental accountability. The council could look into the possibility of hiring dish washers on Sunday nights at Chuck's, the collection of newspapers for recycling, the change over from plastic containers to aluminum cans on campus, and the switch from paper towels in bathrooms to hand dryers. We would encourage your involvement in increasing environmental awareness and responsibility on campus.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy, Kenneth Keslar, and Jonathan Rasbach

Dear Editor,

During fall quarter of 2000, the school sent out an e-mail regarding the use of "internet movies." It roughly stated that the downloading and viewing of "internet movies" is now forbidden, and the downloading that had recently occurred needed to stop. However, students are still downloading these files from the Internet. In a recent survey of the Cedarville student body we found that 44% of students living on campus still had pirated movies on their computers. To remedy this problem, we propose the installation of DVD drives on school provided computers.

DVD drives would alleviate many problems we currently face. First, the copyright laws that surround the whole pirated movie issue would no longer be a problem. Secondly, students would have more free memory on their hard drives with the deletion of movie files. The average movie is 500-700 megabytes in size. Finally, the usage of DVD drives could extend beyond entertainment. DVD drives could be used for academic purposes in addition to classroom teaching. Interactive homework assignments could be placed on DVDs so students could view them later in their dorm rooms. The DVD can hold 14,500 megabytes of information, as opposed to a CD-rom that can only hold 700 megs. That is nearly 27 times bigger than a traditional CD-rom. DVDs will help solve Internet movie problems and will help put Cedarville a step above other Christian liberal arts colleges.

Sincerely,

Darren Reckner, Jared Pyles, and Perry Kuhn

The Cellar (notes on entertainment and culture)

Music Of Over The Rhine Guided By Sincerity

Ryan Marks

Contributing Writer

I would like to qualify the following by saying that I am very skeptical of folk music. This is not to say that I don't like the "softer" side of music - Miles Davis' "Kind of Blue" is one of my favorite albums - but the manufactured pseudo-sincerity I see as prevalent in folk music is often a bit of a turn-off. Yet, approximately 11 1/2 seconds into my first Over the Rhine concert, I was quite willing to burn all of my rock records and swear off electronic music for good.

Miracles abound within the lyrics of Over the Rhine. Their love songs speak more typically about contentment and comfortable passion than about the beaten-dead horse of unrequited love. Linford Detweiler and Karen Bergquist's gospel songs, seemingly born with age, steer clear of typical Christian clichés in presenting the reality of life

with God. Further, Over the Rhine presents stories of their past through sentimental ballads that make growing up in a small town sound nearly pleasant. Common to all songs, is that the band provides insightful and intelligent lyrics that will satisfy the upper IQ bracket, but without sounding, itself, like an IQ test.

Where much music in this enigmatic "not quite folk, not quite rock" genre tends to fall short for me is the utter "Caucasian-ness" of the music. Often, in my ears, either the blues influences sound contrived or I feel as though I ought to be flipping through Mark Twain. I have yet to hear a band in this style of music that manages to put so much sincere "hip-sway" into their music. Hints of Elton John, Stevie Wonder, and Thelonius Monk can be found in the keyboard of Detweiler. Bergquist's voice simply makes the word "soulful" sound cheap. Guitarist Jack Henderson is presented with the daunting task of

lead guitar in a band already made full by its two songwriters. Henderson's guitar work surprisingly reminds me more of the effects-laden and textured guitar work of The Edge, Johnny Greenwood, or Dave Navarro than the more typical folk or blues style.

As a band, Over the Rhine appears nearly oblivious to their tremendous cult following among university students and more popular recording artists alike. Over the Rhine has a following among such diverse personalities as the Cowboy Junkies, with whom they occasionally share percussionist Jeff Bird, Sarah McLachlen, Sixpence None the Richer, and David Byrne of The Talking Heads. They have, oddly enough, found themselves alluded to in an episode of the X-files. "We may remain primarily an underground phenomenon. Maybe that's the beauty of Over the Rhine. Maybe we're an independent film, a handwritten diary, a secret love." said

Bergquist. For any other band, having signed to mega-corporation Virgin Records might have turned that "independent film" into a major motion picture complete with Burger King merchandise deal, but Over the Rhine still plays at the same dingy clubs as at their beginning with the same total void of any Buddha-on-the-mountain-top pretense.

On their newest album *films for radio*, Over the Rhine maintains their genius despite major label backing. Veteran Over the Rhine fans may be initially taken aback by the overall improved recording quality of *films*. Gone are the squeaking piano benches, squeaking acoustic guitar strings, and any other background noises. While the "produced" sound of this album may dismay hardcore Rhinelanders, I submit that this change is a sign of maturity. The artistic integrity of Over the Rhine has been established enough, among those paying attention, that this band does not need to have "indie"

tattooed across every moment of every recording. In an interview with Cincinnati's *City Beat*, Linford Detweiler summed up the concept behind the album: "I don't think of *films for radio* as a concept album, but if there is a loose theme, it can probably be summarized with a line from the first song that says, 'So fade to black and white now, roll the movie of my life inside my head.'"

The always eclectic duo of Detweiler and Bergquist drift from their pigeon hole into the sounds of The Wallflowers ("Whatever You Say") and Portishead ("The Body Is A Stairway of Skin"). What they offer is a soundtrack to a forbidden elopement. Particularly slinky are "Fairpoint Diary," "I Radio Heaven," and the aforementioned, "The Body is a Stairway of Skin." While listening to *films for radio*, keep extra oxygen handy, for you may find yourself lost in the held breath of one second before kissing, and you may pass out, grinning.

Forum Seeks To Evaluate *Harry Potter* Series

Kimberly Eridon

Lead Writer

Harry Potter seems to be stirring up a lot of people for a fourteen-year-old boy, and it looks like he could continue to do so for a few years. That is why Tau Delta Kappa and the Timalathians sponsored a forum about Christianity and *Harry Potter* on May 7.

From 7:30-8:30, two moderators asked four panel members questions about the issue of *Harry Potter* and the larger issue of reading speculative fiction, a grouping that includes science fiction and fantasy. Dr. James Bjornstad, Dr. Eddie Baumann, junior Amy Belding, and Dr. Bruce Edwards spoke on the panel.

Bjornstad, a professor of Bible at Cedarville, has conducted research with children into this issue and authored an article for *The Quarterly Journal of Personal Freedom Outreach* about "Potter Mania." He said, "I participated in the forum to share with those present some of my thoughts regarding some popular literature and discernment from a Christian worldview, with the hope that they might become more discerning."

Edwards is a professor of English and Associate Dean for Distance Learning and International Education at Bowling Green State University in northwest Ohio.

At 8:35, audience members began addressing questions to the panel. Audience members

who brought questions included a professor of English at Ohio State University, visitors, and several Cedarville students.

"I believe Christians should deal with issues like this because, if we ignore them, they won't just go away; we should confront the issue and deal with it in light of a Christian worldview," sophomore Abby Jo Stafford said.

Christine Howe, a senior, said, "Too many times, we view personal holiness necessitating the act of being recluses. God is not that way. He maintains his holiness while engaging himself in our lives."

Edwards said, "Christians need to deal with issues like this one with discernment and with an eye toward giving God the

glory and advancing the kingdom on the basis of rational discourse."

Some attendees were surprised not to hear from an opposing viewpoint on the panel or in the audience. "I wished that I could have heard more of the other point of view for more effective evaluation," Howe said.

"I think the forum was a success because it made us think

about an important issue," Mowrer said.

Bjornstad said, "When you are a part of the panel, it's hard to tell what is going on [in the audience]. However, I spoke to some afterwards. . . and they were thankful for many of the points made. One student brought his niece and nephew, and was able to talk with them afterwards about Christianity?"

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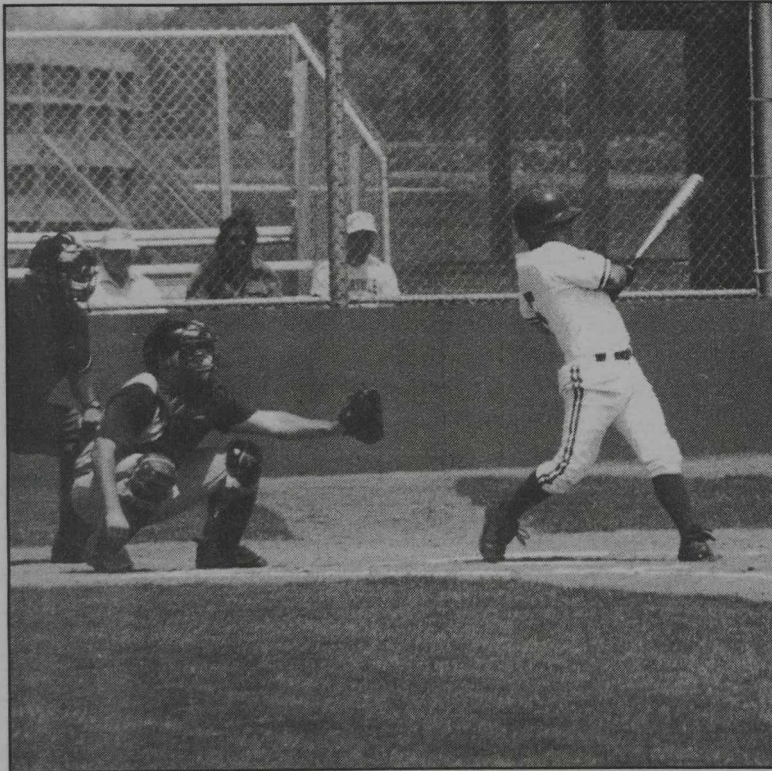
Jack Bailey

Contributing Writer

Cedarville's baseball team ended their regular season last weekend by winning both games in a double header against Asbury College (KY). Solid hitting played a key role in the two wins. Chad Hofstetter had a good day at the plate with an in-the-park homerun, one double, and four RBIs. Bryan Mangin also knocked out a homerun, two hits, and three RBIs.

Three days prior to that, the Yellow Jackets swept Rio Grande in a doubleheader, winning 11 - 1 and 5 - 1 in games one and two, respectively. These latest wins for Cedarville put their season record at 16 - 24, just four wins short of the team's goal for the season.

The wins have also provided some much-needed momentum for the Yellow Jackets as they head into the NCCAA Tournament this weekend. "We are excited to go into the NCCAA Regional with some momentum.



Tim Sastic hits for the Jackets during last weekend's double header. Photo by D. McCoy

We have a great group of guys spiritually and academically; we definitely have a nucleus in place for the future," said second-year head coach Greg Hughes.

Despite some disappointing losses throughout the season,

Cedarville's baseball team has improved in many areas. Hughes said, "We started off better than expected but we went through some tough weeks in the middle of the season. We did not hit well until the last two weeks

and we have really come on lately. Our batting average has come up around 30 points in the last two or three weeks, and [Craig] Sullivan, Mangin, Hofstetter, [Tim] Sastic and others have really come alive."

Keeping consistent with the season outlook, the Yellow Jackets have continued to build a foundation for successful seasons in the future. This year, 18 new players arrived, adding to the 10 players who returned from the 1999 - 2000 squad.

At the start of the season, Hughes acknowledged that the newcomers would have to produce, and they have.

"The pitching staff was a surprise. There are five pitchers that we ran out there most of the time and three of them were freshmen. I wasn't sure that the freshmen would be ready to compete in the AMC. I knew that there was some ability, but our lack of experience scared me.

"They did an outstanding job of giving us a chance to win each

time out. TJ Couch came on as a legit closer, which is a luxury at this level. When he entered the game, we were confident that he would nail it down," said Hughes.

As this season is almost over, Cedarville is already looking forward to next season and anticipating even greater results. Hughes said, "I expect to continue improving in all areas next year. I would like to think that the experience alone will count for a few more wins next year."

Recruiting is also underway, as the team assesses its strengths and weaknesses. Some things the Yellow Jackets are looking to improve for next year, according to Hughes, are "pitching and middle infielders. [We need] middle infielders because they are athletic and can play basically anywhere on the field; and we need to boost our power production as well."

This weekend the Jackets are in Michigan, finishing the season at the NCCAA Regional Tournament.

Cedarville Hosts Track And Field Competition

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Contributing Writer

Cedarville University hosted the NCCAA nationals for men's track this past weekend, resulting in a fourth place finish for the University. They finished behind Greenville, Malone, and Taylor.

After capturing the conference championship, the team felt strong going into the meet and they hoped to place high in the standings.

The men's team was second going in to the final three events, and they finished 4.5 points behind third place Taylor. Junior sprinter Andy Paugh said, "I thought we did pretty well. A lot

of the guys finished very strong and won several events."

Eddie Nehus won the 800 meters for the fourth consecutive year with a time of 1:54.67. Nehus is considered Cedarville's best 800-meter performer in school history.

Nehus, an All-American senior, will also finish the year with an academic honor, as his school-work does not suffer from his athletic pursuits. Ken Loescher, Cliff Reynolds, and Eric Yearly will join Nehus as NCCAA All-American Scholar Athletes for the 2001 season.

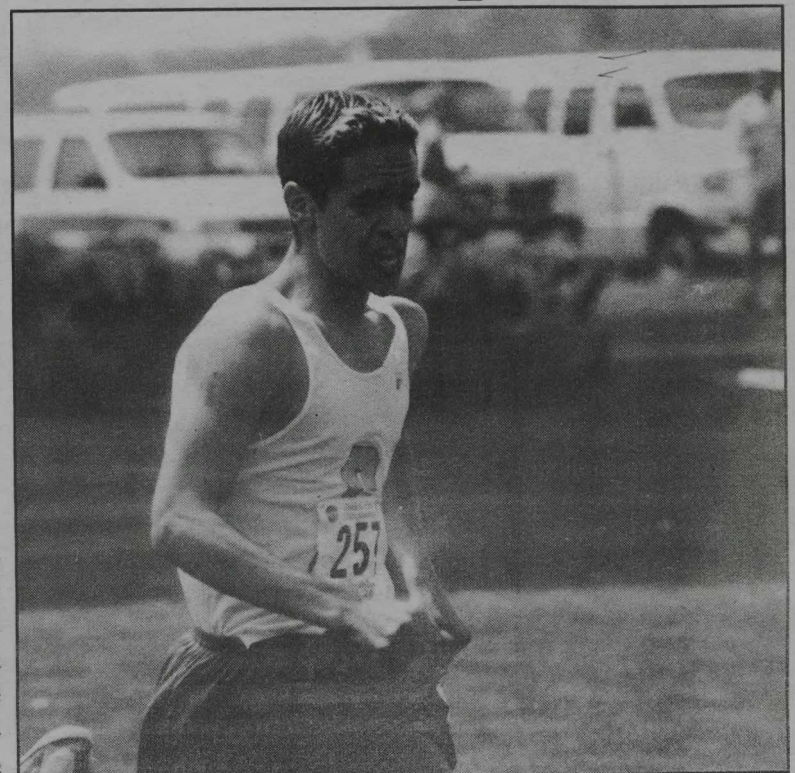
One of the biggest successes throughout the meet was a first place finish in the decathlon by junior Mike Marsh. Marsh piled up an NCCAA record with

6,551 points to win the event by 113 points.

Californian Junior Sergio Reyes also posted a first place win in the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:57.93. Reyes beat the second place runner by less than 3 seconds.

Rounding out the victors for the men's field team was Carl Traub. Traub out-threw the second place thrower by 7 feet, finishing with a total of 158-feet, 10-inches.

Although the team is losing six important seniors to graduation, their field members will remain the same; and the team hopes that their performance next season will be just as promising as the 2001 showing has been.



Sergio Reyes wins the 1,500 meter with a time of 3:57.93. Photo by D. McCoy

sidewalk talk

photos by Daniel McCoy

If you could open a store in downtown Cedarville, what would it be?



"Probably a western wear outfitter, manned by my roommate, the original cowboy Seth Herman. Our specialty item would be blue and yellow CU chaps."
Sophomore English and Spanish major Ryan Culpepper



"A restaurant/ shop that specializes in tailor made sweaters and flamingo shaped pancakes." Sophomore Terra Posten
"It's always been a dream of mine to open a 24-hour all sausage buffet: links, patties, casseroles - the worst of the wurst." Freshman Mariana Young



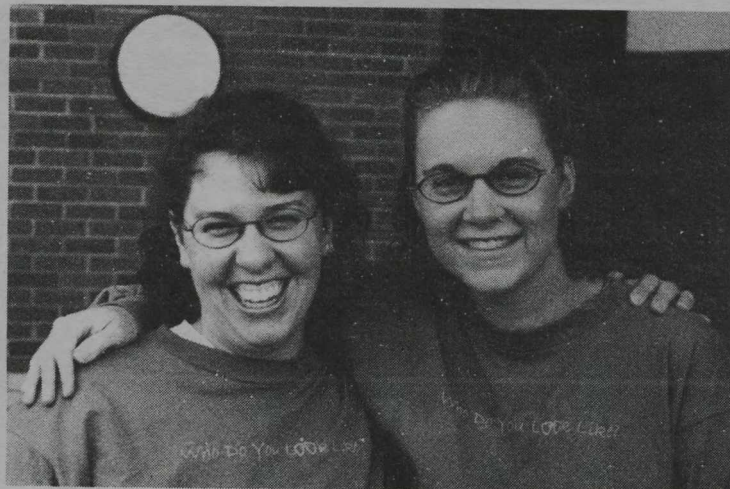
"I would open an Irish pub (non-alcoholic beer of course), and we would show football matches on a big screen. We would hold wrestling matches in the basement where Lawlor could take care of the Hill once and for all!"
Junior Chris Hattan



"I would open a used music store that sells all kinds of paraphernalia, like CDs, records, posters, etc. To a special customer I would sell them my enlarged signed photograph of Geoff Moore."
Senior Elementary Education major Rebekah Pugno



"A 24 - hour Rally's with an all time deal on Big Bufords, and Matt Martin working drive through with one of those little paper hats."
Senior engineering major Kyle Smith



"I'd open a flamingo farm. What else can you do with a philosophy major?" Senior philosophy major Jana Holiday
"I'd open a corn palace (you know like the corn Mecca in the middle of Iowa) to attract more visitors." Junior social work major Amy tenBrink