Clinton declares MLK Jr. Day to be day 'on' service

By SUDHA NALLASAMY
Staff Reporter

"In honor of the spirit of citizen service embodied in the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Congress has designated the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as a day of national service," President Bill Clinton declared on November 29, 1997, in a radio address to the nation.

CWRU, on behalf of the Cleveland Area National Service Coalition, received one of 73 grants given to communities all over the nation by The Corporation for National Services. The $3,650 federal grant will be used to turn Martin Luther King Jr. Day into a day of service in the Greater Cleveland area.

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Rushes meet with Phi Mu representatives on Wednesday.

Sororities kick off rush

By E.M. PROPER
Greek Correspondent

Spring semester has started, which means it's time for sorority rush at CWRU. This spring's formal rush began on Wednesday, with additional parties held on Thursday and continuing on Saturday and Sunday. About 75 women showed up Wednesday night in Thwing to meet and consider joining one of CWRU's five sororities.

"I am very happy about rush," said junior Erin McKeag, vice president of membership for Alpha Xi Delta fraternity. "I think people are enthusiastic, and it is a good surprise to see how many freshmen women are going through rush."

Women's spring formal rush — the sororities' major source of new members — is much different than men's fall rush, which is informal. During men's rush, men go to any party they want at any house they want; they can receive invitations to join from any number of fraternities.

Sorority rush is more structured. Women sign up, either in advance or on the day it begins. On the first night of rush, they go to five 20-minute parties — one for each of CWRU's five sororities. The parties are held in Thwing and various meeting rooms around campus, rather than in the houses.

On the second night, women attend five 30-minute parties.

At the end of the evening on the second day, each rusher ranks the sororities that she would like to join, and the sororities do something similar with the prospective members. These lists are simply used to determine which parties the rushers will attend on the third day, since women can only attend four 45-minute parties.

Lists are filled out once again, and on the last day rushers only attend three parties, each one hour long. This last party is called "Preference," because each sorority spends part of the party holding a small ceremony to express their sorority's beliefs and uniqueness.

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Downhill Ski and Snowboard Club

By NICOLA PRALL
Contributing Reporter

Your cheeks are dry and red from wind-burn. You hear the crisp, satisfying swoosh of skis cutting through powdery snow. You feel like you are hurtling at death-defying speeds down this monster of a slope; who cares if others call it a bunny hill?

Cleveland has snow, but no hills suitable for skiing, so what can CWRU students do for skiing, so what can CWRU students do when snow will be present on the ski slopes. The trips planned thus far include: January 17 at Holiday Valley, NY; January 21 at Snowshoe, WV; February 8 at Seven Springs, PA; and February 21 at Holiday Valley, NY.

Trips cost $25 to $35 for an eight hour lift ticket. If you need to rent skis or snowboards, the cost is an additional $20 to $30. If enough people go on the trips, group rates may be available. Also, for the longer trips (such as the one to West Virginia) a charter bus will be used; otherwise the club will provide transportation with private cars.

“Ski club is open to everybody, undergrads, grads and faculty,” said Wu. “You don’t even have to know how to ski.”

People with no experience can take lessons from instructors at the ski resorts, and all the resorts will have slopes designated for beginners.

A meeting for those interested in joining the club this semester will be held on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Thwing Atrium. Contact Lehmkuhle at ml61 for more details or if you are interested in joining Downhill Ski and Snowboard Club but are unable to attend the meeting. Dues of five dollars are required per semester.

According to the club’s president, Lehmkuhle, “There seems to be a big interest in a ski/snowboard club at Case. With 45 members and growing, we’re one of the largest sports clubs.”

The fall activities of the club included running workshops for members to learn how to take care of their ski equipment and a trip to the Cleveland Ski and Snowboard Exposition.

One of the area’s largest shows. Ski trips are arranged during the spring semester when snow will be present on the ski slopes.

By DAWN HAROLD
Commuter Correspondent

Hi, Commuters! Welcome back to CWRU! I hope you stopped in the Commuter Lounge this morning for your free breakfast. This breakfast was sponsored by the InterReligious Council.

Commuters now receive discounts from Pan Pizza from Charlie’s Place after 2 p.m. and what employers are looking for. Afterwards, these guest speakers will be available for questions. Stop in the Commuter Lounge and learn some useful in formation. See you there!
ZBT hosts Casino Night

By CHRISTOPHER LUCCY  Contributing Reporter

On Saturday, January 24, the Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT) fraternity is holding its 1st Annual Casino Night for Cancer Research in the Thwing ballroom from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The event will include such games as roulette, craps, poker and blackjack. When guests arrive they will receive a set amount of “play” money. As the night goes on they will press their luck to gather as much of the money as possible. Finally, at the end of the night the prizes will be auctioned off and “sold” to the highest bidder.

The grand prize is a gift certificate for a two-hour party at Jillian’s Billiard Club for up to twenty-five people that will include free pool and appetizers. Also, a three month membership to the One-to-One Fitness Center will be given away. Other prizes include a baseball autographed by Cleveland Indian Bartolo Colon and gift certificates for restaurants throughout Coventry and the Flats. Collectively, guests will have a chance of winning over $500 worth of prizes.

The proceeds of the fundraising event will go to Ohio Cancer Research Associates. This statewide, nonprofit organization is dedicated to “the cure and prevention of the many forms of cancer and the reduction of its debilitating effects on people through aggressive basic research, public information and awareness and community programs.” With the money they raise, the Ohio Cancer Research Associates fund individual researchers throughout the state.

Michael Vetter, a junior biology major and the philanthropy chair of ZBT, said, “This is a fun way for us to work with the rest of the school, Greeks, non-Greeks, faculty and staff, to raise money for a good cause. We really want to make the casino night idea work and keep it going as an annual event.”

Tickets cost $5 and will be on sale all next week at Leinster, Friebly and Thwing and at the door on Saturday as well.

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Is Jesus real, and does He care for me?

Come and hear answers to these questions and see for yourself who this Jesus is.

2nd Floor, Thwing Center, CWRU
11:30 A.M. Wed. Jan. 21
All are welcome

Beverages provided. Bag lunches welcome.
Phone 543-1212 (Maryanne Pucell) for more info or to reserve a Classic Faire Catering box lunch by Friday, Jan. 16th.

The program is sponsored by the Interfaith Council, a newly formed student organization. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please contact Robert Koons at rk6 for more information.

Cleveland school desegregation lawyer to lecture at CWRU

The man who argued the court case that led to the desegregation of the Cleveland public schools will speak about the progress of racial justice in a lecture at the CWRU School of Law at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21.

The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, will deliver the annual Judge Ben C. Green Lecture at the law school.

His topic will be “America’s Search for Racial Justice: The Tie That Binds Martin Luther King Jr. to Thurgood Marshall.” The lecture will be in Room 158 of Gund Hall, 11075 East Blvd., and is free and open to the public.

Judge Jones has been a member of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati since 1979. Prior to that he was general counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for 10 years. During his tenure there, he was the lead attorney in the 1978 court case Reed v. Rhodes that resulted in court-ordered busing to achieve desegregation in the Cleveland public schools.

In addition he directed the NAACP’s response to attacks on affirmative action and led an inquiry into discrimination against blacks in the military. Before joining the NAACP, Judge Jones served as assistant general counsel to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (the Kerner Commission), and prior to that he was an assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. A native of Youngstown, he holds both a bachelor’s degree and law degree from Youngstown State University.

The Judge Ben C. Green Lecture series was established in 1989 in memory of Judge Green, a 1928 graduate of Adelbert College (now part of CWRU) and a 1930 graduate of the Western Reserve University School of Law (now CWRU School of Law) and a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio from 1962-1982. Previous lecturers under the series have included Yolena Bonner, widow of the Nobel Prize winner Andrei Sakharov, and Judge Stephen M. Schwab of the International Court of Justice at the Hague.

Dean Bassett announces office hour

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, John Bassett, is following the example of CWRU President Agnar Pytte in establishing a student office hour for students who wish to drop in without an appointment. Like the President’s, the office hour is 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, effective this semester. Students who wish to discuss an issue, pose a question, offer suggestions or just say hello are invited to drop by 7120 Crawford Hall. If Bassett is out of town, Associate Deans Samuel Savin and Danielle Ripich will be available for visitors.

Commencement ’98 begins in new Veach Center

Commencement Day will be Sunday, May 17, 1998, and participants will note a number of changes.

The University Convocation will be in the new Veach Center, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Since seating in Veach will be limited, tickets for parents and guests will be issued for the University Convocation. Tickets will not be required for the Undergraduate Diploma Ceremony in Veale which immediately follows the convocation, nor for the Graduate Studies and Law School ceremonies which will also be held in the Veach Center later that day. The initial allotment will be two tickets for each graduate. Tickets will be distributed through the professional schools and the Offices of Undergraduate Studies and Graduate Studies. Depending on the number of graduates planning to participate in the Convocation, extra tickets may be available for general distribution at a later date.

For guests without tickets, overflow seating will be available in the Herreberger Gym in the Emerson Physical Education Complex (immediately adjacent to Veale). The gymnasium will be equipped with large-screen video projection, providing an excellent view of the Convocation proceedings.

Interfaith group to sponsor discussion

On Tuesday, January 27, students will have the opportunity to discuss interfaith topics in a open forum. “Mating, Dating, Relating ... Religion?” will be held in Guilford Lounge from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The program will feature experiences from interfaith couples on campus as well as perspectives from the Jewish, Muslim, Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions.

“This program promises to be informative not only for those in a dating relationship with someone from a different faith tradition but also for individuals who have family members and friends of different faiths,” said organizer Laura Hollinger, a senior anthropology and psychology major. “Learning about other religious beliefs and practices can help us understand more about the faith which we practice, opening up dialogue between followers of Islamic, Jewish and Christian faiths can bring about positive change for individuals, groups and societies.”

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Dunbar speaks at CWRU
Dunbar discusses his role in the U. N. referendum on Western Saharan conflict
By ANDREW ZUPCSAN Contributing Reporter

Charles F. Dunbar, president of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, spoke at Streacker Auditorium on Wednesday, January 14, in a speech sponsored by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs and the CWRU College of Arts and Sciences. Dunbar replaced scheduled speaker Under Secretary of State Thomas Pickering, who had to be in Washington for meetings related to the current situation in Iraq.

During his 31-year career in the U. S. State Department, Dunbar served throughout the Middle East and North Africa. He has also taught classes on international relations at CWRU since joining the Council on World Affairs.

The speech focused on Dunbar's recent appointment by United Nations (U.N.) Secretary General Kofi Annan to oversee the referendum on independence in the Western Sahara. The conflict in the Western Sahara dates back to 1975 when Morocco moved 350,000 civilians into a foothold in the area and annexed territory. The Moroccans were opposed by the Algerian backed Polisario Front. In 1991, Secretary General Boutros Ghali brokered a ceasefire which led to the present referendum on whether the Western Sahara will be a part of Morocco or gain its independence.

Dunbar's job, supported by several thousand U. N. personnel and a budget of 100 million dollars, will be to establish which of the several hundred thousand persons in the area are eligible to vote, to sequester armed troops away from civilians, to repatriate refugees and to hold the actual referendum.

The current problem in the settlement involves voter eligibility. Polisario Front only wants the original 73,500 inhabitants of the Western Sahara to be eligible to vote, while the Moroccan government wants hundreds of thousands of other people who have moved there since the Moroccan occupation to have the right to vote. Dunbar said that this should be "an easy peacekeeping operation," when compared to others in the 1990s because of the commitment by both sides to a peaceful settlement.

Pickering will be visiting Cleveland at a later date to speak, according to Dunbar. He also announced that U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan will speak on May 18 for the 75th anniversary of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs.

Those interested in finding out more about the referendum can contact Dunbar. He also said that the Polisario Front is currently trying to establish a referendum, which would be a more complicated set of rush rules with a new Code of Ethics, which reduced the number of rules to three. In past years, many Greek women were afraid of talking about their sororities to freshmen women, which only caused puzzlement among the freshmen.

Another change reduced rush from five days to four. Before, the first day of rush for the freshmen was simply an orientation session; this year, the session was held on Wednesday, the same night the parties began. This reduced the time commitment required from those women going through rush.

George S. Traub Memorial Award
The George S. Traub Memorial Award is to be given to the undergraduate student completing the most outstanding paper or project contributing to understanding the past, present or future economy of Northeastern Ohio.

Eligible students are those enrolled in a degree program in the College of Arts and Sciences; however, the paper or project may be done for a course in any CWRU School and completed for any of the following semesters: Spring 1997, Summer 1997, Fall 1997, or Spring 1998.

Deadline for submissions: April 3, 1998

There is a cash award of $500 that accompanies this prize.

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New deans come and go with the new year

John Hopkins' James W. Wagner joins engineering school as dean on January 1

James Wagner brings a distinguished record in teaching, research and administration to the position of dean of the Case School of Engineering. He replaces Thomas Kicher who stepped down during the summer. His research is funded by the U.S. Administration Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

Wagner is noted for his contributions to materials science especially in the area of nondestructive evaluation and characterization of materials. His research involves using laser-based testing technologies that make it possible to evaluate the performance of materials without stressing the materials' limits or destroying them.

Wagner's broad interest in materials, biomedical and electrical engineering will help strengthen the school's interdisciplinary efforts and promote opportunities for closer interaction with industry. I am convinced that Professor Wagner will make important contributions to existing as well as new programs at the School of Engineering.

As dean, Wagner is responsible for undergraduate and graduate education and research programs. He reviews recommendations for faculty appointments, promotions, and tenure and develops the annual operating budget. Wagner also assumes responsibility for alumni relations and fundraising to support the school's operating budget and capital needs.

Wagner, who hails from Annandale, joined the faculty of JHU as assistant professor in 1984, was appointed associate professor in 1988 and became professor in 1993. He held a joint appointment in biomedical engineering at JHU's Whiting School of Engineering.

Prior to joining JHU, he was an electronics engineer for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

Wagner earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and his master's and doctoral degrees in materials science especially in the area of nondestructive evaluation and characterization of materials. His research involves using laser-based testing technologies that make it possible to evaluate the performance of materials without stressing the materials' limits or destroying them.

His research is funded by the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA, the National Institute of Standards and Technology and industry. In the area of biomedical engineering, Wagner has studied the surface-wear properties of artificial joint replacements, specifically in hips.

"The Case School of Engineering has talented faculty, unusually strong alumni support and a genuine commitment from the University's administration," Wagner said.

"These factors, combined with the foundation of an already strong program, will help advance the Case School of Engineering's position of leadership in engineering education and research."

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Wagner has received numerous teaching and research awards throughout his career. He is a member of the National Research Council's National Materials Advisory Board, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Materials Research Society, and the Biomedical Engineering Society, among others.

WSOM's Cowen prepares for Tulane

Tulane University's Board of Administrators announced the selection of Scott S. Cowen, dean of Weatherhead School of Management (WSOM), who is known for his innovative approach to higher education and strong record of community service, as the university's new president. Cowen will take office July 1, 1998.

"Tulane is tremendously proud to have attracted a new president of the caliber of Scott Cowen," said John G. Weinmann, chairman of the Tulane board. "A person committed to the academic ideals of this university, he is an outstanding administrator and an excellent fund-raiser. I speak for the entire Board of Administrators when I say we look forward to welcoming Dr. Cowen to our campus."

Cowen, currently dean and Albert J. Weatherhead III Professor of Management at CWRU, will replace Eamon M. Kelly, who will step down as Tulane's president on June 30, 1998.

"My wife Marjorie and I are delighted to join the Tulane and New Orleans communities. Tulane is a wonderful institution with a rich history and tradition. It has a very impressive record of accomplishments and unlimited potential for the future," said Cowen.

Cowen began his association with CWRU in 1976 when he joined the faculty. He was named dean and Albert J. Weatherhead III Professor of Management in 1984.

Cowen has extensive experience in business and government as a corporate director and consultant. He is a member of the boards of Rubbermaid, Inc., the American Greetings Corporation, Fabri-Centers of America, Inc. and Forest City Enterprises, Inc.

Cowen received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Connecticut and his master's and doctoral degrees in business administration from George Washington University.

Cowen will step down from WSOM on June 30. The president's office has organized a national search committee for his successor.

"Scott Cowen has been an excellent dean for the Weatherhead School," said CWRU president Agnar Pytte. "I think he will be every bit as effective at Tulane's president. We will miss him here."

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CWRU professor questions Martian nanobacteria

Martian meteorite is at heart of controversy over possibility of life on Mars

By TINA WANG
Assistant News Editor

The possibility of life on Mars has captivated the minds of men since the observation of straight lines on the planet's surface by Piero Secchi in 1876. The public's imagination ran wild at the thought of ditches constructed by intelligent beings residing on our red neighbor. Modern science has since taught us that these Martian channels were actually created by natural processes, but modern science has also recently provided some tantalizing evidence in support of Martian life.

Last year, scientists from the Johnson Space Center and Stanford University reported the presence of nanobacteria fossils in a meteorite that fell from Mars onto the Antarctic snow fields. The Martian meteorite, designated Allan Hills 84001 (ALH84001), was found by the National Science Foundation's Antarctic Search for Meteorite Program, headed by Dr. Ralph Harvey, professor of geological sciences at CWRU. Found in the 1980s, the meteorite has been the subject of much controversy due to the contested existence of the nanobacteria.

In a study lead by Dr. John Bradley from MVA Inc. and co-authored by Harvey and Hap McSween, professor of geological sciences at the University of Tennessee, researchers claim the nanobacteria fossils found by the Johnson-Stanford team are actually geological features in the meteorite and not fossilized biological life forms. They said that the bacterial appearance was enhanced by procedures the Johnson-Stanford scientists used in the ALH84001 study. The study, published in the December issue of Nature, claimed that upon examination of features similar to those studied by the Johnson-Stanford team, "The majority [bacteria-like features in the meteorite] are non-biological lamellar growth steps on pyroxene and carbonate crystals." When viewed from above, the parallel group of rod-shaped features on the meteorite appear quite bacteria-like, but according to Bradley, Harvey and McSween, when the features are viewed at different tilts, the rods can be seen as the tips of thin plates projecting from the meteorite sub-strate.

The study further announced that the segmented surface microstructure on the rods, studied by the Johnson-Stanford team as evidence of Martian nanobacteria, were "laboratory artifacts resulting from the deposition of conductive heavy metal coatings," for electron microscopy studies. Those researchers also claim that the nanobacteria "appear too small to be fossil-

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Letter—
Kwanzaa deserves to be considered "religious"

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to the article written by Mr. John D. Giorgis, in the December 5 Observer. Mr. Giorgis, if you are going to discuss the Kwanzaa holiday, make sure you know about the holidays you think you know so much about, namely Christmas and Hanukkah. Let me take a moment, and "break down" what you failed to realize.

People who are Jewish are not confined to only celebrate Hanukkah and people who are Christian are not confined to only celebrate Christmas. Knowing this, Christmas and Hanukkah are not "mutually exclusive," but rather are a preference.

Your statement that "Kwanzaa would not really fit into the mold of an attempt to include different faiths in one festival" is not accurate. If Muslims celebrate Kwanzaa and not Christmas, isn't that a "different faith" to meet Mr. Giorgis' qualifications for "different faiths in one festival"?

Regardless, if Kwanzaa conflicts with Christmas for Black Christians, how is that different than saying, "Hanukkah just doesn't belong" in the Holiday Fest?

You failed to read carefully when doing your amateur Internet research on the Kwanzaa holiday. The passage read, "Black Americans did not have a holiday," not "Christmas is a white holiday" like you claim.

Let's look at the time of the celebration of Kwanzaa ...

Letter——
Kwanzaa belongs in Holiday Festival

To the Editor:
I find myself in the position of having to defend my culture against John D. Giorgis' spurious, frighteningly myopic view of what should and should not go on in the vast (and which he apparently cannot bring himself to face), diverse American landscape.

There is, I have noticed in recent months, this impulse within mainstream white society to fear and attempt to invalidate cultural practices that do not incorporate values that are dictated by the larger culture. The usual reaction to this impulse within mainstream white society is seldom a legitimized place for minorities to find any sort of solid validation of their culture. Therefore, the continual denial of the larger culture to see the expression of racial pride and African roots as part of its celebration be denied?

Giorgis wrote, "Kwanzaa is an underhanded attempt to replace religion." I am angry not just because he feels that the expression of racial pride and African roots by the black community is "unacceptable haggard," but because he affiliates the practice with motives that are ignorant fabrications of his own imagination. To him, any celebration of one's own culture is directly oppositional, which he interprets as combative. Kwanzaa is opposing the perpetuation of oppressive racial values, but it is not trying to displace the practice of Christianity in this country. Many celebrate Kwanzaa in conjunction with Christmas, not instead of.

Giorgis wants to exclude Kwanzaa from the annual University Holiday Festival because it is a cultural celebration, not a religious one. I could point to the hundreds of ways in which Christmas has become nothing more than a commercial venture that allows businesses to maximize profits and empty storerooms, a function that is far from its religious orientation and much more "cultural" than Giorgis seems to want to see. He speculates about the "true intentions" of Kwanzaa, and I speculate about his true intentions for arguing that Kwanzaa be excluded from the university's holiday celebration. Whether or not he agrees with the validity of Kwanzaa, it does not infringe on his right to celebrate the holidays as he sees fit. So why should students that benefit from its celebration be denied?

Michelle R. Smith
Undergraduate Student

The World According to Noah E. Webster
Schedule change unfair

There is a new class this year called ENGR 145. It is not the same class that was taught last year. There is now a daily feedback form, and Prof. Mathiesen has taken over the class. Once a week a speaker comes and speaks to the class about how engineering plays a role in their lives today. It is this class that I call into question.

ENGR 145 is a four credit class. However, it meets for lectures three times a week, recitation once a week, and guest lecture once a week. To me, that should be a five credit class. We put in the hours and deserve the credit as such in my opinion.

ENGR 145 was originally supposed to have the special guest lecture on Tuesday, from 3 - 4 p.m. However, due to the conflicts with ENGL 150, it had to be rescheduled to Monday from 3:30 - 4:20 p.m. This was an unacceptable decision by the dean. Because a few people were unable to take ENGL 150, the dean decided to reshuffle a lecture, making ENGR 145 meet twice on Monday, at the beginning and at the end of the day. This no doubt created more conflicts than it solved. Rather than simply overloading ENGL 150 this semester and considering it a "lucky" year, everyone else had to adjust their schedule due to the dean's oversight. I know several people who have had to drop classes because they had to take ENGR 145 this semester, and were forced to put off another class until a later date. This does not seem all that fair, as they did nothing wrong. They are now being punished for another person's mistake. Some people who had no conflicts now might have a conflict with a class that is only offered in the spring or a class that must also be created this semester. However, these people obviously were not taken into consideration. Only the few people who were unable to get into ENGL 150 in the MWF 11:30 - 12:50 (as opposed to the class filled up), or because they waited too long to register for their classes, were considered. These people are the ones who should have to change their schedules. Since this English class period is evidently very full, why not have more teachers teach in this time slot than in another, as there has to be a section that doesn't have nearly enough students.

ENGR 145 is also affecting other classes. CMPS 131 has an overload of students in its TR 11:15 lecture due to ENGR 145. Why should another class that is a major requirement for engineers be considered less important or scheduled at an inconvenient time?

ENGR 145 some almighty class that deserves priority above all others? I hardly think so. Just because someone made a simple mistake does not mean that everyone has to pay for it.

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Would you pay $30 to see Rusted Root?

Now, I do not mean to insinuate that the good people at USG and UPB want to hurt students; this is simply not the case. Nevertheless, every day students are hurt by the SAF, in the form of making decisions they otherwise would not have made, such as $30 Rusted Root tickets. These sorts of things just become inevitable under a bureaucratic system like the SAF. Remember that with a SAF, one out of two outcomes is possible: either you will get less money than you pay in and be screwed by the SAF system, or you will get more money than you pay by virtue of screwing some of your fellow students. It is impossible for everyone to be happy. Since SAF money must be used for administrative costs.

There is even more irony about the SAF, however, in that rather than counteracting student apathy, it actually depends upon student apathy for its very existence. Consider that it would be impossible for UPB to offer $30 Rusted Root tickets if everybody went to Rusted Root. We can only reap large benefits from the SAF if there are apathetic students out there funding it. If there were universal participation, SAF events would have to be offered at cost, in which case, we could ask the right question: Every time the SAF is used to encourage us to do something, by supposedly "making it cheaper," someone is banking on the existence of apathetic students, or else they would go bankrupt. Thus, how can the SAF possibly combat student apathy when it depends on apathy for its very existence? This should not, however, be painted as solely an indictment of UPB. All of the same arguments hold for USG funding of student activities. Moreover, the SAF creates the ridiculous situation of a few students deciding which activities are the most worthwhile. Consider, that at a recent USG meeting, extensive debate occurred as to whether or not the meetings of the GLBA were "worthy" as other club events for USG to provide funding for refreshments.

Does anyone else find this ridiculous? Let's face it, we are all adults here, and we all know how to have fun. The suggestion that we somehow need to be forced into paying a $71 fee to let other people decide what sort of events should happen on campus reeks of paternalism. College is supposed to be about living independently, so whether my idea of a good time is Rusted Root or the Cleveland Symphony, going to a dance or taking a road trip with some friends to New York City, I should have that choice. You should have that choice too.

Right now, a group is organizing to empower CWRU students and let each of us make the best use of our own money. You can check out their web site at: http://129.22.247.50/fee.html. The SAF has its heart in the right place, but its intentions are misguided, to the end that its net effect has been to hurt CWRU students and promote apathy. It is time to do away with it and embrace the future.
From all of us in USG, welcome back from winter break and to a start of a new semester of the new year.

Weekly USG News

In our first meeting of the Spring semester, officers welcomed back its representatives for another new semester. The General Assembly passed F-36-97 which funded Habitat for Humanity for its van rental to Washington, D.C. This bill was tabled last semester pending further information. During open forum, the representation of international students was discussed. It was decided to set the issue aside to determine the current number of international students currently attending CWRU and work from there. The Election Commissioner passed a sign-up sheet around to get help for the upcoming election. The General Assembly adjourned at 8:00pm. A random questionnaire is being sent out about racial diversity.

USG Announcements

Next USG Meeting - Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00pm in Thwing Center.
Want to get involved? Run for office!!! - Spring elections will be held on Tuesday, February 3. Letters of Intent will be available next week. Run for a USG Executive position or any of the class officer positions. See the elections page on our website for more details.

Referendum Vote - USG Constitutional Amendments

At our last meeting from the Fall semester, the USG General Assembly passed several proposals to amend the USG Constitution. These proposed changes must be approved by the undergraduate student body by a 2/3 majority. The proposed changes will be put up to a vote at this semester's USG elections.

The current USG Constitution and the proposed changes are available on the USG website. Below is the summary of proposed changes for your viewing pleasure.

1) The structure of the Undergraduate Student Government was defined as having a General Assembly, an Executive Committee, and three standing committees. The chair officers and the case Engineering Council are considered to be subsidiaries of USG.
2) USG was defined to be the PRIMARY liaison between the students and the faculty, administration, and other appropriate groups, and the ability to change the Student Activity Fee to any value with the majority approval of the student body.
3) The position of Faculty Senator was amended to include holding the title of Vice President of Academic Affairs in USG in addition to being Faculty Senator in the Faculty Senate. A clause referring to running as a ticket in an election was taken out. Next, it was stated that the Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian are non-voting members appointed by the General Assembly from the student body.
4) Several changes were made about absences and bringing a proxy to a USG meeting.
5) All USG meetings and committee meetings shall be open and public. It can be declared a closed session if 2/3 of the membership vote to do so.
6) The members of the Executive Committee were revised to include only the executive officers and the non-voting members (Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian). The duties of the Parliamentarian was defined. The Faculty Senator has the power to recommend instead of nominating, students to serve on University committees.
7) The Advisor can be appointed by the Director of Thwing Center due to job responsibilities. The USG can still seek additional advisors if necessary.
8) A referendum was defined to be the casting of votes by the undergraduate student body for effecting change of existing policy. Any petition signed by 20% of the student body will be put up to a vote that will be held between five (5) and fifteen (15) class days after receiving it.
9) A non-discriminatory clause was added to the USG Constitution.
10) Other changes include correcting errors and bringing information up-to-date.

For more a detailed listing of proposed changes to the USG Constitution, please visit our website.

Attention Student Organizations, if you wish to place an advertisement on this page, either leave your ad in the Student Activities Office in Thwing or contact Rebecca (Publicity Committee) at rkl8.

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To get your group involved in either a booth or to perform on stage you must submit proposals to Jen at jlg2 by February 2nd.
Suggestions for 1998

As a new year begins, The Observer would like to offer some suggestions for CWRU — New Year’s resolutions, if you will.

First, we urge the university to implement computerized registration. The current registration procedure is time-consuming and inefficient. Computerized registration would be easier on everyone involved, most notably the students who have to wait hours in line to register and drop add and classes. Let us take advantage of technology to make our lives a bit easier.

Another problem at CWRU is the requirement that all students who are either under 21 years of age or not seniors must live on campus and subscribe to the meal plan. Certainly, it is a good idea to require freshmen to live on campus and maybe sophomores, too — but juniors should be allowed to live wherever they wish. A mandatory meal plan is not a good idea. Either, it guarantees business for Aramark, but removing the meal plan requirement would force Aramark to either satisfy their customers or lose them. More importantly, the meal plan is generally more expensive than providing for one’s own food expenses. This is an unfair financial burden to pose upon students.

Finally, this may seem like a relatively minor point compared to the preceding, but why exactly do so many administrative offices at CWRU close for lunch? For example, when offices are open from 9 a.m. to 4 or 5 p.m. with an hour off for lunch, the average student is inconvenienced. Lunch time is the only time when many students can run their errands, but this odd schedule is sure to frustrate them. These offices need to be staffed at noon as well as at any other time of the day. CWRU is a large institution of research and people jobs — a large percentage of CWRU opt for graduate school. These students may not specifically need help gaining admission to graduate school, but they should be aware of what careers outside of academia are available after graduation before they have to make a decision.

While on the subject of helping students plan for the future, we feel that CWRU should implement standardized training for academic advisors. Many advisors are of great help, but some are not very helpful. It is unfortunate that everyone can’t have the security that is provided by a caring, informed advisor, but it does not have to remain that way. Requiring potential advisors to undergo some sort of training before they become “licensed” would be a great way to eliminate some of the inconsistencies.

Treat students “With respect"

To the Editor:

Is it too much to ask the administration to treat students with a little respect?

Here is an excerpt from the housing office’s call to show what I mean.

"Anyone found remaining past 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8th, will be considered trespassing, resulting in arrest and/or disciplinary action."

Are the threats necessary? This is an example of a lousy way to treat people. It’s part of the college education program we can do without.

Unfortunately, that quote is a pretty typical example of the attitude many CWRU students experience on campus. We’re not paying customers; we’re a nuisance. We’re not adults, we’re infants. We’re not people, we’re herded entities.

This university needs an ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT and should start treating us like human beings.

Jim Gannon
Undergraduate Student

Thanks, everyone

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly thank the following for their help with the semi-annual Math Gala.

James Petruccio and Aramark Catering for providing the food and drinks.
Dorothy Figan, Maara O’Beirne-Stanko and Terri Geiger of Tawing Center for allowing us use of The Spot.
Over 300 students benefited from your generosity. Thank you so much for your help.

Chris Butler
Department of Mathematics
Looking to eat healthier food?

Shticks may be your new alternative!

By Santina Protopapa
Features Editor

Good food and a place to meet with friends. What more could the typical college student want? Shticks, the new restaurant at Hillel Jewish Center, offers just that.

Shticks specializes in a vegetarian kosher menu and is located on the lower level of Hillel, under the main entrance to the building. Shticks celebrated its grand opening this week.

The goal of the restaurant is to keep it as much of a self-service and simple establishment as possible in order to make things affordable for students, according to Scott Hersch.

Hersch, together with his sister Stephanie Novinc, co-owned and operate Shticks.

Among the vegetarian and kosher delights Shticks has to offer are a salad bar, wraps made from lavash bread, melts, falafels, soups, bagels and cookies and muffins that are baked fresh daily.

The menu items are named after Hersch and Novinc’s kids as well as their brother’s kids. For example, Kirstie’s Tuna Wrap or The Velma Vegansastic (a melt).

According to Hersch, their Red Sea Wrap is their most popular. This wrap features “sweet roasted red pepper hummus, brown rice salad, baba ghanouj and veggies.”

The chefs at Shticks are striving for more unique falafel sandwiches which include such things as mushrooms and cheese.

Shticks features vegetarian soups that are all made from scratch and according to Hersch, “people love ‘em.” Among the various soups offered are cream of broccoli, mushroom, tomato and onion and Brazilian black bean chili. “These are not standard soups like the kind you get out of the can,” Hersch said. “They have a lot more gusto.”

There will also be a grocery carry-out at Shticks in the future for those students who are vegetarian and/or kosher eaters and would like to purchase food to take home. Currently, the grocery carry-out offers Mediterranean salads.

Hersch recommends Shticks to anyone interested in eating healthier foods. “It’s good, healthy food. It’s of the highest quality being kosher.”

He added that they are trying to make campus points available for payment to the food will be more affordable for students. Prices range from just $2 to $4.50.

Hersch and Novinc owned and operated Licks, the restaurant which used to occupy the space on Ford drive where Sergio’s now sits. Licks was an ice creamparlor which featured things like hamburgers, chili soups, deli sandwiches, etc. Historically, the building used to be a carriage house for the Glidden mansions, which has since been converted into the Glidden House inn.

An opportunity arose for a new restaurant at Hillel and Hersch and Novinc accepted the challenge to start a new eatery. Shticks replaces the Deli Cellar which used to be a kosher deli at Hillel.

The planning for Shticks began in August 1997.

“We want what to do (with Shticks) is the same thing (we did with Licks),” Hersch explained.

“We want to serve the students and part of the community.

“More people are moving towards healthier diets, not everyday, but occasionally. So we’re sure we’ve created a community better that way and we are super­vised by a rabbi to keep it kosher.”

Hersch said that in the future there will be things like patio seating, outdoor events and a coffee bar located at Shticks. “It’ll be a cool place to hang out,” he added.

“It’s an alternative ... kind of like Subway’s the alternative to McDonald’s ... we’re the alternative to Subway!” Hersch joked.

Students can come in and with their first sandwich order, show a valid ID and receive a free cookie.

(Editors Note: Shticks is located under Hillel Jewish Center and is open Monday­ Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call 231-0922.)

Exhibit celebrates African-American heritage

By Illyan Bandaranayake
Assistant Features Editor

During these first few weeks of classes, most of the students at Thwing Center will be there for one reason only — to buy books.

Others stand and gawk at the checkout lines where the rush is strongest. People walk down the farthest corner of the store. Just one glance at these huge masses of people is enough to send many students running from Thwing, thinking that they’ll just buy their books later. But if these people will wander into the Mather Gallery instead of bolting out the door, they’ll be able to see some incredible artwork. Today at 5 p.m., the Mather Gallery is opening its 1998 African-American Heritage Exhibit, featuring the sculp­ tural clocks, paintings and illustrations of renowned artist Steve Hurst.

Hurst grew up in Chicago and originally pursued a career as a professional saxophonist and singer. He eventually moved to Brooklyn, New York, where he graduated from New York City Community College. After graduation, Hurst spent two years studying art and fine art painting at the School of Visual Art. He had his first one-man show, entitled “Excerpts from Nighly and Dreams,” in 1983 at Western Illinois University.

The Mather Gallery exhibit of Hurst’s works is entitled “ Illuminations of an Artist” and will show 36 pieces, both old and recent. Most of the artwork was taken from a 20-year retrospective of Hurst’s 58 pieces that he displayed in “Excerpts from Dreams/ Snapshots from Days,” his 1996 show at Lakeland Community College. Several works will also have their premiere at the Mather Gallery exhibit, including the artist’s newest painting, which is a portrait of his mother done in acrylics entitled “Ellen on the Copper Table.” This portrait marks a transition in Hurst’s work as he moves from surrealism and abstracts toward more pictorial “snapshots” of his life. Hurst is also seen African-American on page 13
Iron Monkey: the next big metal band?

BY RYAN SMITH
Music Critic

Iron Monkey is a new band on the famed Earache label. For you newcomers, Earache is a label that has housed such greats as Enthombed, Bolt Thrower, Napalm Death, Morbid Angel, Godflesh, Fudge Tunnel and Carcass. Over the past few years many of these bands have passed away. As a result, new bands are emerging. Iron Monkey could be the next big band to hit the metal waves in years.

I have to give these guys a lot of credit for not completely conforming to the typical disguising cover art and lyrics that typify many of the current bands. After hearing Iron Monkey, most would agree that they easily could have gotten away with these types of artistry. Instead, they wisely chose to form a unique mold for themselves. Their lyrics aren't epic tales, or satanic mantras, or autopsy narratives. Rather, these lyrics are quite poetic and creative, yet unconventional and difficult to understand. Lines such as "evil adder rocket," "hippo wait seagull" and "deaths during rock magic" are indicative of their songwriting capabilities. The difficulty of detecting meaning in the lyrics is equally aided by the singer's ability to vocalize in an other worldly enchanting aria. This guy has definitely been on a long trip somewhere.

The music seems headed on a path of self-destruction, slowing down to nothing more than a dreary bascetrap. This quiet breakdown is the first time one gets to hear this band's strength — the singer and his wild incantations. Despite his narrow range, he still manages to scare the hell out of anyone unfortunate enough to be caught within his shouted distance. It's as if someone is pouring glass shards down his throat at some bizarre circus sideshow.

This is "classic" metal characterized by simple/slow/deliberate drumming and lack of flashy guitar solos. We see this typical structure in "Big Lodger". It is the epitome of Iron Monkey's style — the tribute to psyche-chorus: "70s rock and the controlled ferocity of the vocalist's grunts and howls. This is not as fast-as-you-can-possibly-play metal. Just when you think the drug-induced rhythms are heading for an overdose, they manage to crawl their way back into our cloudy reality. It's slow and riff-heavy guitars accompanied by a drummer who understands that purposely deadly blows are sometimes more effective than an onslaught of whizbang arm acrobatics. Like a mercurial serial killer, every blow counts. Like Iron Monkey’s next victim, you won't forget these guys anytime soon.

Welcome back to school (grumble grumble) and I hope you had a relaxing break!

Robin Williams and Matt Damon in Good Will Hunting.
WRUW—Who knew such great radio came out of Mather Memorial Building? Ah yes, the spring semester is upon us. It’s a time for the high school kids to start taking a test—ah, to that’s what WRUW is all about. WRUW is a 1000 watt audio laboratory that broadcasts in findings to the one million or so listeners in the Cleveland area. If you’re tired of hearing the same song over and over, if you’re tired of the same jaded formats on radio, then attend WRUW’s informational meeting.

At this meeting you’ll find students like yourself who have a true love of music that doesn’t ordinarilily find its way into mainstream media. Once you complete the semester-long training period, you’ll be telling Cleveland what, in your mind, is good music. WRUW, unlike commercial stations, does not tell you what to play. You play what you feel is worthy of the people’s time. Many times, the music or programming you provide will be the absolute one and only of its kind in the city, or even the state! You can imagine the following: dedicated listeners you will attract. Just ask Laura Santos, who does an hour a week dedicated to the martial arts. She gets phone calls and mail from all over the country, inquiring about her show. She serves a portion of the population that, for whatever reason, doesn’t get served through traditional media. Or ask TNC, who does one of the only two live Deep House shows in the metropolis. While this type of music will never attract the huge fast food audiences (dillards and billions served with the same old, uh, stuff), he does have strong listenership of those who love true body-rocking dance music. Or why not ask Rich Lowe or Joe Sans, both of whom play nonstop reggae music. Unfortunately, this form of music is not deemed worthy of significant airplay by the stations to the right of the dial, but the listeners would ardently disagree.

Dawn Caster, who just graduated from Assistant Programmer Training (the semester of learing prerequiste to being on the air), says she was unsure of what to expect, but she wanted a show that she could do on the air, just playing some cool tunes. She thought, "Damn, if that semi-witted dude can do it, so can I!" (Maybe that quote was slightly fabricated, but it spices up the story.) When asked by our probing interviewer, "What do you feel you bring to WRUW?" Josh responded, "I’m thinking of giving time to a genre of music (punk rock and hardcore) that most people aren’t exposed to. I think I bring a different perspective on the music." Our daring investigator then challenged him further, "Do you think your show will kick ass?" Josh, unruffled, replied, "Yes, I think it will." But he quickly added, "Not everyone will like it, though." And that’s okay. (Editor-type don’t like one-line paragraphs, so this sentence is purposely short. Maybe the progressive Editor-person will remove it, or maybe she will leave it becaue it makes me sound dumb.) To find out more about WRUW’s Training Program, either look for the posted signs in upcoming weeks, or e-mail me at smill.79@ohio.11.

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By STEVEN HIGGINBOTTOM
Theater Critic

Do you know anyone who has what it takes to be a Y.A.M. Parma Senior High Drama Club asks just that question about your school preview of the musical comedy, Smile, which takes place at the Young American Miss Pageant in sunny Santa Rosa, CA. Smile takes you behind the scenes to a world where winning is everything—no matter what! The story follows young Robin Gibson, an awkward student who realizes that she is out of her element at the pageant, and Doris Hudson, a wonderer who is patently wise in the ways of selling herself. In competition with 15 other girls, two of these will have to compete with the likes of an energetic baton twirler, a ventriloquist, a spunky ethnic cook, and a cool trickster.

The music of the show is provided by Marvin Hamlisch, composer of such scores as The Way We Were and The Goodbye Girl. The book and lyrics are furnished by the late Howard Ashman, creator of Little Shop of Horrors and lyricist of Who Framed Roger Rabbit movies such as Beauty and the Beast and The Little Mermaid. The combination of the two results in a superb musical comedy that gives its audience a choice of musicals to hit Broadway in the past 15 years.

Under the reputable direction of Laura Hurst, and the dazzling choreography of Nicholas Vannello, this cast of 30 incorporates the talents of Parma Senior High’s finest students, faculty, and alumni. When asked why she chose such an obscure musical to direct at this high school level, Workman replied, "I think that the students do not know enough about what goes on in the professional theater. The overdone musicals are the ones that they know best, and they need to see that there are more shows out there than the popular tin. With Smile, I felt as though I was exposing them something new and different."

Shah added, "This is the most difficult and most challenging show that I have ever done at the high school. Technically, there is more set involved, and the stage is always rotating to a different point of reference between cast and audience. There is also a larger number of equally important main characters, and, in a high school schedule, that would eat up a lot of my rehearsal time."

To make this show different from other high school shows, Workman decided to include faculty and alumni in the student cast, saying, "I really do not think that the students relate well to the age and life experiences of the adults of the roles. By incorporating the staff and alumni, I was able to solve this problem, and I was also able to let the kids experience first-hand the talents of the older performers. They, as part of that education and training are necessary for any performer to be successful."

So, if you have a long face due to the wintry blue and need some new and exciting theater to perk you up, I suggest you put on your white socks, pick up a pink flamingo and truck or cut off to Parma to spend the evening SMILING! However, this is the only weekend to catch this premiering production, as the 8:00 p.m. shows on Friday, January 16, and Saturday, January 17, are the last in its run. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and $4 for students and children. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 8637. The show will be held in the Parma Senior High School Auditorium, located at 6285 West 54th Street in Parma (approximately 25 minutes driving time from CRU).

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training. It transcends all social barries. Without its m.aturity, we have no culture. Without culture, we have no binding fiber in our society."

The exhibit of Hurst’s works, running through February 20, is free and open to the public. The gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. on weekdays. For more information, call 368-2679.

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Olavard Prydwyn is a multi-instrumentalist who plays instruments such as the harp, guitar, lute, cittern, mandolin, flutes, whistles and recorder. He is also a singer and songwriter.

Prydwyn will be at Arabica Coffeehouse on Saturday, January 24, for a workshop, lecture and performance.

Prydwyn is an accomplished scholar of Classical and Celtic languages. He holds advanced degrees from Harvard University and the University of Edinburgh.

His musical accomplishments are a synthesis of ancient and modern, traditional and original, Celtic and eclectic.

From 1-2 p.m., Prydwyn will present "Walking the Bardic Path," a participatory workshop on the interactive use of voice, poetry, music and mythology in the creation of a powerful and transformative modern Bardic performance style. This is intended for both professional performers as well as those who would like to be. There is a $15-20 sliding scale.

Prydwyn will give an interactive lecture from 3:45-4 p.m. entitled "Pre-Christian Celtic Religion." He will explore the question: What do we really know about Celtic Paganism, how do we know it and what items of contemporary relevance are there to be found in such an ancient system of beliefs? There is a $15-20 sliding scale.

At 9 p.m., Prydwyn will showcase his talent in a Bardic concert featuring works from Celtic Religion. "He will explore the question: What do we really know about Celtic Paganism, how do we know it and what items of contemporary relevance are there to be found in such an ancient system of beliefs?"

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Staff Reporter

one victory away from the 300th win of his head coach, CWRU legend Bill Sudeck is son, casting a shadow on Coach Sudeck's veterans leaving the team, the young conference championship. and comes as Sudeck leads a feisty men's tan women.

Senior Robyn Risley dodges opponents to lead the offensive for the Spar­

A team in pursuit of a conference title.

By JENNIFER BARTO

Wrestlers compete in Heidelberg tournament

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The varsity wrestling team returned to ac­
tion last weekend after a long winter break. The team traveled to Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio to take on nine schools in the Heidelberg Tournament on January 9-10. CWRU placed sixth out of 10 teams.

Head coach Bob Del Rosa said, "The team did a good job especially since they were coming off of Christmas break."

The tournament was highlighted by three placements in the top three. Senior Tim Hallahan, senior Joe District and freshman Desi Molina placed first, second and third respectively in their individual weight classes. Hallahan took the title in the 142 weight class. In his final match for the title he defeated his opponent from Muskingum Col­lege by a large margin, with a final score of 5-1.

Unlike Hallahan, District and Molina were closely matched in skill to their final opponents. Both of them were forced into overtime periods for the final decision. Wrestling at the 150 pound weight class, District took second in the tournament. Unlike Hallahan, Dietrich's and Molina's opponents from Olivet College in Michigan were tied at one point each going into the first overtime period. Unable to hold on in the overtime, District was taken down. The final score was 3-1.

Molina also wrestled an opponent from Olivet. They were tied at the end of regula­tion time forcing the match into an over­
time period. But at the end of the minute overtime, the two were still tied. This pushed the match into a second and final thirty second overtime. Molina pulled out a victory in those few seconds with an escape. The escape raised his score to two, for a

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Spartans thrive as coach nears milestone

By ARUN SUBRAMANIAN

Staff Reporter

In his 35th season as men's basketball head coach, CWRU legend Bill Sudeck is one victory away from the 300th win of his career. The impressive achievement is one that few coaches in college hoops will reach and comes as Sudeck leads a frisky men's team in pursuit of a conference title.

It was only a year ago that many CWRU basketball fans worried that with many seaso­
ned veterans leaving the team, the young '98 men's squad would suffer a dismal sea­

By BRAD WILSON

Staf Reporter

"The loss of Risley and Moloney has
cut the lineup," Head Coach Kristin Hughes explained of her team. "We are looking for people to step up right now and fill those gaps."

One player who has certainly stepped up to the challenge is freshman center Erin Rogalski. Rogalski's recent play, including a 27 point and 12 rebound performance versus Earlham College, earned her Player of the Week honors for the University Athletic Association on January 5.

Junior point guard Rachel Rau has also began to rise her game a notch, stepping up her scoring in the absence of Risley. Additional frontcourt help has also come from senior Becky Weaver and junior Betsy Zulada.

"It's just a matter of us putting it together every night," Hughes concluded.

The team will look to improve in the com­
ing games, as it hopes to get things going in the right direction for the stretch run. Hopefully, with the turbulence of the early season behind them, the Spartans will do just that.
close one point victory.
Coach DelRosa remarked, “The most ex­citing match-up of the tournament was Desi winning in the 30 second overtime.”
The team will be hosting Olivet College, Heidelberg College and Muskingum Col­lege this Saturday, January 17. The quad meet begins at 12:00 p.m. in Emerson gym­nasiaum.

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Spartan Spotlight
Joe Dietrich

Sports Information File Photo

YEAR: senior
MAJOR: civil engineering
SPORTS: wrestling, track
HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL: Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls High School
ATHLETIC HONORS: six varsity letters at CWRU

ACADEMIC HONORS: Dean’s high honor list, Provost scholar
HOBBIES/EXTRACURRICULARS: “windsurfing, sail­ing, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, anything outdoors”
FAVORITE ATHLETE: Robby Naish, professional windsurfer
YEARS PLAYING SPORTS: 15 years wrestling, nine years track
WHO INSPIRED HIM TO PLAY: “My dad and my brother.”
WHY HE STARTED PLAYING: “My dad was a high school wrestling coach and he would take my brother and I to his practices when we were very little. As punishment for his wrestlers, he would have us sit on their backs as they did pushups.”
BEST SPORTS MEMORY: “In 1996, the wrestling team came from behind to win the University Athletic Association championships in Chicago.”
WORST/MOST EMBARRASSING SPORTS MEMORY: “Rushing out of the gym in the middle of a match because I had to use the restroom, then coming back and pinning my opponent.”
FAVORITE QUOTE: “I’m not shy; I just don’t like people.” —Chris Rocklee

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— ΑΞΔ

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RUSH ΣN.

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Lauren, where are you?

Heather, we’re all going to miss you. — ΑΞΔ

Yeah, this Snow Ball sounds like a cool idea. I heartily approve.

Gen-babe, have you become a shelter for homeless plants? Poor Bob don’t look too happy.

So, Amit, when are you gonna pledge?

Scotty is just the coolest guy.

I’m right behind you this last semester, Ural.

’Cause Stone Cold said so!

Hey, Ironman, get some sleep!

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