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Retail expert to discuss future of business

For nearly 20 years, Mary Brett Whitfield has helped retailers and consumer-goods companies to improve their businesses. During that time, she has worked with firms ranging from Saks Fifth Avenue and Speedway SuperAmerica to Pier 1 Imports and Pepsi.

On Nov. 8, Whitfield will bring her insight to Ohio Wesleyan University, where she will present "Connecting with Consumers: Retail Formats for the Future" at 3:10 p.m. in the Bayley Room of Beeghly Library.

Whitfield is the senior vice president of Columbus-based TNS Retail Forward, Inc., a global management consulting and market research firm that specializes in retail intelligence and strategies. She also serves

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Geographer promotes downtown lifestyles

Kyle Ezell, a Columbus, Ohio-based cultural geographer and former city planner, will present "Promoting Downtown Living in the Midwest: Saving Heartland Cities by Choosing a Freak's Lifestyle" at Ohio Wesleyan University on Nov. 8 as part of the 22nd annual Sagan National Colloquium.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Benes Rooms of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center. Ezell is the founder of Get Urban America, Ltd., an urban planning and marketing firm dedicated to teaching Americans how to live in cities. Traveling the country giving seminars on downtown living, Ezell has dedicated his career to advocating against additional parking lots and debunking city-dwelling myths, such as urban centers being hubs for yuppies or those in poverty.

He also is an instructor of downtown housing for The Ohio State University's City and Regional Planning Program and has authored numerous books on downtown revitalization, including *Get Urban! The Complete Guide to City Living* and *Retire Downtown: The Lifestyle Destination for Active Retirees and Empty Nesters*.

"It's time to target values as the primary determinant of urban revitalization," said Ezell on his Web site, www.geturban.com.

"Until values tip toward appreciating cities and the urban lifestyle they can provide, especially in the Heartland, very little can ever be expected to change. Vital American cities are about 60 years past due."

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Creating industrial art



Photo by Andrew Stewart

Fine arts professor John Quick breaks a bot so molten iron can flow out of the department's cupola furnace in the iron pour Oct. 26. Sculpture students as well as those in three-dimensional design and Quick created molds for the pour, which used over a ton of iron. OWU participated with Bowling Green in the event.

Pakistani political strife hits OWU students close to home

By **Rafaya Sufi**
Transcript Correspondent

With the recent bombings and other political strife greeting the return of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto to Pakistan after eight years of exile, Ohio Wesleyan University junior Umair Kaimkhani said Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf is the only man who can keep the peace.



Bhutto

The Oct. 29 issue of Newsweek's cover read, "The Most Dangerous Nation in the World Isn't Iraq. It's Pakistan," and reports looked at how Pakistan has become a safe haven for Taliban and Al Qaeda jihadists. Bhutto indirectly blames Musharraf, saying only democracy will be able to end such turmoil and instability in the country.

Kaimkhani, a native of Pakistan, said a democratic-styled government has never run in favor of his country.

"Look at the past," Kaimkhani said. "Benazir Bhutto came in '88. She was charged with corruption, leaving Pakistan in a state of emergency. She was re-elected in '93 but failed again, causing a lot of violence in Karachi (the economic heart of the country), and then Nawaz Sharif came in for the second time. He's a different story. Complete failure."

Kaimkhani said although democracy would be good for a euphoric-Pakistan, Musharraf has changed the face of the country and is doing a promising job, despite what people might say about political instability.

"There is still political instability, yes," Kaimkhani said. "But for eight to nine years, if you look at the politics on dictatorship basis, the instability has become better. I am not just speaking politically, I mean socially, too."

Kaimkhani said Musharraf has brought down poverty levels significantly in the country since he first came on the scene in 1999.

"In '91, statistics show poverty levels to be 33 percent," Kaimkhani said. "Present day statistics show 24 percent. That's significant and that is saying something."

Sophomore Bushra Sheikh agreed with Kaimkhani and said Musharraf is probably the only competent leader for Pakistan.

"I hate Benazir Bhutto," Sheikh said. "I don't want her there. How can a person who has been charged with corruption control a country? She had her chance. If that's her style of democracy. No thank you ma'am."

Junior Adiyah Ali Shah said while Bhutto may want a democracy, she can not fool the country because she is power hungry.

"Bhutto wants to work with Musharraf but blames Musharraf for the turmoil and terrorism in the country," Shah said. "Whether or not

it is a political propaganda is besides the point. She is not good for the country and she never has been. I totally agree with Umair (Kaimkhani). She left the country in ruins with the sectarian violence acts in Karachi in the '90s, engaging herself in acts of corruption."

Shah said although what Pakistan now has can be called a dictatorship, Musharraf has been more democratic than Bhutto ever was.

"Musharraf has encouraged more TV stations that broadcast news than any other 'democratic' leader of Pakistan," Shah said. "There is so much freedom of speech and freedom of press now. The media backfires at Musharraf all the time but has never been shutdown. During Bhutto and Sharif's rule, the only channel we had was PTV (Pakistan Television) that (was) state-owned and monitored."

Shah said she would rather stay under the military rule rather than a "so-called democracy" and that she prefers Musharraf, despite his flaws.

"Musharraf might be a strong supporter of America, but that doesn't mean he's a sell-out," Shah said. "He was a supporter of the MMA (Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal or United Council of Action) and gave them power. They exploited the power, and if Musharraf hadn't done that, there would be little or no extremism. Musharraf is not the one to be blamed for this."

Kaimkhani said the goings on
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P&J resident to bring social awareness through new publication

By **Michael DiBiasio**
Transcript Reporter

Inspired by her sister's idea, sophomore Annamarie DelPropost, a member of the Peace and Justice House, is creating a social justice magazine for her SLU house program as a medium for campus voices on topics such as AIDS, global warming, genocide and many others.

DelPropost wants the magazine to be "informal and inclusive." She is hoping for a variety of thoughts, articles, poems, letters to the editor, notebook-paper rants, photos and photos of artwork.

"I really just want this to be reflection of our generation's concerns, hopes, fears and visions for change," DelPropost said. "This can be local, national or global. I really want a nice variety. I don't want it to be all art or all poetry."

DelPropost is very excited about the use of notebook-paper rants in the magazine.

"Bringing all these different



Photo by Michael DiBiasio

DelPropost outside the Peace and Justice House.

mediums together gives everyone something to look at," DelPropost said. "People express things in different ways. Some people like

to write poetry, some people like to create art and some people like to take photographs. So [notebook-paper rants] just add another element.

News is back

WCSA reinstates College Readership Program on campus

By **Emily Hastings**
Transcript Correspondent

The Colligate Readership Program returned to Ohio Wesleyan Oct. 25 as a result of widespread support and effort from students and administration.

The program was established by *USA Today* and is being used at multiple campuses around the country. According to the program mission statement, "The goal of the Collegiate Readership Program is to enhance the learning environment on campus by exposing students to the news in their living, learning and community spaces. The program is designed to promote civic literacy and global awareness on campus through students' daily exposure to the news."

Interim dean of students Donald Omahan said, "President Robbins and I are enthusiastic in our support for the program and agree that it can be of great benefit to Ohio Wesleyan students."

WCSA President Tricia DiFranco said the council was diligent in its request for funding. "We just kept telling people we need money, we need money," she said. WCSA pledged \$8,000 last year for reinstating the program this year.

The Honors Program Student Board gave \$2,000 in support of the program. Senior Caitlyn Nestleroth, Honors Board director, said, "We knew honors students had been using the program to stay informed on current events and were happy to help bring it back for them. The board would like to use the Collegiate Readership Program as an outlet for intellectual discussion among honors students."

The remainder of the funding came from Omahan and Interim President David Robbins.

According to Omahan, he and Robbins each reviewed their University budgets and were able to find enough funds to finance approximately one half of the program.

DiFranco said WCSA conducted a pilot program fall semester of 2006 and determined the Collegiate Readership Program would be a valuable asset to OWU. During the pilot WCSA offered students three papers: *USA Today*, the *Columbus Dispatch*, and the *New York Times*;

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It gives people the opportunity to share their thoughts without being really formal."

She believes that it is important for people to have a voice and be heard even if there is the possibility of criticism.

"These contributors are opening themselves up to criticism by sharing what they think about these big issues," DelPropost said. "It's always important to have different perspectives. Maybe one person never thought about something the same way that someone else did."

DelPropost herself is passionate about many pressing social issues, but currently AIDS and breast cancer research are on the forefront of her mind.

"I'm really, really interested in AIDS research," DelPropost said. "I'm really interested in what our society thinks about people with AIDS and people who are trying to find a cure and I'm really interested

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Campus News

Racial disparities in income, wealth stagnant

By Emily Steger
Transcript Reporter

Closing the racial wealth gap needs to be at the forefront of the civil rights agenda in the 21st century, said Thomas Shapiro, professor of law and social policy at Brandeis University, during an appearance for the Sagan National Colloquium on Oct. 25.

In the 1960s, the earnings ratio between whites and blacks was \$1 to 58 cents, and this ratio has not moved; neither has the window of economic debate, Shapiro said.

"Wealth doesn't just provide income, not meaning 'who gets on the fortune 500,'" said Shapiro. "We're talking about average American families along with these racial aspects."

Shapiro said first one must consider the history in American welfare policy when referring to this wealth gap.

This policy was built around jobs and income, Shapiro said.

Sophomore David McNaughton said he recalled Shapiro saying the welfare policy had never been serious about attacking the question of moving masses from poverty into social mobility.

"I think the history of the welfare

policy really shows how there is still such a racial wealth gap in today's society," McNaughton said. "There was a program implemented in helping people survive but it never truly transformed them."

Shapiro said he researched whether families could survive three months at the poverty line the government provided. He found two of five could not survive at the government-defined poverty line.

Junior Mark Ames said this highlighted the fragility of American families. "No matter the race, the government wasn't providing a sufficient system to the American people," Ames said. "Shapiro did, however, mention specifically 54 percent of those on this poverty line were African Americans."

Inequality on this wealth axis factors in class, too, said Shapiro.

Shapiro said families of different classes accumulate wealth in specific ways.

"The story has always been learned that wealth has been created by families who earn a lot, save rigorously, shrewdly invest and have a little luck," Shapiro said.

However, data and evidence tell a very different story; it's not just individual but institutional accumulation, he added.

"Two-thirds of middle class wealth comes from home equity," Shapiro said. "Its all about location, location, location."

Family income ratios also prove the racial wealth gap. Blacks have 10 percent of wealth whites hold, Shapiro said.

Shapiro said he asked himself why these large gaps exist and came up with two different reasons.

The first centers on the history of race in America, and the second is the impact of the past on the present. Shapiro also provided the audience with specific gap examples.

"Wealth is property," Shapiro said. "This can be passed along through generations and through in-vivo, meaning the wealth of property can be passed along before death."

Ames gave another example of the wealth gap. "Children receive financial aid from their parents when trying to buy their first home," he said. "Shapiro gave us numbers showing the racial gap where whites receive an average of \$10,000 from their parents and African Americans receive an average of \$800."

Shapiro said along with the money provided by parents, whites are four times more likely to inherit wealth.

Another specific gap includes institutional discrimination, Shapiro

said.

"This specifically refers to home ownership and assets with real estate agents influencing the demographics of what races live in what communities," Shapiro said.

The same house in an African American neighborhood versus a white neighborhood might have 40 percent less value, he explained. White homes average \$28,000 more wealth.

Wealth is then generated through housing factors, Shapiro said.

"African Americans have a much harder time qualifying for a home loan, along with receiving higher interests rates by 33 percent," Shapiro said.

Shapiro wrapped things up with three policy agendas, including mobility, self-reliance and independence; equality; and asset protection.

Shapiro said mobility, self-reliance and independence are family targeted.

Equality includes a hidden budget in tax codes, encouraging wealth growth for middle class families, said Shapiro, and this tax code supports wealth creations of \$262 billion.

"The top 1% of wealth receives 45% of this where the bottom 60% receives only 3%," said Shapiro. "This

proves the wealth being received is highly skewed and lopsided."

Asset protection is much more important because there was a crises in sub-prime and predatory lending, said Shapiro.

"Financial institutions were at greater risks because they were lending money to people who could not previously afford a home loan," Shapiro said. "The banks then wanted higher interest rates, and those loans given out made is extremely difficult for the people who took out the loans to pay them back."

"Within the next five years, 2.2 billion people would loose their homes to foreclosure. Studies proved this sub-prime proved more dominate in the African American communities."

Wealth has shifted from public entities to private individuals holding much more personal responsibility for their success, Shapiro said.

Risks start to burden the private individuals because they are now paying out of their own pockets, he added.

"No time more than now in American history has there been so much wealth, but it's filling in the holes of the social safety net," Shapiro said. "Wealth now focuses not just on race, but the American family."

OWU dormitory residents beat the heat as fall temperatures continue to be stuffy

Kelly Gardner
Transcript Correspondent

With the temperatures still reaching the mid-70s during the month of October, sophomore Chelsea Pacha said something should be done about the buildings without air-conditioning.

"I have three fans in my bedroom, and it still feels like I'm walking into a sauna," Pacha said. "Last year at this time, the temperature was never this high. Just last week the temperatures were in the lower 90s. It wouldn't be as unbearable expect for the fact that it's the middle of October and we are still dealing with

the high temperatures. Last year the temperatures were dropping before the end of September."

Stuyvesant Hall Residential Assistant Erica Wehner said she has asked about the air-conditioned dorm rooms and was told due to the age of the Stuyvesant, it would be impossible to put air-conditioning in the building.

"I was told the building was too old, and it would cost an incredible amount of money and energy if an air-conditioned unit was installed for the dorm building," Wehner said. "I was told that even the individual air-conditioning units were off limits due to the amount of energy they would

consume. If every dorm room had one, the building's fuse box would blow, and the building would be powerless."

Smith Hall is the only dorm complex that is air-conditioned. Sophomore Elizabeth Collins said it is extremely competitive and hard to get into.

"In order to get into Smith Hall, you must sign an agreement saying there will under no circumstances be alcohol in the dorm room," Collins said. "Then you have to sign up months in advance and write an essay explaining why you should be chosen to live in Smith. Also, a lot of the rooms are reserved for the incoming

freshmen, making it that much harder to be chosen."

Sophomore Sarah Bonnet said she thought the living conditions have been bearable this year due to a couple of fans and a positive attitude.

"I used to live in Smith Hall last year and thought it would be a hard transition," Bonnet said. "I thought living in Stuyvesant Hall would be really hard to deal with, especially after the power went out the day I moved in. Even with the temperatures climbing into the mid-90s, my roommate and I invested in a few fans and have found our room's temperature to be quite manageable."

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as director of the company's Retail Forward Intelligence System, a syndicated research and executive development program.

As part of her presentation, Whitfield will examine such questions as:

- Why is the retail landscape different today than during the past few years?
- How will the retail landscape evolve between now and the end of the decade?
- What must retailers do to find growth in a challenging environment?
- What growth strategies are leading retailers pursuing today?
- What global retailer is operating today with a business model that will be adopted by many other leading players in the next few years?

Munch and Mingle luncheon provides ample opportunities for networking

Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

Students and alumni gathered together during the lunch hour on Oct. 26 to "Munch and Mingle." The event was put on by both Career Services and Alumni Relations. Approximately 40 alumni representing many different careers attended the event.

According to Director of Career Services Tom Vecchione, a lot of time and effort went into setting up the event. Career Services was in charge of advertising the event to students and faculty, setting up the tables with the signs and paying for half of the meal cost, said Vecchione.

Vecchione said he could not think of any reason why students wouldn't come to Munch and Mingle, which is held every year during Homecoming weekend. He said it was a great opportunity for students to network.

"Any chance to network, especially with the great caliber of people who are offering their time at this event,

is a win-win for all, particularly students," Vecchione said.

Attorney Jackie Hager '97 attended Much and Mingle and said she thinks networking is critical to success.

Hager said it is important to keep in contact with the people students meet at OWU, because those contacts might come in handy later on in life. Having connections is always a good thing, Hager said.

Recent graduate Dan Sharpe '06, community and research grants management, said he thinks Munch and Mingle is a great resource for students and was happy to attend. "Any way I can get back to campus and give back to the students, I'm happy to do," Sharpe said.

Sharpe said the event offered students the opportunity to look at different jobs within fields students might not even have known existed. Sharpe said he recommended that students get involved in internships and ask a lot of questions while on the job. He said the liberal arts education he received at Ohio Wesleyan was

helpful to him.

Partner in Charge David Johnson '68 said he decided to come to the event because the Alumni Associate Board was having a meeting the same weekend.

"This event can offer students a frightening look at what they will become in 30 years," Johnson said.

Johnson said he could offer students some advice.

"Enjoy what you're doing right now," said Johnson. "Enjoy this time in your life. Be open to anything and everything. Hold your friends here close."

Sophomore Adam Koorn said he came to the event because he knew one of the alumni and it was a good networking opportunity.

Sophomore Alexandra Pfeister said she went to the event for the opportunity to network and to see if she could get a "foot in the door" for an internship. Pfeister said the event offered students some real world experience. "There's only so much books can say," Pfeister said.

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Campus News

Financial workshop 'making it count'

By Ryan Armstrong
Transcript Correspondent

Ultimate Money Matters is a financial literacy workshop being offered Nov. 7 for university students who want to improve their skills at independent financial stability.

Tom Vecchione, director of Career Services, said this is the first time OWU will hold a "Making It Count" program operated by monster.com.

"The lecture will be in the Benes room from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 7," Vecchione said. "Motivational speaker Tracy Early will be giving the presentation. This event is extremely relevant for all college students because it can empower students with the knowledge to spend money more wisely."

Vecchione said Early graduated with a master's degree in counseling from Xavier University, and he has worked as an academic advisor at the University of Cincinnati.

'This is something I think everyone needs to do,' said senior intern Sarah Wright.

"We stumbled on this opportunity by accident when we found it on Monster's website," he said. "We did research, and we found that it has been well received by many university campuses. It will be well worth our time, and it has already become a national lecture."

According to www.makingitcount.com, the lecture will familiarize students with appropriate credit use, basic banking, budgeting, minimizing debt, protecting themselves from identity theft and taking control of student loans.

Nancy Westfield, assistant director of Career Services, said she is coordinating all the promotional planning with this event.

"The event is being presented by Bank of America and will not cost the university funds because of the sponsors involved," Westfield said. "Other sponsors include Dell, the Marines, the National Guard, the Navy, Shell and many others."

"The only costs we have are through our promotional campaign," she said. "The event itself doesn't cost the university, and it is completely free for the campus community to enjoy."

Career Services Intern Senior Sarah Wright said this event will be informative to students and presented in an interesting and relevant manner.

"I definitely think that I will learn something from this event," Wright said. "I'm excited to attend because I can see what mistakes I might be making and how I can save more. This is something I think everyone needs to do."

"Career services goal is to inform the student body of what is available to them, to maximize the potential that students can benefit from us," she said.

Vecchione said an events calendar for Career Services is posted online, and students can learn about events there.

According to www.owu.edu, Career Services hosts meetings such as graduate resource discussions, recruiting events, student workshops and summer internship information sessions.

"Everything I have heard about 'Money Matters' tells me that it will be great for the campus community," she said.

"This is not just for seniors graduating and moving on in the real world. It is for everyone."

For more information on "Making It Count" programs and about money management skills, students may contact a monster.com representative at 513-772-1188 or visit www.makingitcount.com.

Austin Manor taking applications

By Sarah Shkoukani
Transcript Correspondent

Thinking of living in Austin Manor? ResLife will be distributing applications for Austin Manor after Thanksgiving break and conducting interviews with applicants.

ResLife describes Austin Manor as apartment-style living in an intergenerational environment for 20 students. Austin Manor, once known as Austin Hall, is a former student residence which was converted into a living and learning community for alumni, professors, friends of the university and select Ohio Wesleyan students.

Senior Mandi Mosier said she lived in Austin Manor the past two summers, as well as during the school year, and doesn't want to have to move out at the end of the year. "The rooms are bigger, and we have our own kitchen and bathroom, and it has a tub, which is exciting!" Mosier said. "There are doubles and quads."

Mosier describes the doubles as studio apartments where it's just one big room. The quads have two bedrooms and a living area. Mosier said she has lived in a double for the past two years.

ResLife said Austin Manor now features more than 60 individual apartments. Ohio Wesleyan only offers 20 spaces for students to live in Austin Manor, and they are still considered to be "on campus"



Austin Manor is located at Winter and Elizabeth streets.

residents.

"It's just like living off-campus, but you still get food points and you don't have to pay rent each month because it is included in your room and board," Mosier said. "My only problem is that I think it's a long walk to campus, but I drive, so it doesn't really matter to me."

Mosier said she had to apply and find a roommate to live there with her. She also had to do an interview with ResLife to get accepted to live there.

ResLife said Austin Manor residents must meet the following minimum requirements: a cumulative

GPA of 3.0 or above, the availability to reside the entire academic year at the manor, be at the sophomore level or above, express an interest in the intergenerational living arrangement and promote a sense of community, respect the values of other residents, be a non-smoker and respect the building and it's amenities.

"I really like it because if you ever need anything there are people there that you can go to," Mosier said. "The people are very friendly and love to hear stories about you and your life, and they love to tell you stories of their life and when they went to OWU."

Alum returns to speak at Milligan lecture

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Reporter



Cromwell

On Thursday Oct. 26, OWU alum David Cromwell ('66) returned to campus as a speaker for the Milligan "Leaders in Business" Lecture Series.

The Milligan series is presented by the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship, and is one of its "oldest lecture series" having been a part of the department for 15 years so far.

Dr. John Boos, director of the Woltemade Center, said, "It [the Milligan lecture series] is a series of speakers that link theory and procedure."

He described the series as one where "a speaker doesn't just give a lecture and go home. Speakers spend the entire day on campus." For example, Cromwell arrived on campus early Thursday morning, taught a class on entrepreneurship in the afternoon, spoke with the entrepreneurship and accounting club and then gave his lecture Thursday evening.

Cromwell is a smiling, robust man

with a catchy sense of humor and a head for numbers. After graduating from OWU, he received an MBA from NYU and spent 30 years working for JP Morgan in New York. Six of those years he occupied the position of president and CEO. Now he is an adjunct professor of entrepreneurship at Yale University.

At Yale, Cromwell teaches classes in business planning, venture capital and private equity. Private equity was something Cromwell did on Wall Street, and he said "the topic [private equity] is unusual. It is something hard to teach academically. You need to do it to teach it." After just his first year, Cromwell received the "Teacher of the Year" award, an honor voted on by students.

Cromwell's lecture was titled, "Are You an Entrepreneur." He said, "I am compacting three hours of lecture into 45 minutes."

The lecture focused on enlightening students about their own potential for entrepreneurship. He said, "Entrepreneurship is driving economic growth. Small businesses created seven million new jobs over the past three years."

He talked about the personality traits that come with successful entrepreneurs. He said the people usually have "high energy levels, are persistent and believe they can succeed." One out of three

entrepreneurs believes they have a 100% chance of success. Three out of five will fail. Entrepreneurs are also "passionate about it [their idea], truly passionate."

Also in the lecture were "secrets for success, what works and 10 deathtraps." He said, "Most of it is straight forward, but it is amazing how many people fall into the death traps."

He told a story about going through the success secrets and deathtraps with his business planning class. Everyone understood, but when the plans crossed his desk, five of his 10 discussed death traps were included. He said, "It is easy to make mistakes even though you know better."

Cromwell's Powerpoint lecture lasted one hour and drew laughter from the audience with its pictures and well-placed sound effect. Attendees included faculty, students, alumni and community members.

The Milligan lecture series is made possible by Robert L. Milligan ('22) and his wife and honorary alumna, Mary Cook Milligan.

"The Milligan family are a unique family because they sponsor the program and they come back to participate in the lectures." It is because of a program like this that students are "exposed to great leaders of the business world." Mary Milligan was in attendance.

Former student chooses military

By Mark Princehorn
Transcript Correspondent

When people go off to college, they dream of becoming teachers, doctors or lawyers.

That was not the case for former Ohio Wesleyan University student Tyler Leavitt, who, after spending a year and a half in college, decided he would rather serve his country than attend school.

Last winter, Leavitt was mid-way through his sophomore year when he decided he would gear his life in a different direction than that of most students. He was struggling with a very difficult class schedule and the recent loss of his grandmother.

Leavitt decided it was time to do bigger things. He left Ohio Wesleyan and swore his oath into the United States military on July 22.

"I have always wanted to do this. I have always thought I could do this, and I knew when the time came in my life I would do this," Leavitt said. Leavitt left for Paris Island, S.C., on Oct. 14 to start his basic training. Leavitt is preparing to be a scout sniper in the United States Infantry.

Leavitt leaves behind a lot more than a future college degree. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, as well as a member of the Ohio Wesleyan baseball team. Leavitt is a resident of Columbus and graduated from Thomas Worthington High School in 2005.

Leavitt was a member of his high school football team, where he was a defensive anchor at cornerback. He also excelled on the baseball diamond, where, as a multiple-year starter at catcher, he was an all conference selection.

He has a loving family and many friends said that are proud to have Tyler in their lives. Leavitt's cousin and former high school pitcher Harry Watson said, "He's not only a member of my family, he's my best friend. I am so proud of him, and I hope he stays safe. I am a very conservative person, politically speaking, but when Tyler (if Tyler) goes over there, my whole perspective on that situation will change drastically. I hope whatever happens, he just stays safe."

Many people share the same perspective. Robb Shrader, who attended both college and high school with Leavitt, said, "Ty is the man. If anyone can make a commitment like this, he can. I respect what he is doing so much and if he goes over there, I hope everything goes smoothly and he comes home safe."



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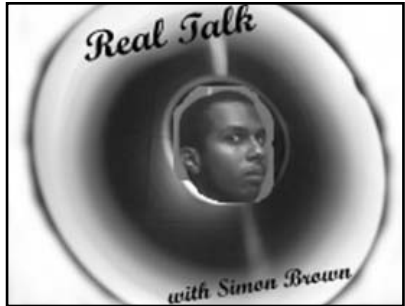
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Arts & Entertainment

American Gangsters running rampant this week



This will probably be either a two part or a three part article. Why? Because *American Gangster* is coming out this week. Do I mean the movie? Or do I mean the album? Or maybe I am talking about the series. All three!

The DVD for the BET television series *American Gangster's* first season was recently released. It is a documentary that chronicles the lives of many different American gangsters from the past to the near present. It is a great series and a must-buy; watch it on Wednesday nights if you want a taste.

Then on Nov. 2, Russell Crowe and Denzel Washington star in the movie, *American Gangster*. This is the story of mobster Frank Lucas and his rise to power. Lucas is played by Denzel Washington. The film is directed by Ridley Scott, and there are already talks about Oscars.

Last but not least on Nov. 6, Jay-Z's album (drum roll please), *American Gangster*, will be coming out. This album was influenced after Jay-Z saw an early screening of the movie and claimed that he was immediately inspired to do this album.

"It was like I was watching the film and putting it on pause and giving a back story to the story. Watching that film, it brought back all these memories. It took me back to those emotions," he said.

Jay also stated that this is not the soundtrack to the movie but simply his first-ever concept album. Though requested by star Denzel Washington, the movie's producer wanted to keep the '70s feel to the movie for its soundtrack and felt Jay-Z could not pull that off.

This isn't the first time movies have influenced Jay-Z. He emulated the movie *The Usual Suspects* for the video of his song, "The City is Mine." He also makes many movie references in his songs, mainly gangster flicks. One distinct song is "Allure" from his "retirement" album, *The Black Album*.

He said, "I know how this movie ends; still I play/ the starring role in 'Hovito's Way.'" This was a reference to the Al Pacino movie, *Carlito's Way*.

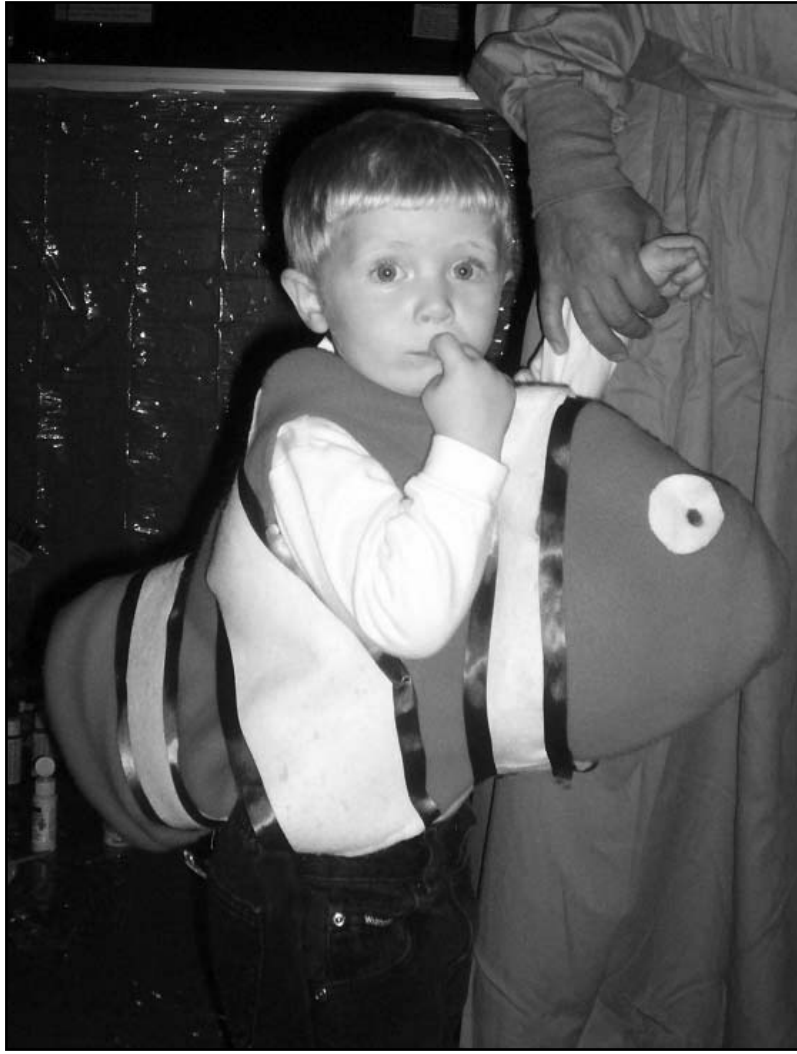
It's always good to see creativity come forth in what seems to be a bland year in Hip-Hop regarding themes and album projects. Rappers seem to just be spitting out albums with no over-arching theme. I'll be watching the movie and purchasing the album in the next week and eventually doing a review of them all. I hope you are excited as I am for these releases.

Alumni encourages students to 'dream big' in upcoming lecture

Ohio Wesleyan University alumnus and internationally renowned photographer Stephen Donaldson will present "From Wall Street to Dream Street: Seizing Opportunity from a World of Experience" at 4:15 p.m. Nov. 8 in Room 312 of R.W. Corns Building.

The free event is sponsored by the university's Humanities-Classics

No zombies at this ball



Photos by Catie Coleman

Students, faculty and family members went all out on Oct. 27 for the Zombie Ball hosted by the Department of Zoology and CLEAR. The event was held in the atrium of the Conrades Wetherell Science Center. Among the participants were Nemo, above, and a couple penguins doing the limbo.



Star gazers haunt observatory

By Matt Rissell
Transcript Correspondent

The Astronomy Club held its annual hunted house in the Student Observatory on Oct. 20.

Senior Stephanie Vasicek, president of the astronomy club, said the event was fun, although a member of the club wielding a chainsaw may have scared people away from the refreshment table.

Senior Alex Champagne remembers the haunted observatory from his freshman year.

"It was actually kind of scary, and I was living in Stuy at the time, so I could just walk over and check it out," Champagne said. "It was cool to have something like that on campus."

Vasicek, who has been a member of the club since her freshman year, is a physics major and astrophysics minor.

The club is also organized by vice president senior

Rachael Roettenbacher, an astrophysics major, secretary junior Rachel Decker, an astrophysics major, and treasurer junior Yaser Helal, a physics major.

"We are just a bunch of people who are interested in astronomy and looking at the stars," Decker said. "Some of us are physics and astronomy majors, others are just interested. Sometimes if it is clear we look through the telescope in the Student Observatory with our advisor."

Decker said Robert Harmon, professor of physics and astronomy, is the club's advisor and that the club travels to Delaware's Perkins Observatory at least once a semester and take a weekend trip in the spring semester to a telescope or museum in nearby cities and states.

The club has approximately 15-20 active members and is funded by WCSA. The club meets every Wednesday at 9 p.m. to discuss any news and upcoming events, or observe in the Student Observatory.

Vasicek said that the club has fun every year with the haunted observatory.

Dance team works to improve event turnout

By Liz Collins
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan's Ladies in Red dance team has spent countless hours practicing, and members say it's beginning to show.

All nine members, including four new freshmen, spend between 10 to 12 hours a week rehearsing and conditioning with the help of coach Kate Moses, dance team and cheerleading coach.

The young women spend an hour conditioning and an hour practicing dance routines with the cheerleading squad.

The dancers are optimistic and have been working hard since their tryouts last spring, even coming back to school early in August to get a kick-start on routines.

The Ladies in Red currently

perform at halftime during football and basketball games and occasionally during the fourth quarter of football games.

Team captain, sophomore Heather Harkness, expressed her optimistic view on more performance opportunities for the team in the future.

"Hopefully we will be competing within the next year or so, based on the discretion of our coach."

The dance team is planned a special performance for the Denison football game during which they performed a dance routine along with the cheerleading squad.

Dance team member Eilyn Segura believes that the team has and will continue to improve "a substantial amount." Segura commented, "In my opinion the team is going to keep improving. We can only go up from

here."

Harkness agreed, "I love the team this year. The girls are great and really dedicated. I definitely guarantee we will continue to improve."

Students also seem to agree that the team has improved. One junior said, "The dance team has gained a lot of respect this year. When they perform during half time, the audience watches in awe."

With all the hard work put into improving the dance team, the Ladies in Red do ask one thing of the Ohio Wesleyan community: support Ohio Wesleyan athletics.

Harkness said, "We really encourage the student body to come and cheer at football games. We and especially the football players could use everyone's encouragement. We'd love to see more of the student body at the games."

Culture Fest spices up campus

By Catie Coleman
Transcript Reporter

On Nov. 4, the diversity of Ohio Wesleyan University's student body will be celebrated.

Culture Fest, an event sponsored by Horizons International, aims to recognize the diversity on the OWU campus, said junior Umair Kaimkhani, president of Horizons International.

"[Horizon International's] goals are to represent and promote the interests of international student community and to serve the student community in matters relating to international affairs [and] to foster understanding and dialogue between international students and the broader campus community," Kaimkhani said.

Culture Fest will offer a unique experience to attendees who can enjoy an evening of entertainment and food of other cultures, Kaimkhani said.

"The Culture Fest offers a diverse range of performances, including dance performances from different cultures, music and art," Kaimkhani said.

Ohio Wesleyan students who volunteer their time will be providing the entertainment for the event.

Diverse food options will also add an international taste to the event.

"Some of the student groups decided to cook the food they [will] offer, whereas the others decide to order directly from specialized restaurants," Kaimkhani said.

Kaimkhani said based on the popularity of the event in past years, they expect to have nearly 300 people in attendance.

"It's important people know about the diversity here, as that's one of Ohio Wesleyan's key strengths," Kaimkhani said.

The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 4.

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the most popular being the *New York Times*.

DiFranco and WCSA vice president Joey Yost met with a consultant from *USA Today* to see if the program would be viable.

The estimated cost for the entire program was determined to be \$17,334. However, OWU will only be charged for the number of newspapers taken, so the actual cost may be lower. The papers

left in the bins at the end of the day will go back to the company.

The program allows students access to the newspapers free of charge. "I'm so excited the newspapers are coming back! I read them faithfully last year," said sophomore Andrea Laurica.

The newspapers will be located in Smith lobby, Hamilton-Williams bakery, and the Internet Caf 

in the library.

According to DiFranco, these central locations allow for more pass-along readership because people may leave a newspaper lying on a table for someone else to read, therefore cutting down on costs. "A lot of credit goes out to Tricia DiFranco and Joey Yost for their good efforts in pursuing this initiative," said Omahan.

Recycle
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WoHo gets diabolical for Trick-or-Treat Street



Photos by Emily Rose

(Above) Joanne Burgess, Barbara Eldridge and Caitlin Dugre dressed up in their best 'Mad Scientist' apparel for Trick-or-Treat Street last night. Each Small Living Unit chose a theme for its the event, WoHo's being 'Mad Scientist.' (Right) Burgess and Eldridge take notes on one of their doomed patients.



Global nomads find success in American universities

By Kyle Sjarif
Transcript Correspondent

Austria, Indonesia, Italy, Poland, Thailand. These five countries are home to special students found at Ohio Wesleyan University.

While growing up in unique cultures, these students share something with their American counterparts: an American-type high school experience. They are "global nomads" who have attended "American schools" (also known as international schools) abroad.

Non-profit and research organizations describe a global nomad as anyone of any nationality who has lived outside his or her parents' country of origin before adulthood because of a parent's occupation.

There are hundreds of international schools around the world catering to families and students who wish to have an American-style education. The presence of international schools resolves problems caused by constantly moving parents by providing a consistent curriculum. Although these students do appear to receive top-of-the-line education that prepares them for a college education, one question remains: Does the international American school experience really translate to the American high school experience?

Freshman Mats Nordbo from

the American School of Warsaw in Poland said, "The international school experience definitely prepared me academically, especially the IB program."

Many international school students are provided not only with the AP program found in American high schools but also the International Baccalaureate program which is European-oriented. The IB classes are rigorous and are comparative to the AP classes.

Sophomore Bea Pantoja from the Jakarta International School in Indonesia, echoed Nordbo's comment. "Definitely attending an Americanized international school helped me to grasp the language and education style. It challenges students to form opinions, debate and argue as opposed to the rigid local education programs," she said.

Academically, according to these students, the international school experience has proven beneficial, but how have the students adjusted to the classroom culture and life in the States?

Pantoja said, "It's completely different because every international school is affected by the host countries' culture and customs. Honestly it took me a year to adjust fully."

However others that have tighter ties with the United States, such

as Nordbo, through his familial relationships, are able to adjust much easier.

"My friends back home are definitely different, and the things we do are completely different. But it hasn't been that big of a problem for me to adjust to life here," he said.

As much as international schools attempt to reflect the American high school experience in a European-speaking country or an Asian country, the culture of the host nations play major roles that influence the development of students, as well as the culture of the school itself.

Students of international school backgrounds said they definitely receive the best of both worlds, the experience of travelling to foreign countries and learning the culture, while at the same time enjoying the quality education that adequately prepares them for college in their home country, the United States.

With the semester break around the corner, the disparity between the international school graduates and the local high school graduates becomes more obvious. "It's not always hard during the breaks but I really do miss celebrating Easter holiday with my family," Pantoja said.

Nordbo echoed the sentiments, "During the breaks, when the school gets pretty quiet, then you start thinking about home more," he said.

Emergency program e-connects campus

By Micah Klugman
Transcript Correspondent

OWU is implementing a new program this year geared at safety for the entire campus. With a new system called Connect-ED, the OWU campus will be able to contact all students, faculty and staff in case of any emergency.

Developed by the NTI Group, Inc., of Sherman Oaks, Calif., for government, military and educational purposes, Connect-ED provides emergency contact services via email, text message, phone call or PDA.

Using new technology, Connect-ED will be able to contact thousands of people in a matter of minutes in the event of an emergency, allowing students and faculty to stay away from danger.

Provost and Interim President David Robbins said that the implementation of this new system will allow the university to enhance its safety efforts.

OWU will be one of the newest schools in the nation putting to use this program, with over 150 colleges and universities already on board, including such universities as Notre Dame, Tulane and Denison.

Professor Barbara MacLeod, chair of the implementation

committee, says that Connect-ED is an opportunity for the OWU campus to become secure in the event of any emergency.

In order for the program to function, students are being asked to submit contact information in conjunction with their spring 2008 registration.

Advisers are providing students with the forms to fill out.

MacLeod said that the return rate of these forms is high; however, it not high enough, and over the next few weeks the student body is asked to submit the forms to the registrar's office.

The forms request primary phone numbers and any other means by which the system will be able to contact a particular student.

All information provided by students and faculty is for emergency uses only.

"We want people to know that when they receive a voice or text message via Connect-ED, it is vital for them to access it and respond," said OWU's chief information officer and director of libraries, Theresa.

All students are encouraged to return the information sheets as soon as possible so that Connect-ED will be ready for its first OWU test in December.

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in bringing awareness," DelPropost said. "And breast cancer research as well. And some people are like 'how are those social justice issues?' But I see them affecting people, and not everyone has the same resources. So I think about those things all the time."

DelPropost hopes the magazine will inspire readers to have a louder voice on social issues and to take action on their words.

"I hope that something in the magazine really touches them and then maybe they'll even want to contribute," DelPropost said. "But mostly I just want readers to feel inspired. Feel like they've learned something from a different perspective. When I read something that's powerful it inspires me. I want people to feel inspired, get involved, and voice their opinions. It's always good to have an opinion, but if you don't voice it do you really have one?"

Provided she receives enough submissions, has enough funding and can go to print on time, DelPropost would like to have a discussion based on the contents of the magazine before winter break.

"I'd love to have a discussion to get some feedback. What did you think? How does this make you feel? Maybe even get a few of the authors to give a reading, describe their work and answer questions like what they were feeling as they were writing, for example. That's a goal and if it doesn't happen this semester I'd like it to happen early next semester," DelPropost said.

With the help of several professors, SLU-PB and WCSA, DelPropost plans to start with one issue between 35 and 65 pages to be published shortly after Thanksgiving break. All students, faculty and alumni are able to contribute to the magazine which will be available to the campus community for free.

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in terms of terrorism and religious fanaticism in Pakistan is not the result of Musharraf's actions.

"The foreign policy in the time of Zia-ul-Haq is evident now," Kaimkhani said. "We are suffering from Haq's mistakes of twenty or so years ago. Similarly, the current foreign policy will be evident fifteen to twenty years down the line, so all the positive work of Musharraf will be seen then."

Junior Adil Fareed said he believes the government should have the highest degree of power like Musharraf has now, rather than former presidents like Rafiq Tarar.

"There's a thin line between what we have right now and a dictatorship," Fareed said. "I see Pakistan to adapt to a democratic-style of government maybe in fifty years or so. Not right now. We don't have the foundations to base our government on democracy, like what the US is like present day."

Fareed said if what Musharraf is doing is dictatorship, then he supports it.

"My support for it is because of simple reasons," Fareed said. "I don't know what will come ahead for Pakistan since there's no chance

for true democracy. Again, we have no foundation for it and there have already been two to three failed attempts at democracy, so dictatorship is the way to go."

Junior Natalia Tariq on the other hand, said what Pakistan needs most right now is to be a democratic nation.

"When we think of democracy, we shouldn't automatically think that the political instability will decrease," Tariq said. "Democracy in the beginning will always take ages to institute itself but the results are slow, but promising in the long-run."

Tariq said Pakistan has never really had the chance to test democracy, so it cannot be said that what Bhutto or Sharif had were failed attempts at democracy.

"I'm not a supporter of either Bhutto or Sharif," Tariq said. "They exploited their power but that does not mean that what they planned for the country was a failure." Tariq said what Pakistan needs with democracy most is a fresh face.

"Bhutto cannot rule again because she has connotations," Tariq said. "That's just problematic."

Tariq said under the current coalition government, Musharraf still

has the power over Bhutto.

"Bhutto is a popular leader, there's no doubt about that," Tariq said. "But Musharraf has the power to dissolve the assemblies if he likes, still."

Tariq said unlike a dictatorship, a democracy will actually give a voice to the people.

"People of Pakistan need to be heard," Tariq said. "It is easy to say democracy will not work because many Pakistanis are illiterate but that's not the case. People have been living under the guilt of being illiterate for too long and it's time the government takes that back from them, showing them that they are equal parts of society as anyone else."

Sophomore Sumra Ahmed said she agrees with Tariq that democracy will change the face of Pakistan.

"Although Pakistan always has rigged elections, Pakistani people need a confidence boost within themselves" Ahmed said.

Ahmed said Musharraf may be doing a good job, the working class is suffering because of the military's exploitation of power.

"Political power, sadly, is still based on political hierarchy in Pakistan" Ahmed said.

"I'll bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween." -- Author Unknown

Opinion

Political change is possible, even if incrementally

Which one prevails in our society: indifference or actual involvement?

The majority would not blink at such a trivial question and agree whole heartedly on the latter. But is it true benevolence that guides us in everyday life?

Every second spent in the frenzied pace that describes the century we live in concurs with the idea that private interest takes precedence over social concern.

At the end of a busy day, each one of us will return to her family with concentrated interest on her own private well-being rather than divert her attention to a remote problem in a forgotten corner of the world that has no direct connection to the family or individual enclave.

This is not to dismiss the social concern that millions of humanitarian organizations and individuals express and the benefits generated through such compassionate actions. Nevertheless, there exists a limit to any type of generosity or social drive, and this boundary that an individual is less likely to cross leads to a partially positive outcome. Should one be complacent about small changes or devote himself to

other causes?

An indirect answer is provided by a brief analysis of the general attitude towards events taking place in a distant geographical location. Concentrated on the present, on the proximity and failing to realize the extent of globalization and consequences any change in the world can provoke, the modern individual disregards the rest as inconsequential.

How does the Kurdish minority determined to gain autonomy within Turkey affect anyone besides the subject matter or at most neighboring countries? Does the new Ukrainian election make any difference overall?

Yes, Sudan is equated with a tremendous number of refugees and victims of the present genocide, but the lack of humanitarian measures proves to an individual there is no room for better, no chance for a small contribution to change the horrific image of life in the unlucky African state.

At the very moment of writing, one child is dying of AIDS, and another one will have the same fate in the next five seconds. Could I



have made a difference? Now, it belongs to the past and numbers and estimates are out of one's power to control. Indeed, the huge violation of human rights and the deprivation North Koreans are experiencing is mentioned in an article on BBC. Yet again, the headlines will be changed in just 10 minutes and the whole subject shall remain a shadow in the back of one's mind. In the end, does it matter to even consider such cases if nothing is changed?

All of the above statements come as valid and applicable to each one of us. The degree of concern, of course, is variable. Not the action. Just the matter of worrying and empathy will not move mountains, unfortunately. And this might be the best scenario in a world of indifference or superficially caring.

It is most likely that the page

depicting Bosnia's genocide in the first half of 1990s impresses and catches the attention of the news consumer divulging the events in the world; yet, the emotion will be caught only for a transient moment and soon disappear from his frowning face. The page will be turned, and the event will be forgotten.

And this is exactly why the world and the theme of fairness are silently addressed. An unfortunate, yet realistic picture of the world reminds us of inflexibility, an environment where the better off people and countries will follow their paths, while starving individuals will continue confronting a nightmare because of the unlucky fate of being born at the wrong time and in the wrong place.

Can one make a difference?

As idealistic as it sounds, the answer is vehemently YES. A dollar offered to a beggar one passes on the street, good advice to a crying person, volunteering to work to build a shelter for violence victims are just few ways to be part of the world, be part of the others.

Rather than spending \$2,000 on traveling to a developing nation in

search for cultural exchange and a small donation, the entire cost can actually be transferred and have a greater impact on a needy family. These are actions that can change lives rather than increase our consumption or well being.

The world is too connected, and we are too fragile, not to care about the human next to us or the one 8,000 miles away. Whether there are religious boundaries, no language heritage or different skin color, we are all humans, and such a distinction breaks all socio-economic barriers.

The family's tragedy caught in the middle of the Darfur is not only somebody else's hell; it can be a mirror of everyone else's life, once detached from the comfort of the everyday; what separates the two scenarios is heavily related to the uncontrollable nature of chance, luck.

It is not just a matter of sympathy, but more importantly it is everyone's duty to improve the world, as narrowed as it seems or as marginalized its definition is. Next time, not only look at and think about what's around you, but act to make a change!

Student gets exclusive interview with Darfur activist Clooney

Mark Dubovec
Guest Columnist

On Oct. 11, I drove to Cincinnati with my fellow STAND members Beth Griffith and Lucy Herleth to attend a Darfur rally. I brought a digital camera to film the event so that I could use the footage in the documentary I was making. One of the key speakers of the event was Nick Clooney.

Nick Clooney is a well-known and respected journalist, a regular columnist for *The Cincinnati Post* and a leading activist for Darfur since he traveled to the region with his son George. He speaks at schools and campuses now in an effort to raise awareness of the situation among students.

I knew in advance he would be speaking at the rally; it would have helped my film to incorporate footage of a well-known public figure discussing the situation, but I didn't know whether I'd be allowed to film there.

I was afraid that after making the two-and-a-half hour trip, some

security guard would tell me to turn the camera off.

Around 3:30 p.m., we arrived at the University of Cincinnati and pulled into the parking garage. Ahead of us, the driver of a black car was having difficulty opening the gate to let him in. He didn't realize that he had to push the button and pay on his way out; he was trying to locate the slot to put his money in.

At that point, Beth said, "I think that's Nick Clooney." We all looked closer, and, indeed, it was he; by virtue of good timing, we had arrived at the event right behind Clooney.

Beth's mom was with us; Mrs. Griffith recognized the problem and said, "One of you should go help him with that."

Lucy added, "Mark, you should go, and see if he'll let you interview him." Soon enough, everyone in the car began urging me to go for it.

With my camera in hand, I leapt from the car, but at that moment, Clooney backed his car up and drove down to the next entrance of the parking garage. I dashed after him, trying my best not to lose track of him

or look like a weirdo with a camera. Fortunately, he was experiencing the same difficulty at that gate as well; he turned around and headed back my way. I waved him down, and he slowed his car to a gentle stop and rolled down his window.

This was my chance. I said, "Mr. Clooney, my name is Mark Dubovec. I'm a student at Ohio Wesleyan University. I'm making a documentary about Darfur and STAND. May I ask you a few questions?" It was that simple.

With a smile, he said, "Sure thing. Just let me park first."

After looking around some more for a parking spot, Mr. Clooney finally told me to just hop in the front seat. Nervously, I climbed in, fumbled with my camera and stuck the lens about two inches from his face. I started asking any questions that came to mind, reminded that next time, I should bring a list.

I asked him the importance of young people to the movement, and he replied, "Young people are the ones who are truly driving the movement."

He called today's students, all of us, the next great generation of America because we truly care and want to make a difference.

By then, we were parked, and we got out of the car. I walked around the back end as he reached into the backseat to grab his coat. As he put it on, I asked why young people were the ones leading the cause.

At that, he shut the door, almost slamming it, and said, "They want us to be better." He started walking and continued talking. "They want their country to be better. They've been disillusioned by some of the things that have been going on for the past 15, 20 years, and they want to make a change."

He kept walking, and I followed, trying to keep up and hold a steady frame. I asked some questions and listened as he explained what needs to be done to stop the genocide, the problem with China and the importance of the upcoming Olympics in Beijing.

Finally, we reached the rally, and that ended my exclusive interview. He broke away to speak with the

people there. A TV newsman with an expensive, shoulder-mounted camera was nearby, and I was standing there with a little digital camera I borrowed from the Beeghly Library. The newsman had this look on his face as if he wanted to ask, "Who is this kid that got to follow Clooney around?" Later on, Beth and Lucy told me that I was inadvertently blocking his view some of the time.

The best moment came when Clooney spoke with the people in charge of the event about the plan for the day, and in the middle of the conversation, he pointed to me and said to them, "This young man here is from Ohio Wesleyan, and he's making a documentary about all this." Everyone turned toward me and acknowledged me. A few of them even complimented me and said I was doing a good thing.

That was a great feeling because it legitimized me; they all took me seriously. I took the camera and began filming other aspects of the rally; I wasn't too worried someone was going to tell me to turn off the camera.

Political addition brings bigotry into 'big picture'

Senator Barack Obama's decision to include pastor and gospel musician Donnie McClurkin as a headliner on his campaign tour is one that I find completely laughable.

McClurkin is a "former homosexual" who has said that he has turned straight through the power of God. He has since referred to homosexuality as a "curse" and argues one can turn straight through counseling.

Can counseling make you straight? I don't know. Money can make you Republican, I suppose ...

I find it funny that it's always the same type of people who have reverted from homosexuality. It's always a man. Never a woman. Apparently lesbians are incurable.

It's almost always the most effeminate man that you've laid eyes on in years as well. Unless you live in the Short North in Columbus, in which case it could be hours or perhaps minutes.

After a few weeks, they'll make some ridiculous statement to the effect of "Jesus cured me of my lust for other men." There will almost always be heavy emphasis on the "s" in "lust" with this statement.

Wow, that's fabulous. Good for you. Maybe if you pray a little harder, Jesus will take care of some of those annoying mannerisms you have too.

To be fair, Obama is simply following a winning formula. We've all clearly seen from George Bush that you can be a two-term president if you pander to people's hatred and homophobia.



This is not meant to be an article where I support a particular presidential candidate or denounce another. Quite frankly, I have issues warming up to any of them.

Rather, it is simply to point out the absurdity of many people's views on the subject of homosexuality.

Racist and sexist comments are, with the exceptions of those states where inbreeding is still legal, largely not tolerated. Despite this, I frequently hear the word "fag" thrown around on campus with little regard.

We've become desensitized to the point where the term "gay" can be used for anything. Last week, I heard one student say they didn't want to go to Ham-Wil for lunch because Ham-Wil was gay.

I don't really know if a building is capable of being gay. I speak for many when I say that I never want to see Ham-Wil mounting the library.

I feel it's the responsibility of public figures like Obama to have some tact about who they bring to their campaign. Although Obama doesn't share McClurkin's views, having him on board gives the impression that Obama at least finds them acceptable. After all, if the people who may potentially lead our country can accept bigotry, what makes people think that the issue of bigotry will ever cease?

Oh, the places I've gone...

Columnist shares insights from a semester away

This semester is a whirlwind. With every day that passes, I feel like I learn a hundred new things from my classes, my job, my friends my city and my life.

In some cases, I could sit for hours rambling on about these mind-blowing concepts.

Other times, I'm just amazed that I never knew that something random existed, such as sweet potato pie. (Are you kidding me? Who has ever had sweet potato pie?)

And most times, I'm just in awe of the ridiculousness that is my life -- the hilarity and beauty of it, and how lucky I am to be living it. In any case, there is all too much and far too little to say about all of this, so I'm just going to throw this list in your face.

Take it for what you will, but this is a crazy, beautiful life, and I never cease to be amazed. Things I've learned lately:

1. If he doesn't call, he's just not that into you. (Go read it: *He's Just Not That Into You*. Steal Meredith Brown's copy, if you must)
2. Chinese food that costs less than \$5 is probably AWFUL.
3. A year is a short period of time. If it happened a year ago, it can and probably will come back to haunt you.
4. Trust your friends'



instincts on boys. If they say he is into you, watch out. He'll probably corner you in the elevator on Friday night.

5. Awkward situations tend to increase when your roommate leaves town. Beware of this also.

6. Song lyrics make you feel better. (Right, Morgan?)

7. Thai food is delicious.

8. If it's going to rain, it's best not to plan to walk across the city to go to the library, as you will inevitably get stuck in tsunami-like conditions. And, for the love of God, if it's available at the library, it's probably available online. Check.

9. It is so easy to miss the people who hurt you most.

10. New York is amazing but exhausting; in Philly, I can breathe.

11. Even the best of friendships are fragile.

12. Men are still mostly

scum. Maybe more than ever?

13. One phone call makes all the difference.

14. "Wherever you are, it is your friends who make your world." -- William James

15. First impressions are usually wrong.

16. If you don't have a car, you have to consider the distance to the grocery when choosing an apartment.

17. Attending college is a privilege that many deserving people miss out on.

18. If he only calls you when he's drunk, it doesn't count, and you definitely deserve better.

19. I have to marry a man who can cook. In the meantime, that's what my roommates are for.

20. Every group of friends needs that one person who will put the cable company in their place.

21. If it's the middle of the night, a cab driver can and will try to rip you off. Count your change.

22. Rainboots look really good with shorts.

23. Food from a cheap diner tastes best at 3 a.m.

24. As always, it's never what you say, it's what you do.

25. Time goes faster than I ever thought.

26. Money doesn't buy happiness like this.



Bishops Sports

Skoczen leads team physically, emotionally

By Brian Test
Transcript Correspondent

Senior Nick Skoczen may only be 5'6" and 145 pounds, but what he lacks in size he makes up with skill and speed.

Skoczen plays midfield for the men's soccer team and is captain and a three-time letterman. He is from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and played for Kenston High School.

Skoczen said his work ethic in the off-season is all about fitness, lifting and playing as much soccer as possible.

"In the winter, the goal is to maintain decent shape, whereas the summer before school begins is more important to get in the best physical shape possible," Skoczen said. "I also try and work on some part of my game that needs improvement, which is everything, but usually focusing on one or two things."

He said his off-season workouts have increased a lot since he was a freshman.

"Coming in as a freshman, I was playing at the high school level and the college level is much harder," Skoczen said. "If you want to succeed you have no choice but to increase your work rate. I bet most people work harder as they become upperclassmen. It sets a good example for the young guys, and hard work always pays off."

He said the collegiate level is a lot different than high school because the players are bigger, stronger and smarter.

"The game itself is much quicker pace and there is less room for error," Skoczen said. "Everyone that plays in college was one of the better kids on their high school teams. College is one step up, so as a player you have



Photo by Greg Stull

Senior midfielder Nick Skoczen passes the ball upfield against Wittenberg last Friday. Skoczen is tied for second on the team with 6 goals and leads the team with 5 assists. He has a .561 shot on goal percentage this year.

to improve your game to compete."

He said he is more of an offensive player, because his defending is not

as good as his offense.

"Most of the time I try to play very simple, but some may think I can be

flashy at times," Skoczen said. "I try to be a leader on the team because we're young. I like to bring some

toughness to the team, usually trying to get the first tackle in the game and set the tone."

Skoczen said his motivation each day is to win a National Championship after losing last year in the NCAA Division III Semifinals.

Senior Ben Brewer is a defender for the men's soccer team. He said Skoczen is very talented and has tremendous abilities on the ball.

"As many good midfielders do, Skoczen has great vision on the field. He has an unrelenting work ethic, and an undying passion for the game," Brewer said.

He said Skoczen has a good blend of qualities not limited to leadership, dedication, and ability.

"All great leaders are able to lead physically and emotionally on and off the field and Skoczen epitomizes these qualities," Brewer said. "He also has tremendous character that everyone is attracted to and loves to be around."

Brewer said Skoczen is a very hard worker even as a freshman when he didn't start.

He said Skoczen's qualities as a person has impacted the team greatly and will certainly be missed when he graduates.

"Skoczen earned his way on to the squad, and then earned a jersey, and ultimately an essential spot on the field. It is his work ethic that makes him such a special player," Brewer said.

Assistant Coach Craig Neal ('07) played with Skoczen for the past three seasons.

"Skoczen is a very hard worker and his talent level helps lead the team in many ways," Neal said.

"He is one of the most important players on the young team and will be missed."

Corbett a humble All-American

By Alex Humbert
Transcript Correspondent

After being named an All-American following the 2006 soccer season, junior Michelle Corbett is putting up more All-American type numbers this fall.

Corbett, who was named second team All-American, first team All-NCAC and first team All-Great Lakes as a sophomore, is already building an impressive resume this season with 10 goals and two assists through 16 games.

Even with all the recognition Corbett said that she knows she has to remain humble and continue to play hard.

"I do not feel that the attention plays a role in how I play," Corbett said. "I know that in order to be successful I need to show up to practice everyday and give 110%."

Sophomore Madeline Branden, who plays defense on the soccer team, said that Corbett handles the attention well and continues to be a great teammate.

"Some of the girls joke around about (her status as an All-American) at practice, but she is very humble. She would never ever bring it up herself," Branden said. "Michelle is an incredible teammate who is very intense but in a positive way. She really wants everyone to do the best they can."

Corbett said that she attributes her success on the field to many factors from teammates to the love of the

"When you're having a bad day, she has a way of picking you up and making you feel better, ... and she plays with an intensity that everyone else can feed off of."

-- Brooke Whitesell

game.

"I feel that my strengths consist of seeing the whole field while playing, communication to the team and keeping a positive attitude," Corbett said. "I also attribute a lot of my success on the field to factors such as practice, my environment of playing with other skilled players and a good mentality."

Sophomore Brooke Whitesell, who plays midfield on the team and also went to Dublin Scioto High School with Corbett, said that Corbett can surprise people with the power of her shot.

"She has a great touch on the ball and has one hell of a shot," Whitesell said. "Her shot is so powerful; you would not expect it from someone her size."

Branden said that one of the best things about Corbett is her attitude on and off the field.

"When it comes to soccer, Michelle is focused, intense and serious," Branden said. "Off the field, Michelle is goofy and fun-loving. She knows when to joke around and when not to."

Whitesell agrees with Branden's view on Corbett's personality and

attitude.

"She is very outgoing on and off the field," Whitesell said. "When you're having a bad day, she has a way of picking you up and making you feel better. She often finds a way to critique you without yelling or screaming in your face, and she plays with an intensity that everyone else can feed off of. She is also a great snuggler."

Corbett said that she chose Ohio Wesleyan to play not only because it was close to her family and home in Dublin, but also because of the team's chance of winning a championship.

"I know we have the ability to win another National Championship and take our success to another level," Corbett said. "Bob Barnes, our coach, has a wonderful grasp on the game and he contributes a great deal to the team."

Branden said that Corbett is fast, focused, positive and driven and is deserving of all her accolades.

"Michelle deserves any attention she gets," Branden said. "She is so dynamic as a player and she gets along with everyone. She is such an important asset to our team, as a friend and as a teammate."

Moving the ball upfield

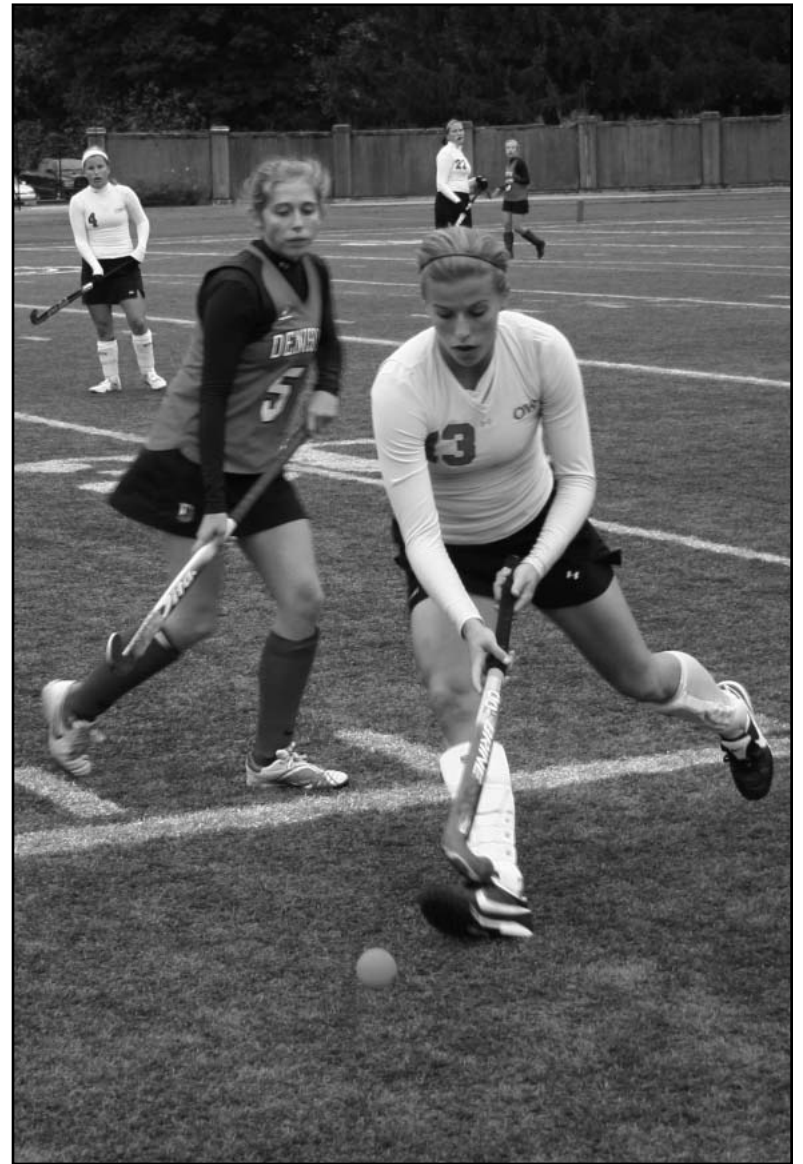


Photo by Rob Misener

Freshman midfielder Hannah Coughlin dashes past a Denison defender at Selby field last Wednesday. The Bishops won the regular season finale 2-0.

OWU cross country finishes in NCAC Championships' top 5

By Catie Coleman
Transcript Reporter

The Ohio Wesleyan men's and women's cross country teams competed in the NCAC Championships on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Kenyon College.

The men's team finished 4th out of 10 this year after finishing 2nd in the NCAC meet last year.

"We were hoping for a higher finish than 4th place, but it was a good day," senior Joe Berlyoung said. "We thought a top 3 finish was realistic and we hoped to finish closer to Allegheny, [but] the conference improved so much from last year to

this year."

Allegheny won the meet with all 7 runners finishing in the top 10. Their combined score of 19 points bettered 2nd place Denison (84) and 3rd place Wabash (90).

Ohio Wesleyan scored 104 points to beat Kenyon (126), Oberlin (152), Wooster (190), Wittenberg (212), Earlham (215) and Hiram (329).

Junior Dave Stefanik, who has consistently been the front-runner for the team, led the men.

Stefanik finished the 8,000-meter course in 26 minutes and 32 seconds, a pace good enough for an 11th place finish out of 109 competitors.

His place also earned him All-

NCAC honors.

Juniors Clay Davis and Gary Brenneman, who placed 13th and 19th respectively, also earned All-NCAC honors for their performances.

Also scoring for the men were senior Pete MacLeod and junior Alex Havran.

The women's team tied with Kenyon College for 3rd of 9 at the NCAC Championships.

Allegheny scored 58 points, beating the 2006 champions, Oberlin College (59), by a single point. Ohio Wesleyan and Kenyon scored 76 points for the tie, followed by Denison (81), Wooster (166), Wittenberg (222), Earlham (228) and

Hiram (290).

Freshman Kat Zimmerly led the women, covering the 6,000-meter course in 23 minutes and 29 seconds, earning her an 8th place finish.

Zimmerly and sophomore Claire Everhart (12th), junior Laura Binkley (17th), sophomore Sarah Shinn (19th), junior Leah Schmelzer (20th) and freshman Jesi Dackin (21st) all earned All-NCAC honors for their performances.

"We hoped and believed we could win," Zimmerly said.

"We had a great pack, but I was expecting it to be up further [toward the front]."

Both teams are still looking

forward to the upcoming regional meet, according to Binkley.

"We didn't perform as well as we had hoped at conference, but it just serves as motivation for everyone to improve on that at regionals," Binkley said.

Zimmerly said the women's main goal at regionals is to qualify to the national meet.

"The guys are hoping for a top 10 finish [at the regional meet] and to have everyone who races make it their best performance," Berlyoung said.

The regional meet will be held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Nov. 10.



Bishops Sports

Gators bite back late, but Bishops hold on for a win



Photo by Danny Eldredge

Senior linebacker Chad Ellis records the first of his two sacks during the Bishops' win Saturday at Selby Field. Ellis also had two interceptions. OWU had four sacks and held Allegheny to 84 yards rushing.

By Danny Eldredge
Sports Editor

The Bishops defense forced two key turnovers on Allegheny's final two possessions to seal a 17-10 victory Saturday at Selby Field.

The Bishops came out with a no huddle offense in the first half, and it proved effective. The offense scored a touchdown less than a minute into the game, and extended the lead to 17-3 by halftime.

"We came out with a no huddle and I think we caught them a little off guard, throwing the ball more than we usually do," said senior guard Dean Boylan. "We were able to make them a little more one dimensional, forcing them to show us a single look as opposed to many."

Allegheny's offense tried to establish their running game early, but Ohio Wesleyan was able to bottle them up for the most part. The Gators rushed for only 84 yards on 35 carries.

"I believe we were able to contain the rush so well in the first half because of our take-off up front with the defensive line and then the pursuit to the ball by our linebackers and defensive backs," said senior defensive end Patrick Trenor. "We wanted to come out from the get-go and send a message that they weren't going to run on us."

Head Coach Mike Hollway said he was more concerned about their quarterback.

"I don't know if that [establishing the rushing game early] was a response to the up tempo game we were trying to create, or if they were trying to keep offensive balance," Hollway said. "We were more concerned with their passing game and their running quarterback."

Freshman quarterback Mike Fisher came out throwing with two consecutive completions of 11 and 30 yards to senior split end Zach Dennis. Fisher then found junior tight end Corey Turner on the sideline for 19 yards, but he stepped out on the 1 yard line. Freshman running back Mickey Geis punched it in from there to make it 7-0.

Allegheny answered on the following drive with a 24 yard field goal to cut the lead to 7-3.

After a nice punt return to the Gator 43 yard line, The Bishops extended the lead to 10-3 after junior kicker Chris Kras nailed a 26 yard field goal.

Senior linebacker Chad Ellis snared the first of his two interceptions in the second quarter, setting up the Bishop offense at the Gator 17 yard line.

The Bishops took advantage, and junior running back Jerrell Cephas dashed into the end zone from 3 yards out to make it 17-3.

The offense did not score in the second half, and Hollway attributed that to Allegheny's defensive adjustments, and his offense's self destructive behavior. Boylan and junior running back Kyle Adams agreed.

"We stalled a little in the second half, and I think it had to do with the adjustments they were able to make at halftime," Boylan said.

"We also had some opportunities that we didn't take advantage of in the second half," Adams said.

The defense shut out Allegheny in the third quarter, despite the Gators' position inside Ohio Wesleyan territory on their two possessions. They forced a punt on the first possession, and Ellis put Allegheny out of field goal range with a third down sack on the second. Trenor and freshman defensive tackle Taylor Smith sacked T.J. Salopek on fourth down.

Allegheny started off the fourth quarter with drive to the Bishop 7 yard line. After a sack and a tackle for loss, it looked like Allegheny would face a third and goal from the 15 yard line. However, a Bishops personal foul gave them a first down at the 8 yard line, and the Gators scored a touchdown from there to make it 17-10.

"If we didn't have that biff with the penalty they probably wouldn't have scored a touchdown on us," Hollway said.

After a Bishops punt, Allegheny got the ball with 5:24 to play. They got into Bishops territory, but Ellis intercepted Salopek with 3:43 to go.

"Chad was in the right place in the right time, and came up with more than one game changing play," Hollway said.

Allegheny got a final chance with 1:28 left, but freshman defensive back Chris Newman picked off Salopek to ensure the win.

"We had to put the 'nail in the coffin' when we had the chance and we did that," Trenor said.

Trenor said this last home game was very important to him, as well as the other seniors.

"We knew it would be our last time to play on that field," Trenor said. "I think all of us seniors were happy to go out the way we did."

"It's always good to end your home career with a win," Boylan said. "The entire senior class came together and had a pretty good game across the board."

Freshman quarterback Mike Fisher led the offense with 103 yards passing and 102 yards rushing. Dennis had 7 catches for 80 yards. Hollway said senior guards Dean Boylan and Ben Malecki played the best games of their career.

Trenor had a sack, and fellow senior defensive end Cory Fuller had 2 sacks. Ellis had 2 interceptions and 2 sacks.

"The seniors finished with a magnificent conclusion to their final home game at Ohio Wesleyan," Hollway said.

"I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to play with this year," Trenor said. "We're going to finish the season strong and finish 5-5."

The Bishops play at Hiram at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Bishops off to tourney

By Greg Stull
Transcript Reporter

Beating NCAC competitor Wittenberg 2-0 on Friday at Roy Rike field, Ohio Wesleyan secured home field advantage for their rematch in the conference tournament semifinals on Wednesday.

The win placed Ohio Wesleyan (7-2-0) at second place in the conference and lowered Wittenberg (6-2-1), previously tied for first with Kenyon (7-1-1), to third.

The game began with intensity, swinging momentum, and minor scoring opportunities on both sides. Matt Borland hit a shot for Wittenberg in the 8th minute, but it was saved by senior keeper Jamison Dague. Then, a minute later, a chip-shot by senior midfielder Nick Skoczen went sailing over the Tiger's net.

The Bishops went ahead in the 13th minute when freshman midfielder Chad Baker, dribbling to the left side, left the ball at the top of the box for senior midfielder Patrick Moore. He sent a curling shot to the left side of the net, out the reach of the Tiger's outstretched keeper, Ben McAnnis-Entenman.

After a few follow-up chances for Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg responded with several dangerous opportunities. A long throw by the Tigers in the 23rd minute on the Bishops' end went bouncing around the box, until it was collected by Dague with a smothering dive. Then in the 26th minute Borland hit a low shot from the left side, but Dague scooped it up for an easy save.

"There was one player we had trouble with - #3," freshman forward Tyler Wall said of Borland. "But it takes more than one player to beat us."

The Bishops nearly increased their lead late in the first half with two shots by sophomore midfielder

Will Murawski. The first shot, hit in the 42nd minute, was stopped by McAnnis-Entenman with a dive to the left corner. Murawski's second shot, less than a minute later, pinged off the left post and was then cleared out by the Tiger's defense.

After finishing the first half on top, with control of the game and out shooting Wittenberg 11-3, Ohio Wesleyan rode its momentum to an early second half goal, in the 48th minute. After collecting a long ball on the right side, Baker knocked it in the middle to sophomore midfielder Jordan Halloran. Halloran then buried the ball in the right side of the net with a hard strike, giving the Bishops a 2-0 lead.

After the second goal, scoring chances for the Bishops were fewer. Two came on dangerous free-kicks by freshman defender Eric Laipple, but neither made it into the net. In the 61st minute Laipple stuck a hard free-kick from around 30 yards out, but it was wide right. Laipple's second free-kick, in the 79th minute, seemed well-placed but sailed just outside the upper-left corner of the frame.

The Bishops outshot the Tigers 17-11. Dague and McAnnis-Entenman made 4 and 7 saves, respectively.

It was the best 90 minutes we've played so far," Wall said, attributing the strong performance to the team's pre-game mental preparedness. "Not being prepared for games has been our biggest obstacle."

Head Coach Jay Martin said the win was an important not only because it awarded the team home field advantage. "This win was great for our mentality."

"I thought we handled [Wittenberg]." He followed by saying it doesn't matter whether his team faces Wittenberg or first-place Kenyon in the tournament: "We'll play either one of them."

New softball coach sought

By Shade Fakunle
Transcript Correspondent

With the fall season almost over, the women on the softball team may be making the decision about a new assistant coach.

This summer, the softball team found itself without an assistant coach. Each player received a letter in the mail from Elizabeth Hestand, the former assistant coach, to announce her resignation. The search for a new assistant began, and, as of mid-September, has become crucial.

Coach Cassie Cunningham, said she has decided to include the team in the decision process. "I need to find someone to meet my needs, the needs of the department and my kids' needs." The women on the team have the opportunity to meet each candidate and have a team lunch with them.

Cunningham said she highly values the judgment of her team, who are "pretty picky with [choosing] the new assistant coach."

She said she wants the women to have a feeling of empowerment. They are a part of the process and their opinions matter as the program is "only as successful as my kids want it to be."

Senior Miranda Simmons and the girls want to make sure the new assistant is the perfect fit. The women have already met two candidates. The search is still underway. Simmons

said that with each person, they are able to gain a clearer perspective of what they are looking for.

Cunningham said the past assistant coach was a perfect match and will be "very hard to replace."

The department and team are very specific about what they are looking for in a new assistant. The candidates must first have a bachelor's degree and experience with division three softball teams. Along with this, they must be an overall good person and someone the team gets along with.

The process may take a while, and Cunningham recognized athletic director, Roger Ingles, for his assistance. He has conducted his own face-to-face interviews with the candidates. Though he has been busy with planning homecoming and couldn't comment, Cunningham noted his help and support of the search.

With the large turnover of softball coaches in the past four years, Simmons recognizes the importance of picking this assistant.

Though last year was her first here, Simmons believes that Cunningham will be here for a while and "wants to build the program with someone."

Though the season is nearing and the search is still in process, Cunningham is aware of the idea that the process may take a while. She said this doesn't matter to her, as long as the right person is chosen to do the job.

This year's NFL school bully is Pat, and he wants to brawl

This year at the NFL school a bully has emerged. His name is Pat, and he doesn't get along with anybody.

Pat has already been in eight fights and has won them all. In fact, he hasn't been in a close fight yet.

Pat beat up Jet, pounded Bill and just last week obliterated Red.

Cleveland got a few good shots in, but Pat still beat him. Dallas was actually winning the fight about halfway through, but he too lost.

Even Diego, who many thought was one of the tougher kids at school, didn't come close to overpowering Pat.

Being undefeated, Pat is not very



well liked among the students. He took the weak kid from Miami, who never wins a fight, and stomped him too.

Pat doesn't seem to fight fair. One of his teachers tapes his opponent's fights, and the Principal Goodell is lenient when enforcing punishment

upon him.

Pat doesn't let up; he gets ahead in his scuffles.

He usually knocks down his adversaries early but continues to kick them while they are down until late into the contest.

Pat is never satisfied with a victory and has a hard time calling off the offense. He continues to strike and seldom runs when in battle. And even though he is a student, Pat never seems to have any class.

Well the other children have had enough.

They are now emerging from by the swings and under the monkey

bars to seek out the help of the other big kid on the playground, Colt.

Colt is the reigning champion of the yard and he has been in the shadows winning all battles he has participated in.

Colt must not feel Dungy as it heeds the call of its fellow classmates. He must come at Pat from all angles and if needed rely on his kicking to win the fight for him.

So, the stage is set for this historic brawl to take place. There can only be one big kid on campus.

The loser will have to wait nine or 10 weeks to get a rematch so he has to make this one count. The winner

can climb to the top of the big slide and declare his supremacy.

The one thing we know for sure is most people watching will be rooting for the bully to fall to the nicer tough guy on his own turf.

That is except for old Mr. Griese and his friends who live next to the school. They will sit in their chairs by the fence, hoping the fight is a tough one and both competitors knock each other out and the fight is declared a draw.

If so, the older gentleman will drink their champagne and reminisce about the days when they ruled the school yard.