Asian financial crises affect CWRU students

By SUDHA NALLASAMY
Staff Reporter

After over a decade of economic growth, the realization of the Thai baht due to the attack of currency speculators in July of last year began a chain of currency devaluations across South East Asia. Economists say that Thailand's economic crisis came about because of massive overspending, a shaky political structure and a slow reaction from the government. Other major Asian economies, including Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia and Japan, have since experienced similar fates. Past growth had encouraged over-dependence on debt and led to huge, debt-financed investment in wasteful projects.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has put together $24 billion, $32 billion and $57 billion packages for Thailand, Indonesia and Korea, respectively. "The liquidity crisis facing most of the affected East Asian economies involves mismatching of long-term lending with short-term borrowing," according to Christopher Lingle, associate professor of economics in the Weatherhead School of Management at CWRU.

Although the East Asian economic crises may seem like distant problems, they come close to home for many CWRU students. Edith Berger, director of International Student Services, worries that the Asian economic crises can be harmful for international students at CWRU. She is working to make CWRU affordable for these students. "We value the international students very much — they add to the diversity of CWRU."

At CWRU, there are 58 students from Malaysia (55 undergraduates, 1 UG), 3 graduates (DG), 54 of whom are financially supported by the Malaysian government; 98 students from Korea (12 Ug, 89 G), 97 of whom are supported by the Korean government; 88 students from Thailand (5 Ug, 83 G), 58 of whom are supported by the Thai government; 34 students from Indonesia (16 Ug, 28 G), 35 of whom are supported by the Indonesian government; and 65 students from Japan (18 Ug, 47 G), 1 of whom is supported by the Japanese government.

Those international students who are supported by the government of their native country do not have to fear too much about the severe inflation of currency, because the government scholarships are guaranteed. However, some of the East Asian governments, including those of Malaysia and Thailand, have decided to withhold awarding of new scholarships.

Four Thai students who were expected to start at CWRU this spring were unable to because their scholarships were revoked by the government.

Those who are not supported by government scholarships are either supported by family members or employers. In this case, many may find it difficult to continue paying for an American education. So far, one undergraduate Indonesian student, supported by family, was unable to continue at CWRU.

Currently, arrangements are being made with Hossein Sadik, Associate Vice President of the Controller's Office, for affected students to pay their tuition in installments and for the deadline to be extended about one month. Arrangements for the summer term will be made at a later date. So far, not many have confessed to financial problems, but according to Berger, "A bigger drop in numbers is expected for the fall '98 semester."

Sathaporn Lakumcharoen, an international student from Thailand, said that the Asian economic crises have "a dramatic effect on Thai students here. We're looking forward to getting a partial reduction in our tuition fees from CWRU. Otherwise, the Thai government might not be able to send new students to study here anymore."
Bosnia's 'Serb Adolf' pleads innocent

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Goram Jelisic, a Bosnian Serb who calls himself "Adolf," pleaded innocent last Monday to genocide and other charges, denying prosecution claims that he killed scores of Muslims in 1992 and then bragged about it. Jelisic, appearing before the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal, called the charges "all lies and fabrications." Prosecutors say Jelisic, who allegedly identified himself as the "Serb Adolf," referring to Adolf Hitler, systematically shot Muslims to death at the Lukac camp in northern Bosnia in 1992, then ordered fellow inmates to collect the bodies. U.S. troops in the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Bosnia arrested Jelisic last Thursday.

N. Ireland talks lose pro-British member

LONDON, England — Northern Ireland's major pro-British paramilitary group withdrew from peace talks last Monday after its outlawed wing admitted on Friday to killing three Catholics. The Ulster Democratic Party (UDP) made the move before the British and Irish governments were able to act on formal complaints filed by other parties in the talks, which were supposed to conclude by May. The UDP's departure will likely raise widespread fears of even more attacks against the North's Roman Catholic minority.

Clinton nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway — President Clinton has been nominated for the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to protect world peace and promote democracy. Clinton, embroiled in a sex scandal in the United States, has been nominated by members of the right-wing Party of Progress, one of the largest blocs in Norway's Parliament. The lawmakers praised Clinton for helping end the war in former Yugoslavia and for standing up to "droops who want to repress human rights and democracy's rules of play." They made the decision to nominate Clinton in December, before his current scandal. The winner is announced in Oslo, usually in mid-October.

Alleged Nazi past costs ms citizen

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An elderly Illinois man, accused of participating in a massacre of Jews at a Nazi slave labor camp during World War II, has lost a second court battle to retain his U.S. citizenship, the Justice Department said last Tuesday. A federal appeals court affirmed a lower court's decision to revoke the citizenship of Bronislaw Haja, 73, a retired factory worker living in Schiller Park, Ill. The department is seeking to deport him. Haja, who came to the U.S. in 1946, is believed to have served as a guard at S.S. Training Camp Trawniki and the Treblinka labor camp in Poland. He is one of 60 people who have lost their U.S. citizenship due to Nazi activities. 48 have since been removed from the United States; the Justice Department is investigating approximately 300 others.

Minnesota vs. 'Big Tobacco' trial begins

ST. PAUL, MN — The first lawsuit against the tobacco industry made it to trial last Monday with the State of Minnesota arguing that the industry deceived the public and profited by marketing to underage smokers. "The evidence will show that this is a renegade industry which has placed profit ahead of the health of its customers," attorney Michael Cirelli said in his opening statement, referring to over 33 million pages of evidence. The $1.77 billion-plus lawsuit is the first of 40 state lawsuits against the industry to make it to trial — Florida, Texas and Mississippi settled out of court.

First lady: Scandal is political

NEW YORK, NY — First Lady Hillary Clinton is blaming the sex scandal surrounding her husband on a right-wing political agenda. In an interview of NBC's "Today" show, Mrs. Clinton said she and her husband have long been victims of a "vast right-wing conspiracy." The president on Monday again denied allegations that he had sex with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Mrs. Clinton says it is possible her husband gave gifts to Lewinsky, but says if that is true, it is because he is giving to everyone he meets. The first lady says she can't recall meeting Ms. Lewinsky.

Groundhog's prediction to go online

PITTSBURGH, PA — Punxsutawney Phil is about to surf the Net. The chubby woodchuck will be pulled out of his den to make his annual shadow check this Monday — rain, snow or shine. But thanks to a World Wide Web hookup at www.state.pa.us/visit/groundhogday, those who want to avoid cold feet can watch the prediction almost live on their computer screens. Gov. Tom Ridge announced the broadcast last Monday as part of a 23-day campaign to market Pennsylvania as a high-tech business state.

Outdoor Wilderness Adventures

By KABIR BHATIA
Contributing Reporter

The great outdoors at CWRU consist mainly of sidewalks, tarmac, brick buildings and herds of motorized vehicles. Bringing nature and wildlife to students in a major city is a tall order, so one CWRU organization is taking students out to nature. Outdoor Wilderness Adventures (OWA) is an Undergraduate Student Government (USG)-recognized organization that was created to provide opportunities for CWRU students to enjoy and learn about the outdoors.

According to Secretary Christian Gindlesperger, a sophomore English major, "We try not only to give crunchy, well-prepared food, but also to be a resource and guide for those who've never strayed from the sidewalk." Interests among OWA's members range from day hikes in local parks to week-long wilderness trips; from mountain biking to mountain climbing. The idea of an outdoors club at CWRU was born while OWA Advisor Chris Butler, lecturer in the mathematics department, was rafting in West Virginia with his math class.

"A group of us thought it would be fun to have an outlet for outdoors activities on campus, a club to get people into a change of scenery, because it sucks to be stuck in Cleveland all the time," said Davian Kaplan, a sophomore undecided major and vice-president of OWA.

Interest in the new group is large. According to Yasmin Cupala, a junior psychology and art history double major and vice-president of OWA, over 50 people appeared at OWA's first meeting. Currently, three outings are planned for the spring semester. The first, on Saturday, February 7, is a 1.5 mile hike through the North Chagrin Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. According to Gindlesperger, "North Chagrin is one of the more scenic parts of the Metropark's string of trails and includes Squier's Castle, a large stone mansion donated to the park. No experience is necessary, only a comfortable pair of shoes."

The hike will begin around 9 a.m. and will be accompanied by an interpretive program. Participants will be free to explore afterwards.

Around March 21, OWA is planning a weekend-long backpacking excursion to Western Pennsylvania. The precise location has yet to be determined. This trip will require a little more preparation, and there will be informational meetings before the hike for those who are new to backpacking.

Anyone interested in joining OWA should watch for announcements, or contact Gindlesperger (ugd7) or Cupala (yj62).

RHA Winter Carnival schedule of events

Friday (1/30):
3 p.m.-5 p.m. — Early weigh-ins at Smith House
8 p.m. — Banners due at the spot for judging
9 p.m.-11 p.m. — Kick-off Party
10 p.m. — Weigh-ins for Tug-of-War at the Spot

Saturday (1/31):
10 a.m. — Snow Flag Football at Wade Park

Sunday (2/1):
1 p.m. — Tug-of-war at TBA

Monday (2/2):
7 p.m. — Scavenger Hunt lists available at Sherman House
10 p.m. — Scavenger Hunt items due at Wade Fireside

Tuesday (2/3):
5 p.m.-8 p.m. — Penny Wars at Leutner Dining Hall
7 p.m.-11 p.m. — Food Obstacle Course at the Spot

Wednesday (2/4):
5 p.m.-8 p.m. — Penny Wars at Leutner Dining Hall

Thursday (2/5):
8 p.m. — Game Night (Trivial Pursuit: Genus 3) at Wade Fireside

Saturday (2/7):
10 a.m. — Snow Volleyball at Taft sand court
6:45 p.m. — Talent-No Talent Competition at the Spot
Vote for USG February 3

By JASON ARING
Contributing Reporter

As election time rolls around again, it is time for the students of CWRU to voice their opinions at the polls. However, this election will differ from previous elections. Along with the elections of Undergraduate Student Government (USG) and class officers, several proposed amendments to the USG constitution will appear on the ballot. These amendments will require a two-thirds majority of the voting students to go into effect.

While there are many proposed changes to the constitution, the two most prominent are: the addition of the word “primary” in the USG liaison clause, making them the official liaison between the undergraduate population and the university, and the addition of a new non-discriminatory article to the end of the constitution.

The elections will be held on Tuesday, February 3. Voting will take place in Thwing Center from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and then reopen in Frickley and Leutner dining halls from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. The USG offices up for election are: President, Vice-President of Development, Vice-President of Finance and Faculty Senator. The offices of Class President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for the classes of 1999, 2000 and 2001 are also up for election. Finally, there are the eight constitutional amendments for the students to approve or disapprove. As a final note to the voting information, USG will again be giving away free mugs at the Thwing Center polls.

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Expect Great Things
Sophomores: sick of CWRU? Find out how to get away Co-op gives students opportunity to learn about their profession and get paid

By MATT LECHNER
Staff Reporter

The Cooperative Education program (Co-op) at CWRU began in the fall of 1979. Offering students the chance to learn and apply skills in real work environments, the program grew to include 125 students for the spring 1998 semester. The program is open to science, engineering, management and accounting majors. The work period lasts for four months, with students choosing to work during the spring semester through the summer, or the summer through the fall semester. Students usually Co-op during two different time periods, extending their stay in college to five years.

Mary Rose Tichar, Co-op coordinator, said the Co-op office is successful in placing around 95 percent of the students who meet the initial criterion of the program. The first step for the student is making an appointment with Tichar to discuss the basics of the program. Other requirements include completion of an official application, approval from the student's department, the construction of a resume and participation in preparatory classes. The student works with the Co-op office and his or her department's Co-op advisor in selecting companies of interest. Tichar noted that the Co-op office sends out the prospective student's resume to participating companies who encourage the student to initiate contact with employers. Over 300 companies were contacted in placing students for the current Co-op term.

Co-op can offer many advantages according to Tichar. "It allows participants a chance to clarify career goals, gain experience for their resume and get paid at the same time," said Tichar. She listed the average pay at $13.00 per hour or about two-thirds the starting salary of a new graduate.

Karen Henke, a fifth-year senior civil engineering major, performed two co-op stints at Libby OwensFord, a Toledo company, which manufactures flat glass for the automotive and building industries. Relating how the experience allowed her to combine her career expectations with the reality of her chosen field, Henke said, "I changed my major from biomedical engineering to civil engineering in my sophomore year and especially wanted to try out my new field to make sure it was where I belonged." Debra Conrad, a junior chemical engineering major, completed a job with Intel in New Mexico this past fall. In her words, the job gave her "real-life experience in how to deal with people, how businesses are run and how products are produced."

Both Henke and Conrad said their jobs allowed them to apply some of their classroom skills to an intensive work environment while obtaining knowledge not available in a class setting. Henke said, "The skills used directly were mostly learned in lab courses." Conrad said she learned new skills on the job that required her to apply concepts learned in class.

The main difference between class work and a Co-op job, according to Henke, is that the latter requires "the ability to solve problems involving more than technical data. To solve a real design or construction problem, the engineer has to first ask the right questions to figure out what exactly the problem is, then be able to weigh different solutions."

Conrad said she plans on participating in another Co-op. Henke is set to graduate this May and said her co-op experience was very beneficial in her job search. In talking with employers, she said, "My interviews have largely focused on my Co-op experience, and I am able to prove what I can do."

The deadline for turning in initial paperwork for the summer-fall period is February 13. For more information, contact Tichar (mrt22), associate director of CP&P Debbie Patitsa (dpl35) or associate co-op director Sandra Golden (seg2). General information is also available on the web at http://www.cwr.edu/staff/cp/cp.html.

Steppin' out with my baby

By JOHN DUTTON
Staff Reporter

For many CWRU students, the chance to enlarge their cultural myopic educational experience would be eagerly received. So for those who want to seek new lands and cultures, CWRU offers the Junior Year Abroad (JYA) program. Students can travel to both English speaking and non-English speaking countries for one year to immerse themselves in the culture and language.

According to Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Study Abroad Advisor Margaret B. Robinson, JYA "changes students in major ways: in terms of perspective of self and world, adaptability, interaction with the locals, students take students overseas ensures that students integrate into the local culture. Currently, there are about 35 students abroad, either in their first or second semester. One-third of the students who participate in JYA are engineering majors, one-third are science majors and the rest hail from various other majors.

In terms of financial assistance, "Current policy allows students who have scholarship, academic, service, school scholarship and need-based aid for their semester or year abroad," said Robinson. In some cases, such as most universities in the United Kingdom, tuition can actually be less expensive there than here.

In order to participate in the program, the student needs to have at least a 3.0 GPA average and must apply during the early part of the calendar year, usually between January 15 and April 15, depending on the program to which the student is applying.

Also, for students planning to study at a university overseas where the language of instruction is not English, CWRU requires that the student be proficient in the foreign language.

Countries CWRU students have studied include Germany, Japan and Korea. Many go to English speaking countries such as the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

Rebecca Schneider, a senior biology major, went to the University of Edinburgh in Scotland last year as part of the program. "I think that it [JYA] helped me grow up. Being on my own really tested my independence and confidence," said Schneider.

As to whether other students could benefit from the program, Schneider replied, "Definitely! It was the best experience of my life." In order to find out more information about the JYA program, go to Baker 102 and visit the JYA office. The office is staffed by former participants of the program Mondays through Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:15-11:15 am and 2:30-5:00 pm.

Robinson and Claudia Anderson-Nohl, director of JYA, are available for consultation about the program as well in Baker 102 or call 368-2928 to schedule an appointment.

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James Chang, a junior computer engineering major, oversaw the amendments when he served as the chair of the Constitution Committee during the fall semester. Chang commented that the purpose of adding the word "primary" to the Liaison clause was "to distinguish USG from other major organizations, such as RHA, as the group that can relay concerns or suggestions to the university. The only exception is that RHA mainly deals with relaying ideas or concerns to Housing and Residence Life."

The second major feature proposed is the non-discriminatory clause, already present in some form in all USG recognized groups' constitutions. "The purpose of this will be two-fold. The clause will allow for the means of impeachment of USG officials on discriminatory grounds, and it will protect USG from finding itself in any "vulnerable positions."

According to Chang the rest of the changes "are there to correct inaccurate information and for basically cleaning up the Constitution."

For further information, students are encouraged to visit the USG home page, found under "Campus Life" off the CWRU homepage at www.cwru.edu. There students can find election information, view the statements of individuals running for the various student offices, see the proposed amendments and view the old and new constitutions side by side.
How will America react?

The accusations of sexual harassment and marital infidelity against President Clinton have been the top story in the national news media for well over a week now. With this incident as a major focus of discussion around the country, an important question comes to mind: What are we to expect of our public leaders? In other words, what kind of trust can we feel in those whose jobs are to protect, serve and lead us?

There is no doubt we have the right to expect our leaders to have only the welfare of those they are serving in mind when on the job. When they are not on the job, though, the question becomes trickier. Should public officials be expected to uphold high moral standards when they are not performing their duties? And what about the period of their lives prior to their terms of public service?

In the past, any sort of questionable moral practice, no matter how far in the past it occurred, was a tough obstacle to overcome for a public official. For instance, the 1980 presidential campaign of Senator Edward Kennedy was doomed by the public's memory of the Chappaquiddick incident. With the arrival of Bill Clinton as the President of the United States, however, that changed. Clinton's past was filled with all types of alleged incidents, from extramarital affairs to marijuana smoking and draft dodging. Despite these charges, however, Clinton won the presidency rather comfortably. Most people probably believed there to be some truth to the American public. But should they accept them and say, "Who cares?" Not everyone professed a lack of interest in these matters, but the proportion that did seemed to fall from a majority to a minority. Whether this was progress for America's voters or a regression is certainly up for debate.

So President Clinton's popularity throughout his first five years in office has remained relatively unaffected by his past. But now we face a whole new type of animal. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky has charged that she had an affair with President Clinton and that the president urged her to lie about it. What separates this from the Flowers and Paula Jones stories is that this allegedly took place while Clinton was in the White House. While it is of the utmost importance to stress that nothing has been proven, and that it is just as likely that Ms. Lewinsky is lying as President Clinton, it will also be very interesting to see how the American public reacts to this story progresses. Will the president's approval rating drop dramatically, indicating that the public has "drawn the line?" Or will the majority of the people care as much about this incident as something that happened 20 years ago? Only time will tell, but the answer will reveal something very fundamental about the mentality of the American public. We shouldn't expect perfection from public officials, especially in their pasts. But if the latest allegations against the president are true, he has committed a serious offense against the American people.

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend The Observer for its New Year's resolutions (Suggestion for 1998). The issues written about in last week's edition of The Observer are important ones that sorely need to be addressed.

And I would just like to congratulate all the people who have in the last few years striven to move this school into the 21st century.

When I first came here I was struck with the high level of indifference which many students evinced about their school. After all, who wants to go to a school where everyone laments the lack of participation? Even more so, who wants to use their own time to change something that seems immutable?

However, under these dreary and disheartening circumstances change has been made. And while we all joke about the apathy at this school I strongly believe that there are many of you who have tried, in your own way, to change this school. I just hope those in positions of higher authority take what we have to say seriously.

Axa G. Asare
Undergraduate Student

The Observer's New Year's Mute

Shameful practices

The Case Western Reserve University Bookstore is overpriced. There is no question about it. Now, I am not saying that all bookstores are overpriced, but this one here is especially overpriced.

The bookstore has costs. In order to pay these costs, such as inventory and labor, they need to make a profit on what they sell. I accept that. However, I hardly think that the bookstore needs to make a 40 percent profit on all the books they sell. And it is not just 40 percent at all times. That is just the average markup for new books. When you buy a used book, the bookstore is making a profit so ridiculous, you would not believe me if I told you.

A friend recently went to sell back her books. Now, this person had purchased a new book from the bookstore for $40 at the beginning of last semester. She went to return the book, figuring the bookstore would give her between $15 and $20, and that was being fair, knowing that the bookstore is not a fairly priced store. No, instead they gave her $3 back. $3 you say? Yes, that does seem ridiculously low. And the worst part is that following the way the bookstore prices books, that book will be back on the shelf for $35 used, a markup of over 1100 percent. Who knows, maybe if the book is in good enough condition, the bookstore will be able to turn a bigger profit by selling the book as new.

Pricing is not the only problem the CWRU bookstore faces. When it comes to having the books on the shelves at the beginning of the semester, they fail quite short. Numerous classes did not have their books at the beginning of classes, and some still do not have the books in because the bookstore failed to place the order until several days before the beginning of classes, making it nearly impossible for the books to arrive on time.

The arrangement of books in the bookstore is very misleading as well. Rather than just having a master list that could be online, or one that students could pick up at the door to the bookstore, there are little plastic signs hanging everywhere. Some of these signs are buried about, and usually the books you need are never in the right place. Some are here and some are there, some of them have prices and some of them don't.

After all, why would anyone take the time and effort to make it easier on the new students? They don't have enough to think about as it is starting classes and all. What they really need is a little more confusion in their life and a little less money in their pocket. Well, that's my opinion anyway.
Part II: Life after the fee

One of the first things people ask me whenever I tell them I want to get rid of the Student Activities Fee (SAF) is "What do you think will happen to all the clubs without the SAF?" Most are surprised when I tell them that I think we will all be better off.

Sure, things will be much different without a SAF, and some groups may no longer exist, but we will still be better off. Consider, for example, Part I of this column ("Would you pay $30 to see Rusted Root?"). January 16, I illustrated how the SAF is hurting student life at CWRU. Counterintuitively, the SAF serves as a barrier to the creation of new clubs that make it so popular, while these same clubs would contribute to things we ordinarily would not, such as $30 Rusted Root tickets. Meanwhile, those activities that do get funded through USG are oftentimes those who lobby the hardest or those that meet the USG's own standards for "worthiness" and not always the activities the students would actually prefer to see. Thus, the elimination of these kinds of inefficiencies will make students better off almost instantly. Not only that, but consider that members of the USG and the Finance Committee spend hours each week debating over how to distribute their portion of the SAF funds. So, if one prices the time of the member of the Finance Committee at the $6 an hour they could make by working for the S.T.O.P, CWRU Telefile, Spam Inc., whatever; then the savings in economic terms would amount to hundreds of dollars each week.

Most importantly, however, I think that it is completely erroneous to think the CWRU students will just decide to shrivel up in a corner and will without a SAF to force them to have a campus life. After all, perhaps the biggest club on this campus, the CWRU Ballroom Dance Society, receives hardly any funding from the SAF at all compared to what the members pay on their own. Indeed, the majority of groups who are funded by the SAF don't get by on that much money at all, and a few very active groups like the African American Society and Model UN often tend to dominate the distribution of funding. Finally, people often find it very easy to ignore the fact that non-USG groups abound on this campus — including CWRU Taize, ensemble groups, Bible studies and even friends who get together to watch "ER," "Babylon 5" and "SouthPark" (which is hardly any different than the CWRU Anime Society). Indeed, why is it that people get together and order pizza all the time, but when they get together for a game of Magic or at a club meeting, we think that they suddenly need a SAF to fund refreshments, or else no one will come?

If SAF programs are truly benefiting the students of CWRU, then the students will gladly support them voluntarily. The fact is, however, that the very nature of a mandatory SAF implies that you are forcing students to do something which they would not otherwise normally do. But, there are many ways in which the SAF could be made voluntary. UPB, for instance, could sell a "UPB card" that would entitle you to admission to all UPB events for a semester. Cards could be sold a semester ahead of time to allow UPB to have the budgetary information to pursue affordable acts.

The students of CWRU, for the most part, are adults and are capable of deciding for themselves how best to have fun. If some students wish to take out a loan for $70 each semester to pay for activities, or wish to devote money from scholarships to do that, then that is their prerogative. This should not, however, be forced upon everyone else. If the SAF-sponsored institutions at this university are truly benefiting the students, than they will continue to support them. If they are not, then they will have to adapt to the students to survive. Either way, the students win.

I, for one, believe in the students of CWRU. In my experience, the devotion which students here have shown to the causes they believe in is enormous, including groups as diverse as Alpha Phi Omega, GLBA, NCSA, Habitat for Humanity and the list goes on. The fractions I have received to my last column, from the vitriolic to the reasoned and the complimentary, have all shown that students here are anything but apathetic. With money being spent at this university in the best possible way, by individuals, I am confident that the students of CWRU are prepared to reap the benefits of life after the fee.

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This is a serious matter. Face it. We go to a very rich university where money is streaming all over the place, and the sizable portion of that money can be traced back to all of our tuition bills. Sometimes this money flows to places where we might not like to see it flow. It is therefore our right, as paying customers of the university, to have a say in these matters. For example, I'm not a big fan of religion. I never go to religious services, I have no interest in learning about religion and I have no interest in supporting religion. But to and behold, behind all the hand waving and formulae, a cut of my tuition goes to supporting religion classes on campus. An outrage!

I'll keep my comments short. I hope everyone reads this piece and sees my point. Of course, there are those that never read The Observer but pay for it with their student activity fee, which leads me to suggest that the paper is not "free," especially to those who don't give a care. Why don't we charge ten cents a copy?
One day sometime before Christmas, I decided I was going to get into the holiday spirit this year and do something for the community for a change. I was just about to think of an idea when I stumbled upon a show on The Discovery Channel. I was going to head to the soup kitchen right after it was over, but unfortunately that show lasted for about two-and-a-half weeks.

Yes, over break I got sucked into the Black Hole of Media, otherwise known as Educational TV Land. I saw specials on EVERYTHING, from the Roswell Incident to The Great Escape, from Exciting Car Chases to Cops in Akron, from the Cuban Missile Crisis to Jerry Springer Live and Uncensored. Yeah, I'm like all smarter than my friends, so I'm sure you've noticed, however, see that Pamela and Tommy Lee story, and it wasn't really cool.

I think it's a new low though when I delved into an episode of the "Charles Grodin Show." This guy isn't even a real actor and he gave him his own show. A man so awkward that he makes ME look like I know what I'm doing. But watch it I did, and his topic for that evening was bullying in the schools. I gotta admit, I'm such an expert on that that I'm still not sure why I wasn't on his guest panel that night.

Did you know, according to a recent survey, 25 percent of teachers see nothing wrong with episodes of bullying in schools today, citing it's a natural part of growing up and a chance for kids to learn to deal with adversity and people different from themselves. Now, correct me here if I'm wrong, because I swear to God I've suffered one too many traumas inflicting blows to the head and humiliating de-pantings during this period, but I don't remember learning all that much from getting my ass kicked on a daily basis. Okay, that much except for "Ooo, I really hate getting my ass kicked on a daily basis and having my pants pulled down when I don't want them to be." OK, that and how to kill people with wooden spoons, but that's all, and that last one's just between you and me.

Yeah, I'm a mature adult and I'm sure I'll be far more successful than every single one of them will be, but I think I speak for every one of bullied kids when I say "Who cares? I just wanna kick Tommy Kaczmarik's butt back into fifth grade." I stolos things from his house, though, so it's all good.

But I've also come to realize in my old age that there's a certain degree of coolness that goes along with being unpopular in primary school. Why? Because you never hear anyone say "Man, I was so MONEY in eighth grade!!" Nonetheless, not fitting in back then is almost a compliment. You knew better than to pretend to like the New Kids on the Block and to wear parachute pants and to buy Air Jordans back when they cost too much. Somehow, it's even cool knowing that a whole bunch of people once saw me striped down to my tights-whites. You know, in retrospect. I think I definitely got the better end of that joke.

Peter Pan soars into Palace Theater

By STEVE HIGGINBOTHAM
Theater Critic

Tuesday night at the Palace Theater the audience was filled with precious young children who still believed in fairies and Peter Pan, while the stage held the biggest kid and believer of them all, Cathy Rigby. This Tony Award nominee and two-time Olympic gymnast soared in the all new production of the beloved musical classic, Peter Pan, the story of a little boy determined never to grow up.

Peter Pan recounts the adventures of the three Darling children as they fly away from their nursery and into the magic and wonder of Never-Never-Land. There they encounter the cunning and evil Captain Hook, villainous pirates, a talking crocodile, brave Indians and a sprightly fairy who is so devoted to Peter that she even drinks a vial of poison meant for him.

Based on several chapters that appeared in James M. Barrie's 1902 novel, The Little White Bird, the play was first performed in London in 1904. The present musical comedy version of Barrie's classic first appeared in 1954 starring Mary Martin and was revived with both Sandy Duncan (1979) and Cathy Rigby (1990). The Fifties production of Peter Pan was taped for television and, during rehearsals, Martin was in the flying apparatus when it accidentally crashed into the wall of the television studio. At the time, Martin was performing Broadway in The Sound of Music, and she played the role for a week in a cast due to the accident.

For her reprise as the frisky Peter Pan, Rigby managed to avoid any casts and to sail across the stage with winged athletic ability. She has, to date, logged more frequent flyer miles than any other actress in this role.

In commenting on her return to this character, Rigby excitedly said, "Never has a role been as magical for me. When I fly over the audience at the end of the show, and I look out into the house, everyone becomes childlike and flies with Peter. I see parents holding their children — the joy I see in their faces is overwhelming. Peter is truly an inspiration for children of all ages, from eight to 80, as he never finds a dead-end, only a door." In a grand entrance of whirling fairy dust, Rigby bounds onto stage and immediately into your heart. Her consistent boyish mannerisms combined with amazing athletic skill make her a most believable 12-year-old. Her wonderfully powerful and energetic voice has enough intensity to fill the entire theater, yet possesses commanding emotion that brings the audience to tears. Rigby surely captures the spirit and essence of the forever-young Peter Pan, and, in the end, it is her sincere and charismatic personality that makes her shine (and soar!) onstage.

Other splendid performances were given by the heart-warming trio of Darling children, which included Elisa Sagardia (Wendy), Michael LaVolpe (John) and the utterly adorable Paul Tietler (Michael). They adored the stage with enchanting talent and warm youthfulness.

Susan Lamontagne as Tiger Lily cut a tribal rug with remarkable dance technique. Combined with Rigby in the rhythmic number "Ugg-a-Wugg," that was supported by an ensemble armed with drum sticks, the team created an impecable show-stopper that was absolutely amazing.

Finally, the infamous Captain Hook was played with strength, sternness and commendable comic sense by the talented Paul Schoeffler. He successfully characterized the evil pirate captain with large intensity and stone-faced humor, gaining the audience's full attention wherever he entered the stage.

Additional accolades in this production should be given to the backstage artists whose contributions made this show so glorious. Director Glenn Casale manages to capture the very spirit of this memorable children's tale with the creation of breathtaking images and a marvelously magical environment. The talents of Stiger Yaji can be seen in the vivid, detailed costumes, which include a flying night owl and a tickling crocodile with glowing eyes.

A surreal and thoughtful set design is provided by John Lacovelli, whose off-lying cements the atmosphere as enchanting and magical. Craig Bara's musical direction forms orchestration that is clear, together and penetratingly musical, while Patti Colombo provides delightful choreography that highlights the distinct music at hand, whether it may be a cute song for the Lost Boys or an Indian tribal dance.

Perhaps a Seattle critic best described the show in saying, "With its perfectly cast roles, crackerjack stagecraft and robust choreography, the show leaves off the stage and into the heart." The only aspect of the show that needed improvement was the sound design. In the beginning of the performance, the sound was unfocused, dispersed and "blurry." Also, several sound cues were accidentally missed, leaving both Peter Pan and Captain Hook without microphone amplification during different parts of the show. I am sure that these mistakes were due to it being opening night in a new facility and that the problems will be ironed out for the remaining Cleveland performances.

So, if you are in the mood to feel like a kid again and be whisked away into the magical adventures of Never-Never-Land, I strongly suggest that you break out the green lights and the pipee paraphernalia and head to Playhouse Square to catch this last weekend of Peter Pan.

The timeless musical classic runs through Sunday, February 1, in Cleveland's Palace Theater. Located at 1519 Euclid Avenue for reservations, call Advantis at (216) 241-6600. Performances begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and at both 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
Rapper Ma$e delivers a “fresh” debut album with upbeat, goofy songs

By RYAN SMITH
Music Critic

One of the latest records from Bad Boy Records is the debut album from Ma$e. He is the protege of Puff Daddy and probably headed for commercial stardom. Bad Boy is concerned about rap’s future and, thus, is consciously creating freshness among the dead bodies of gangsta rappers. Surprisingly, you could count the number of vulgarities used by Ma$e and his “family” on both hands. This is just one of the many differences between the new school of rap and Snopp & Co. Though Ma$e rarely swears, his focus throughout is the protege of Puff Daddy and probably Records is the debut album from Ma$e. His

Ma$e is only 20 years old!

Ma$e’s can’t blame him but is it really necessary to mention how easy it is for him to get tus of his wealth and popUliarity. I guess you remember: “If Ma$e improves upon this exceptional one would assume that the diversity of the Harlem World cast would be highly re­

fectcd in the musical compositions but this isn’t completely accurate. There is a sub­stantial amount of musical variety, but I feel a bit more effort could have been made in the song writing department. Despite this criticism, there are a hand­

ful of excellent tracks on the album. “Do You Wanna Get It?” and “Feel So Good” are great funny tunes. One could easily imagine hearing them on reruns of Soul Train. Both songs are upbeat, groovy num­

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ruses. Images of roller-skating rinks danced in my head.

There are other songs that have a much different feel but are just as good. “Looking At Me” and “The Player Way” are dark, weighed down with tightly constructed baselines that room in the night.

If Ma$e improves upon this exceptional debut album, then he might just become the leader of the next hip-hop generation.

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I'm not really fond of attempts to "modernize" classic tales. In most cases, they are the product of a lack of originality rather than an attempt at something truly creative. Hollywood has really started scraping the bottoms of the barrel now that they have to resort to "classic" TV shows for inspiration. I cringe at the mere possibility of a "Three's Company" feature! Great Expectations is another attempt along these lines — an "update" of the Dickens Classic — but something gets lost in the translation.

Rather than in England, the story begins in Florida of the "recent past" (by the TV shows and clothing). A young orphan named Finn is living with his older sister and her husband (Chris Cooper), a Gulffisherman. While Finn is out wandering the coast and drawing pictures, he helps a convict (Robert DeNiro) in a failed prison break. He soon forgets this chance encounter when he meets the rich and eccentric Mr. Dimmouze (Anne Bancroft) and her niece, Estella. He becomes the Dimmouze's entertainment, dancing and drawing for their amusement.

From the first moment he sees her, Finn falls in love with Estella. As they grow up together (literally in the blink of an eye), the shy, awkward Finn (now less than perfect) and Gwyneth is as svelte and aloof as ever. With all this literary interpretation aside, how does this Great Expectations fare on its own? The movie never really engaged me.

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Wrestlers take third in Thiel tournament

By JENNIFER BARTO
Assistant Sports Editor

The wrestling team was on fire this weekend at the Thiel tournament. They took on ten collegiate teams, including Division I schools, and came in an impressive third place overall. Several team members made key contributions to the team placement with their individual performances. The competition was tough and the final team standings were decided in several of the final matches. Head wrestling coach Bob DelRosa remarked, "We had a great showing last weekend. We were expecting to be in the top five overall.”

Two wrestlers placed first overall in their respective weight classes: sophomore Travis Cox and senior Tim Hallahan. Hallahan faced four tough opponents. He won each of them and was declared the champion. With those four wins, Hallahan raised his winning streak to ten wins straight. He is currently 16-4 for the season.

Cox dominated the three matches he wrestled, winning each match by a large margin. His match scores were 9-2, 8-1, and 6-2, giving him a current season record of 6-2 after overpowering all his competitors in the 134 pound weight class.

The depth and strength of the Spartans allowed them to enter two team members at the tournament, winning four out of his five matches. His only loss was against the number one seed in the 177 pound weight class.

Transfer student Greg McBrayer was dealt a tough hand at the tournament. He faced two wrestlers from Eastern Michigan, a Division I school. One of his opponents was a North Coast Athletic Association (NCAA) qualifier and Mid-American champion. McBrayer defeated the first Eastern Michigan opponent, but fell to the NCAA qualifier and Mid-American champion, respectively. McBrayer ended the tournament with a three and one record to secure him second place. Coach DelRosa said, “I felt he wrestled a good match. You always learn from your losses, not always from your victories.”

Senior Tony Dietrich placed third for the Spartans. Dietrich won his first two matches before suffering a hard loss. Dietrich rebounded from the loss by winning his next two matches. His four wins earned him third place.

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The meet is going to be a tough one for the Spartans. Defending champion University of Chicago has almost all of the members of their championship team returning this year.

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Men attempt to recover from six game slide

By ARUN SUBRAMANIAN
Staff Reporter

If men's head basketball coach Bill Sudeck and the Spartans have learned anything from their current game slide, it is that to come out on top, the Spartans have to start scoring down the stretch. Since a strong holiday drive in December, the basketball warriors have been demolished by a wide variety of teams who have taken advantage of the Spartans' late game weakness. Regional rivals such as the Kenyon Lords, the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan and even the lowly Bears of Washington University have squashed the men at home and on the road.

In the matchup with Kenyon College, senior Cedric Thomas led the CWRU effort with twelve points and twelve rebounds but was stopped short as the Lords capitalized on several Spartan errors to take the game 76-64. A week later in the friendly confines of Elmerson Gym, senior brothers Pat and Chris Duncan threw down a team-best 17 points against Allegheny College, but were hampered by sloppy team play in a disappointing 78-76 defeat.

These losses, and later blowouts against the University of Chicago and Washington University, have dropped the Spartans into a tie for sixth place within the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) with a record of 3-5, and leave them 6-10 overall this year.

Most of the players believe that problems in execution on the offensive side of the ball, especially in the final minutes of the game, are the main reasons for the Spartans' current six game slump, which began with a loss to division leader College of Wooster in early January.

"We need to get back to the fundamentals. Our defense is one of the best in the conference, but our shooting has been pitiful," said senior Joe Diezich, whose team season record is 12-6.

Also placing second for the Spartans was freshman Desi Molina. Molina had an outstanding tournament, winning four out of his five matches. His only loss was against the number one seed in the 177 pound weight class.

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Swimmers stay strong in the face of defeat

By ERIN McKEAG
Sports Editor

On January 10 and 13, the men's and women's swim teams came up against John Carroll University (JCU) and the College of Wooster. Both teams now stand 2-6 in dual meets.

The men defeated JCU 139-92 and were led by senior Kevin Epig who won the 200-yard backstroke, and freshman Nick Miller who took first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:09:52) and the 200-yard butterfly (2:11.59). Also winning events were senior Chris Nederostek with a 22:61.5 in the 50 freestyle, junior Peter Thompson with a 49:42 in the 100 freestyle, sophomore Alex Burns with a 5:05:51 in the 500 freestyle and junior Mike Dumesh with a 2:21:29 in the 200 breaststroke.

Unfortunately, the men lost a bit of their momentum as they met up with Wooster, and lost the meet 98-125. The men fought hard and again were led by Epig, who won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 4:59:40.

Also winning events were junior Matt Kuniinski with a 2:28:81 in the 200 breaststroke and freshman Mark Dzikai with a 10:33:15 in the 1000 free.

The women's squad lost to both JCU and Wooster, 5-78, and 88-147. Senior Sharon Sanborn won the 200 IM and the 500 free against JCU. Freshman Meghan Kerner set her second school record in two weeks as she set CWRU's mark in the 200-yard backstroke against JCU. Sophomore Marta Taddeo also won the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:51:51.

On January 23, the teams swam against Ohio Wesleyan University. "We went down there for one purpose and one purpose only: to win,” said Head Coach Todd Clark. And win they did, for the first time ever, in fact. Junior Emily Alegretti secured the victory for the women's team by taking first in the 200-yard breaststroke.

"She was not expected to win," said Clark, "It was a well taken surprise.”

Sanborn won three events: the 50-yard freestyle with a 26:02, the 100-yard freestyle with a 55:92 and the 100-yard butterfly with a 1:00:32. Kerner set two varsity records the 100 backstroke in 2:62 and the 200 backstroke in 2:13:99, and also got a first place in the 100 butterfly with a
Hoopsters begin to slide

By BRAD WILSON
Staff Reporter

In the midst of a five game losing streak, the last thing the CWRU women's basketball team needed was a date with national powerhouse Washington University. The 14-1 and University Athletic Association (UAA) leading Bears, however, were exactly who came to town last Sunday to face the reeling Spartans. Undermanned and outgunned, a CWRU upset victory was unlikely, even on their home floor. The fact that Washington defeated the Spartans was hardly unexpected. The final score, however, was an awful surprise: 104-44, by far the team's worst defeat this season. The loss dropped CWRU's record to 5-11 and marked the absolute low point of an already frustrating season.

Mired near the bottom in nearly all the North Coast Athletic Conference statistical categories, the Spartans have fallen flat after a 2-0 start. Expected in the preseason to contend for the conference title and a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament invitation, CWRU has been forced to adjust to major personnel changes over the course of the season. The Spartans are currently in seventh place in the NCAC, with their two league wins coming over Oberlin and Earlham, the only two teams with worse records in conference. CWRU's last victory, in fact, was over Oberlin back on January 7.

Having hit rock bottom, CWRU now must look to resurrect its team confidence and try to salvage a successful season. Freshman Erin Rogalski, the one major bright spot over the recent losing skid, must continue to play well and carry the load in both scoring and rebounding while the supporting cast must step up in play.

Above all, however, the Spartans need to put together a solid effort and secure a win. Unfortunately, the Spartans are learning that you can't heal a wound until you've stopped the bleeding.

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time of 2:19.75.

The CWRU men also held their own in the match, in spite of the fact that they have not beat Ohio Wesleyan in the last five years. Dziak, winning the 1000 freestyle in 10:27.96, "swam an outstanding race, well paced, intelligent and gutsy," said Clark. "He swam against guys that were better than him but beat them because he swam better than them."

Also winning events were Eppig in the 200-yard butterfly and Torchinsky in the Nederostack, junior Peter Thompson and freshman Zac Zuppas took the 200-free relay with a time of 1:29:71.

"They were very good," said Clark, "and they have one of the best times in the conference right now."

Tomorrow, the swim teams will take on the Wittenberg Tigers at home at 1:00 p.m. Come cheer on your Spartans!

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of the team, as the Spartans turn now to this weekend's games against regional kingpins Earlham and Wittenberg - two more stops on the long road to the NCAC conference.

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Spartan Spotlight
Gloria Hsieh

YEAR: Senior
MAJOR: Psychology
ACADEMIC/ATHLETIC HONORS: Dean's honors/honor's, Peter Witt Scholarship, Provost Scholarship, Varsity Letters 1994-1998
HOBBIES: Alpha Phi Omega, CWRU Peer Helpers, TAF
YEARS SWIMMING: 18

FAVORITE SPORTS MEMORY: "I had a hard time getting me out!" 
FAVORITE QUOTE: "Who, being loved, is poor?" — Oscar Wilde

WHO INSPIRED HER TO SWIM: "My mom — I was so scared to get into the water which was deeper than I was tall, but she kept encouraging me to try it out. After I finally got in the pool, she had a hard time getting me out!"

FAVORITE ATHLETES: "Swimmers Amy Van Dyken and Janet Evans"

WHERE SHE SEES HERSELF IN 10 YEARS: "Hopefully married, out of school, working in the medical field, and raising a family."

SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT HER: "I love to write poetry, stories and draw for relaxation."
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REFERENDUM VOTE ON AMENDING THE USG CONSTITUTION

Background: On December 2, 1997, the Ad Hoc Constitution Committee presented several proposals in amending the USG Constitution. All proposals were passed by the General Assembly with changes made. These proposed amendments, in order to go into effect, require a 2/3 majority approval of the students voting.

Changes include the following:
1) Redefining the structure of USG to include the Class Officers and the Case Engineering Council as subsidiaries of the USG.
2) USG shall act as a primary liaison between the students and the faculty, administration, and other appropriate groups.
3) USG reserves the sole right of change (with exception of CWRU's administration), to change the amount of the student activity fee to any value, pending the approval by the majority of the students voting in a referendum.
4) Including the title of Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Senator position.
5) Sets the general election to be held during the eighth week of the spring semester.
6) The Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian were defined to be non-voting members appointed by the USG from the student body.
7) Any representative missing more than two committee meetings at any given semester will go through attendance review. Excusable absences will be defined by the Executive Committee. Representatives may seek a proxy for the duration of the absence.
8) All meetings and committee meetings of the USG shall be open and public. Requires a 2/3 vote to declare itself in closed session.
9) If quorum is not present, USG may proceed with the meeting, but cannot initiate voting procedures until quorum is present.
10) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive Officers, Parliamentarian, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Academic Affairs committee is now listed as a standing committee. The President shall have the power of establish Ad Hoc committees. The Faculty Senator will have power to recommend, instead of nominate, students to serve on academic, administration, and other University committees. The duties of the Parliamentarian was defined to include assisting the General Assembly with parliamentary procedures and handle questions pertaining to the USG Constitution and its Bylaws.
11) By nature of job responsibilities, the Advisor to the USG will be appointed by the Director of Thwing Center. USG may seek additional advisors if necessary.
12) A referendum was defined to be a casting of votes by the undergraduate students of CWRU for effecting change of existing policy. Any petition signed by 20% of the student body must be held between five (5) and fifteen (15) class days after receiving the petition.
13) Include a Non-Discriminatory Clause prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or handicap in recruitment, admission to membership, or access thereof, or treatment in its programs and activities.

Attention Student Organizations, if you wish to place an advertisement on this page, either leave your ad in the Student Activities Office in Thwing by Tuesday or contact Mark Schag @ mas41.

C.U.B.S. (Case Undergraduate Biological Society)
Be an active member!
Contact (jrb) for more information.

CWRU 1st ANNUAL SPRINGFEST
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.

C.W.R Utown Meeting
LET'S TALK STUDENTS AND FACULTY SPEAK OUT ABOUT LEARNING AND TEACHING AT CWRU
FRIDAY JAN. 30
3:30-4:30 THWING BALLROOM
WANTED

ROOMMATE WANTED: Male or female to share 3 bdrm. house in Beachwood. Will consider pets. Furnished. $450/month includes utilities, available immediately. Call Chris at 514-7018 (evenings).

Be a business success before you graduate. Avon needs savvy sales reps. Call Gloria at 609-871-0542.

Student Ambassador Hosting Coordinator: Help administer the Friday Freshman program. Must have strong interpersonal and organizational skills. Wanna hear more? Contact Bob in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 8x6567 or e-mail rm3.

HELP WANTED — Men/ Women earn $375 weekly processing/assembling Medical J.D. Cards at home. Immediate openings, your local area. Experience unnecessary, will train. Call Medicard 1-541-386-5290 ext. 118M.


NEED A BREAK? LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT WAY TO EXPERIENCE COLLEGE? ARE YOU INTO HAVING WONDERFUL, NEW TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES? VISIT OR STUDY ABROAD IN ISRAEL. Learn about ways to visit or study abroad in Israel from the experts. Meet representatives from Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University, Haifa University, Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University and The World Zionist Organization. Thursday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. University Circle Arabica (upstairs). Please contact Hillel (231-0040) if you have any questions.

BEST HOTELS, LOWEST PRICES, ALL SPRING BREAK locations. Cancun, Jamaica, from $399, Florida, from $89, Texas, Mazatlan, Bahamas. Register your group or be our Campus Rep. 800-327-6013. www.icpt.com.

Beautiful Cleveland Hts. duplex located near Cedar/Lee, available immediately. 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Hardwood floors, newly remodeled kitchen with all appliances including washer/dryer and garage space plus additional parking. $925/month + dep. 656-6407 and 486-2291.

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Personal

ΑΞΔ loves its new members!
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ΑΞΔ: You win, I lose! Thanks for the chuckles.
Ani — the pack will miss you! We'll think of you every time we break open a fancy ketchup!
Love ya, Lib

Teresa — you are the greatest little! Xi love, Karen

Student

Ambassadors: the grooviest bunch on campus.

Hey, Monk: have you tried whirry tighties?

Phil Mu is Anjana.

Keystone XIV.

Φ Later loves our new pledges Erin, Vicky, Darah, Christen, Aleksandra, Maureen, Robyn, Mary, Stephanie, Laura, Amanda, Lauren, Patty and Debbie!!!

Phil Mu is Archana.

Sam. I'm so happy you decided to join! Xi love, your rosebud sister

Classies

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Operation Condor

Starring and directed by Jackie Chan

Saturday, January 31 at 7 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

My Fair Lady

Starring Audrey Hepburn

Coming Next Week:
Rosewood

Admission: $2.50 for members, $4.00 for non-members

UPB BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

UPB PRESENTS...
NATIONAL COMEDIAN
GEORGE WALLACE

Mon., Feb. 23
Strosacker Auditorium
Doors open 7:30 p.m.

You've seen him in movies like "Batman Forever" & "Punchline:" You've seen him on The Tonight Show & Late Night with David Letterman; You've heard him on Tom Joyner's national radio show...and now you can see him LIVE at CWRU!

Ticket Sales Start...

CWRU Undergrads:
Starts Tues., Feb. 9, 12 noon, Thwing Atrium, 5 3 ea (limit 2)
10am-4pm daily, UPB Office, Thwing Center

All CWRU I.D. Holders and extra tickets for Undergrads:
Starts Mon., Feb. 16, 10am-4pm, UPB Office, $7 ea

ALL TICKETS FOR CWRU I.D. HOLDERS $7 AT DOOR

CWRU FILM SOCIETY

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Phi Mu is Gopi.

Phi Mu is Christina.

Go, new members!

Love, ΑΞΔ

Phi Mu is Elisha.

Congratulations, Becky, Colleen, Sam and Stacey! — Xi love, B

Awesome Rush, ΑΦ!!!

Boxers or briefs?

ΦΜ ΦΜ ΦΜ ΦΜ ΦΜ

Great job to the sorority with the top GPA ... all 4 of them.

He's an ambassador, she's an ambassador, wouldn't you like to be an ambassador, too?

Phi Mu is Nan.

Nice shorts.

Keystone XIV.

Phi Mu loves our new phatly phabulous PHIS!!
Yay! My roomie's the president!
Go E. — B

AΦ Kate, great job as Rush Director!!!

Phi Mu is Heather.

Hot Damn, Becky, Colleen and Sam — I can’t wait to call you my sisters. Xi love, Sable

Give AXΩ your blood! Blood Drive Feb. 2-3 in Crawford 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Alpha Phi Omega — bad as we wanna be.

Dryer break again?

Phi Mu is Danielle.

AXΩ BLOOD DRIVE!! Feb. 2-3. Crawford 13. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Congrats to the new officers in ΑΞΔ! Hey Exec — it’s OVER! (Well, for some of us).

Hey, can you guess what color underwear we wear?

AΦ gives ivies to their 14 awesome pledges!!!

AXΩ welcomes the newest pearls in our lyre: Molly, Jennifer, Tayra, Kim, Suzanne, Beckie, Angie, Rima and Lisa. We love you!!

19th Annual Mr. CWRU — Feb. 7.

Classies

If these are yours, what are you wearing now?

Keystone XIV.

How do you climb the wall if you’re too short? You go up hand, hand, arm, arm ...

Chickens??

Alpha Chi Omega shines!!

Thanks for a great rush, Jill & Karen! Love, ΣΨ

ΑΦ — Pledgemom Katie is stupendous — ΑΦ

Happy Birthday, Tina!

STUDENT AMBASSADORS
ROCK THE HOUSE!!

Go, Teresa — you’ll be a kickass NMOC. Love, your roomie

Got to love those “chicks.”

Keystone XIV.

CASE, where the odds are good, but the goods are odd!

AXΩ new members rock!!!

We love you, Colleen, Becky, Stacey and Sam! Love, ΑΞΔ

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ΦΜ ΦΜ ΦΜ ΦΜ ΦΜ

Teresa, last week was “way cool”! I’m so glad we’re sisters. Maybe even twins!! Xi love and mine, Christine

Genevieve is a cool chickie.

Phi Mu is Vidya.

Quality ... not quantity!

Sam, Becky, Colleen and Stacey are neat-o keen chickies who make my day happy.

Eric’s got cool glow sticks.

Scotty rocks my world.

Got bent? Get bent!!!

Phi Mu is Becky.

Cruz is in da house, aw yeah!

Congratulations, Arn and Lisa! — ZBT

Which nuts are going to be around Eve’s neck?

Who wants some more smack???

Buy Classies now! Visit The Observer office in the basement of Thwing.

jobs are cool ... but not school.
Fun Page Photo of the Week

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Caution: Bare Spots

Turn in your pictures for the Fun Page Photo of the Week to The Observer office in the basement of Thwing. You'll get your name in the paper ... and that's pretty cool.

The Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Crib item
5. Evince
9. Colo., ski resort
14. Busy as —
15. Alt.
16. Sierra —
17. Put off
19. Sew loosely
20. Hunting dogs
21. Confounded
23. Ballad
24. Protected side
25. Salts
26. Cantile
29. Herbert's
30. "The —"
31. Footless
32. Dog doc
33. Palm trees
36. Fleur-de-
37. Uses logic
39. Malt beverage
40. Wood-turning tools
42. Cal. fort
43. Translation of a sort
44. Molasses' partner
46. Jason's lady
47. Rainbows
49. Consume
50. Corn unit
51. Rodcaps
53. Theplan
57. "I walked — with sorrow"
58. in a hurry
60. Gobs
61. Director Kazan
62. Virginia willow
63. Ingress
64. Pine board

DOWN
1. Skull and durance
2. Woodwind
3. Remainder
4. Tried
5. Lie
6. Barbarians
7. Person
8. Married
9. Cam. now
10. Puget Sound
11. Piece of mail
12. Register

Answers to Crossword on Page 15

13. Lacks
18. Fruit
22. Send back to a lower court
24. Divides
26. High
27. Samoan port
28. Letter addition
29. US agency
32. Evening star
34. Century plant
35. Botanical
36. Fleur-de-
37. Kinsman: abbr.
38. Big name in hockey
41. Fraud of sorts
43. Ground
45. Attached a door fastener
46. Sch. subj.
47. Quickly
48. Kind of holiday
50. Outward
52. Edelitch
53. Global area
54. Princely It.
55. Lane
56. Throne
57. "I walked — with sorrow"
58. in a hurry
59. Huzzah
60. Dido
9. Can. provo

Doonesbury

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Making my rounds, spreading the love!

We figured you coughed up nearly $4000 before the big "check up"? I don't forget it!

In fact, as nice as our proposed agreement with the states, we'll be picking up a small part of your medical costs. How about that, Bill?

Hey, Bill, it's me, Mr. Butler! Have I gone crazy?

I just dropped by to thank you for all the business during your life-long addiction to our fine products!

By the way, are you feeling any better?