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TOP STORY

2/16/2004 22:31 - **Student Changes Major for 175th Time, Breaks 73-Year Old School Record**

ACADEMIC SERVICES OFFICE, SSC - Tears and confetti fell today after Robert Lyell, Rickard sophomore, filled out the paperwork declaring his 175th major in three and a half semesters at Cedarville University. Lyell's parents, Thomas and Susan, were present for the event, along with several faculty, and even a few students who just happened to be nearby.

Lyell, who has held nearly every major in course catalog at least once, broke the record of 174 declarations set in 1931 by Jedediah Browning, a feat which many said could never be accomplished. The most frenzied period occurred in early May, 2003, when Lyell switched majors 28 times in one week.

"I'm not afraid of anything. A lot of kids laughed at me, told me I wasn't good enough," said Lyell, after downing his second bottle of sparkling grape juice. "But my parents were very supportive and I owe them a lot, especially when I got to about 80---that's when my stamina began to falter."

According to Lyell, a common misconception is that he was indecisive about his future.

"People ask me, 'Haven't you decided by now?' But that's not the issue. This is just something I've always wanted to do, and here I am living out my dream."

Diane Mathers, academic services secretary, commented on the event: "Sure, it was irksome at first, him walking in and asking for 'the usual, please.' But after the fiftieth time or so, I began to admire the boy. He got filling out the forms down to an art. It was a beautiful thing to watch."

"My most common major was keyboard pedagogy," stated Lyell. "I guess I felt bad for it. I mean, who actually majors in that? Anyway, I've settled with accounting for good, I think. Time to move on."

Lyell's father declined from commenting, but stood in the back nodding often, muttering, "What a kid."

2/14/04 15:20 - **Song of Solomon Conference Really Puts the "Fun" Back In "Fundamentalist"**

DMC - Texas pastor Tommy Nelson candidly revealed biblical truths about "love, dating, sex, and marriage" to a crowd of nearly 3000. The six hour session, divided between Friday night and Saturday morning, took the largely virgin crowd on a fast-paced study of one of the Bible's most neglected books, the Song of Solomon.

Nelson's humorous seminar, which provided each attendee with his or her own workbook, clearly proved that the hottest intimacy is an act of worship, encouraged by Scripture. Hundreds of amens arose from the audience after Nelson declared that french kissing originated in Israel, not France, in 900 BC (Song 4:11). Several women left, however, after Nelson compared a post-child bearing woman to a ball-park frank. Younger audience members felt awkward at various points:

"The Hills of Bether? Plucking fruit from the palm nut tree? Come on, my *parents* are sitting right next to me, man," recalled Johnathon Newark, a fourteen-year old from Xenia.

Nelson retorted, "Hey, I preach the Word of God. And if your kids aren't going to get their sex and romance advice from the Bible, they are gonna get it from MTV. And that's disgrace---that we as Christians shy away from the matter."

Friday night also marked an astronomical 2300% increase in raisin cake sales in the Cedarville area.

NEWS BRIEFS

2/14/04 20:40 - English Professors Choose "Cedarville Diversity" As Oxymoron of the Year

TYLER - An english committee assigned to the annual "Oxymoron of the Year" contest reached a verdict yesterday for this year's winner. The decision reflected a blatant but often ignored truth that defines Cedarville University, as the committee claims. The winning entry was submitted by sophomore Walter Delousa of Rickard Hall.

Delousa commented, "Normally, the award is given to a clever entry, I know, but the other day I was sitting in chapel, eyeing the crowd, and it struck me: we're all a bunch of WASPs."

"He's got a point," remarked an admissions aide.

The contest, hosted by the English department, draws over 800 entries every year. Other notable submissions included "dancing Baptist" and "Hill curfew."

2/13/04 16:32 - Tater Tot Casserole's Origin Questioned by Students

CHUCK'S, SSC - A joint effort by several campus organizations will soon be wrapping up a two-month investigation into Chuck's infamous "tater tot casserole."

Leading the investigation was Stacy Reynolds: "We realize we sucked up quite a bit of Campus Activities' funds during the project, but we really felt that the students have a right to know."

"Basically, we've confirmed that the 'tater tot casserole' is just an excuse to use up leftover tater tots. Like, it's definitely a casserole, but tacking on 'casserole' is sort of degrading to quality casseroles, and [our organization] just isn't into that kind of thing."

Comments were denied by Chuck McKinney, the alleged mastermind behind the casserole. Approached on Tuesday concerning the matter, he began humming a Gospel tune and walked away.

2/13/04 12:02 - Lawlor Resident Receives Demerits for Distasteful Shirt

LAWLOR - Freshmen Todd Wainwright was accused last Monday of violating Cedarville's code of conduct by wearing a shirt with the message, "I Lost My Virginity On Open Dorm Day." The apparel, including duplicates manufactured for friends, was quickly confiscated by RA's and handed over to Dean Purple.

A Lawlor RA involved in the matter, who requested anonymity, stated, "It was really funny when we first saw it, but then we---the RA's---were like, 'Dude, what if he's being serious?' That's when we decided to do something."

Several Printy acquaintances were questioned about any illegal activity on Sunday, but assured authorities that Todd was "probably just being his silly self."

Wainwright, an electronics media major, received 4 demerits.

2/12/04 23:58 - **Beautiful Willetts Girl Removes ID Photo**

WILLETTS - Sophomore Kathleen Hardy removed her photo from Stalkernet this evening after computer services informed her that her profile was receiving nearly 400 unique hits a day. Hardy, a strikingly attractive natural blonde, felt that removing the photo was the only mature option.

"I really don't want to be a stumbling block for these guys, whoever they are," commented Hardy.

Bob Fritz of computer services added, "What's really scary is that about half of these hits are from IP's outside of Cedarnet."

Stalkernet, a service of Cedarnet, is the most popular feature of the Student Resource homepage.

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