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Lenfest recalled as 'humble man'

By Phil Salisbury
Editor-in-Chief

Donald Lenfest, a historical linguistics expert who was chair of the modern foreign languages department, was a humble man who dedicated much of his life to the University, according to a colleague and his son.

Lenfest died on Saturday at the age of 72 after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was set to retire in July, and was on medical leave this semester.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, May 12 at 2 p.m. in Jemison Hall. The service is open to the public.

Lenfest had been a teacher at OWU since 1969, and was chair of the modern foreign languages department since 1994. He was also the director of the Critical Language Program, which offered

language instruction in Chinese, Arabic, Hebrew, Portuguese, and Swahili, and was working to bring a Japanese program.

His son, Richard ('85), said Lenfest would like to be remembered as someone who gave his all to OWU.

"He was extremely involved in extracurricular events," Richard said. "He went to many athletic contests, as well as all the plays and a lot of concerts. He was also engaged in the community."

Lenfest would often lend his services as a translator for Delaware Municipal Court, the Juvenile Court, and for Grady Memorial Hospital.

Lenfest is survived by his wife Nancy, his son Richard, and his daughters Claire ('85), and Collette (Gavin) ('88). Lenfest was

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Photo by Emily Bigelow

Freshman Gavin Cunningham presses the ball forward in the Bishop's 9-7 victory over Denison Saturday. For the full story, see page 8.

373 seniors to get degrees

By Maygen Hall
Staff Reporter

Four years of hard work, good times and preparation for life will culminate on Sunday, May 13, when Ohio Wesleyan's 163rd Commencement will confer degrees to 373 seniors.

The ceremony officially begins at 1 p.m. in Phillips Glen. Faculty, staff and invited guests, and students, will assemble separately at 12:15 p.m., after which the faculty will line the walkway leading to Phillips. Students will then march on the walkway between two lines of faculty and take their seats in front of the Phillips patio, where faculty will be seated.

In the event of inclement weather, commencement will be held in the Branch Rickey arena.

This year's commencement speaker is Thomas R. Tritton ('69), retiring president of Haverford College and a cancer research expert.

President Mark Huddleston will host a breakfast reception, open to seniors, parents, friends, faculty and staff, at his home on 135 Oak Hill Ave. from 9 to 11 a.m. The rain location is the Benes Rooms. At 11 a.m., the alumni magazine Legacy Photo will be taken on the steps of University Hall. This year's graduates whose parents and/or grandparents are also OWU alumni are invited to participate in the photograph.

On Saturday, May 12, the student initiates in Phi Beta Kappa will be honored in a ceremony at 11 a.m. in Gray Chapel, followed by a noon luncheon in the Benes rooms.

At 8 p.m., the Baccalaureate service will be held in Gray Chapel, to which all seniors, faculty and staff are invited. The Baccalaureate is a service in which participants remember their four years here through performance, participation and prayer.

In addition to Tritton, who will receive an honorary Doctor of Science, four other distinguished persons will receive honorary degrees. The other recipients are Deborah E. Lipstadt, professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies and director of the Rabbi Donald A. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies at Emory University, Doctor of Human Letters; Allen C. Steere, M.D., professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, and chief of the Section of Rheumatology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Doctor of Science; Ali A. Mazrui, Albert Schweitzer Professor in Humanities and director of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies at Binghamton University in New York, Doctor of Humane Letters; and Scott Sagan, professor of political science and co-director of Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation, Doctor of Laws.

The faculty and the Board of Trustees previously approved the awarding of the honorary degrees.

"People are nominated for honorary degrees because it is believed they have made some sort of extraordinary contribution to society and, often, to their profession," Huddleston said in an email interview.

Huddleston explained that Tritton will be awarded his honorary degree at the ceremony. The other

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Photo by Lynne Albers

Sophomores Tahlia Hersch, left, and Stephanie Stiassni play Uno in the new Wesleyan Student Center.

Student center opens WCSA agrees to fund center at \$10,000 a year for four years

By Myra Blackburn
Staff Reporter

The WCSA approved two resolutions, one regarding funding and the other policies, on Monday to help improve and establish guidelines in regard to the new Wesleyan Student Center, which also opened on Monday.

The funding resolution allocated \$10,000 annually from the WCSA budget to improve the student center. The funding will start next academic year and continue until the 2010-2011 academic year. This year, WCSA spent approximately \$13,000 on the center. The other resolution established the hours of operation and the formation of an overseeing committee.

"The first resolution was presented in order to establish the intended purpose of the facility by the students who began the development of the project," senior Colleen Byers said after the meeting. "The second resolution was to insure the continued financial support of WCSA toward the improvement of the facility."

Senior Bobby Haddad said WCSA allocated \$10,000 annually towards the new Student Center because they wanted the student body to enjoy the place, and to make the place look enjoyable and attractive for students.

The student center opened Monday, and will be open tonight from 8 p.m. until midnight. Senior Marie Rymut said a few events are in the works for next week being run by the Dean of Students' office. She added the center won't be open during finals because WCSA couldn't find people to work during these times.

Starting next year, the Wesleyan Student Center will be open every day from 8 p.m. until midnight. On Fridays and Saturdays, the center will be open until 2 a.m. Also on Saturdays and Sundays, it will be open from 2-5 p.m.

Senior Marie Rymut said the next four year budget of \$10,000 were allocated to improve the center and give student more, but its intentions are not to upkeep the new facility.

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ResLife revokes Empowerment SLU

Members question decision; building to house other students

By Michael DiBiasio
Correspondent

An alleged alcohol violation in March, since dismissed, against two members of the recently-approved House of Empowerment appears to have played a role in Residential Life's decision to rescind the house's status as a Small Living unit.

On April 10, ResLife rescinded its offer to grant the House of Empowerment (E-House) a Small Living Unit (SLU) location for the 2007-2008 academic year.

A letter sent to the members of the E-House from ResLife on April

11 stated that "recent events have caused [ResLife] to be concerned with the House of Empowerment's level of readiness in accepting responsibility of being a part of the SLU community... in short, [the] decision to dissolve the House of Empowerment is the result of an incident that occurred on campus involving several future members of the house."

E-House creator, sophomore Amir Paul, did not like how abruptly his house was dissolved nor the reasons given by ResLife.

"I see no legitimacy in this decision," said Paul. "I told Wendy Piper the decision was based on

fluff and I stand by that entire statement. The house was guilty before proven innocent."

For the 2007-2008 academic year, the residence at 81 Oak Hill Ave. will not be a SLU. The house will be called "81 Oak Hill" and will house 10 students, according to Melanie Brenneman, sophomore and future RA of 81 Oak Hill.

The letter also stated that regardless of the incident's judicial outcome "the Residential Life Office remains concerned enough about the incident to reverse [its] earlier decision to give [the House

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"The new Student Center is the place on the residential side of campus where students can simply just be students," Rymut said. "There are no campus offices, no classrooms, just space for students to do what they want."

The resolution also established the formation of a committee to oversee the student center. The committee will be comprised of a member of the WCSA executive committee, a Greek Life representative, a member of the Campus Planning Board, two students-at-large selected by WCSA. An employee of the Student Involvement Office will also be on the committee, but this person will not have voting privileges.

According to the resolution, the committee will oversee the operation of the center and maintain the budget. The committee will also work with Dining Services to

prove a food option at the center.

Byers said the new Student Center is significant to the student body because it serves as a place for students to call their own and have a social life. She said this year WCSA saw this as a tremendous void on campus, especially since OWU does not provide a place that's designated for students.

"I am in favor [of these two resolutions] because I have contributed a significant amount of input into both of these resolutions. I believe that for future student leaders, it is imperative to have, in writing, the intentions of the original developers of a project, Byers said. "Also with documentation of the intended purpose, the oversight committee can make decisions concerning the Student Center with knowledge of the founder's intentions. As far as the resolutions regarding finan-

cial support, I believe that WCSA, as the primary students pushing for the completion of this project, must show their support through their own financial contribution."

Rymut said the resolutions make WCSA committed to adding on and improving the student center. She said sometimes in the life of college student's ideas and motivation gets lost due to institutional memory. These resolutions are a way to keep the project going for current and future OWU students to enjoy.

Byers said the student body must be willing to put effort in being active and financially supportive to make sure that supplementary changes occur. Byers said too many students voice their opinions on issue that concern them on campus, but none is actively willing to make those improvements.

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Lenfest

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predeceased by his wife Vivian, with whom he had his children.

From 1961 to 1965, Lenfest served as director of the Centro Venezolano-Americano, a bi-national center in Caracas, Venezuela sponsored by the U.S. Investigative Services. For his work at the center, Lenfest received the Award for Meritorious Service in 1964.

Conrad Kent, professor of modern foreign languages, said he never really talked about his experiences prior to teaching.

"He was a really humble person," Kent said. "He played a major role in international politics but never said anything about it. He was never one to blow his own horn."

He also served as visiting professors at many universities around the world, including Stanford, Georgetown, Universidad de Santiago in Chile, and Escuela Politécnica in Quito, Ecuador.

Lenfest's scholarly work was in historical linguistics, or how phrases changed over time. Lenfest's published work in 1978 and 1993 about the transformation of phonetic patterns in Spanish was a revolutionary discovery.

"In a sense, he was kind of a detective," Kent said. "He traced phonetics through history, to find out how they got to current languages. He was very much interested in the Latin origins of Romance languages."

Kent said one of Lenfest's interests was to travel.

"He would go off to different countries and study their language," Kent said. "He would use linguistics as a device to understand culture."

Richard Lenfest said in his spare time, Lenfest loved to read and watch sports.

"He was a wicked sports enthusiast," Richard said. "He went to many basketball, lacrosse, and soccer games, as well as some OSU football games. He liked to read a lot too. He was passionate about history, as well as languages and traveling."

Kent said Ohio Wesleyan was a huge part of Lenfest's life.

"He taught more classes than he had to, to make sure everything was offered," Kent said. "If there was a need, he supplied it. This was his life. He never demanded anything in return for his giving."

Lenfest was born in 1935 in Manchester, Maine. He attended the Kent's Hill Preparatory School, before attending Capital University in 1953, studying English and Spanish. In the summer of 1957, he traveled to Mexico and studied at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Lenfest received his master's degree from Ohio State in 1961, and received his doctorate in Spanish linguistics from the University of Illinois, and taught there and at the University of Notre Dame.

Kent said Julian Arribas, professor of modern foreign languages, will take over as chair of the department.

Empowerment

of Empowerment] a house."

Because of confidentiality, Wendy Piper, assistant dean of Student Life/director of Residential Life, couldn't disclose which E-House members roused concern within ResLife.

"It would be difficult, if not impossible, to begin the upcoming academic year with a strained and distrusting relationship between the ResLife office and their house," said Piper.

"Although I'm not able to identify which members specifically caused us to be concerned, it is important to note that the nature of the SLUs is very communal. Therefore, the decisions of a few often affect many."

Sophomore E-House member Jon Hering was also disappointed with the manner in which ResLife dissolved the house.

"It seems very arrogant and disrespectful to supersede the judicial process established by the University because of personal discomfort," said Hering.

Both Paul and Hering believe the specific incident that caused ResLife to dissolve the E-House happened in Paul's Bashford residence on March 23 and involved themselves and several other future house members.

When asked about the March 23 incident, both Piper and Julia Brooker, Residential Life Coordinator for Hayes and the SLUs, gave no comment.

"I can't discuss a lot of the reasons that led us to dissolve the house because a lot of that is confidential," said Brooker.

According to Paul, he was charged with possession of alcohol, illegal party, and failure to comply with an RA, and Hering was charged with possession of alcohol. Both alcohol charges were dropped by the Judicial Board on April 24 with the other charges against Paul still pending.

Although Piper did admire the passion that the E-House displayed at their proposal, she still held reservations about the collective history and records of future E-House members.

"We were very impressed by the passion and commitment shown in their SLU presentation and we cautiously agreed to give them a chance," said Piper.

"We felt that after giving this group of students a chance, our relationship was already deteriorating. We could not in good conscience move forward with them knowing that it would be a continuous uphill battle."

Paul doesn't think enough attention was paid to the positive aspects the records of the future members of the E-House despite the "careful thought and consideration" that, according to ResLife, was given to the decision.

"I admit, I have been written up twice, but I am also WCSA junior class representative, president of

College Democrats, a member of Black Men of the Future, a tutor, and Bashford geographical representative. They knew this. I'm not just some rouge running amuck on this campus," said Paul.

Brooker said the situation became an issue of trust.

"But if we question, or find that the trust we have for a SLU isn't where we thought it was going to be, even before they move into the house, that's a very big issue for us," Brooker said. "I don't want to give the impression that I don't think their passion is genuine, because I think it is. I know they will do wonderful things as a group next year even though they won't be living in a house."

However, Piper assures "it was an extremely difficult decision to make, and we wouldn't have reached this conclusion if we were not very concerned about the strength of the relationship between their house and our office."

Both Piper and Brooker have encouraged the E-House to submit another proposal for 2008-2009, which according to Paul and Hering is a possibility.

Brenneman had considered submitting a proposal for a faith based SLU earlier in the semester, but failed to organize in time. She is, however, planning on submitting that proposal for the 2008-2009 academic year along with several of the other residence living in 81 Oak Hill next year.

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recipients will be brought to campus at times that are mutually convenient for them and for OWU and will have special awards ceremonies of their own.

"This is mainly to maximize opportunities for our students to interact with the awardees, especially in classroom settings, something that is not possible at com-

mencement," Huddleston said.

"Ohio Wesleyan usually likes to award honorary degrees to people who exemplify the characteristics that we value as an institution, particularly public service," he added.

Lori Haught contributed to this article.

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A very fond thank you to all the journalism students who worked so hard to produce The Transcript over the last four years. I applaud your willingness to put your work out for the public to read every week. Good luck to all of you. I will miss you.

-Jim Niedbalski, adviser

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StART OWU helping freshmen find their way

New Summer program introduces students to college; serves as possible retention tool

By Willie Yoder
Correspondent

In the field of freshman retention rate, Ohio Wesleyan is still trying to catch up to and match its Great Lakes neighbors.

Ohio Wesleyan's retention rate at 79.4 percent for the 2005-2006 school year ranks about in the middle of the pack for all liberal arts colleges, according to a list of such schools compiled by U.S. News and World Report.

It rates, however, far behind many other Ohio liberal arts schools. Kenyon College's freshman retention rate is listed as 92 percent, Oberlin 91 percent, Denison 89 percent, and Wooster 89 percent.

In U.S. News and World Reports college rankings, graduation and retention rates are weighted together as 20 percent of the schools' reported grades, making it a significant factor in a schools' overall rating.

Retention at OWU

A student is considered not to be retained when he or she does not return to the institution the following fall term after their initial enrollment. The reasons for this can vary from transfer to withdrawal.

"The first week we were at school last year was kind of hectic; they just kind of threw everything at us at once. It would have been a lot easier to get some of those things out of the way earlier in the summer."

-Sophomore
Mark Lovering

Ohio Wesleyan's retention rate has stayed steady over the past five years averaging 79.7 percent despite efforts of the admissions

office and the administration to try and improve it.

Junior Ryan Yoder (no relation to the writer), a Community Assistant who's job it is to help the freshman on his floor adjust and feel welcome at the school says he has seen his fair share of students come to and leave Ohio Wesleyan.

"Some of the students were ready for college when they got here, some have adapted, but there's always some that just aren't made for college," Yoder said.

Yoder said that he feels if the school wants to improve its retention rate it should make a shift from a philosophy focusing mostly on recruiting students to one focusing more on keeping the current students happy.

"I had a close friend leave last year in large part because he hated the food so much," Yoder said.

Yoder believes little things like the overall quality of dorms will result in the retention of more students.

"Our school seems to be great at recruiting students to come here and at alumni relations, but it hasn't shown the same success with on-campus life," he said.

Starting anew

A new program, StART OWU, developed last year for the incoming freshmen of 2010, was designed to ease the transition to college life with a hope that it will help the school retain more students.

StART OWU, standing for Student, Advising, Registration, and Testing held its first sessions in the summer of 2006.

It was here, according to Joan McLean, dean of first year students, where students planned and registered for their fall semester, learned about distribution requirements and explored various majors.

They also developed a better understanding about how college courses work and took language and other placement exams.

"Our goal is students will leave

campus knowing their fall semester schedule and are armed with valuable resources to use when they return to campus to begin classes in August," McLean said.

Students at StART OWU meet in the summer and work in small groups of future classmates with members of faculty in planned events that help them better transition from life in high school to life in college.

Some of these events as listed on the StART OWU website include, "CSI: Trip through the catalog," where students become, "Catalog Saavy Investigators," and individual meetings with faculty to help students choose their classes.

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-Joan McLean, dean
of first year students

Students also meet with current experienced students and are able to ask questions about college life they may not be able to ask administrators.

"It was nice to be around a bunch of people in the same situation as me," Freshman Andrew White said.

"It made me much more comfortable in the environment and in the process of making new friends and getting over the new distances between my old friends and I."

Students last year had three possible sessions in June to attend and one in August. Students were only asked to attend one session, as well as the traditional freshman orientation at the end of August.

This year one more session in June will be added.

"Nearly all first year students attended one of the June or August sessions," McLean said.

In previous years, incoming freshmen had completed their course selection at home in the summer before arriving at campus without any faculty advising.

Freshmen also had to complete their placement testing at the same time as their orientation, four or five days before school started.

"The first week we were at school last year was kind of hectic; they just kind of threw everything at us at once," Sophomore Mark Lovering said. "It would have been a lot easier to get some of those things out of the way earlier in the summer."

More prepared

McLean says that it is too early to tell the effect StART OWU has had on retention rates as they are calculated from fall to fall.

However she said that anecdotal information suggests StART OWU helped students enroll in appropriate courses in their first semester and reduced some of the anxiety students felt making the transition from home life to campus life.

Matt Frawley is a former Ohio Wesleyan student who became academically ineligible last year and had to withdraw.

He said he wishes there were more programs to help him adjust to college when he was here. He attributes the transition as well as lack of personal responsibility to the reason he did not achieve as well as he did in high school.

"High school was a joke. I always had my parents riding me to get stuff done so I never really had responsibility for myself," Frawley said. "Then as soon as I got there it was like, all thrust upon me."

Frawley says he went to Ohio Wesleyan because it gave him the biggest scholarship out of all the schools he applied to and because it was in Ohio. He says he now realizes it may not have been the best choice for him, regardless of

how he may have performed academically had he been ready for the responsibility.

Still some problems

While the StART OWU program is designed to help keep students from leaving the university for academic reasons, it does not fully address other problems that some disgruntled students have.

John Seibel who excelled academically with a 3.9 grade point average, transferred as a freshman last year from Ohio Wesleyan.

He said that he first entertained the idea of transferring about three months after arriving on campus, about the time the excitement of college wore off.

"I left because, unlike what the admissions person told me, there was no film program at Ohio Wesleyan and there seemed to be nothing going in that direction," Seibel said.

"On top of it all, the school was located in a (small) town where the culture consisted of mostly of corn hole and Ohio State sports."

Working it out

Senior Evan Reas initially thought about transferring from Ohio Wesleyan his freshman year because he felt the prestige of the school was not as high as others.

However he decided to stay four years and will attend Harvard Business school next fall.

"I do not regret my decision and it seems to have paid off well, as I have been given a great education, met amazing friends and mentors, and have been accepted to the top two business schools in the country," Reas said.

More ways to change

Reas also says he thinks that if Ohio Wesleyan wants to improve its retention rate it should become more selective of the applicants who are admitted, as well as improve student life.

Ohio Wesleyan has made several strides in the last year to improve the overall living conditions with the institution of the Library Café, the new Smith Dining Hall, and the new student center in the ATO house.

Emergency contraceptives can be safety net

Students seeking the morning after pill at the health center inconvenienced by limited hours

By Matt Patrick
Correspondent

In September of 2006, the morning after pill became legalized for over-the-counter sales to women over 18 across the country.

As the school year comes to an end, the Wellness Center has given out less than half as many pills as it did last year.

Over the past four years, the Wellness Center has distributed the morning after pill 295 times. During the 2003-2004 school year it was given out 74 times.

In 2004-2005, 74 were given out again. In the 2005-2006, when a prescription was still required, the Wellness Center gave out 102 morning after pills. So far this year they have only given out 45.

Marsha Tilden, director of student health services said she thinks this is because students are buying the product over-the-counter instead of going to the Wellness Center. She said the morning after pill costs \$50 at the pharmacy and only \$20 at the Wellness Center.

"I think students will still prefer to come here because its \$30 cheaper," Tilden said.

She said when women come in for the morning after pill, she

typically asks them what they are doing to protect themselves and makes sure they actually need the pill.

"Sometimes they think they might need it when they actually don't," Tilden said.

She said typically more girls come in on Mondays for the morning after pill.

Students can bill the cost to their OWU accounts and it will show up as a Wellness charge.

According to MSNBC, the morning after pill, also known as Plan B can lower the chance of pregnancy by up to 89 percent if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex.

The pill works in many different ways. It prevents the transport of sperm or eggs in the fallopian tube, preventing fertilization and blocks the surge of hormones that cause ovulation.

It also thickens the mucus in the uterus and changes the uterine lining making a bad environment for a fertilized egg.

The morning after pill is a concentrated dose of the same drug found in many birth-control pills however it will have no effect if a woman is already pregnant.

Because Plan B acts before fertilization it is medically and legally considered a form of contraception.

Some pro-life groups define pregnancy as beginning with fertilization which made it difficult for Plan B to become available over the counter.

A freshmen woman, who wished to remain anonymous, said she has used the Wellness Center to get the morning after pill a few times.

"I had missed a few days of my birth control so one morning I knew I had to get the morning after pill," she said.

She said she went to the Wellness Center with both of her roommates because they had similar incidents that evening.

"One of my roommates was debating getting it because she thought it's hard to get pregnant and that she didn't need it," she said.

"We convinced her to get it because there's always a chance."

She said she doesn't think her roommate would have gone if she hadn't convinced her.

During this interview her cell phone alarm rang. A message on her phone read: "BC", indicating it was time to take her birth control.

Junior Katy Feinberg said she thinks it's ridiculous that the health center isn't open during the weekends because everyone knows the weekends are the big-

gest time people will need the morning after pill.

"One time I really needed to take it but it was a Saturday morning and I had to sweat it out until Monday when the health center was open," Feinberg said.

"I'm not gonna pay 50 bucks at CVS when I can charge it to my parents for \$20."

Senior Laura Sinclair, a Women's House resident, said her house has a policy to help women get the pill.

"We will call Marsha Tilden on the weekends and she will come in and give out the pill if it is needed," Sinclair said.

She said that because it's over the counter now, the Women's House encourages women to go to CVS, however they can still get it from the Wellness Center.

Freshmen Haleigh Rohr said she does not think many girls know about the service that the women's house provides however she still wishes the health center had better hours.

"If it was open all the time I wouldn't have to pay emergency room bills for a minor sickness or an extra \$30 if there was an accident with a condom breaking," Rohr said.

A nurse at Denison University said Denison and Wittenberg provide 24-hour health care.

Sue Nourse, a resident nurse at the Wellness Center said the surrounding colleges whose health centers are open 24 hours a day have five times the staff of OWU's.

"We always want better staffing," Nourse said. "I wish we could provide 24-hour service but it's just what the budget will allow."

In an email on Thursday, John Delaney, Dean of Students said he thinks the hours of the Health Center have not been a major issue among students.

The feedback from students on the quality of care and service is consistently very high and positive.

However he said he understands that when a student is not feeling well, he or she would prefer to have ready access to a doctor or nurse for immediate treatment and that he would feel the same way.

"We would like the chance to hire a Health Educator to assist us in doing more outreach, and educational programs within the community, and I am sure that extra staff in the department would help alleviate the work load and provide faster and more personal attention to students who come through the center," Delaney said.

School spirit and unity sometimes hard to find

Student and teacher participation in campus activities lacking compared to the past

By Andrew Chase
Correspondent

Whether or not it is a generational or a modern trend, school spirit and a unified student-body might be remnants of the past at Ohio Wesleyan.

In an unscientific survey of 65 OWU students, on a scale of one through five, with one being the lowest and five the highest, 66 percent rated student unity between one and two, 34 percent answered three to four, and no students rated it five.

Senior Kevin Lehman said although not all students are unified, there is still a sense of belonging to a community.

"I don't feel like there's great unity as a whole," Lehman said. "There are niches and cliques in a positive sense, meaning there's a group or role anyone can fall into and be comfortable."

Losing spirit

He said the reason for the lack of unity could be partly generational.

"Each generation becomes more involved in their own activities and daily lives," Lehman said.

Freshman Tim White said the state of unity on campus is expected, because OWU is just that type of school.

"We're a very small but extremely diverse campus," White said. "People naturally want to socialize with people they can relate to, so there are a lot of different groups."

German Professor Helmut Kremling said in an e-mail interview that OWU diversity hinders unity, but that is not necessarily a bad thing.

"We are justly proud of our diversity, but, of course, that diversity in background, talent, and interest prevents unity about events and issues," Kremling said. "That is as it should be."

According to senior Nick Merluzzi, the campus community has divisions that students rarely cross.

"It seems to me that there are three pretty distinct groups; Ohioans, East Coast kids and international students," Merluzzi said.

"They all stay within their own groups for the most part. People just like to stay within their own comfort zone."

White said since students have so much going on in their lives with schoolwork, responsibilities and friends, involvement on campus just is not a priority.

"I have so little leisure time for myself; I'm usually not going to spend it going to events on campus," White said.

According to the survey, 40 percent of the students sampled said they do not voluntarily attend any campus events such as concerts, banquets or lectures in a semester, while 54 percent said they attended one to five, 4 percent said six to 10 and 2 percent said 11 to 15.

Where spirit comes from

Kremling said students choose not to participate in non-academic activities for various valid and invalid reasons, but it is beneficial to the student to be involved.

"I do think that students who are involved in activities in addition to academics are less likely to feel isolated and more likely to be content," he said. "And that probably leads to better retention."

Kremling said he couldn't recall any event in which student participation was nearly total.

"The death of a student while enrolled here invariably brings much of the campus together, maybe even more so if that student is part of our Greek system,"

he said.

"The Vietnam crisis, divesting from holdings in South Africa, the Iran-Contra scandal, the student power era etc. all brought much of the campus together but still not close to 100 percent."

According to senior Matt Patrick, attendance at campus events only looks bad because of the size of the school.

"Attendance may be poor compared to other schools, but percentage wise I don't think it's that bad," Patrick said.

"If there's some speaker that brings in 10 percent of the student body, that's less than 200 kids, so there will be empty chairs in the Benes Room and it reflects poorly on us. But if 10 percent of Ohio State attends some lecture, that's over 3,000 students, and it would be considered very well attended. I don't think it's fair that OWU is held to a different standard because we're small."

Models of school spirit

Kremling said faculty should lead by example in attending cultural events on campus and on the whole that is just not happening.

"Faculty and staff are now less likely to participate in after class activities because of a variety of factors, one being that more than ever they live quite far away, which was not the case years ago," Kremling said.

"People who don't attend events on campus are less likely to promote those events. It starts with the role models. A very small percentage of faculty attends cultural events on campus."

In the past, students have been more unified than today. Kremling has taught at OWU for 35 years and said there have been times when the student body was more unified, such as in protesting against the Vietnam War.

"But even then not everyone participated in those protests, though classes were cancelled and there was standing room only at the various teach-ins and meetings," Kremling said.

Spirit in the past

Zoology Professor Dennis Radabaugh arrived at OWU when the Vietnam War was a rallying issue for students.

"I was not much older than the students, and felt much of their outrage, passion, and determination," Radabaugh said. "I was glad to be a part of the institution."

But even during this intense anti-war climate, not all students were united even then, but students were more politically in-

"We're a very small but extremely diverse campus."

-Freshman Tim White

involved and dedicated to making a change beyond their own lives, he said.

"It was complex because there was an ROTC unit on campus," he said. "I recall a student telling me that he enrolled in ROTC because he wanted to learn how people in the military think, so that he could oppose them more effectively. I remember another student in my introductory zoology course who wanted to learn as much as possible about the biological basis of aggression, again so that he could find ways to prevent still another war."

Student unity revolved around the greater political issues that affected students' lives and did not necessarily have anything to do with OWU or campus life, he said.

"In those days, students were united, but they were united around issues, rather than around the University," Radabaugh said. "This was simply the place where they gathered; I think that's the best a college can do—bring together young people who are passionate—who can find each other, who learn how to argue and debate and think and change their minds."

Radabaugh said, for better or worse, the student climate today just is not the same as it was in the 1960s and 1970s, which was evident in the response to the start of the Iraq War in 2003.

"I like many others, opposed the invasion of Iraq because it was clear that the evidence did not support claims of weapons," he said.

"On the eve of the invasion, I contacted many of my faculty friends, asking whether they would support a boycott of class so as to participate in a discussion of the issues.

"Virtually all of them were sympathetic, but they all concluded that the student body would disagree with the premise; the student body would support the decision to go to war. Times change."

White said activism would serve to unify students today if there was a compulsory service draft like there was for Vietnam.

"I think you'd see a unified student body today on the same level as that during Vietnam if there were a draft," White said.

"I just don't feel personally impacted by external issues like Iraq, but a draft would change that. I'd be one of the first people standing outside HamWill holding a protest sign if there was a chance I might have to serve over there."

Spirit in the future

According to Kremling, the draft would dramatically change the student climate and attitudes toward Iraq.

"Iraq is a greater ethical disaster than Vietnam, yet only relatively few folks are protesting," he said. "The main reason is that there is no draft; thus we are barely affected."

Sophomore Meryl McCumber said unity and apathy on campus are directly related, and widespread apathy has resulted in a poorly unified student body.

"My worries might be pretty similar to the kids I pass on the Jay Walk, but only because we're both worried about our own problems, not what's happening on campus or in the real world," McCumber said.

McCumber's views might reflect a common trend since only 25 percent of students turned out to vote in the recent WCSA election. In 2004 the voter turnout was 41 percent. Merluzzi said this year's decline was due to the lack of issues directly impacting students.

"I voted in the 2004 election because the election issue was about off-campus food points," Merluzzi said. "There was a belief that the food options would improve with the outcome of the election, and they did. This year, I didn't vote because I didn't care. I feel like the student government's influence is



Photo by Lynne Albers

OWU students celebrate with the Bishop at a basketball game.

marginal."

White said he did not vote because he does not think it matters who is in charge.

"I don't think if one person is president or treasurer over another, I will be differentially affected by their policies," White said.

"I feel like students rarely get anything major done that the University wasn't already going to do anyway. Even with the smoking policy, I think it was left to WCSA so the students could still feel like we have some control, but in reality eventually all residential facilities will be smoke free no matter what WCSA decides."

Freshman A.J. Orlando said OWU students are unified in the respect that most students think of campus as a community.

"When students have problems with the administration they are community problems that everyone pretty much feels the same about," Orlando said. "WCSA serves as the voice of the community and works on our behalf with the administration to reach solutions pretty much everyone will be OK with."

Orlando said OWU is probably no different than other schools in terms of unity.

Spirit somewhere else

"Unity may be low with the student body, but I don't think that's unique to OWU," he said.

"I think it's pretty common, and I would venture to guess that the OWU community is still warmer than you'd find at bigger schools. I feel a sense of unity just seeing a bunch of people I know every time I go to class."

Unity and school spirit could be linked, as student attitudes towards Bishop pride are similar to that towards unity. According to the survey, 29 percent of students rated school spirit a one out of five, 24 percent gave it a two, 26 percent answered three, 8 percent said four and nobody rated school spirit a five out of five.

Kremling said school spirit at OWU is probably average, at best. And the same holds true for unity, which is not necessarily a bad thing.

"I think the mood is not any different from other places and, in fact, I don't think there should be extraordinary school spirit except for very, very unusual circumstances such as a very unusual accomplishment or tragedy," Kremling said.

The recent shooting at Virginia Tech brought its student body together in mourning. If such is possible at a school with over 20,000 undergraduates, a far lesser trag-

edy or accomplishment should be able to bring OWU's 2,000 students together.

Spirit in sports

Of the survey sample, 26 percent said they attend no sporting events in a semester, 49 percent said they attend one to five, 20 percent said six to ten, two percent said 11 to 15, and three percent said they go to over 20 athletic events.

Lehman played four years of varsity soccer for the Bishops and said school spirit is one thing that is severely lacking at OWU and is most evident at sporting events.

"As an athlete, I was shocked with attendance at our games," he said. "Most of the time I was disappointed considering we were a top echelon team competing for a national championship. Part of the low attendance is due to University restrictions, because kids fear getting kicked out of games for being loud and rowdy. Everything is monitored to a T."

In the past, Public Safety has been known to monitor certain groups of student-fans at athletic events, and some students were often forced to leave for loud or unruly behavior.

Lehman said no one cares about a sport unless they have a friend on the team.

"Unless you have some compelling reason to go to a game, you're probably not going to go," he said.

Kremling said he attends home soccer games religiously, but understands people have different interests.

"I realize that is not everyone's cup of tea," he said. "I do go to other sporting events but primarily only if I'm invited by a student. Soccer is still marginalized in the US. Only if our basketball and football teams were national powers, would we truly have nearly campus-wide attendance. Sports have their place but are not the heart and soul of what we want to be."

Fowler said school spirit and pride is pretty atrocious at OWU compared to our rival schools.

"I play lacrosse and I guess we're up there with football and soccer for highest attended sports, but unless we're playing Denison, student support is pretty low compared to a lot of the teams we play," Fowler said.

"For the majority of fans to stay more than a half, the weather has to be perfect and it has to be a close game. Even when we do have a lot of fans, school policy forces them to basically sit on their hands the whole time."

Unique senior class departs with many op-

By Jameson Pyle
Staff Reporter

On May 13, the students of the class of 2007 will graduate and head off in separate directions. Despite the variety of plans among the graduating seniors, many agreed that the key to establishing a successful plan for life after college requires internships and forward planning.

Definitive Plans

While not all graduating seniors agree that a structured plan is necessarily a "successful" one, some seniors have taken this route.



Sam Sinclair

Senior Sam Sinclair, an economics management major and English minor, has taken a position with UBS, a large and global finance company. He will work within its elite financial advisor associate program.

The program is a two-year commitment and he was one of 25 candidates who were chosen for the program nationwide. The program will provide Sinclair with the knowledge and skills to become a financial advisor, but will also prepare him for the licensing requirements to become certified.

While the program is a lengthy commitment and will require rigorous work, Sinclair said he is content with his decision.

"I will be a part of one of the toughest programs in this area from the leading financial institution in the world," Sinclair said. "The training that I will receive in the two years will be unmatched."

Sinclair said he attributes his diverse educational background from a liberal arts university and his summer of 2006 internship with UBS for obtaining the competitive position.

"My internship with UBS and my financial management courses at OWU have given me the necessary skills in the industry to succeed," Sinclair said. "Moreover, my English minor has taught me the importance of communication, in both oral and written forms."

Sinclair said future seniors and

underclassmen should start the job application process during their junior year and get ahead early on. Furthermore, he said it would be to their advantage to find internships that relate to possible future career choices.



Lauren Fellure

Senior Lauren Fellure has also taken premeditated steps to develop a structured plan for next year. Fellure, a psychology major, will be attending the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University.

Fellure said in an email she has been motivated and aware that she wanted to attend a graduate program since her freshman year at Ohio Wesleyan. However, only recently did Fellure decide to attend law school.

"I've always been interested in law in some way," Fellure said. "I wasn't sure what I would do with a Ph. D. in psychology, so I decided that law school was a pretty good option."

Fellure has taken many steps while attending OWU to prepare her for getting into graduate school, including extra curricular participation, summer LSAT study courses, and participation in various honor societies. With a 4.0 GPA, Fellure mainly attributed her successful planning to serious academic study and getting off to a good start as a freshman.

"Take your grades really seriously and don't wait until the end to try to make up for a few bad semesters," Fellure said. "Expect to have lots of other outside obligations, other than school work, during your senior year."

Senior Nick Reif is a botany major. Starting this summer, Reif will be working for the Department of Environmental Sciences at Florida Atlantic University. With two other technicians, Reif will be collecting data and researching mangrove physiology in the Florida everglades.

Reif said he eventually wants to pursue a graduate degree, but first wants to do something hands-on and gain experience in his field of interest.

"I knew I wasn't ready to start my graduate degree immediately after OWU," Reif said. "I think

there are certain things about [graduate school] that are really lacking in terms of real world preparation. I feel that a brief hiatus from school and accepting the FAU job would really help my future aspirations when I am ready to take them on."

For the past two years, Reif said he has been doing research for the US Forest Service in Delaware, but has also done some research through the science department.

Reif attributes his busy schedule and passion for science to his success.

"Younger students need to know the importance of being involved," Reif said. "In whatever way possible, take interest in something and relate it to your academic path. That is why we came here right, to explore?"

Reif said one of the most positive things about attending OWU is the connections he has made with teachers, which he said was made possible by the University's small size and excellent staff.



Nick Reif

"If you exhibit enthusiasm and a willingness to work hard and learn, inspirational professors do take notice and can help you along the way," Reif said.

Outcome Reports

Career services monitors and surveys students from each OWU graduating class after their first year out of college. The information is accessible under "Outcome Reports" available on the career services homepage, at careers.owu.edu. The results of the reports are limited to those that respond to the questionnaires.

According to an email from Sharon Schrader, career services secretary, the 2006 outcome report had roughly 182 student respondents out of the total 336 student class, which is a 54 percent response rate.

The outcome report for the class of 2006, prepared in February of 2007, reports that 68 percent of respondents are employed full time and 23 percent attended graduate programs. Of those employed, 82 percent have jobs in their field of choice.

The report also indicates that

most respondents, who were employed full time, were employed months after their graduation. Upon graduation, 40 percent already had jobs lined up. However, most respondents were employed two to four months after graduation.

Unstructured Plans

Whether unhappy about it or not, some graduating seniors haven't created concrete plans for their futures.



Chris Powles

Senior Chris Powles said his future plans aren't clear, however he isn't disappointed with his current situation.

With a major in biology and a minor in psychology, Powles said he wants to keep his future open and take some time to collect himself after graduation.

"I like the fact that my life isn't planned out perfectly," Powles said.

Powles said he has a great interest in the sciences and will eventually pursue a career in a related field, but first wants to do something less traditional.

"Experiencing different cultures and people is exciting and eye opening," Powles said. "I would really love to do something where I could travel abroad and possibly learn another language."

While nothing is certain yet, Powles said he is considering a program, such as the Peace Corps, in South America, where he could travel and experience other cultures, without the expenses of traveling alone.

While Powles has embraced the versatility and openness of his future, he said his lack of structured planning has limited his future prospects, from a professional perspective.

"I really haven't done that much until this year when I compiled my resume," Powles said. "I would definitely recommend underclassmen start trying to get work experience now, during their summers off."

Eryn Bruce

Eryn Bruce will be graduating with a major in English and a mi-

nor in humanities.

Like Powles, Bruce said she would like to travel before committing to more traditional job.

"There is a definite advantage to traveling and taking some time off after college," Bruce said. Many people don't take the time to travel before they're stuck in a nine to five job and settle down."

Bruce said her preferred destination of travel would be California, but finding the money to fund such an excursion could be difficult.

Bruce said her future plans will also include the pursuit of an internship, which will help lead her to more career opportunities. However, she said she is currently concerned with the lack of job opportunities, with only a bachelors degree.

"Students should utilize Ohio Wesleyan's career services," Bruce said. "This may help pin-point what you're interested in doing."



Jackie Chapple

Senior Jackie Chapple said her main concentration now is finishing up her current schoolwork and she will focus on career objectives following graduation.

With a major in journalism, Chapple plans on pursuing an internship in Cleveland for sports broadcasting for the summer.

As for next year, Chapple said she intends on preparing for graduate school exams and submitting applications to various journalism graduate school programs. While

Chapple had planned on going to graduate school immediately, her schedule was too busy to plan that far ahead.

"I wish I could go straight to graduate school, but I didn't have any time to study for the GREs and fill out applications with my demanding workload," Chapple said.

However, Chapple said the delay may prove to be beneficial in the long run, as she can gain working experience and will have the time to adequately prepare for the graduate entry exams.

Like Bruce, Chapple also said students should pursue summer internships and take advantage of career service's resources.



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Inspiration can be precarious at times

One columnist encourages another



I would be interested to find out how many of my readers know who Maira Kalman is. Until today, when I began my research for this column, I could not tell you who she is. April marked the final month for Ms. Kalman, an illustrator, author, and designer, in what was a year-long series of monthly columns appearing in *The New York Times*. These columns included compelling, though seemingly simple enough, thoughts and stories, accompanied by beautiful and comforting illustrations—the two integrated with one another. Ms. Kalman's body of work also includes covers for *The New Yorker*, a magazine far more intelligent than I that I first discovered many years ago during a visit to my aunt's home in Chicago—also a magazine I have been receiving for the past couple of years thanks to a gift subscription from that very same aunt.

As someone who appears to have found new and different ways of communicating with readers through very traditional vehicles—a newspaper and a magazine—and with clear success, I sat in awe of Ms. Kalman's work and immediately developed a respect and admiration for her and what she has done.

Adhering to the way things have always been done is not what will set us apart from the masses—if standing out is what we want for ourselves. Rather, what we must

do is innovate.

"There is so much to do," Ms. Kalman writes in her January column, "Let me go with you. Lead the way. Let me accompany you for as long as it suits. Let us be frozen in time. Let us float into the future. I am right behind you."

As someone who is entirely unsure as to what direction to take his life, I am comforted and inspired by the career path that Ms. Kalman has carved out for herself, one in which she is not restricted to a list of responsibilities but instead seems to thrive on the dynamism that can define a career—and embraces how entirely conducive this life of ours is to such an eclectic way.

"What is this? This fragment," Ms. Kalman writes in her March column, "This hard wisp. Of what? Of darkness of thoughts, or immensity of the universe? Is it a dream? A foreboding? Or does it mean absolutely nothing?"

There is something about the questions she asks, the explorations she goes on and invites us along with her, and the open-endedness yet perfect completeness of her writing that makes her work innovative, and caused me to realize that all these years as a columnist, I hope I have not failed you by attempting to do some of these same things.

Beginning her final column, published just last month, Ms. Kalman titled the first section of it "Part 1. Precarious." She begins by writing, "I am at a loss for words. Everything was not said. Things are bittersweet. Bitter. Sweet. What is this faint feeling? This fleeting memory? The furniture is so fragile. And the dust floats so slowly in the sunlight. So sunny. And so precarious."

Editorial

One who pays has right to know

The morning after pill is not a reliable form of contraception.

A condom is more effective in preventing pregnancy, much cheaper, and greatly reduces the chance of the spread of STDs. The morning after pill can not stop the spread of STDs.

If students choose to engage in sexual activities, that's their choice. However, they should be smart about it. Students can get condoms from the Health Center and RAs for free. And they're small. It's not like students would have to carry an intro to chemis-

try textbook around all evening.

Morning After pills are supposed to be used in emergency situations. That doesn't just mean after a casual late evening romp in which a condom just isn't used on a whim.

At the very least, we think parents should have the right to know why they're being charged \$20. We know it probably violates confidentiality, but if parents are paying, they should know what they're paying for. Our suspicion is that the parents won't be as willing to dish out a Jackson if they knew the reason.

A goodbye from your senior editors

Over the four years we have been at Ohio Wesleyan University, we have seen many things. Some were good, some bad, some painful, some joyful. We have worked for *The Transcript* much of our tenure here, growing to know everyone involved in our community and gaining an intimate knowledge of OWU as a whole.

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to OWU and to this paper. Although it is said that no one reads it and we hear criticism as we pass by people on occasion. We know that we have served the Ohio Wesleyan community and we are proud of what we produce, because every issue makes a difference to at least one person. Besides if people com-

plain, it means they're reading it.

Despite the misspellings and the errors that could play out like a blooper reel if we were in broadcast, we've loved it as well.

Through *The Transcript*, we have been able to share the pains and joys of people only known as passing faces on our way to class. We have seen an obituary on our front page every year and have gotten to know two University presidents as well as countless club presidents and University officials. And without it, we would have been lost.

We wouldn't trade it for the world. Thank you to everyone who has made our four years at this school and with this paper such an amazing experience.

Letter to the Editor

Supporters should get facts straight before coming back

Dear Editor,

On Friday, April 27, there were supporters who were giving out pamphlets for a Presidential hopeful, Lyndon LaRouche. These supporters were saying that Al Gore would become the next Hitler for reducing CO2 emissions and our economy would greatly suffer.

They were partially right about one thing, our economy. If we do change our energy sources, our economy would get weaker as a

result of the change, but then it would rebound. Other than that, they were wrong.

These people were among the most ignorant and dumber individuals I have ever met. First, they are supporting a candidate who is a convicted felon.

Second, the facts that they used are mostly concocted by the media and did not make any sense. Finally, their plans are both radical and reactionary, meaning that they lean to both sides of ideo-

logical spectrum. I came to these conclusions when I examined Mr. LaRouche's website.

I ask that this group to not be allowed back onto campus until they are able to get better arguments and stronger facts, not opinions and facts that can easily be rebutted by students who know more than they do.

Sincerely,
 Brian Fahey ('09)

Gender creates undo fears



When I decided to write this column, I did not anticipate the reactions or responses it would generate. The exposure and attention has been overwhelming; somehow, in a matter of months, I became a conversation topic, a controversial figure that seemingly everyone has an opinion on. Honestly, sometimes it's a little unsettling.

However, I made my bed, lie in it, and sleep well. I don't apologize for a single thing written. Nevertheless, it is difficult being defined and identified by what I represent to others. I was pondering these sentiments and more while crossing the Jaywalk Sunday when a man in a red SUV rolled down his windows, looked at me and hollered "Yeah, shake that ass!"

I was not eliciting this form of harassment. I wasn't gyrating on a pole for this man; I wasn't approaching his car from a street corner. I was crossing the street in broad daylight on a Sunday afternoon.

It is important to note that I am not a particularly spiteful person. I never retaliate when this column generates negative (and sometimes biting personal) letters to the editor. I smile and extend my hand when complete strangers ask me if I am a virgin,

if I have raunchy, dirty sex with dozens of people or if I take orders in the rear. I bit my tongue even when a campus-wide petition circulated in opposition to this column. While I could be playing the "poor little sex columnist" card, I am tired of being defined not only by this column, but by my gender and sexuality.

Because here's the thing: I am a human with a history and struggles and accomplishments and opinions and emotions. I am more than what lies under my jeans and so much more than the words printed on this page. So in that moment, I snapped. I turned around and shouted words at this man that do not belong in this newspaper. It wasn't appropriate or right, and I know that. When I saw the red SUV parked, I panicked, ran as fast as I could to the Science Building and called Public Safety to escort me back to my dorm.

Call it silly or paranoid or an overreaction, but I was terrified. I know I'm not the first person to be catcalled by a greasy weirdo. Every day, women everywhere feel unsafe in the presence of men. Still, I am saddened that fear and the bitter taste of adrenaline ruined my walk. And I know that even if I do everything "right," even if I always carry a cell phone and walk with a friend and watch my drinks, the possibility of victimization still exists.

Sometimes my boyfriend receives blatant come-ons at the gym by other men and occasionally he's sexually harassed. He

just finds this irritating and never even considers the threat of physical or sexual violence. (Sadly, though, many men are physically and sexually assaulted by other men.) This illustrates one of the inherent differences between the sexes: most men cannot comprehend the fear a woman feels when she walks down a street alone late at night. I understand what happened to me wasn't a big deal, but it adds to the collective fear all women experience. Granted, most men I know (thank goodness) don't harass, abuse, or assault women. But the ones who do make women everywhere feel a little less whole. While many of my identity-related concerns stem from this column, my anxiety is not unique. Many other women struggle to be defined by their personalities, intellects, and talents rather than their genders, bodies and sexuality.

While I often utilize this column as a device to spark dialogue about various issues, this week I want to recognize the individuals and organizations at Ohio Wesleyan that help make this campus safer. Here's to the Women's House, Women's Resource Center, Public Safety, the Delaware Police Department, Counseling Services, IFC, WCSA, and every OWU student who has ever safely walked a friend home from a party. Harassment and violence exist everywhere, but because of you, more people can feel a little better when a stranger leers and yells at the corner of Sandusky and Rowland.



Bishops Sports



Open gym keeps team in shape

By Ted Thode
Staff Reporter

Open Gym is a valuable tool in the men's basketball team off-season, said Coach Mike Dewitt.

Dewitt said NCAA rules prevent him from having any part in open gym and it is something the players organize on their own. Dewitt said it helps the players stay in shape, builds team chemistry and helps improve player's skills.

"All student-athletes want to play their sport in season and out of season and this goes for our players," Dewitt said. "They enjoy playing basketball."

Junior Elliot Kaple said in open gym, players are much more re-

laxed without the coaches there.

"You do not have to worry about making a mistake and being benched," Kaple said.

Kaple said the seniors are in charge of putting together the open gyms. Kaple said the level of play is comparable to actual game play.

"The level of play picks up when the game is tied or it is game point just like in a real game," Kaple said.

Kaple said open gym games start once 10 people arrive to the gym. Kaple then said the teams are divided. Kaple said the players who are not picked will pick up players from the losing team to make five and they play the win-

ners of the previous game.

Kaple said for the most part the people who play in open gyms are mostly members of the basketball team. Kaple said there are times when kids who aren't on the team show up.

"Nobody is excluded from open gym," Kaple said. "Everyone is given a chance to play."

Dewitt said banning students that do not play on the basketball team would not be in the spirit of open gym. Dewitt said it does create a difficult situation.

"Students sometimes are unaware of how competitive and talented our players are," Dewitt said. "This can result injuries if the person cannot keep up."

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been coordinating and finding field-time for practices and games. Varsity coach Sean Ryan has been helpful in allowing the club team to use the varsity practice field as long as it does not conflict with a varsity practice.

"With the low budget we have to work with, we are always trying to find ways to cut our costs," Hicks said. "Allowing us to use the field really saves us a lot of time and money in terms of field paint and goals."

Club lacrosse aims to expand their schedule to host home games all through the month of April next year.

Sports Briefs

Golf

Friday and Saturday the golf team finished fourth out of six teams competing in the Fred B. Kravetz Invitational. Sophomore Kyle Martin led the Bishops tying for ninth place among individuals with a 155. The team travels to Wooster competing for the NCAC championships Saturday and Sunday.

Women's Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team lost 14-12 to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Saturday at home. The team begins the NCAC tournament Friday against #4 seeded Kenyon at Roy Rike. If the Bishops win the team will move onto the NCAC championship Saturday against the winner of the Wooster/Denison game.

Softball

The softball team (14-17-1, 5-9 NCAC) finished up the season against Ohio Northern on Tuesday. The team lost the first game 11-1 and battled through the second game up through the 10th inning, which was finally halted because of lightning. The game ended in a tie, 6-6.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team placed seventh at the NCAC tournament Friday and Saturday at Denison. The season ended with a record of 7-10 and 2-4 in the NCAC.

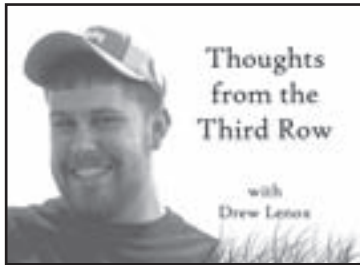
Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team (10-8, 4-2 NCAC) placed third in the NCAC tournament Saturday and Sunday at Denison. The Bishops beat Earlham 5-1. The team fell short to Kenyon 5-2, but made up for the loss beating Oberlin out for the third place spot, 5-4.

Men's and Women's Track and Field

The men and women's track teams host the NCAC Championships today and tomorrow at Selby Stadium. The NCAA Division III championships are being hosted at Wisconsin-Oshkosh on May 24-26.

Browns snag Quinn solving their QB problem



This weekend's NFL Draft lasted a long time and brought many surprises to the viewers. But as always there are winners and losers. This year they revolve around the saga of Brady Quinn.

One of the winners I saw, though many disagree, was the Buffalo Bills. With the loss of running back Travis Henry, the Bills needed a new feature back.

They found one in Marshawn Lynch at the 12th overall pick. They then got Dwayne Wright in the fourth round to help Lynch shoulder the load.

Another great pick for Buffalo was the linebacker, Paul Posluszny, a first round talent, in the second round.

Finally, to cap off their successes they snagged quarterback Trent Edwards out of Stanford at the end of the third round.

Edwards was projected to go around pick 33 so getting him nearly 60 picks later was a big catch. He can compete this season with starter J. P. Losman.

Perhaps the biggest and luckiest winner was the Cleveland Browns. They passed on Quinn at pick three and chose tackle Joe Thomas.

Later, they were able to trade up and get Quinn at pick 22.

It was strange to see the man who holds 36 records at Notre Dame slide to 22. He also is tenth in passing yards and ninth in TD passes in Division 1 history. The Browns got themselves a winner.

They later got some good defensive players, but getting two of the top five players in the draft should make Browns fans smile.

Just as Quinn made the Browns a winner, passing on him made the Miami Dolphins a loser. At pick 9 everyone was sure they would take Quinn but instead they chose Ted Ginn Jr. who at the moment is still injured with a boot on his foot.

This gives the Dolphins a major QB problem. They have Daunte Culpepper, but who knows if he'll ever be healthy. They are trying to get Trent Green but he probably only has two good years left.

This leaves them with Cleo Lemon. I think other things that are slightly used and don't really work out are called lemons.

So, Miami drafted John Beck in the second round. As a QB from BYU, he hasn't played tough competition. He also has struggled

with injuries.

The big problem could be that when the season starts Beck will be 26. If Green starts for two years, Beck would then be 28. Sounds like the quarterback of the future has a limited future.

Another draft loser was the Houston Texans. The Texans got rid of David Carr. Carr had been sacked a league high 249 times.

They signed Matt Schaub from the Falcons, but in the draft Houston didn't select any lineman until the fifth and sixth rounds.

Schaub can be great but with not much dedication to the offensive line the Texans better hope Michael Vick taught Schaub how to run.

Many teams filled needs but it is all talk right now. It always looks good on paper but when it comes time to settle it on the field, the real winners and losers will show themselves.

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Bishops Sports



Men's Lacrosse

Defense holds on for win against Denison

By Will Bridgeo
Staff Reporter

Alumnus lacrosse player Doug Freeman ('05) knew what was at stake for the men's lacrosse team going into Saturday's anticipated rivalry game with Denison. He

knew the school's pride and the team's season depended on a win.

As he addressed the team before they took the field, with tears in his eyes, there was no question what was at stake.

"Doug told the team a war story about Henry VIII and addressed

each class individually, emphasizing the importance of sticking together and playing as a team," said junior defenseman Brian Test. "He got me more fired up for a game than I have ever been in my life."

Perhaps the biggest story of the

day was Ohio Wesleyan's second half defense, which allowed just one goal in 30 minutes of play.

"The defense was intense," said coach Sean Ryan. "Holding Denison to one goal for 30 minutes showed how much our senior led defense wanted this game. We also played as a team for 60 minutes, something we have not done leading into this game."

Denison's top gun, freshman Brady Burton, got the Big Red on the board first with a man-up goal at the 11:32 mark of the first quarter. OWU was able to keep Burton, who ranks 8th in the nation in goals per game (3.46), to just two.

Ryan said Burton's major strength is finishing inside on the crease and that the defense did an excellent job shutting him down.

"He tries to get really high away from the ball and cut when the defender is not paying attention to him, we were able to keep a [long] pole on his hands for most of the game and were able to contain him," Ryan said.

Sophomore Eric Turner responded for the Bishops with 4:49 left in the quarter off an assist from junior Steve Fowler to tie the game 1-1.

The teams then traded goals before Turner and junior Chris Eccles scored goals in the last minute of the quarter to give OWU a 4-2 lead.

Eccles put the Bishops up 5-2 at 12:33 in the second quarter, but Denison refused to lay down, scoring four consecutive goals to

take a 6-5 lead.

Turner scored the biggest goal of the game for OWU with :07 remaining in the half when he ripped a shot from 20 yards out past Denison goalkeeper

Alex Baruch, tying the game at six and giving Ohio Wesleyan the momentum into the locker room.

The Bishops held on in the second half thanks to their defensive tenacity and intense play as a team.

"We knew that Denison was a team that would come out with guns blazing in the second half," Ryan said. "I told the team that we needed to take it one play at time and we needed to continue to attack them, the players followed through on their end."

Freshman Chris Ehlinger added an insurance goal with 4:21 to go to seal the deal for OWU.

Turner led the Bishops with 3 goals and Eccles finished with 2 goals and an assist. Junior Ryan Perone had 10 saves in net for OWU

Ohio Wesleyan will attempt to clinch its 16th conference title and go undefeated in the NCAC for the season today, as they travel to Wooster to take on the Fighting Scots.

Wooster goes into today's game after a big win against Wittenberg Saturday, crushing their competition 12-2. The Scots overall record is 8-3, (2-2 NCAC).

A win at Wooster likely puts the team in the NCAA tournament. They will find out Sunday night if they've been selected.



Photo by Emily Bigelow

Freshman Chaz Narwicz gets around a Denison player on Saturday. The Bishops won the game 9-7, securing the NCAC Championship.

Baseball

Winning NCAC West title gives home advantage

By Ryan Jones
Staff Reporter

Just because coach Tom Durant said the program's ultimate goal is to win a national championship, doesn't mean he is overlooking the importance of capturing a division title.

With a 15-3, 3-1 sweep of Wittenberg in Sunday's doubleheader action, the Bishops (20-11, 13-3 NCAC West) earned its second NCAC West Division title in as many years.

"Winning the division is one of those small stepping stones in the right direction," Durant said. "It's not the final destination, but it is important for maturation process of our team. Eventually we want to get to the point where we are not just compared to teams in the NCAC, but to teams that are national powerhouses."

Stellar performances by seniors Kyle

Sherman and Sean Ring propelled the Bishops in both victories.

Sherman belted 2 home runs and had 4 RBI's in the opener. The second baseman hit a 2-run shot to left center to give the Bishops a 2-0 lead in the first inning, and added a solo blast in the fifth.

Durant said Sherman is the catalyst of the team.

"He's the lightning rod of our program," he said. "When Kyle has got it going, the rest of our team usually does too because the guys feed off his play. Sometimes I think he feels the weight of the world on his shoulders, but he has done a good job relaxing and realizing that all the pressure is not on him."

Sophomore Logan Hronis and junior Brent Wilkins also hit long balls in the opener. Hronis drove in all 4 runs for the Bishops in the third inning when he hit a grand slam down the left field line to give

the Bishops a 9-2 lead. Wilkins launched a 3-run homer in the fourth.

Ring (7-2) cruised through the Tiger lineup in the nightcap and tossed a complete game 3-hitter, with 2 strikeouts. After an unearned run in the second inning cut the lead to 2-1, he did not allow a Tiger runner past second base the final 5 innings.

Durant said Ring has been a consistent performer with his bat and arm.

"He's a stabilizing force for us on the mound," he said. "He gives us exactly what we need every time he has the opportunity. He might not be the flashiest, but he's been a steady leader."

Sherman drove in all 3 of the Bishop runs. He sent a 2-run double down the left field line that scored juniors Joey McDaniel and A.J. Dote in the first inning, and singled home McDaniel again in the fifth.

Durant said the leadership provided by Sherman and Ring has been indispensable.

"Everything we've asked of them this season, we've gotten that and more in return," he said.

By capturing the division title, the Bishops earned a number one seed, and the right to host Allegheny [#2 seed NCAC East] at Littick Field in the semifinals of the NCAC tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

"Allegheny has tradition in the NCAC," Durant said. "They have been one of the better teams in the conference for many years."

Durant said earning the #1 seed is advantageous because the #2 seed from the NCAC West has to travel to Wooster to play the other semifinal series.

"It's huge in terms of NCAC championship game because by winning our division we don't have to play Wooster at their place," he said. "If we make it to the championship we will get to face them [Wooster] at a neutral site, Denison's home field."

Strong start for club brings promising future

By Will Bridgeo
Staff Reporter

The club lacrosse team has just finished its inaugural season as a WCSA sanctioned organization. In four games, the team went 3-1, and won the Laxapalooza tournament hosted by Wright State last weekend.

In the tournament, OWU beat Eagle Vantage 15-2, and Ohio Dominican 17-1. The team dropped a 12-9 decision earlier in the season to Columbus State Community College.

Junior Matt Rissell said the biggest highlight of the season came at home last Sunday when Ohio Wesleyan downed Wright State 16-3.

"It was great to play at home on a beautiful day, we had a good turnout of players, and a surprisingly big fan base. Overall it was the best game of the season in my opinion," Rissell said.

According to Club President Andy Hicks,

the team was founded and practiced last spring but could not do too much because they had no funds. A few of the players joined the Columbus State team in a couple of games.

Hicks said the team's main goal for next year is putting together a solid schedule of games early on.

"We're established," Hicks said. "It's just a matter of students coming together and showing up for both practices and games. With a schedule put out in advance it will be much easier to do that next year."

Hicks cited the wide range of playing experience and talent on the club team.

"Experience levels on the team range anywhere from former OWU varsity players who have quit the [varsity] team, to guys that have never picked up a lacrosse stick prior to joining the team," he said.

Hicks said the biggest challenge has

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Sliding into season's end



Photo by Emily Bigelow

An Ohio Northern player misses the ball as an OWU player slides into third base Tuesday at Mingo Park.