Krzesinski and Oyster named to USG exec board

Two candidates disqualified for illegal use of mass e-mail lists while campaigning

By HELEN MUTH
News Editor

Last week, freshman and sophomore students and residence life staff received a mass e-mail about Snow Ball, a semi-formal dance organized by the class officers. In the announcement, students were referred to a website of Loren Taylor’s homepage where they could get more information. On the bottom of Taylor’s webpage was an announcement about Undergraduate Student Government (USG) run-off elections that encouraged students to vote for Taylor and Rita Yang in the election. According to the USG election commission, this was against USG bylaws and grounds for the disqualification of the two candidates. On Tuesday night, the USG General Assembly upheld the decision thus naming Katie Krzesinski president and Nathan Oyster vice president of development by default.

This is not the first time the USG elections has faced problems caused by mass e-mail lists. Last spring, the 1996-97 freshmen class officers used the freshman class mailing list to campaign for re-election. After much debate USG decided that the unprecedented e-mails were not against USG bylaws and at that time decided to add an amendment to the bylaws (section E. number 6) that states “Use of pre-existing nickname files, register lists or club/organization lists for campaign purposes is not allowed.” This was to make sure that those who have access to mass mailing lists would not have an advantage over those who do not.

However, the controversy surrounding the e-mail sent by the two class officers was not as clear cut as that. Taylor, a junior biomedical engineering major and candidate for USG president, actually e-mailed the election commission, Kasia Petelenz, asking, “Are we allowed to put campaign messages on our website over a mass mailing list? Petelenz approved stating, “It’s your privilege that isn’t specifically forbidden in the bylaws.”

However, the election commission decided that Taylor could not advertise the website over a mass mailing list. Petelenz said that a “partisan website was sent through a mass e-mail” and that was grounds for disqualification.

Taylor saw the matter differently, saying, “We were trying to be resourceful with the boundaries of the USG bylaws.” He continued, stating that the message, “Don’t Forget to Vote for Loren Taylor and Rita Yang in the USG Run-off election on Tues., Feb 10th,” was at the bottom of the webpage and less than nine percent of the actual text making it not a campaign homepage.

He also argued that another candidate was cited for posting flyers on garbage cans but was asked only to take the flyers down instead of being disqualified. Petelenz countered stating that posting “wasn’t against any formalized rules that were forbidden by campaign guidelines.”

Last Saturday Petelenz saw Taylor’s webpage, called him, and asked him to remove the election message from his webpage. Taylor complied but the election commission, a committee of five members, plus three associate members decided later that night to disqualify the two candidates. Taylor and Yang, candidate for vice president of development, were notified of the decision the next morning and decided to contest it.

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Man gets 15 years from failed clinic attack

FRESNO, CA — A man was sentenced to 15 years in prison Monday for trying to blow up an abortion clinic with a truck filled with tanks of propane and cans of gasoline. A small fire started, but there was no explosion and no one was hurt in the incident at the Family Planning Associates clinic in Bakersfield last March. Peer Howard, 44, pleaded guilty to attempted arson and use of an explosive device. Defense attorney Cyrus Zal, an abortion for whom once spent more than seven months in jail, blamed the bombing on Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. "When the Supreme Court took the issue of abortion away from the political process 25 years ago, this is the result," Zal said.

Cigarette executive testifies smoking is addictive

ST. PAUL, MN — The head of America's smallest cigarette company said Monday he turned against the tobacco industry because he "didn't want to have to go to court and lie" about smoking. Brett Leffow, chairman of the parent company of The Liggett Group, testified that he is convinced smoking is addictive and causes disease. Liggett settled lawsuits with the states last year in return for providing secret documents against its largest competitors. "These documents were telling me what I felt, had I known and it's about that time that somebody will stand up and say," Leffow testified.

Officer's retial reopens racial wounds

DETROIT, MI — In November 1992, two white police officers, Walter Budyn and Larry Nevers, were found guilty of second-degree murder for beating black motorist Martin Greene to death, a crime that raised racial tensions in the city. But a state judge overturned Budyn's conviction last year because jurors were shown the film Malcolm X during a break in their deliberations. Budyn's case came back to trial Tuesday. "A lot of people will be watching this very closely," said John Johnson, executive director of the Detroit branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Taiwan political party invited to China

TAIPEI, Taiwan — China has invited a Taiwanese political party to visit the Chinese mainland for meetings with top officials, leaders of Taiwan's pro-reunification New Party said Sunday. The invitation is believed to be the first of its kind since the Nationalists fled to Taiwan at the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949. Twenty-five members of the party are scheduled to leave tomorrow for China. They were to meet top officials responsible for Taiwan issues in hopes of resuming talks that have been suspended by Beijing, according to Peng Hu-tian, a New Party lawmaker.

Church leaders promote freedom

BEIJING, China — Americans church leaders opened an unprecedented visit Monday to promote religious freedom in China and to share the understanding with the Chinese government that "Christians are good citizens," Archbishop Theodore McCarrick of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark and Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, plan to meet with government officials and religious leaders in China during the 10-day trip. Chinese President Jiang Zemin invited religious leaders to visit China during his official trip to the United States in October.

Coalition support growing, Cohen says

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Defense Secretary William Cohen says that support for U.S. military action against Iraq is growing. Cohen said Tuesday there is "a real coalition" building both inside and outside the Persian Gulf for airstrikes to综合实力 for Iraq's refusal to allow inspections of suspected weapons sites. Speaking with reporters on route to meetings with leaders of this southern Gulf emirate, Cohen pointed to support from Canada, Australia and Oman as evidence of backing for America's stand. U.S. military commanders in the Persian Gulf say they will have more than enough firepower to handle any contingency that Gulf emirate. Cohen pointed to support from Canada, Australia and Oman as evidence of backing for America's stand. U.S. military commanders in the Persian Gulf say they will have more than enough firepower to handle any contingency. "When the Supreme Court took the issue of abortion away from the political process 25 years ago, this is the result," Zal said.

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CSE announces the merger of three departments
Department will be the Electrical, Systems, Computer Engineering and Science Department

By TINA WANG
Assistant News Editor

Next semester the computer engineering and science, electrical engineering and applied physics; and systems, control and industrial engineering departments will merge into one large interdisciplinary department. The move, passed unanimously this past Tuesday by the Board of Trustees, will gather the disciplines under a new department titled the Electrical, Systems, Computer Engineering and Science Department. The establishment of the new department is guided by the principle that programs, not departments, must be the focus of our investments towards excellence.

Jim Wagner, Dean of the Case School of Engineering, commented Case School of Engineering (CSE) Dean Jim Wagner, "is guided by the principle that programs, not departments, must be the focus of our investments towards excellence.

The merger is meant to create a "stronger entity" within the university, and to give the disciplines the means to strengthen their programs.

The individual programs will be kept intact as students within the engineering programs affected by the merger can still expect to see electrical engineering or computer engineering written on their diploma. Furthermore, none of the accredited engineering programs will lose their accreditation through the merger.

What will change is the administrative structure of the departments. A unified administration and budget will be developed for the three departments as a whole, simplifying administrative processes that each department would have otherwise had to manipulate on its own. The faculty and laboratory resources from the individual departments will be pulled together, creating a larger and stronger department. The overall effect of the merger on the departments is the creation of a department that will have "more presence on the national scene," said Dr. Frank Merai, associate professor of electrical engineering.

Duplicate courses among the disciplines will be removed, creating space for more departmental elective and graduate courses from which students can choose. The courses required for graduation, however, will remain the same in each program. According to Howard Chizeck, chair of electrical engineering, 'Every attempt will be made to minimize the impact of the (merger) on students.'

The concentration of the different disciplines in one department will lead to better laboratories for the students by pooling together the resources and coordinating the labs among the programs. Much of the most interesting research occurs in interdisciplinary areas, and the merging will lead to increased joint research ventures among the electrical, computer and systems engineering faculty. The different disciplines can work as a whole to solve problems as one giant department.

Merging the computer, electrical and systems engineering departments together is not a new concept. Many schools combine the electrical and computer engineering programs into one department such as Carnegie Mellon University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Systems is found under electrical engineering at most schools; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, for example, has systems, computer and electrical combined into one department. "Very, very few schools have all three programs as separate entities," noted Chizeck.

Separating the three disciplines into different departments has actually hurt the reputation of the programs by making each program seem smaller and less endowed when compared to the multi-disciplined departments in other universities. The departmental merger at CWRU will increase the number of faculty in the department to the mid-thirties after additional hires take place, bringing the faculty population on par with the national average. The merger will actually enable the larger combined faculty to offer a superior department in the nation Chizeck said. In the past, the departments were also hurt because they could not bring in faculty who held positions at other schools due to the separated departments. The new combined department will attract these interdisciplinary people who "will be the glue for the new department," Chizeck said.

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Legendary bluesman to be honored in September

By SANTINA PROTOPAPA
Features Editor

Legendary blues guitarist Robert Johnson will be honored this September in the third annual American Music Masters Series co-sponsored by the CWRU American Studies Program and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

Robert Johnson on My Trail. Johnson & the Blues: a series of events, will take place September 21-27 with public programs and concerts, many free, at the Rock and Roll Museum; a day-long conference on Johnson's legacy on campus; and two tribute concerts at the Odeon and Severance Hall showcasing well-known, accomplished artists who have been influenced by Johnson's life and work.

Few facts are available on Johnson's personal life. Only two photographs of him are known to exist, one of which is on display at the Rock Hall. He was a loner who was notorious for his charm with young women, as he played a string of juke joints, country picnics and street corners. Johnson's performances were characterized by his unmatched intensity and style in his original songs about shady women, nights of terror and walking with the devil.

Johnson died mysteriously at the age of 27. He recorded only 29 songs, but according to experts, his songs constitute some of the most astonishing, influential bodies of work to which any blues artist has ever contributed. Some of Johnson's most memorable songs include "Hellhound On My Trail," "Sweet Home Chicago," "Just My Broom," "Crossroad Blues," "Walking Blues" and "Come On In My Kitchen."

In 1986, Johnson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's inaugural class in the early influence category.

"Of all the early influences inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Robert Johnson might well be the most influential," explained Robert Santelli, director of education for the Rock Hall.

Santelli said Johnson's guitar work, vocals and stereotypical rock and roll 'attitude' (before rock and roll actually existed) helped shape an entire generation of British and American artists including Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, Jeff Beck and Duane Allman. Some of these artists are slated to be invited to the culminating Severance Hall tribute concert on Sunday, September 27.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences John Bassett said, "I think (American Music Masters) is a nice opportunity for the university to work with the Rock Hall. It also gives visibility to the American Studies Program, which is nice."

"It's nice to be able to reach out to the community [with the conference] and make something different available to students at the same time," said Bassett.

To learn more about Johnson, check out Robert Johnson: The Complete Recordings (Columbia/Legacy), a reissue of his recordings which reached number 80 on the Billboard Pop charts, won a Grammy and has sold more than one million copies to date. In Santelli's new book The Best of the Blues: The 101 Essential Albums, he describes the release as "the most essential of all blues CDs because it contains the greatest blues ever recorded."
**Student Voices**

**What is your opinion of the death penalty?**

**Karolyn Krems, freshman engineering major**

"There are some crimes that warrant a severe punishment but I think that it's very difficult for a judge and jury to make a decision that affects the person's life itself."

**Melanie Ferstman, junior religion major**

"I think the death penalty is valid. Capital punishment dates to the beginning of time. The list of famous people convicted to die seems virtually endless. Arguments on the death penalty take many forms. Many in favor of the penalty claim it deters felons who do not take seriously the threat of a prison sentence. Advocates also claim that it is the only penalty that can reflect the gravity of murder, and it prevents murderers from ever striking again. Life imprisonment, proponents believe, can be a harsher penalty than death that is cheaper than execution. Those in favor of abolishing capital punishment claim that there is no rigorous evidence that it deters criminals any more than life imprisonment. Opponents also say that often in the past the death penalty was discriminatory against the poor and minorities and even by region of trial. For example, Lewis Katz, professor of legal studies, said, "Traditionally, people in this part of the state have been charged with capital murder more so than people in other parts of the state." Sentencing a person to death prevents the possible rehabilitation of the offender into a useful part of society. Anti-death penalty supporters claim that the punishment brings the state down to the level of the criminal and that the violence that it uses breeds further violence. They uphold that the punishment may distort criminal law and sensitize trials.

The penalty allegedly creates a risk of executing an innocent person. Jonathan Entin, professor of law and political science, had a first hand experience with such a case. "When I was practicing law during the 1980s, I helped to represent a man who came within 14 hours of being executed for a crime he did not commit." The history of capital punishment in the United States begins with its use in England, where it was the punishment for all felonies. By the end of the 18th century, over 150-200 persons were executed since the early 1960s. However, an execution is scheduled for early March yet no one has been executed since the early 1960s. Nevertheless, no one has been executed since the early 1960s. However, an execution is scheduled for early March yet many doubt that it will be held since questions exist concerning the person's mental competency. But according to Katz, "The first [criminal] is likely to be executed this year or next, at the latest. It seems once there is one, the floodgates may open."

The death penalty in the United States creates a gray issue. "Certain crimes are so heinous that the death penalty obviously seems appropriate to a majority of legislators and the American people regardless of the deterrence issue," Katz said. Yet, doubts still exist as to whether it really serves society and justice. Entin said, "I am skeptical about whether capital punishment is necessary to serve justice. I understand the arguments in favor of capital punishment, but I am not really persuaded by them. I believe that people who commit serious crimes should be punished severely, but I believe that life imprisonment without parole is a very severe punishment."
Mr. CWRU contest raises over $1600

By JASON ARING
Staff Reporter

Last Saturday night CWRU men competed for the honor of being crowned Mr. CWRU in the Mr. CWRU competition held by Sigma Psi (ΣΨ). The theme for this year’s competition, in its 19th year, was “Looking for the Next 007.” Sixteen men from various residence halls, student groups and Greek organizations competed for the coveted title. Zoe Poirier, a senior anthropology major and member of ΣΨ served as master of ceremonies for the event. Keith Hovey, a junior nursing major sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega, was given the title of Mr. CWRU for 1998.

Contestants first competed in three appearance categories: a costume that represented their sponsor in some way, beach wear and formal wear. Audience members watched as contestants paraded in various costumes, including a boy scout, a Blues Brother, bulldozer and zebra. “We were slightly shocked by the lack of clothing that the boys wore, but it did provide entertainment,” said sophomore mechanical engineering major Wendy Robinson and organizer of Mr. CWRU.

Next, judges picked ten contestants to compete in the second round in the talent portion of the competition. The audience was entertained by acts such as poetry reading, a Michael Jackson impersonation and a strip tease. The most original routine came from Paul Kuester of Phi Kappa Psi, for his James Bond production, and so Taft won the Winter Carnival, upsetting Hitchcock’s winning streak; a streak that began when the Winter Carnivals started. Taft finished the carnival with 82 points; two points ahead of Hitchcock. Third place went to Sherman, who obtained 40 points, and Storrs finished fourth with 32 points, a hair’s worth over Norton’s 30 points.

Hitchcock was still very upbeat, despite the end of an amazing streak. “The deal isn’t really winning,” said Kevin Roach, a senior mechanical engineering major and Hitchcock hall council president. “The best thing is that it gets a lot of people involved. Win or lose, it was a lot of fun. Right now, there’s nothing that forces people in the dorms together like the Winter Carnival.”

Residence halls should take note next year when Winter Carnival week rolls around. “I expect next year’s participation to be better,” said junior biomedical engineering major and Hitchcock hall council president. “The best thing is that it gets a lot of people involved. Win or lose, it was a lot of fun. Right now, there’s nothing that forces people in the dorms together like the Winter Carnival.”

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Would you like to be involved in shaping the campus events for next year? If so, come to the UPB planning meeting this Monday for more information.

UPB Events!

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UPB Elections in March...get involved & help plan the biggest events on campus...
watch for more details next week!
CWRU students from Geneva High School (above) joined 27 other Ohio high schools Friday, January 30 in the Civil Engineering department sponsored Model Bridge Building Competition. Adam Hruska, of Jefferson Area High School, won Best Design; Benjamin Stevens, Seth DeRose and Eric McGraw of Huron High School won Best Stiffness/Weight; Nancy Hinnensteelo of Strongsville High School won Best Strength/Weight; and Betsy Walker of Toronto High School won Best Report.

Another idea is the addition of a traffic roundabout at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and East Boulevard. The roundabout would allow for easier turns and would create an "entrance to University Circle" which would lead to CWRU, Wade Lagoon, Severance Hall and the Cleveland Museum of Art.

While work will be done to make Euclid Avenue safer, planners also want to beautify the street. Possible ideas include tables and chairs set up on the front of Thwing Center and temporary displays on the sidewalks in front of the Kelvin Smith Library. There's also talk of a Severance Hall coffee shop in the space that will be available when the Key Note restaurant is relocated and adding a children's park outside of the women's center. Also, plans are being made to improve the sidewalks in front of the University East Building (shopping complex between Cornell Avenue and Mayfield Road). By rearranging some of the greenery, UCI hopes to make enough room that Einstein Brothers Bagels can set up tables outside.

While some pieces of the proposed changes may occur this year, the project should happen within the next two to three years. Right now planners are working out technical details. Gleisser believes that funding for the overall project would come from a variety of sources, including federal, state and city funds, as well as support from area institutions.

Gleisser hopes to make Euclid Avenue more "walkable." He wants UCI, blessed with so many museums and learning institutions to be a "place you will remember."
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USG made the right call

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) elections spurred a sizable amount of controversy this past week. Two candidates for executive office, Loren Taylor and Rita Yang, were disqualified from the run-off elections that were to be held between the top two vote-getters for two of the executive positions. Taylor and Yang were disqualified of a violation.

The decision to disqualify, made by the USG election commission, should have been overturned. Much of the debate centered around whether including a web address in an e-mail was the same as actually including election or campaign information within the body of the e-mail. Based upon the discussion at the meeting, the bylaws probably could be clearer, taking into account some of the ambiguous situations that have occurred or could occur. That, however, is a topic for the future.

We certainly do not mean to imply that Loren Taylor and Rita Yang purposely violated the USG bylaws in order to gain an advantage in the election. Indeed, it is especially regrettable that individuals had to be disqualified when they may not have realized that they were in violation. But rules must be enforced, and that is what members of USG did — no matter how difficult it may have been for them personally.

Letters

We're here for you

To the Editor:

We would like to formally congratulate Katie Krzesinski on becoming USG President and Nathan Oyster on becoming Vice President of Development. They are highly qualified and well undoubtedly serve their positions well. We would also like to commend Kasia Petelina for performing well in fulfilling a very difficult position as the USG Election Commissioner. Despite all the drama that resulted from what had originally been a simple attempt for resourceful and legitimate campaigning, many positive things should result from this occurrence.

It is our hope that the student body will identify practices of the USG that they don’t agree with, and actively effect change. Such issues include: Why didn’t USG representatives take the disqualification issue to their constituents to truly represent them? Are USG representatives representing the constituents in their residence halls, or are they representing themselves? Is it practical (or necessary) for USG to prohibit the use of e-mails in election campaigns without creating a problem of ambiguity?

We would like to send a big THANK YOU to all of those who stuck by us throughout the entire ordeal. Even though we will not have official titles, we encourage you to continue to use us as resources for effecting change on this campus, because we’re not going anywhere!

We’ll see you at the Snow Ball!

Loren Taylor and Rita Yang

Undergraduate Students

Don't ignore racism

To the Editor:

We would like to respond to Michelle R. Smith’s column in last week’s (2/6/98) edition of The Observer. Having lived in the South our whole lives, we are not surprised at the fact that racism still exists at CWRU, but that people are shocked to find that it can exist. There is a misconception that racism is prevalent in only certain parts of the country, and not in Cleveland. In fact, racism is just as present here in Cleveland as anywhere else in the nation.

You might not see any crosses burning here, but racism manifests itself in a variety of manners. Deep down inside, everybody harbors racist ideas, whether they be outright hatred or subtle stereotyping. The key to overcoming these sentiments is to confront them directly and not try to deny them. Open forums confronting racism are a good first step, but they are not anywhere near a solution. Each person should take the initiative to confront their own personal feelings towards race and make an individual effort to overcome them. The only way to make a significant change in the whole is for every individual to make a personal effort towards being more open-minded. It is unfortunate that we live in a place where such diversity abounds, but if we don’t take advantage of that diversity, then it is wasted. Racism is a tragedy, but the greater tragedy is if the problem ignored.

Summerpal Kahlon and Vikas Singh

Undergraduate Students
The World According to Noah E. Webster

Class is pointless, painful

The second semester is in full swing now. It is February, and the days are running into the days of old; long, drab, dreary and without cheer. How did we put up with it last semester? What kept us going? Who turned that frown upside down? (No, it was not Lionel Richie City.) It was the infamous Doc Oc.

Doc turned a class I had no desire to take, CHEM 111, into something interesting. He kept us going when the going got tough; he taught us everything we could learn in such a short amount of time; he tried his hardest to be the best professor he could be. And you know what? He did it. He is, was, and always will be the best of the best.

And then there is ENGR 145. Yes, that evil class returned. Not only is it twice on Monday, short on credit hours and confusing as hell, but it is also a GPA killer. Yes, the first test of the semester reared its ugly head last Monday, and my was it ugly. Five questions. 20 points each. Four more tests just like it. 25 unjustified questions, to be exact.

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I don't know anyone who walked out of that test feeling good. Now, with CHEM 111, you could walk out and say, "Hey, that test was really tough, but it was fair and with partial credit I think I can do OK." Not here my friends. The only thing that you can say about this test is "OUCH!"

Five questions. Five impossible questions. Question one had no numbers. It was also a type of problem we had never done in class. Oh, he mentioned it in theory and did do the only exception of it, but that really does not help us on a test, now does it?

Question two could have been answerable. After all, it was material we had covered in lecture and done observation. However, it was expected that you knew molecular formulas and their names, something we have never really covered in CHEM 111. And ENGR 145, or were told that we would need to know for the test.

Moving on to question three. Possibly the only question I could have gotten partial credit on. But then it was followed up with question four, which helped convince me otherwise.

Finally, question five. I am not going to touch this one with a 40-foot pole. So, I could have totally, and most likely, bombed this test. I can't wait for the next one. Prof. Mathiesen attempted to model this class after Doc Oc's class. The only difference is the material. Yet in no way do I feel like I am back in Doc Oc's class.

The fun is not there. Neither is the learning. Because I still don't know what we are doing. And neither does anyone else. Hopefully Prof. Mathiesen will drop us a warning before the next test, so at least advise me to bring a blindfold and my last words before I stand in front of the firing squad. Last year this class was taught by Doc Oc; this year it is a suicide mission. Chemical engineers and biomedical engineers don't learn what they need for next year. Others don't even get to use it as a GPA booster. So, is anyone getting anything out of this class? I certainly don't think so. Well, that's my opinion anyway.

Mr. President, I hate to bother you, but I would like to dignify this woman by kindly telling us her name.

When CNN's Wolf Blitzer asks Clinton, "Mr. President, do you have anything to say about Monica Lewinsky and her family," the reply is a chuckle and "That's a good one." So-called tabloid television shows have been dragging out piece after piece of Lewinsky's past. Videos of her in school plays, Interviews with celebrity classmates in which off the cuff character assessments were made. Even so-called mainstream media outlets insist on characterizing her, in one way or another, as another twist in Clinton's marital infidelity.

Where are the feminists? Why are they not defending Ms. Lewinsky in any capacity? And why are they not questioning the ethics and behavior of Bill Clinton?

It would seem as though they should. The argument goes, Clinton is not a stud, and not a pervert. It would seem that propriety of the White House work environment is thrown into question when the President carries out an affair with an unpaid intern. A student, married, and less than half his age. It would seem that Mr. Clinton is exacting unfair and undue emotional toll on his wife and daughter. Adultery is not a vic­timless act, and in this case, the victims are the women of his life. Mrs. Clinton may have experience and television cameras on her side, but Chelsea does not.

Feminists conspicuous by their silence

Issue advocacy has never been a matter of personal issues. Activists do not sit back and listen to their opponents' finer points and then proceed to make a stand on these points. Advocacy involves taking an unwavering stand and advancing it by forcefully stating that 1) the state of affairs is unfair, unjust and immoral and 2) this is how things can be better.

For over a century the feminist movement has followed this pattern diligently. There are no excuses for suffrage that isn't universal. Rape is a crime and no, she never asked for it. Abortion isn't one-third of a right, or even two-thirds of a right, but a full constitutional right. The workplace is not a playground for men in superior positions looking to satisfy their libidos. And among sexually active individuals, men are not "studs" and women are not "sluts."

There is one modern addendum to this list, however. When dealing with a sitting Democratic president, you're on your own, honey. Monica Lewinsky has been thrown out to the wolves, and everyone knows it. "I did not have sexual relations with that woman."
USG Weekly News

The General Assembly began the meeting by suspending the order of the day and inaugurating a new commuter rep. The bills S-3-98 and S-4-98 were passed. Check the USG office to see if your group was funded. Congratulations to Katie Kresinski and Nate Oyster the new president and vice president of development of the undergraduate student government.

USG Announcements

Next USG Meeting - Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00pm in Thwing Center.
Student Leadership Awards - Nominations are due by Friday February 20. Turn them in to the Activities Office in Thwing Center.
Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact...
Todd Palumbo - President (tnp)
Katie Kresinski - VP of Development (kxkl0)
Jenni Corniello - VP of Finance (jcc3)
Rebecca Kaczmarowski - VP of Academic Affairs (rlk8)

The African Students Organization Presents...

PARTY AFRIQUE
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20, 1998
9:30pm-1:00am
Rough Rider Room in Carlton Commons
Tickets are on sale in the USG Office
CWU Undergrads
Others
For additional information call

CWL BALLROOM DANCE SOCIETY PRESENTS...

DOLLAR$ AND $ENSE
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19, 1998
7:00 PM
HATCH AUDITORIUM
"PRACTICAL TIPS ON HOW TO MANAGE YOUR FINANCES AND DEBT AFTER GRADUATION"
DESSERT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
Contact Lisa @ Madan2@aol.com or visit the web page!

CR WEEK
Sponsored by the College Republicans
February 16th - 21st
Join the College Republicans in
Monday-"Conservative Coming Out Day"
Tuesday- "Round Table Discussion"
Wednesday- "Bill and Hillary Suck Day"
Thursday- "Nuts about Regan Day"
Saturday- CR GALA
Contact Brabham @ x1966 for more info.

Attention Seniors...

Class of 1998
We need your silly/class/fun photos for the Class of 1998 Slide Show which will be presented at the Senior Banquet.
Turn in photos before Monday, March 2nd in 114 Baker Building

Kick Off E-Week with Volleyball

February 22
Adelbert Gym
Sign up by Feb.20th in Crawford

E Week
Designers wanted
National Engineering Week 1998
February 22 - 27

Contact vjh for more information

AFRICAN AMERICAN SOCIETY
5TH Annual cultural dinner
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27, 1998
6:30pm-12:00am
TWING BALLROOM
Tickets are on sale in the USG Office
CWU Undergrads
Others
For additional information call

Last Lecture Series
Professor Joseph Prabul
Chair of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Thursday, February 26th at 4:30pm
Thwing 1914 Lounge

Visit our web site at http://www.cwru.edu/orgs/usg/usg.html
**Orpheus descends on Eldred this weekend**

By STEVE HIGGINBOTHAM

Theater Critic

CWRU's Department of Theater Arts continues its mainstage drama series with *Orpheus Descending,* a lyric drama by Tennessee Williams. This story of a haunting love affair is set in the violent atmosphere of a small southern town in the 1950s, and the tragic tale recounts the trials and tribulations of a strong willed Italian immigrant (Lady) and a town newcomer (Val).

In discussing why she chose this particular drama to direct, Catherine Albers, Associate Professor of Theater Arts, said, "Although this is a difficult play to put on, it is one that I have always wanted to do. I just love Tennessee Williams' Sid, and his play offers wonderful work for the actors. Even the small roles are juicy and offer action to do." I feel like I have something to say about this text. I would direct Streetcar [N'eaum Dese] because I have nothing to say about it that hasn't already been beautifully produced. Here, I feel like I have another viewpoint to offer. This is not a play about a Southern drifter who comes to a small town, falls in love with a married woman, and they both die at the end. If you take the soap opera out of it, the text is a tribute to what it means to be different," Albers said.

Theater arts major Benjamin Needham has designed the set as part of his Senior Honors Projects study in theatrical design. Lighting design is provided by faculty member Russ Boris, with costume design by M.F.A. candidate Teresa James-Pietrzik. Under the reputable direction of Albers, the cast incorporates the talents CWRU's finest graduate actors, undergraduate students, alumni and faculty. The cast includes graduate students Kate Jay (Lady), Greg Sanders (Val), Dave Prydrychowski (Sheriff), Steve Horvat (David), and Tyler Posma (Carol),

undergraduates David Eshelman (Assistant Director), Zac Crofford (Stage Manager), Rachel Goldberg (Assistant Stage Manager) and others provide further foundation to the cast and crew. The nurse role is played with experience by alumna Laura Stitt and CWRU's highly regarded Modern Dance Professor Kelly Holt can be seen in the sister role of Jabe Torrance.

Albers urges the audience to, "Come for the beauty and poetry of Williams' wonderful text. He once said that, 'Words are a net to see Orpheus, page 14"

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**NewsRadio** is the next great sitcom

By KABIR BHATIA

Staff Reporter

If video killed the radio star, then television is about to meet the Internet.

As you might think about it, the only conceivable explanation I have for NBC's sapping of "NewsRadio," perhaps the finest sitcom on the network. While shows like "The Single Guy," "Veronica's Closet" and "Boston Common" have provided an under-appreciated sitcom on the network. While shows like "The Single Guy," "Veronica's Closet" and "Boston Common" have provided an under-appreciated sitcom on the network.

The station's owner, Jimmy James (Stephen Root), is a wealthy eccentric whose on-again-off-again girlfriend, Lisa Miller (Maura Tierney) is Dave's outrageous secretary. His on-again-off-again girlfriend, Lisa Miller (Maura Tierney) is Dave's outrageous secretary. His on-again-off-again girlfriend, Lisa Miller (Maura Tierney) is Dave's outrageous secretary. His on-again-off-again girlfriend, Lisa Miller (Maura Tierney) is Dave's outrageous secretary. His on-again-off-again girlfriend, Lisa Miller (Maura Tierney) is Dave's outrageous secretary.

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In fact, the characters themselves provide much of the show's humor. Lines are transformed from merely funny to hilarious when spoken by the right character. For example, consider this exchange in which Mr. James tries to talk Beth out of buying stock:

Mr. James: "C'mon, I'm serious here Beth — you can buy stocks and make your money any more. This is just some of the many great lines from the show, yet viewer response continues to elude it. Each week, "NewsRadio" ranks below the top 40 shows, and to date it has received just one Emmy nomination for "Outstanding Costume Design." However, industry insiders love the show's blend of eccentric characters and clever humor: Janice Garofalo, Dennis Miller, John Ritter, Tone Loc and Toddy Hux, Bebe Neuwirth (Lilith from "Cheers"), George Hamilton, Norm MacDonald, Bob Costas, James Caan, Ben Stiller, Chuck D, George Lindsey (Gooner on "Andy Griffith"), Jon Stewart and Jerry Seinfeld have all appeared on "NewsRadio." This alone is a stunning testament to the quality of "NewsRadio," and I urge anyone looking for well-written, well-acted comedy to tune in at 8:30 p.m. Do it now, before NBC executives begin their scheming again.
Wellness Week to feature educational programs

By ILIAN BANDARANAYAKE Assistant Features Editor

With busy academic, athletic and extra-curricular schedules, many CWRU students do not take care of themselves like they should. People know that they should eat healthy foods at the dining halls but a lot of people make the mistake of choosing the low-fat vegetarian dinner option. During exam time, students may use their normal eating habits to cram in extra studying. Some people do manage to breeze through the semester staying academically and physically fit, but for the rest of us, Wellness Week is coming to CWRU to lend a hand.

Wellness Week was first suggested by Laura Shoemaker, a graduate student, Residence Director of Smith House and Assistant for Leadership Development.

Shoemaker is one of the organizers for this program as an undergraduate at the University of Michigan. The event was actually a sorority program that she realized could be successful on a larger scale like the CWRU campus. Last November, Shoemaker worked through Residence Life to get together a group of about 15 students from different majors to form the Wellness Week Central Planning Team. She sent out e-mail to the Residence Life staff, worked through the American Wellness Week program, offered in Wade World for those people concerned about physical fitness. The committee took a survey of students' interests and the health topics that appeared most often are those which will be represented in the Wellness Week programs.

The first event of the week, entitled "Low Fat at Leutner and Fribley," focuses on nutrition. On Monday, the dinner menu at the dining halls will feature healthy, low fat options. The next event will take place on Monday at 7 p.m. and will focus on voterism. A panel of representatives from the community will gather in the Guilford living and dining rooms to talk about the volunteer opportunities available in the community through the Cleveland Free Clinic, AmeriCorps and other establishments.

On Tuesday at 7 p.m., there will be an interactive program with demonstrations on traditional massage, Raki and meditation/yoga techniques. The goal of this program is to promote total mind, body and spiritual wellness.

Wellness Week's program focuses on health care careers and involves a panel of repre-...
GodheadSilo’s Share the Fantasy is the most anticipated album of the year. These nutty members of Sub Pop Records are carrying on the label’s tradition of providing experimental music for the masses. They have a great deal of musical integrity and creativity. They are a gem in the sea of commercial radio bands. Put simply: these guys rock!

There is absolutely nothing normal about godheadSilo. First, there are only two guys in the band — a drummer and bassist. Second, Dan and Mike are from North Dakota. Third, they are one of the truly talented bands, with a sense of humor to match. Despite their minimal personnel, godheadSilo will easily destroy your stereo, if you’re not careful. Your ears will ring for days after hearing the melodic onslaughts on Share The Fantasy. Their music can be compared to a loud radio being played over the vast terrain of North Dakota — intense, yet accompanied by a sense of emptiness.

Most anyone would likely glance over this CD after seeing the cover art. It is a completely tongue-in-cheek rendition of a common scene found on many covers of metal bands in the early ’80s. The painting is a couple of warriors being led by a pair of white stallions across a snowy, mountainous landscape. In fact, the title above the cover nor are the song titles are representative of godheadSilo’s music. These guys make heavy, groovy, loud music. Silly songs such as “Friend Island,” “Bumson Over The Junson” and “Home Crop Home” are merely camouflage for the fierce intensity they are possessed with.

The aforementioned “Friend Island” is a short, punkish tune that contains a bass/drum assault; the product of gangs of vigilante sound vandals smashing their amps with silver sledgehammers.

The songs are characterized by widely distorted (but catchy) vocals, immeasurable cymbal abuse and heavy bass. Though the singing is one of their strengths, they keep its usage to a minimum. They are much more concerned with the powerful capabilities of repetitive rhythms. They can morph a simple note into numerous forms — providing it with unpredictable emotions and variant volumes. It’s as if all their prescription drugs kicked in at the same time, pulling their minds in different directions.

Their music can be utterly beautiful, like “Braincloud.” This is an orchestra of resonating bass, bongos and whispering voices. Eventually, they fade in to the pressures, increasing the heavi ness while retaining the same raucous melody. This album is about contrasts; between the crashing drums, bullying bass, energized vocals and the soulful anthems. They shine as one on Share The Fantasy.

Ryan’s Rating: 5

THE REPLACEMENT KILLERS

The Replacement Killers is yet another attempt to make an action movie that is more than just action. There’s only so much you can do with guns and blood, though, and The Replacement Killers is an undeniably successful action flick with a lot of excess baggage.

John Lee (Chow Yun-Fat) is an assassin for some sort of Chinese mob boss, Mr. Wei, whose grandson was killed by a cop during a drug bust. Mr. Wei is very serious about the revenge business, so the cop who killed his grandson will pay by watching his own son die. John is a 22-year-old boy, so he becomes the target of Wei’s vengeance. Now he needs to return to China so that he can protect his mother and sister from Wei’s people. He turns to a former掩盖ed Meg (Mira Sorvino) for a fake passport. The bad guys are not far behind, so the two grudgingly become partners in order to escape. Wei calls in two replacement killers to take care of John and the job he left unfinished.

If you think this sounds a bit confusing, you don’t know the half of it. It’s not even clear in which country their confrontation takes place. I think it’s in some big city in the U.S. (New York?), but John frequently visits a friend at a secluded Buddhist temple. Geography isn’t the only puzzle. Somehow, Wei knows John’s father (I think he’s dead, they never say) is using this connection to bring small John into working for him. To top it all off, the very German Jurgen Prochnow (Das Boot, Dune, Air Force One) looks rather out of place working for the Chinese mob.

Chow Yun-Fat has been hyped as sort of a Jackie Chan with guns, but this isn’t going to be his big jump from Hong Kong to Hollywood. I wasn’t really impressed. I couldn’t figure out what made him such a good assassin except for a magical ability to cause the bad guys to stand still so he could shoot them. Mira Sorvino does a pretty good job in her action debut, but she comes off more like one of the “Friends” with a gun and a bad attitude than a true action hero. Everyone else is pretty much either running or shooting or both.

It’s no coincidence that a pulsing soundtrack dominates the movie. Rookie director Antoine Fuqua’s only previous experience was directing the video for Coolio’s “Gangsta’s Paradise,” and you can see the influence of MTV in almost every scene. Fuqua sets up shots because they look nice, but really has a hard time piecing them together.

The Replacement Killers is very obviously a freshme movie whose target audience has an attention span of six minutes. Plenty of attention is devoted to lighting and camera angles, but the things that would have made the movie interesting, like the contradiction of a Buddhist assassin, are left as afterthoughts in throwaway dialogue. Instead of pulling me into the story, these distractions just provided a pause so that everyone could relax.
Euclid Tavern, 11629 Euclid Avenue, 229-7788. Sun., 8 p.m. — BCRC, Lee Harvey Skawald, Swing Heil, The Suburbanite and The Fundamentals. Thurs., 9 p.m. — Zuba, $5.


to catch beauty,” and this thought serves this play well. I think that the vivid images will entertain and move the audience. They will go away with things to think about. I just hope that they come with the same acceptance and realism that Tennessee Williams puts into his characters.”

So, if you are in the mood for some drama that will definitely make you think, I suggest that you descend onto Eldred Theatre this weekend for the opening of Orpheus Descending. Performance dates include February 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 8:00 p.m., with two matinees on February 15 and 22 at 2:30 p.m. General admission is $9, with discounted prices of $7 for adults 60+ and university personnel, and $5 for students.

Eldred Theater is located in University Circle at 2070 Adelbert Road (behind Mills Science Center). For ticket reservations or further information, call the Theater Arts box office at 368-6262.

**SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING**

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CWRU hosts first ever indoor track meet

By JENNIFER BARTO
Assistant Sports Editor

CWRU held its first ever indoor track meet last Friday, February 6 challenging teams from John Carroll University, Hiram College and Oberlin College. The meet was non-scoring, meaning that individual places were kept, but overall team scores were not. It also means that "unattached" people could enter the meet unaffiliated with any particular team.

"The meet was a lot of fun," said junior nursing student Bridget Lau. "It was pretty exciting having our first indoor meet."

Senior Alan Petters dominated the meet in every event he entered. Petters took first in the 55 meter hurdles with a lightning quick time of 7.3 seconds. He then leaped into first place with a 6.42 meter jump in the long jump competition, a full .3 meters ahead of the second place finisher. He added another first place finish in the list when he went 13.14 meters in the triple jump.

Coming in second to give the Spartans a one-two finish was freshman Tim Calvin, going 12.27 meters in the triple jump upset. Spartan freshman Patrick Cole placed first running the 1500 meter event in 4:11.4 seconds. He edged out his competitor by .2 seconds to capture the win.

Like Coles, freshman Tom Kauffman beat his competition by .2 seconds to earn a first place finish in the 800 meter event.

Sophomore Carmen Brabham was the lone first place finisher for the Spartan women. Brabham won the 3000 meter event with a time of 11:06.4.

The First Annual CWRU Invitational was the second meet of this season for the indoor track team. On January 31, the team traveled to Denison University, for the North Coast Athletic Conference meet. At that meet the men placed sixth out of nine teams and the women placed eighth out of nine teams.

"I think that the meet was a good way to see how much young talent the team actually has. I think there will be a lot of people on the team who will have the potential to compete at nationals," said senior women's captain Rebecca Webster. "This is the year where we have the ability to build a strong foundation for the future."

Tonight the team travels to Baldwin Wallace College for their third meet.

Hoopsters ready to spark in final countdown

By ARUN SUBRAMANIAN
Staff Reporter

The Spartan men's basketball team dropped sixty no-confidence points Saturday night to the Big Red of Denison University. Playing against one of the best squads in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), the Big Red used the Spartans' lack of confidence and emotion to their advantage, sending the CWRU hoopsters home with a seventeen-point 77-60 loss. The Spartans are now 6-14 overall after this defeat, indicative of the breakdown that has left the Spartans 1-10 in their last 11 games.

Inability to dominate on the offensive side of the ball again plagued the Spartans on Saturday, as a lack of coordination led to turnovers and missed opportunities. Sophomore center Doug Downey commented on the Spartans' inability to unify against the Denison defense. "The pieces are there," he said, "there's a lot of offensive talent on the squad, but as an organization we have a real problem getting it all together."

The one bright spot in the otherwise forgettable Division showdown was the explosive play of sophomore Chris Scott, who tried to salvage the Spartan effort with a career high 20 points and ten rebounds. But in the end, it was the team's questionable decision-making on and off the court, not Scott's play, which decided the game's outcome, in one of the lowest scoring performances all season.

Nonetheless, the Spartans, who have been arguably playing dead during their slide since the holidays, aren't taking their 10-game losing streak sitting down any longer. Armed with a new attitude and an all-but-assured conference tournament berth right around the corner, the Spartans are focusing on their last four games of the season, and working on finding the team unity that they had in the '98 season with.

Scott is confident that the Spartans can regroup as they near the end of the road to the NCAC championship. "We have a good chance to win in these last four games, but we need to find another combination and make sure we come out fired up and full of energy," Scott's sentiments are echoed by the rest of the team, who know that rebuilding the confidence of their first games is a huge undertaking, but one that is necessary for the survival of the team as a cohesive college unit and as a force in the NCAC.

The Spartans are not alone, however, as they try to accomplish this feat in their last contests. After suffering the pain of a string of road failures, the Spartans will finish their year in the friendly confines of Emerson Gym, with a crowd of screaming fans behind them.

Roundout the last scheduled games for the hoopsters, they will face the Yeomen of Oberlin College on February 11 (7:30 p.m.), the Kenyon College Lords three days later (7:30 p.m.) at Ohio Wesleyan's Battling Bishops on the 18th (7:30 p.m.) and in a rematch of last weekend's bitter contest, the Spartans will have a chance for redemption, when they meet the Denison Big Red arrive on February 21 at 2 p.m.

Spartans unable to snip out of 10 game streak

By BRAD WILSON
Staff Reporter

Despite a pair of solid efforts this past week, the CWRU women's basketball team was unable to snap its lengthy losing streak, which now stands at ten games. Home losses to the College of Wooster (68-65) and Denison College (62-54) dropped the Spartans' record to 5-15, with only four regular season games remaining.

Freshman Erin Rogalski led the CWRU attack in the first game of the week, scoring 19 points and hauling in 11 boards as the Spartans nearly pulled the upset versus College of Wooster, a team that is right in the middle of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) conference battle. The performance certainly boosted CWRU's confidence going into the final home game of the season, yet the Spartans still trailed Denison by ten at halftime.

In the second session, however, CWRU battled back, stepping up its defensive intensity and hustles. Senior Tammie Rupeik helped spark the rally, coming off the bench to greater defensive rebounds and hit some tough shots in traffic, as CWRU clawed its way back into the game. Denison University ran into trouble against the CWRU full-court pressure, as the Spartans forced several turnovers in the backcourt, converting them into easy baskets. Junior Cathy Dillard also got into the act, nailing a pair of key three-point baskets, as CWRU found itself back in the game.

In the end, however, Denison (second in the NCAC) was too much. Each and every CWRU stunt was stymied by a long three-pointer or a second chance basket. Despite the ings of the Spartan faithful, CWRU never managed to tie or take the lead in the second half. Once again, it was not to be. In the end, Denison solved the Spartans' pressure scheme and put the game away from the foul line.

CWRU next faces last-place Oberlin College, the team the Spartans defeated on January 7. CWRU will close its regular season with games against Kenyon College, Ohio Wesleyan University and Denison University. Those three teams rank fourth, third and second in the NCAC respectively.
Fencers meet tough opponents at Notre Dame

By ERIN MCKEAG
Sports Editor

The men's and women's fencing teams traveled to the University of Notre Dame this past weekend to take on their toughest competition yet for this season. "Saturday was frustrating for the team," said senior Liza Meyers. "The men's team lost to Lawrence College (5-22), University of Detroit-Mercy (12-15) and Northwestern University (7-20). The team also lost the third-year National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) national champions Penn State University (8-24) and current NCAA champs Penn State (6-32).

The Sunday competition was much more favorable for the Spartans, as the team met up with some more closely matched opponents. The men came close to beating University of Michigan (13-14) and also suffered a defeat at the hands of the Air Force Academy (7-20), the Ohio State University (5-22) and Michigan State University (7-20).

The women defeated The University of Michigan (22-10) and Michigan State University (23-9) and were beaten by the Air Force Academy (11-21) and The Ohio State University (12-20). In a women's saber demonstration event Saturday afternoon, senior Liza Meyers teamed up with three Notre Dame women against the Northwestern University team. At this time, the women's saber is only a demonstration event; it will actually become an NCAA event next season.

The men's and women's teams fielded many first-year fencers this weekend, and according to women's captain Christy Smith, "Our newer fencers showed themselves well." Leading scorers for the weekend were Gurarie, going 17-7 in men's epee, and Smith and Meyers, both achieving a 20-11 record in women's epee.

Coach Herb James was optimistic about the teams' chances for the rest of the season based on their performance against the tough competition faced this weekend. The teams will compete next in the University Athletic Association Championships at New York University on February 21-22.

Wrestling team competes in Wheaton Invitational

By JENNIFER BARTO
Assistant Sports Editor

The Spartan wrestling team placed 16th out of 35 teams on February 6-7 at the Wheaton College Invitational. Wrestling against top teams from several different states, like University of Chicago and Missouri Valley College, the Spartans finished with an overall record of 32-50, only one point from 15th place.

In addition, the team was at a disadvan-
tage missing the talent of sophomore Greg McBrayer, who sprained his ankle at the University Athletic Conference (UAA) championships. In spite of the loss, the Spar-
tans managed to make a great showing.

Two wrestlers played key roles in the Spartans' success. Seniors Joe Dietrich and Tim Hallahan both placed in the top eight of their respective weight classes to aid in scoring for the Spartans. Hallahan earned seventh place in the 142 pound weight class and was 2-1 for the meet. Dietrich placed fourth in the 134 pound weight class, with a record of 6-1 for the last few weeks.

"Dietrich has been at his peak of the sea-
son for the last two weeks," said Head Coach Bob Del Rosa. "He has put it all together." In the last two weeks the Spartans took on some tough teams at the UAA champi-
onships and the Wheaton Invitational.

Del Rosa said, "This was a tough tourna-
ment and the team did well." This Saturday, February 14 the Spartans will host the eighth annual Claude B. Sharer Wrestling Tournament beginning at 9 a.m. in Emerson Gym.

Spikers add two more to the win column

By JENNIFER BARTO
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's volleyball club added another two more to the win column last Sunday when they defeated Westminster College and Grove City College.

The team in currently undefeated in the North Coast Athletic Conference with a record of 2-0 and is 8-1 in the East Coast Intercollegiate Volleyball Association.

The first of the two Spartan victories was against Westminster College. The lead ex-
changed sides many times during the three-
match game. CWRU took a strong lead in the beginning of the first game, but Westminster quickly returned to tie the score. The Spartans battled back to retake the lead and win the game. After losing the second game the Spartans found themselves in a situation much like the first game. They once again took the early lead and then lost it, only returning to win the game at the very end. Many team members played outstanding matches for the Spartans. Senior Jeff Weckstein did an amazing job hitting for the Spartans adding 12 kills for the team and a 44 percent kill ratio for the game.

"We had a better second game," said Head Coach Nelson Wittemyier said. "We maintained control of the match." Senior Brian Schomoter added the Spar-
tans' victory with 10 kills and 13 key blocks, all resulting in points for the team.

First year law student Ryan Waide also helped the team score, making numerous blocks for the team which resulted in eight points for the team.

The Spartans now go into the latter part of their season with a lot of enthusiasm and an impressive 10-1 record.
Alumni Research Fellowship, Case Alumni Association Scholar, Who's Who Among American College Students

YEARS SWIMMING: 16 years competitively

EXTRA CURRICULARS/HOBIES: Tau Beta Pi, Hall Council, Golden Key National Honor Society

WHY SHE STARTED SWIMMING: "My mom took me to lessons when I was six months old so I wouldn't drown if I fell in our pool."

WHO INSPIRED HER TO SWIM: "My parents. They were always there to give me a push in the right direction."

FAVORITE ATHLETE: Amy Van Dyken

BEST SWIMMING MEMORY: "Finishing fourth at Nationals last year. I remember looking at my time and then smiling forever. My coach and national teammate were at the end of my lane, and some of my other teammates drove all the way to the meet to support us."

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Mesa HoHoKam."

WHERE SHE SEES HERSELF IN 10 YEARS: "Being a doctor and living a fun, happy life."

Spartan Scoreboard

Men's Basketball
Jan. 31 at Wittenberg University L 67-83
Feb. 4 at College of Wooster L 61-87
Feb. 7 at Denison University L 60-77

Women's Basketball
Jan. 31 at Wittenberg University L 45-74
Feb. 4 Wooster L 65-68
Feb. 7 Denison L 54-62

Men's Swimming
Jan. 17 at College of Wooster L 98-125
Jan. 23 at Ohio Wesleyan W 178-111
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Jan. 31 Wittenberg W 17-76

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Jan. 31 Wittenberg W 107-120

Wrestling
Jan. 31 MIT W 39-22
Trinity L 17-27
Western New England L 15-29
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Happy Valentine's Day to all of my Plus! — Jason

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$120 to buy a house?! What do you want—a doll house?

Did you see that elephant?

Congratulations, Dawn & Sarah!! Love, your bigs!!

Weasel, you make me squirm.

We love scary curvy! Love, AE

Phi Kaps, thanks for the flowers! They're so pretty. Love, Teresa and Jen

What's wrong with that donkey?

People say that you're not funny, and they're probably right. But George Wallace will be!

JACK MICHAEL, I LOVE YOU!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Copacabana is a cool song!

Happy birthday, Heather. Love, the N-poser!!!

Macho, Macho Man ...

... Keith's got to be our Macho Man.

The social chair of AEI is a kick-ass roomie!

Attention, Natuses! AEI is on the web! Check out the online calendar for service & fellowship events: http://k2.scl.cwru.edu/apo.

Tracy, I love you truly, madly, deeply!

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