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First of three prez finalists WOOS OWU

By Michael DiBiasio
Transcript Reporter

After a two-day interview process with nine candidates the Presidential Search Committee has invited three finalists to visit campus in the last two weeks of the semester: Iain Crawford, Vice President for Academic Affairs at The College of Wooster, Robert Entzminger, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Hendrix College and. Rockwell Jones, Executive Vice President and Dean of Advancement at Hendrix College.

Monday began a series of open session meetings for faculty, staff and students to meet the candidates, starting with Crawford.

In his open session with the faculty Crawford spoke of renewing the university's strategic planning process and the confidence of the language in the Institutional Agenda.

"It defines needs that are clearly important institutional priorities, for instance, yet its very title and language in which it is written struck me as not quite confident, not that consistent expression of self belief that should resonate through such a document for a university like this," Crawford said. "I've worked on strategic planning at a number of colleges and universities and, if I have learned one thing, it is the importance of creating a vision collaboratively that unites and inspires the community."

He also identified several challenges for the university "to continue to thrive:" the need for improved retention and graduation rates, opportunities to support program development through a greater pursuit of external grants and opportunities to build long term strength throughout the next capital campaign.

"It's clear that you have already done much good work in each of these areas," Crawford said of the challenges. "Each of these areas is one in which I bring experience that would be valuable to the university."

In Crawford's session with the students, whom he said were the "lifeblood of a liberal arts institution," he discussed the president's roll in preserving and nurturing a "web of relations" within the campus community.

"As your next president settles in next year, I see that process of getting to know this campus as a wonderful opportunity to renew the sense of community, shared

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Prez Ball gets it poppin'



Photo by Emily Rose

Senior Jon Smith and sophomore Jon Forsgren get down at President's Ball. For more photos, see page 5

Clash of the priorities: campus diversity versus small-town charm

By Rafaya Sufi
Transcript Correspondent

The headlines dominating today's media examine fanaticism and the stereotypes associated with it. The beard, for instance, is a stereotype people use to identify religious fanatics, according to sophomore Mehmud Dawood.

Dawood, a native of Pakistan and a Muslim, sports a scruffy look. One Friday night, Dawood said, a stranger on campus asked him, "Are you in flight school?"

"I don't have a beard because I'm trying to throw out a statement about my religion," Dawood said. "For me, it's fashionable. It's sophistication. I never thought I would hear something like that being said to me on this campus."

Dawood said he read an article in *The Transcript* last week on campus diversity and dismisses the claims in the article.

"With the amount of nationalities we have on campus, one would think, 'There is so much tolerance

on campus.'" Dawood said. "People had generally accepted me but Friday night as a whole just threw me off."

Sophomore Hassan Nasir, also a Muslim, said he disagrees with Dawood.

"The stranger who asked Mehmud that ridiculous question represents probably a fraction of the community on campus," Nasir said. "People on this campus are generally nice. Never have they pointed fingers and ridiculed my religion or my religious beliefs."

Nasir said although he does feel empathetic toward Dawood, he does not want him to get discouraged because of ignorance.

"Ever since 9/11, Islam is constantly being examined under a microscope," Nasir said. "That does not necessarily mean people have more knowledge about the religion. There will always preconceived notions about the religion. Most importantly, Mehmud, like me, is in an alien country. Many Americans might not understand certain things about our culture or religion, and I

don't either."

Even a year and a half down the line, Nasir said he has not felt any hint of prejudice on this campus.

"I've had a pleasant time here," Nasir said. "The best thing about this campus is probably also the worst about it: its diversity and its small town charm. There can sometimes be culture clashes or arguments about religious beliefs. At the end of the day, we're all here to learn, and tolerance is an important attribute to possess."

Nasir said he has spoken with his roommates about his faith and theirs and finds that many times, they share very similar ideologies.

"For instance, all religions talk about tolerance towards others," Nasir said. "Just because one man chooses to wear a beard does not make him any different from others. We're all human, and most of us know the difference between right and wrong."

Sophomore Shahina Pohoomul, from India said she was also

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WCSA looking forward to spring semester

By Michael DiBiasio
Transcript Reporter

As the first semester of their administration comes to a close, WCSA president Tricia DiFranco and vice president Joey Yost seem pleased with progress thus far and are excited for the challenges and events that await them in the spring semester.

According to DiFranco, WCSA will "hopefully" have its website incorporated into the Ohio Wesleyan website by the end of the semester. Sharon Rymut and WCSA's Campus Relations Committee are in the process of sending text files to the University Communications Department, which will upload the information onto the OWU site.

The WCSA website will provide representative contact information, copies of budget request forms, committee information, upcoming events, common concern forms and other useful information for students.

The website was a goal of DiFranco and Yost during their campaign last semester, and they are happy to see it almost completed.

"It will be nice to have this website because we haven't had one since my sophomore year," said Yost.

DiFranco and Yost are also looking forward to the student-trustee dinner and town hall meetings next semester.

On Friday, Jan. 25, invited campus leaders and members of WCSA will have dinner with the OWU Board of Trustees. According to DiFranco, the dinner is a great forum for WCSA to present the issues and concerns of the student body to the trustees.

"It's really nice because the tables are split into groups that include trustees, students and members of the campus community, and they can talk and hear each other's perspective on OWU," said DiFranco. "It's a nice way for students to see the trustees and know that they care about the university."

According to DiFranco and Yost, the purpose of the first Town Hall Meeting next semester is to gauge student body opinion on allowing Delaware Police Officers to carry OWU swipe cards for use only in case of an emergency. DiFranco stressed that DPD officers would not be entering the dorms at will.

Bob Wood, director of Public Safety, will be available to answer questions at the meeting and possibly a DPD officer as well, said Yost.

"It's a good forum for students outside WCSA to get their input on the issue," Yost said. "There may be times when the Delaware Police may need to access the dorms for security issues."

The idea has been slowly growing on DiFranco.

"At first, I wasn't so sure it was a good idea, but then I was in Welch one day and saw two non-students walk in and start causing trouble," DiFranco said. "Luckily Public Safety was right there to get them, but in a situation like that, since we have so few PS officers and they can't be everywhere at the same time, it might be easier to give DPD access if they happen to be closer and can respond quicker."

Overall, DiFranco and Yost agree that this semester has been busy, but next semester promises to be just as challenging.

"I think we've been very effective in working on our various projects

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Campus News

OWU continues preparation for 2008 mock convention

By Ryan Armstrong
Transcript Correspondent

With the 2008 Democratic Mock Presidential Convention still two months away, three hearings have been held at Ohio Wesleyan to present key issues, including global warming, health care and the war in Iraq. The convention shows the campus community the shape of the party platform.

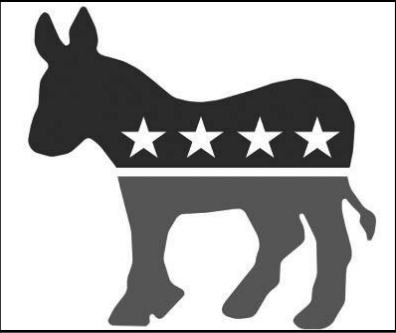
The event’s theme for this coming year is “Democracy Restored: One Nation, Many Issues.” It will be held in Gray Chapel beginning mid-afternoon on Friday, Feb. 1, and ends on Feb. 2.

According to www.mock2008.owu.edu, the mock convention is held every four years and it features the party out of the White House. This event started at the university in 1884 and remains the longest running mock convention in the nation. It has been held since 1920 during almost every presidential election.

Senior Caitlyn Nestleroth, chair of Rules and Credentials, said that mock convention is meant to model after the Democratic National Convention.

“We have clubs and organizations on campus representing delegates from each of the 50 states, and we have them find out about what their state represents,” Nestleroth said.

On Wednesday Laurel Anderson,



associate professor of botany-microbiology, discussed global warming in the last of the hearings meant to set up the platform debate during the convention.

Anderson has served on the National Ecological Observatory Network Design Consortium, which is a group of 150 scientists worked on the development of the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON). According to www.neoninc.org/, NEON allows experts in the field to better predict responses of ecosystems to climate change.

“The three hearings we had dealt with issues that are preparing for the platform debates in February,” Nestleroth said. “The platform debates will be another component of the hearings.”

“We are trying to get as many local and state politicians as we can to be here as guest speakers,” she said.

“We need reps and would like video clips of them shouting out

to OWU if they can’t be here in person.”

Sophomore Kathryn Seevers, Platform Committee co-chair, said during the hearings speakers have given presentations of democratic views on large issues.

“These hearings are just a great build up of the interest in mock convention,” Seevers said. “It is a great opportunity for students to learn about the candidates’ views.”

Some of the events during mock convention include candidate interviews, delegate awards, platform debates and position nominations through delegate voting to decide the party’s nominees for president and vice president of the United States.

“Delegates are encouraged to be involved because awards such as best banner, debate and spirit will be given to those who stand out,” Nestleroth said.

If anyone in the campus community wants more information about the Mock Convention or about how they can become involved as a committee member, a state chair, a state delegate or a staff member, they should visit www.mock2008.owu.edu or call mock convention staff at (740)-368-3906.

“Mock convention is a great hand on learning experience for students whether or not they know anything about politics,” Nestleroth said.

Search for new softball coach finally over

By Shade Fakunle
Transcript Correspondent

The search is over. The women’s softball team has a new assistant coach.

The last of four candidates, Amy Stoner of North Carolina, is officially a member of the women’s softball family. On Nov. 5, Coach Cassie Cunningham and Athletic Director Roger Ingles hired Stoner just three days after her interview.

According to Cunningham, the players all loved Stoner. The team had the opportunity to meet each candidate over lunch.

“As soon as I met her, I knew she was going to be the one she [Cunningham] would pick,” said sophomore pitcher Rachel Seibel, who sang high praises for Stoner as she reflected on the team’s meeting with her. She remembered Stoner being genuinely interested in what the team wanted.

Sophomore pitcher Catrice Mayweather remembered Stoner being very comfortable and not attempting to impress the team. This,

in fact, she said, impressed them all.

The women had high expectations for the new assistant coach since they were there when the past assistant, Elizabeth Hestin, left the position.

Hestin resigned this past summer, and each player received the resignation letter by mail. The players knew Hestin would be hard to replace and Cunningham and the team made sure to pick the right person for the job.

According to Seibel, Stoner shares the same goals as the team. This was an important factor in picking a new assistant coach. They were looking for someone who would grow with the team and help the development of the softball program.

“Her passion set her apart from the rest,” said Cunningham. “She mimics the passions my kids had and that I have for the team.”

Stoner, currently coaching at the high-school level in North Carolina, is leaving at the end of the semester and moving to Delaware.

Both Cunningham and Mayweather are confident Stoner will help the success of the program. Cunningham

said Stoner is very personable and professional, and she has hands-on experience with coaching, while “still being relatable with the girls.”

Cunningham spoke of Stoner’s established reputation in North Carolina and said Stoner is taking a risk by leaving that reputation behind.

“You gotta have respect for somebody like that, you know?” she said. Cunningham views the risk the new coach will take as a quality that further exemplifies her passion.

With the year almost over, and the new season about to begin, according to Seibel, the team is anticipating a new beginning.

“We are all exited and [are] sure [that] things are going to turn out good for us... hopefully,” said a smiling Seibel.

Cunningham reflected on the “long strenuous process” of finding Stoner.

“We made the perfect decision, and I would do it over again if I got the same result. It played out the way it was supposed to We just had to wait for it,” she said.

is a sense of curiosity.”

Naqvi said he agrees with Nasir: there has been a certain stigma developed about Muslims after 9/11. “Nine-eleven shaped everything,” Naqvi said.

“It changed everything. Islam has been under the spotlight a lot, and this is only making non-Muslims question and become curious about the religion.”

According to Naqvi, people don’t necessarily understand Islam, but many Muslims don’t either.

“I don’t blame many people who are ignorant toward such issues,” Naqvi said. “Their understanding is shaped by what they are exposed to – predominantly the media.”

Naqvi said he feels to further learn about such topics like Islam and what it teaches, forums such as Common Text should be better attended.

“Today, it is imperative to go out of our way to pay attention to the headlines that dominate our media,” Naqvi said.

“We should all have an understanding of backgrounds and traditions in order to live in peace and harmony.”

Poverty and wealth in Delaware outlined

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Correspondent

The population of Delaware County shot up 42.5% from April 1, 2000, to July 1, 2006, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, while the state of Ohio’s population increased by 1.1%. Currently, the population is 150,268.

In addition, in 2004, the median household of Delaware County ranked 21st in the nation on the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) conducted by the Census Bureau with the amount being \$94,658.

However, 21,090 people in Delaware currently live below the poverty line. Beth Trigg, assistant director of the Common Ground Free Store Missions, said at Progress OWU’s hunger banquet on Nov. 28, “1900 families live under the poverty level, 692 of which are listed as critical, and 74 families are classified as homeless.”

SAIPE listed Delaware’s poverty rate at 5.0% overall. For children ages 5 through 17, the rate of poverty stood at 5.4%, and for people over 65, the rate was 6.2%. Trigg said, “Most of the people at the missions that we help are 17 and under or over 65.”

However, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the poverty rate of Ohio stands at 11.7%, and the median household income amounts to \$43,371. The population of Ohio, as of 2006 census reports, is 11,478,006.

However, while Delaware might not have as many people living in poverty as the rest of the state, Ohio

Wesleyan remains deeply involved with the issue on several levels. Dr. Joan McLean, associate dean for first-year students, spoke about world poverty at the Hunger Banquet on behalf of Oxfam, an international organization devoted to alleviating human suffering. “Oxfam promotes human rights and ending world hunger,” she said.

Also at the Hunger Banquet, Mike Alcock, co-president of Progress OWU, described the goals of the organization. He said, “The purpose of Progress OWU is to be an open forum for progressive social changes.” He added, “Our goal is to help eliminate the following: hunger, poverty, homelessness and displacement.” All proceeds from the banquet went to the Open Shelter of Columbus.

The Open Shelter in Columbus remains the strongest connection OWU has to working with those who are poverty-stricken.

Kent Biddel, the director of the Open Shelter, has maintained a working relationship with Ohio Wesleyan for over 30 years. He said at the Hunger Banquet that every week, OWU students travel to Columbus and volunteer at the shelter. One aspect of the shelter, the “Go to Meals” Program which delivers food to the homeless, saw over 5,000 different people being served, and it was thanks in large part to OWU students.

He also appeared in Mary Howard’s documentary “Cloud People,” which chronicled the people who worked and attended the shelter and the struggles to keep it open.

Finals approach; students offer advice for success

By Trent VanHaitsma
Transcript Correspondent

Classes will officially be over Dec. 13 and students will begin to prepare for their final examinations.

Freshmen will get to experience the first final exam of their college careers and shouldn’t be worried over the gratuitous amount of work, said Perry Booth, junior.

“Planning your day out well in advance will help take off some of the stress,” Booth said. “Knowing when to study, and doing it, will bring your stress level down.”

Sophomore, Drew Hogue said students should to find a relaxing place to study, free from distractions.

“There are a billion people in the library and it can get pretty loud, so I go to the library in Slocum,” Hogue said. “Slocum is the quietest library on campus, and it’s open 24 hours.”

The library hours will all stay the same, except for the science library that will extend its hours. The science library will close at midnight instead of at 10 p.m., in addition to opening

at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16.

Senior Mark Wall said sleep is the most important part of his exam routine.

“Staying up all night and cramming is not a fun and can hurt you on the exam, as you might overlook something on the test because you were sleepy,” Wall said. “Sleep will not only help with your exam score but also lower your stress.”

Proper nutrition is another key ingredient to getting through the week, said Hogue. Students who run out of food points shouldn’t let it hurt them on the exams. Students can put more points onto their card at the student account office, and it will be charged to their school account, said Hogue.

Students should talk to professors if they need help, said John Hering, sophomore.

“I had no idea what to study for my first final exam because of all the information we had gone over, so I made personal meetings with my professors, and they helped me organize the material,” Hering said.

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discriminated against last month.

“I had a scarf wrapped around my head for no other purpose but to keep myself warm,” Pohoomul said. “Some guy sped past me shouting, ‘Go back to Iraq! Go back to your third world!’ I was furious and helpless.”

Junior Natalia Tariq said she never thought religion would be an issue on this campus or in Delaware because of the communities’ exposure to so many different nationalities.

“I don’t want to pinpoint one organization for this, but I feel like the MSA (Muslim Student Association) should make an attempt to hold informational meetings about the religion,” Tariq said. “It’s their job. These things are happening, and no one talks about them.”

Tariq said the association is ineffective and is not doing as much as it could be.

“We have Eid (Muslim holiday) dinners, and that’s about it,” Tariq said. “Those dinners are good because they are attended by many people, so it’s a good way to mingle. But, those dinners are not providing any information about Islam.

MSA should have seminars or discussions that should be open to the general public and student body at large. It’s not a problem on campus only, but many times, off it, too.”

Sophomore Sumra Ahmed, public relations officer of MSA, said the association has discussed often bringing in some form of informational entertainment but was never sure of turnout.

“Seminars and scholarly discussions are hardly ever attended by students,” Ahmed said. “We don’t want to call in a speaker and be disappointed with the turnout. Similarly, with showcasing of movies, we have copyright issues. If Muslims on campus do feel threatened, they should come and talk to us and we can take such issues to our superiors for help.”

Senior Raza Naqvi, even after three-and-a-half years of being on this campus, said he has never felt particularly discriminated against his religion on campus or in America.

“I feel, in the United States, there’s much less a sense of fear or malice towards Muslims,” Naqvi said. “What we do have in America

Campus News

Greek women gear up for formal recruitment

By Catie Coleman
Transcript Reporter

According to junior Hilary Holmes, Panhellenic Council president, there’s a place for every woman who is interested in Greek life at Ohio Wesleyan. They’ll have the opportunity to find that place during formal recruitment the first week of spring semester.

“What you get from being a part of a sorority is lasting,” Holmes said. “No matter where you go, you find alumni connections.”

Formal recruitment, which normally consists of three themed days, will have an added informal day before the official events begin, according to Holmes. This will take place Jan. 17, the day before the first official round of formal recruitment.

According to senior Ali Gary, vice president of recruitment on the Panhellenic Council, on the first night of formal recruitment

all registered women, which Gary estimates could be anywhere from 50 to 100, will have the opportunity to visit each of the five sorority houses for 30-minute sessions. This first round is called the philanthropy round. The recruits will get a chance to meet current members of the sorority and participate in an activity related to each house’s philanthropy.

The number of houses can be intimidating, according to Holmes. “There are five houses, so you might be discouraged at first, but it works out in the end,” Holmes said.

After each night, both the current members of the sororities as well as the recruits indicate their preferred choices. This mutual selection process determines which houses the women will visit during the following round.

The second round, the presentation round, limits the recruits’ visits to 3 houses where they will spend 45 minutes being entertained by a presentation put on by the current sorority members and getting better acquainted with the sisters.

The final day of recruitment, the preference round, narrows the selection process down to two houses for each recruit. During this more formal round, the recruits will spend an hour at each of the two houses and learn more about the ideals of the house and what to expect if they join, said Gary.

Gary and Holmes agree that when selecting a house, women should focus on comfort, above all else.

“You should consider how you can see yourself growing as a person by being a part of the house,” Gary said. “Each house has values and yours should align with them.”

The recruits will receive their invitations, or bids, to join a house the evening after the final round. While the recruits gather at a common meeting place, bids will be delivered to their dorm rooms. When the recruits return to their rooms they can decide to accept the bid and meet their new sisters at their sorority house or to wait to make a decision. Invitations to join a house are open for one year, Holmes said.

New Orleans center of alum’s attention

By Matt Staveskie
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan graduate and founder of the St. Bernard Project, Zack Rosenberg gave a presentation Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 28, in the Benes room about the state of New Orleans and its rebuilding process.

Rosenburg told the crowd of approximately 35 people that “if something is wrong, you should fix it.” Rosenberg went on to talk about his help in aiding the people of New Orleans after the Katrina disaster. He said that he knew New Orleans was in a state of disaster, and he felt it was necessary to help out. He explained when a disaster is declared, Americans should provide aid in some sort of fashion.

Rosenburg said that after his time at Ohio Wesleyan University, he pursued a degree in law, and he eventually became a criminal defense attorney. Rosenberg said that his time at OWU was wonderful, and he said that, most importantly, it prepared him to be comfortable in social situation, which he stressed is very important in the world today.

Six months after the Katrina disaster, Rosenberg stepped up and traveled there to help in any way possible. Rosenberg said it was very apparent that the government was “grossly unprepared for New Orleans.” Rosenberg claimed he was very surprised for the disaster after effects which were still apparent in New Orleans, specifically the fact that Rosenberg could not even see the ground.

Rosenburg said that there were a lot of positive efforts going on in New Orleans at the time, such as his association titled the St. Bernard Project which attempted to rebuild homes in St. Bernard Parish, a town which was severely damaged by the storm.

However, Rosenberg insisted that he heard very little news reports about the positive efforts of his group and the many other groups providing primary needs to the Americans in these devastated towns; instead, there were many negative reports about looting and other criminal activities.

He said there was a lot of misinformation in the media going on at the time and Rosenberg claimed these people (the victims) were devastated by the disaster and were willing to do anything to rebuild from the disaster and get on with their lives.

At the end of Rosenberg’s presentation, he made it clear to the Ohio Wesleyan students that he was working on getting the university involved with internships in New Orleans and that he would be willing to help students find jobs that they would be interested in. Rosenberg said that there are great opportunities for young adults to pursue there.

Ohio Wesleyan sophomore Ryan Price attended the presentation and enjoyed the event. Prince said, “I thought Mr. Rosenberg had a lot of first hand experience which gave him a great perspective of the events going on in the disaster area. His experience made the presentation entertaining and relevant.”

College Dems prepares for elections



Submitted photo

College Dems celebrate the new school year and welcomes new freshman to the club in September at their annual Dem B-Q.

By Matt Rissell
Transcript Reporter

Amir Paul, president of College Democrats, said the group is gearing up to get involved.

The group is funded by the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs and meets every Monday at 9 p.m. in the Cave. Officially, the group has about 30 members. Paul said this year the group is planning to collaborate with other groups and mobilize one of their main projects, supporting troops in Iraq.

“We really want to get together with other groups and send care packages to the troops. Our group will personally send letters as well,” Paul said.

Paul said the group is flexible with activities and aims to have a variety of events this year. Members of the group are allowed to design their own activities and spearhead

the project. Paul said the group has fun events like the “Dem-B-Que,” during people can get together and socialize.

This year the College Democrats will be working with Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND).

The group will also be sending eight representatives to the 2008 Mock Election, “Democracy Restored,” to represent a state in the debate.

Senior Ryan Jarvis, politics and government major and a Democrat, voiced an interest in the group.

“I wish I had more time to be involved and join the group, it really sounds like they are tackling some big issues, and I really respect how they are helping soldiers in Iraq,” Jarvis said.

The group’s web page said the group is open to anyone those who care about the great significance

U.S. politics have both domestically and in foreign affairs.

Paul said it is important for student to be involved and aware of what is going on around them.

“The OWU chapter is a part of the Ohio Chapter as well as the national chapter of College Democrats of America. This gives opportunities to work with other schools and carry out projects on a broader scale,” he said.

“College Democrats is a forum for OWU students to collaborate share ideas and work together to make an impact in politics.”

Sophomore Emily Rose, public relations officer, said that she hopes the club can focus and become more and more organized throughout the year.

“There are lots of opportunities and internships with local politicians available. I hope the club continues to organize and grow,” she said.

Kwanzaa celebrates culture

By Catie Coleman
Transcript Reporter

Ohio Wesleyan students will have the opportunity to celebrate family, community and culture at the Student Union on Black Awareness’s annual Kwanzaa event on Dec. 11.

The event, which is organized by the freshmen members of SUBA, according to freshman representative Chardae Spencer, will be held in the Benes Room at 7 p.m.

Spencer said everyone is welcome to join in the celebration and she hopes to see a good turnout.

“Many people think it is a religious or African-American thing, or they don’t know much about it at all,” Spencer said. “This event is to give people a chance to come together, have some fun and get to know about the seven-day celebration.”

Kwanzaa is a celebration of African culture and is observed around the world Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Kwanzaa serves the purpose of highlighting seven fundamental values of African culture, according to the official Kwanzaa website. The seven values are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith in African people.

“Kwanzaa” derives from the Swahili phrase “matunda ya kwanza,” meaning “first fruits.” The holiday came from celebrations of the first harvests in ancient Egyptian times.

Five basic activities were associated with the harvest celebrations, which tie into modern day Kwanzaa celebrations.

Spencer said she hopes that the OWU event will educate students about Kwanzaa and African culture.

According to Spencer, OWU’s Kwanzaa celebration will provide educational entertainment through skits, poems, and dances performed by SUBA members. Both African and American dishes will be served by OWU’s catering service and admission into the event is free.



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Arts & Entertainment

Playwright revived by House of Thought project

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Correspondent

When entering the Bayley Room there is no set, no actors, no curtain. There are just chairs circled around a large speaker and glowing red lights around the speaker. The ceiling lights are dimmed; turned off completely when the reading begins. This is “Blasted”.

“Blasted” is a play morphed into a dramatic reading for senior Justin Fetterman’s house project as a member of the House of Thought.

“A house project is something to get people involved with things in the house, to let the house mates explore the house mission, and make these things available to other people,” Fetterman said.

Fetterman took Sarah Kane’s “Blasted” and adapted the script for a reading. He said, “It is hard to perform because the action is inappropriate and hard to stage.”

For his reading he used four other members of the house, seniors Erik Unverdruss and Jon Distad, and juniors Jessica Ferguson, and Jake Barnett, plus himself as voice actors.

Each read the part of an assigned character.

The actors were situated behind a screen so it was simply voices that brought “Blasted” to life.

“It’s been fun,” Fetterman said. “The people in it were really excited. It’s different from the projects we do and that of the other house. I wanted to see if it could work.”

About the odd seating arrangement Fetterman said, “The whole point is to make you confront your own reactions.” He said, “It’s to take away the visual aspects and make you deal with the sounds.”

Sarah Kane, a British playwright, wrote “Blasted” in 1995 and committed suicide in 1999.

“Blasted” was the first of her five plays.

“She had all types of mental illness,” Fetterman said. “In one of her plays the characters are only defined by a letter [of the alphabet]. This leaves the director to determine everything; age, race, motive. They are difficult.”

The reading was held in the darkened Bayley Room on the second floor of Beeghly Library on Nov. 29.



Photo by Samantha Beany

From left, junior Jake Barnett, senior Jon Distad, junior Jessica Ferguson and seniors Erik Unverdruss and Justin Fetterman read Fetterman’s interpretation of Sarah Kane’s ‘Blasted.’

WSLN radio’s sound waves not heard by wide audience

McCarton Ackerman
Transcript Reporter

WSLN, the campus radio station, is looking to increase its audience next semester through a wide variety of programming and exposure to music of all styles.

According to senior Rachael Roettenbacher, president of WSLN, the station is a way to expose the campus to new music through programming and concerts. Roettenbacher said while most radio stations play one or two types of music, WSLN covers a full spectrum of bands and styles.

“You can listen to rock, hip-hop, latin and classical shows,” Roettenbacher said. “There are also talk shows and one student recently started doing a news show.”

According to WSLN’s website, the station has a three-mile radius from the top of Slocum Hall. The station is funded and supervised by OWU’s journalism department.

Roettenbacher said that despite 40 DJ’s running shows for WSLN, one of the main issues has been creating campus awareness of the radio station.

“The radio station was big in the 90s and then it disappeared for a while,” Roettenbacher said. “We’re doing our best to get it back on track and I think progress has been going well.”

Roettenbacher said she encourages DJ’s to advertise their shows through posters around campus and creating

groups on Facebook.

Sophomore Mery Kanishiro, who DJ’s a show with sophomore Brenna Ormiston, said she saw the station as an opportunity to play music she enjoys.

“We wanted to give students and the Delaware community an alternative to the same top 20 radio hits you can hear anywhere in the country,” Kanishiro said.

In addition to playing bands such as Rilo Kiley and the Decemberists, Kanishiro said they also play bands from their hometowns and occasionally have guest DJ’s.

Senior Amanda Masters said she enjoyed the opportunity to listen to her friends on-air. “I like the novelty of hearing people that I know on the radio,” Masters said. “It’s also cool when my friends put me on the air occasionally.”

Roettenbachersaidsheisoptimistic about the future of WSLN.

“There are people who have made huge commitments to the station,” Roettenbacher said. “It’s not something that appeals to everyone on campus right now, but in the future, I think it could.”

Live WSLN programming can be listened to from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Monday through Sunday by tuning to into 98.7 FM or by streaming audio at <http://wsln.owu.edu>. An automatic playlist is run during the other hours.

More information about WSLN can be obtained by e-mailing Roettenbacher at rmroette@owu.edu

Art student to show work over break

Mark Princehorn
Transcript Correspondent

Many students at Ohio Wesleyan are anticipating the 2007 winter break. They look forward to the holiday celebrations and reuniting with high school friends. However, there are some students, such as sophomore Kendra Vellante, who are looking forward to this break for different reasons.

During this upcoming break Kendra Vellante, who is an art major, will be holding an art show to help promote, as well as possibly sell, her works.

The show is for beginning artists who are aspiring to make a profession out of selling their art work. The young artists get to use The DNA Fashion Boutique for a whole month at no charge.

The gallery only displays art which has the possibility of getting purchased by an interested customer. Vellante will be pricing her art work in mixed media at prices ranging from \$50 to \$300.

If she sells her paintings, the gallery owner will get a 30 to 40 percent profit from her sale. The works have

a better chance of selling if they are framed. The frames have to be purchased by the artists, even though framing the works is optional.

“It is very stressful to have to worry about framing all my work, especially when I have to buy the frames when there is a chance a painting might not even sell. I’m lucky that my aunt has shown me an easier and more cost efficient way to frame my work,” said Vellante.

Vellante said she learned about this opportunity from a close friend who also took advantage of the experience.

Vellante will be showing paintings done on an oil canvas, with the majority dealing with African tribal themes. Her show started Dec. 1 and runs until Feb. 1.

She only had to be in attendance for the show opening, so missing classes is not a problem. The gallery is located in East Norwalk, Conn. which is near Vellante’s home town of Westport. Vellante said she is pleased with this time period considering that the Christmas season is approaching and her paintings could be good gift ideas.

Vellante said, “It is going to be a great learning experience. I’m kind of nervous, but I’m very excited at the same time.”

Choir concert exudes warmth for the season

By Sarah Shkoukani
Transcript Reporter

The Department of Music presented the Choral Art Society, Men’s Ensemble and Women’s Ensemble on Dec. 2. The performance took place in Gray Chapel under the direction of Jason Heister, assistant professor of Music.

The choir, both men and women, was separated into soprano, alto, tenor and bass. The choir was accompanied by a piano, played by Dr. Hee Chung. The program was spilt into 3 sections; Choral Art Society, Men’s Ensemble and Women’s Ensemble.

Sophomore Lori Durham, who sang in the Choral Art Society in the alto section, said she always get very nervous when it come to performing, especially for this concert.

“Getting nervous is a natural feeling when you are singing in front of an audience,” Durham said. “But at the end, it’s a great sense of relief.”

Sophomore Jessica Copeland attended to concert because Durham was singing and she wanted to be

supportive.

“The concert was great and it was fun to see the men and women sing together,” Copeland said. “I was also fun to see my roommate perform for the first time.”

Sophomore Lauren Rogers also attended the concert to support her friend.

“The performance was great, simply because they did a whole range of pieces, from masses to modern music,” Rogers said. “The songs were very catchy and not once did I find myself zoning out.”

According to the program, the Choral Art Society sang 5 pieces, the Men’s Ensemble sang 3 pieces and the Women’s Ensemble sang 6 pieces.

“The piece that I enjoyed the most was ‘Praise His Holy Name’,” Copeland said. “It was quick and very energetic. The choir was livelier in this song by moving, swaying, and clapping.”

Durham said the piece that she enjoyed singing the most was ‘Kyrie’ because of how beautiful the song sounded.

“I really enjoy choir and performing but it’s a huge time commitment,” Durham said.

Fourth quarter yields exciting return of two hip-hop favorites

For this week’s forum, I have reviewed two albums that have impressed me and show the promise of a good final quarter for the year of hip-hop.

Wu-Tang Clan: 8 Diagrams

In an era where hip-hop or rap artists are known as the “Dollar” artists, making money from dollar downloads and cheap ring tone sales, Wu-Tang has decided to stay true to the art form. The group stuck to its gritty, hardcore rapping style. This album is a true example of Wu-Tang’s unchanging flow. This is the group’s first album since 2001, a long wait for an album, but it was pretty much worth it.

The album is a very good album lyrically. It starts off with “Campfire,” a Wu-Tang-style cipher track which features all the artists spitting hard lyrics. Method commences the song:

“Cruising on the interstate/ follow while I innovate/too many try to imitate/medallion like a dinner plate/ frontin’ get your dinner ate/chinchilla for the winter, wait/you trying to



bring the sexy back like Timbaland and Timberlake.”

The song displays lyrical dominance rarely found in everyday music. The beats are old school and gutter.

They use old drum and scratches and snares and cymbals similar to old school-type beats. I also love their inclusions of samples from old Karate films. Some of the stronger songs are tracks like “Take it back,” “Wolves,” “The Heart Gently Weeps” and “Unpredictable.”

Though the beats are old school and the lyrics are crisp, the album



does have a falling point. This is RZA’s new found love for electric guitars. The guitars simply spoil songs such as ‘Unpredictable’ and “The Heart Gently Weeps” that could have simply done without it. His guitar skills are lacking and simply sound like a child playing with a new toy.

I do love the respect they gave Ol’ Dirty Bastard who unfortunately passed away before being able to record this album.

So if you’re a Wu-Tang fan, you should definitely go get this album. If your not a fan I still think it is a good



listen.

I give it a 7.5 out of 10.

Beanie Sigel: The Solution

After dealing with jail, label changes and a beef between Dame Dash and Jay-Z (two of his close friends), Sigel has been very occupied since his last album, ‘The B. Coming’, in 2005.

The album starts with the club single “All the Above.” This is a good way to start the album because it gets the single out of the way, and we can go straight into the fresh stuff.

Sigel continues the album with

heavy hitting songs such as “Bout That” and “U Ain’t Ready for Me.” Both songs have heavy hitting baselines and a flow that is both club worthy and street. Sigel goes a little on the commercial side with “Pass the Patron.” Diddy’s singing chorus makes the song very catchy, but Ghostface gives his usual flow to give the track some diversity. Some of the stronger tracks include “Gutted” with Jay-Z and “Rain” featuring Scarface.

He also gets very creative and introspective with songs like “Hustlas, Haze and Highways” and “Dear Self.”

Sigel tries to make his album attract attention of many different listeners without changing the rap style that is heard on his previous three albums. This is especially evident with his inclusion of Ozzie Osbourne on the song “Judgement Day.”

All that said, Beanie Sigel produces a well put together, musically rich and well produced album that is worth the buy and worth playing over and over.

23RD ANNUAL PRESIDENT’S BALL



Above: WCSA President Tricia DiFranco and Homecoming King Ben Owen ‘sneak’ out of the ball with poinsettias.



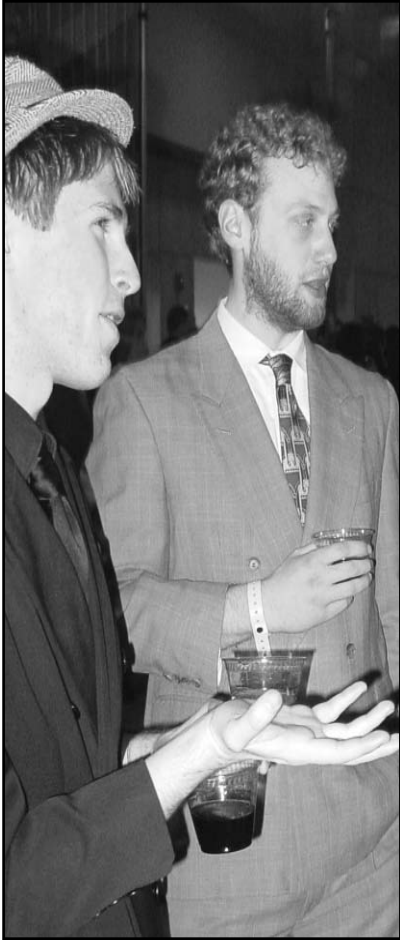
President’s Ball inspires feelings of good cheer in time for holiday season

Photos by Emily Rose and Rob Misener

Above right: Emily Bigelow, Juanita Kwan and Shelby Ely visit as the dance starts.



Sophomore Nora Curtis and senior Bobby Messer strike a pose for the camera.



Seniors Nathan Truman and Jon Distad philosophize over drinks.



The jazz band plays during the first portion of the evening.

By Emily Rose
Transcript Correspondent

Sophomore Jaime Fluehr looks forward to President’s Ball all year.

“I love getting dressed up and seeing everyone: students, professors, whoever. I went last year and had a lot of fun, and that’s why I wanted to go this year,” she said.

The 23rd annual President’s Ball was held in the Conrades-Wetherell Science Center atrium on Saturday, Dec. 1. Sophomore Sarah Bruno worked in conjunction with WCSA to plan the event, which has been underway since September.

“It’s a huge job. There’s a binder full of everything from last year—music, food, decorations and poinsettias. Then there’s little details, like the photographers and tickets, and having people volunteer,” Bruno said.

“So many people put an event like this together. Meagan Redding from WCSA worked very hard. WCSA, the Campus Relations Committee, Dr. Robbins and the President’s Office were also crucial in organizing this event.

“I like to see everyone coming together on campus instead of in just specific organizations. More than that, it’s fun to plan events like this and then get dressed up and go enjoy them.

“It gives people something to do

on campus. Sometimes there’s sort of the same things every weekend, and this is something different. It allows faculty members and students to socialize, too.”

Sophomore Nora Curtis agreed. “Oftentimes people can only find social events in Greek organizations or in SLUs or through sports teams, and President’s Ball is an event anyone can come to. Also, people who don’t drink can go there and be comfortable and have fun.”

This year’s theme was “New York State of Mind,” which was highlighted by a 40-foot New York City skyline backdrop.

A jazz band played during senior cocktail hour, and the dance was DJ’d by Ted Thode. This was the President’s Ball’s fourth year in the science center, after spending numerous years on the second floor of Slocum Hall. The dance is paid for partially through the sale of pointsettias purchased by Ohio Wesleyan parents. This year also broke new ticket records, as 185 tickets were paid for by presale. Last year’s presale ticket number was 150.

“Last year was the biggest turnout, and this year will be even bigger,” Bruno said.

Fluehr claims she had an even better time this year than last, and believes the best is yet to come.

“I can’t wait to be a senior and go to cocktail hour.”

Opinion

Flavor of Love inadvertently promotes racial stereotype

Darfur. Rwanda. Religious fundamentalism. That really irritating phenomenon when your room is too hot for a blanket, but too cold without one, so you end up putting on, like, four sweaters and remain really uncomfortable all night. These are all grave, grave problems that face our society today.

But one issue is so abhorrent, so monstrous, so evil in scope and aim, for us to ignore one hour, one minute, one second longer.

That issue is the upcoming third season of *Flavor of Love*. Haven't you done enough harm, VH1? You're reflective of the main problems in American society, with your tolerance of the war and Scott Baio.

You've given Flavor Flav, a man who can barely form a coherent sentence, millions of dollars to be on a show where, much like in Public Enemy, he doesn't really do anything. He just stands in the background while a bunch of "actors" who are trying to jump-start their "career" try and get on camera as often as possible.

You then proceeded to give one of Flav's ladies her own show. Not an hour-long special, but one well into its second season. I'm still confused about this woman. I thought that RuPaul was trying to make a comeback the whole time.

We all know that Flav isn't looking for love. We know he



doesn't have redeeming emotions or qualities. As Jimmy Kimmel so aptly put it, "Flavor Flav is the reason that President Bush doesn't like black people."

What I'm most concerned about is what people in predominately white towns will think when watching this show. Black people don't behave in this stereotypical manner. Okay, maybe the ones outside of that club *Pyramids* in Manhattan do. But not anyone else.

Enough is enough. I'm tired of watching 20 whores fight over giving a D-list celebrity a blow job.

Send him to one of those speed dating events. Or even better, have him put up an ad on Craigslist. It's clear that's where all the girls on his show were before reality stardom came knocking.

It's time for Flavor Flav to hang up that gigantic clock and ride off into the sunset. When that happens, it will be a happy day in America.

Only then will I put on my Viking helmet and gold teeth, raise my fist in the air and scream, "Yeahhhh boyyyyy!"

Philly not to be defined by statistics

"I live in a beautiful place, a city people claim to be astonished when you say you live there. They talk of junkies, muggings, dirt, and noise, missing the point completely. I tell them where they live it is hell, a land of frozen people. They never think of people." -- "New York" by Edward Field

On a recent rerun of *Gilmore Girls* that I happened to have the chance to enjoy (definite guilty pleasure; you know you secretly love it, too), a friend of Rory Gilmore had just announced that she planned to move to Philadelphia. Rory's response: "You could live anywhere in the world, and you're moving to PHILADELPHIA?!"

This seems to be representative of the distressingly common response that Philadelphia as a city elicits, in my experience, particularly from those who have not had much experience with the metro. The number of murders that have occurred during my semester here alone don't counter such perceptions, not to mention ever-evident realities of poverty and other social strain throughout this old, historic city.

During the past three months, this city has been my workplace, my campus and my home. I have had the invaluable opportunity to get to know it, both at its best and at its worst. It



has been a blessing to come to face-to-face with the serious issues facing this urban environment, and to be confronted with them each and every day.

Whether it is walking past homeless people every morning on my way to work, or working three blocks from the Dunkin' Donuts where a cop was killed a few weeks ago during a robbery, the realities of crime, poverty, lack of education and other problems are no longer something I can scorn at a distance.

These urban issues are a reality in every single United States city, and this semester has led me to view them as a call to action.

They should not define, marginalize or deface a city. When we categorize a city as a dangerous, dirty place, we shove off our responsibility to be proactive in addressing these critical problems.

Philadelphia doesn't get let off the

hook, with its blanket of murder rates and poverty statistics. Instead, many are quick to describe it as living in the shadow of New York City, and some people seem to demand to how it dares to call itself a city, only a 20-minute train ride away from the Big Apple, after all.

But Philadelphia has a culture, a community and an identity of its own. It has unique neighborhoods, traditions, stories and people. It seems that so many people are quick to define Philly by a murder in North Philly, or by proximity to NYC, don't even bother to get the rest of the story.

I just spent three months getting the rest of the story, although it could take a lifetime to fully grasp. How do you define a city anyway? Is a city confined to its statistics, its geography, its demographics, its news stories?

Philadelphia is a city of pride, of history and people — people who must face its shortcomings even as they enjoy all the beautiful things it has to offer.

Whether it is a Saturday afternoon shopping at the crazy Italian Market, a Friday night an impressive art opening or an afternoon at in North Philly with its deteriorating schools and streets, I have loved calling this city my home, learning its identity and sharing with the people who make it what it is.

With Putin in power, how should world react?

It's official: Vladimir Putin's party won the national elections held on Sunday, Dec. 2, by a striking 63 percent.

Translating such high turnout in comparison with Putin's Communist party rival casts doubts and uncertainty on the future leadership of Russia once Putin is out of office in March 2008.

One thing is clear: Putin's successor will undoubtedly continue the rising Russian nationalism and further impose strains on the international arena. Should outsiders be concerned?

The situation resembles a conspiracy. How is it possible the United Russia enjoyed such a huge popularity among the public? What such a favorable result unequivocally indicates is the acceptance of Putin's current policy among a wide spectrum of citizens enchanted by the increasing Russian voice in international politics.

Certainly, Russia's voice is being widely heard in all the American and European corners, not to mention "Russia's backyard" in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Russia is currently following its tradition of political and economic positioning (although the reality seriously undermines the high-ranking status once enjoyed by the great power) that made it prominent in the world. Despite the Cold War defeat, Russia is gaining momentum, and it does not show signs retreat from such a political impetus.



As for its domestic politics, current policies are beneficial given that the country lags behind economic standards when contrasted to its former republics.

But such low economic performance is largely caused by Russia's stringent demand when dealing with the outside world, its unwillingness to compromise and its retreat from broader political or economical bodies which make it appear more self-centric. Should the world embrace such a Russian stance, or should it start worrying?

In reality there is widespread concern for this Russian egocentric attitude, which most likely will be strengthened once the Putin era is emulated by his successor. Is the world going to benefit from a Russian voice or will it cast even more anger towards the increasing nationalism expressed?

Russia is actually copying the United States' voice in not moderating its international demands and imposing its own will.

Should Russia be disregarded when it clearly parallels such a United States attitude in the foreign policy arena? This leads to an actual

dilemma of international politics in which rising states align to regain the international recognition they once lost.

Overall, Russia is making itself heard, and with such a stoic leader and vertical political policy that leaves no room for flexibility. But Russia should also look at itself domestically where the complexity and scale of its problems necessitate a long-term commitment.

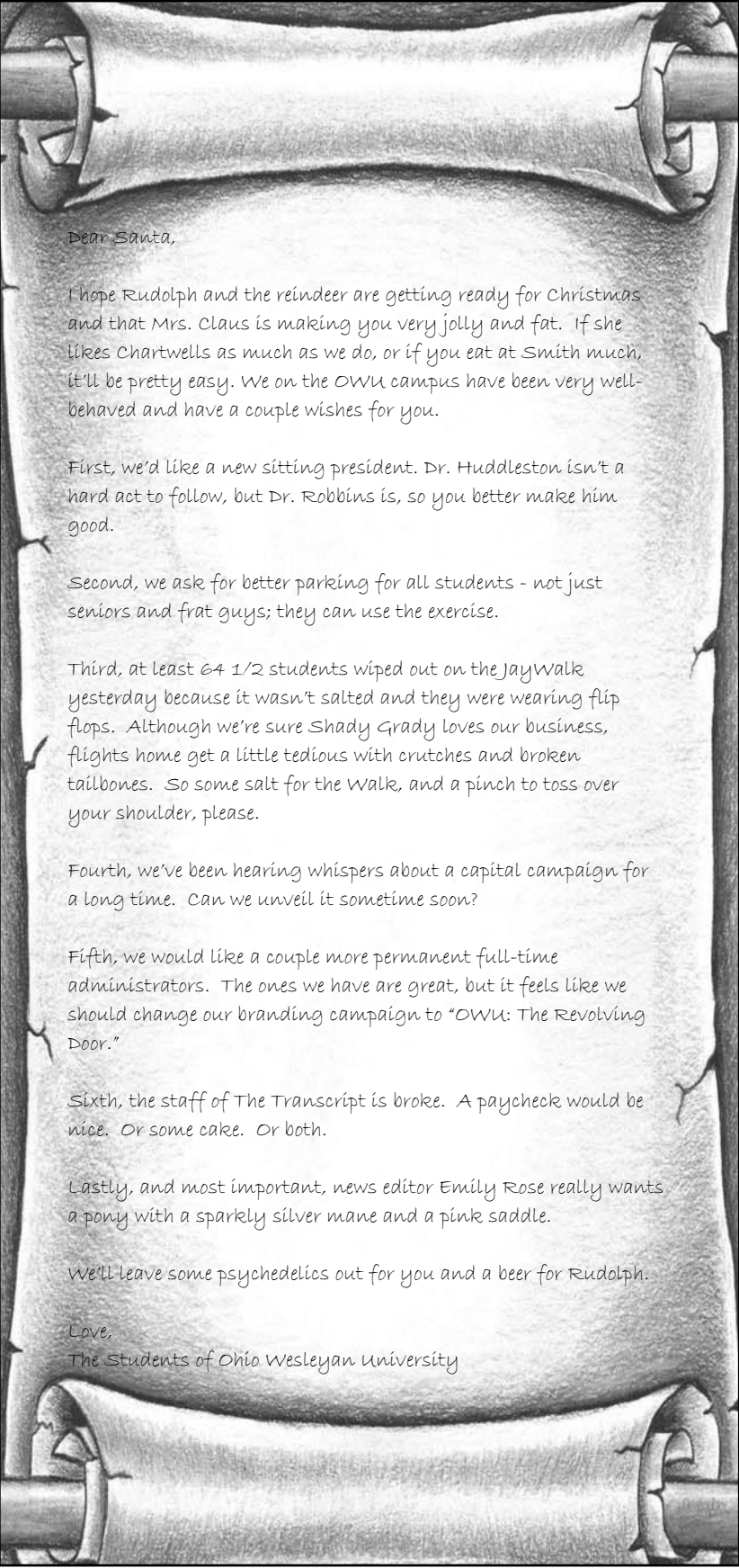
From Chechnya to a dwindling economy and significant social problems, Putin and his party, the United Russia, should pay greater attention and improve such conditions. The world is not only judging Russia from an outside perspective, but also looks at its domestic arena filled with misdeeds and underperformance. And the broader agenda is the key to the next political agenda of Putin's successor and his party.

The United Russia should, as a result, engage in a more active political stance, both internally and externally, with greater attention to improving its domestic life.

It will be unrealistic to suddenly expect a turn in Russia's traditional politics from a singular to a plural voice. Yet further cooperation with different international bodies could indicate an acceptance of the Western attitude much absent from Russia's thinking.

And exactly such Western elements are what the U.S. and Europe are looking for in what they consider a future, more friendly Russia.

Girls and Sports by Andrew Feinstein and Justin Borus



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Bishops Sports

Rudegear leads basketball team by example

By Brian Test
Transcript Correspondent

Senior Dustin Rudegear is a two-time Top 50 Scholar Athlete who says he brings leadership and experience to the men’s basketball team.

Rudegear plays post and attended Yellow Springs High School in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Rudegear was a three year starter and was named Conference Player of the Year, 1st Team All-District and 2nd team All-State his junior and senior years.

He said he views himself as a leader by example.

“I consider myself to be a smart, strong and reliable player,” Rudegear said. “I accept any criticisms from our coaches and use them to improve in any areas I am weak. I am one of the most experienced players in terms of minutes played, and experience is always a beneficial attribute for a player or team to have.”

Rudegear said he brings good versatility with his primary position being in the post.

“I can handle the ball on the perimeter and hit the three and have been playing a little bit of wing this year,” Rudegear said.

He said in the off-season he plays as much as possible with a mix of lifting and running.

“My training hasn’t necessarily

gotten any tougher since my freshmen year, but it has gotten smarter,” Rudegear said. “I have a better sense of what I should focus on and I am better at identifying my weaknesses.”

Rudegear said he was named team newcomer of the year as a freshman. He said he has gotten where he is today because of more than just individual skill and effort.

“My teammates have always accepted their roles and my role, and they have always competed hard in practice, which has helped me to become the player that I am,” Rudegear said.

“Without my teammates’ support and hard work, I might not have had the same individual success I have had, and obviously we wouldn’t have had the team success that we’ve had.”

Coach Mike DeWitt said Rudegear is one of the most talented returning players.

“He has the ability to play both inside and on the perimeter, which makes it very difficult for other teams to match up with him,” DeWitt said.

He said Rudegear is one of the leaders with his intelligence and positive attitude.

“Dustin’s work ethic is extraordinary and he has always had that,” DeWitt said. “There are times, even during our season when we are

practicing every day, when Dustin will come in during the day between classes and lift weights or shoot.”

DeWitt said Rudegear’s teammates respect him tremendously because of his attitude and work ethic, so he provides leadership by example both on and off the court.

Last season as a junior Rudegear was named to the All-NCAC second team.

Senior Jesse Jean plays post for the men’s team and said Rudegear is a good and smart player.

“Dustin understands different situations and he knows what to do in them,” Jean said.

He said Rudegear brings a huge amount of leadership, stability, skills and ability to the team.

“He brings an understanding of the game as well as his all around game to the team’s progress,” Jean said. “He creates defensive problems to other teams because he can score both inside and outside.”

Jean said off the court Rudegear is a good person to be around.

“He is there for teammates if they need him and he has a great sense of humor,” Jean said.

He said Rudegear has worked extremely hard this off-season to make himself a better all around basketball player and has come back ready to help lead the team to a great season this year.



Photo by Greg Stull

Senior post Dustin Rudegear fends off a defender in the Nov. 24 game against Capital. He led the Bishops with 22 points.

Football team members earn NCAC accolades



Photo by Danny Eldredge

Senior wide receiver Zach Dennis hauls in a pass against Allegheny on Oct. 27. He was one of seven players honored by NCAC.

By Alex Humbert
Transcript Correspondent

The Bishops football team had seven members named to All-North Coast Athletic Conference teams, four of those players being underclassmen.

Senior Chad Ellis, who was a four-year starter at linebacker, was named first team All-NCAC. Senior defensive end Patrick Trenor and senior wide receiver Zach Dennis were named to the second team.

Sophomore Rylan Mitter-Burke, a first-year starter at defensive back who was named honorable mention All-NCAC, said it will be hard to replace all the seniors, especially Ellis.

“Zach’s been the best receiver in our conference for three years, and there wasn’t a better pass rusher than [Patrick Trenor] this year,” Mitter-Burke said.

“For me though I’d say that losing Chad is going to be the biggest blow. When you’re playing with Chad, you know that he knows what to do and where to be in all situations and that’s just impossible to replace with an underclassman.”

The Bishops graduate only seven seniors from this year’s team, which has junior defensive tackle Julian Strother, who was honorable mention All-NCAC, looking optimistically at next year’s team.

“It’s an honor to be named All-Conference, and it feels good to know that people felt you were good enough to be there,” Strother said. “That being said, our goal for next year is to improve as a team and win the conference. We have the best defense in the conference. If

we would have executed one or two more plays a game, we could have been 9-1 this year instead of 4-6.”

The Bishops were a team of “almost” this year, losing four games by six points or less. Strother said in order for the team to be successful as he feels they can be next year, they will have to play from start to finish.

“In the off-season, I want to get bigger, faster and stronger so we can meet our goal of going to the NCAA playoffs,” Strother said. “We have to start the season and every game faster and harder. We can’t wait for other teams to come after us. We need to get after them. If we can do that we will be champions.”

Junior linebacker Tommy Saunders, who was third in the conference with 115 tackles and was named honorable mention, said it feels good to be named All-Conference but he can’t become complacent.

“It feels good being All-Conference and getting some recognition for hard work put in during the off season,” Saunders said. “But I have to work even harder this off season because my goal is to be known as one of the best linebackers in the conference on the best defense.”

Mitter-Burke said the team has all the tools in place for next year to be conference champions, team members just have to get the job done.

“I think we had great talent on offense this year we just need to get the ball in the end zone,” Mitter-Burke said. “We have a great offensive group coming back with good experience and we will have the best defense in the conference next year. If we prepare hard in the offseason then the awards, stats and record will work themselves out.”

Macklin excels as two-sport athlete

By Brian Test
Transcript Correspondent

Senior Lindsey Macklin is a dual-sport athlete and said there is nothing better than doing something you love with great friends.

Macklin plays wing for the Ohio Wesleyan’s women’s basketball team. She is from Columbus and went to Bexley High School. Macklin was OHSA First Team All League/All District in both soccer and basketball. Her senior year, she was named Second Team All-Ohio and high school All-American in basketball.

Macklin said her off-season is the summer because she plays soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter with spring practices for both sports.

“For both sports, we have summer training programs in which we do conditioning, agility and weight training,” Macklin said.

She said playing any sport in college is a huge commitment.

“I learned a great deal about myself by playing soccer and basketball at OWU,” she said.

Coach Nan Carney-DeBord said Macklin is not only a skilled basketball player, but a “momentum changer” that does all the “little

things” that may not always show up in the statistics column.

“She rebounds readily, but also creates rebounding opportunities for others by boxing out or tipping the ball on a missed shot,” Carney-DeBord said. “She is also a gifted scorer. Lindsey’s speed allows for transition lay-ups and her outside shooting ability makes her difficult to contain.”

Carney-DeBord said Macklin’s leadership characteristics are unique.

“She has the ability to bring the level of play of those surrounding her to a high level with hard work in practices and being relentless in games,” Carney-DeBord said.

She said Macklin is one of the most improved players, but has done so one year at a time.

“Being a dual-sport athlete, her freshman year may have been her most-difficult,” Carney-DeBord said. “Once she made the transition to college basketball, there was no turning back. She uses her skills wisely and is an extremely intelligent person.”

She said Macklin has great maturity and experience as an athlete and an impressive student.

“She is a symbol of the ideal ‘student-athlete,’ which is difficult

to do with the academic demands here,” Carney-DeBord said.

She said with Macklin as a senior leader of this year’s team, the Bishops will have the ability to reach their highest potential as a team.

“She demonstrates leadership as a function of teamwork and we will not ascertain our potential until we have reached it,” Carney-DeBord said.

Senior Steffi Graf plays wing for the women’s team. She said Macklin is an awesome basketball player and teammate.

“Not only does she score and have great moves, but she’s smart and sees the floor well making her the all-around player,” Graf said.

Graf said Macklin is versatile with her quickness and defense.

“She can play and defend both the post and the guard positions,” Graf said. “As a senior, she’s also a great leader. She’s not necessarily the loudest, but she is the epitome of a leader by example, always hustling and ready to compete, whether it’s practice or the biggest game of the season.”

She said Macklin is someone that they can always depend on because she is a good listener and easy to talk to in any situation.

Swim teams drown John Carroll

From OWU online

Sophomore Usman Javaid (Lahore, Pakistan/Aitchison), sophomore Jaimito Fuentes (Massillon/Glen Oak) and sophomore David Gatz (Delaware/Hayes) won two events apiece to lead Ohio Wesleyan over John Carroll in a non-conference dual meet on Saturday at Pfeiffer Natatorium.

Javaid won the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly in respective times of :23.53 and :55.65. Fuentes won the 200 IM and the 100 freestyle in 2:07.02 and :50.69 respectively.

Gatz won the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke in respective times of 1:51.53 and :59.13.

Sophomore Brad Russell (Delaware/Hayes) also won an event, taking the meet’s second 1-meter diving event with a score of 190.45 after finishing second in the first diving event of the meet.

The Bishop 200 medley relay team of sophomore Christopher Potterton (Needham, Mass.), sophomore Nathaniel Cook (Delaware/Hayes), senior Robert Naples (Hamden, Conn./Notre Dame) and sophomore Kuang-Ting Hsu (Taipei, Taiwan/National Experimental) recorded Ohio Wesleyan’s other first-place finish, winning its event in 1:52.28.

Other standouts for the Bishops included Potterton, who finished second in the 500 and 1000 freestyles; Cook, who was second in the 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke; junior Todd Ufferman (Delaware/Hayes), who was second in the 100 backstroke; sophomore Tony Wong (Cleveland/Cleveland Heights), who placed third in the 200 freestyle; and Naples, who was third in the 100 freestyle.

The Ohio Wesleyan 200 freestyle relay team of Ufferman, Wong, sophomore Andrew Sisson (Greensburg, Pa./Greater Latrobe) and Naples finished second.

On the women’s side, sophomore Kendra Klossner (Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley) and sophomore Erin Hanahan (Madison/Perry) recorded first-place finishes to lead Ohio Wesleyan in a dual meet against John Carroll on Saturday at Pfeiffer Natatorium. Klossner won the 100 backstroke in a time of 1:05.21 and added a third-place finish in the 200 IM, while Hanahan won the first of the meet’s two 1-meter diving events with a score of 149.95.

The Bishop 200 freestyle relay team of senior Rachel Ryan (Kinnelon, N.J.), freshman Marisa Obuchowski (Baltimore, Md./Pikesville),

junior Katie Keleshian (Richmond Heights/Regina), and Klossner recorded Ohio Wesleyan’s other first-place finish, winning its event in 1:47.65 to nip the Blue Streaks by a margin of 1/100 second.

Other standouts for the Bishops included freshman Brenna Irrer (Ann Arbor, Mich./Pioneer), who finished second in the 200 IM, the 500 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke; Ryan, who placed second in the 50 and 100 freestyles; junior Meghan Warren (Marlton, N.J./Shawnee), who finished second in the 1000 freestyle and third in the 100 backstroke; senior Katherine Donnan (Columbus/Bishop Hartley), who finished second in the meet’s first 1-meter diving events and third in the second diving event of the meet; Obuchowski, who placed second in the 100 butterfly and third in the 100 breaststroke; Keleshian, who was second in the 200 freestyle; sophomore Ashley Rosenquist (Willets, Calif.), who placed third in the 200 freestyle; junior Caitlin Hagen (East Lyme, Conn.), who was third in the 100 butterfly; and senior Kara Roby (Massillon/Washington), who finished third in the 100 freestyle.

The Bishop 200 medley relay team of Warren, Hagen, Roby and Rosenquist finished second in its event.



Bishops Sports

Bishops lose heartbreaker to Capital

by **Greg Stull**
Transcript Reporter

Countering a tying basket scored by senior post Jesse Jean with time dwindling, Steve Kyser made a tip-in with two seconds remaining, giving 18th-ranked Capital a 70-68 win over the Bishops in non-conference play at Branch Rickey Arena on Saturday.

“I feel we played a good game but losing on a tip-in with two seconds left is hard to swallow,” senior guard Casey Teeters said. “But, like I said, if we make our free throws, we aren’t even in a situation where something like that can happen, so we can only blame ourselves.”

Jean’s final basket was one of many equalizers in a game of back and forth runs from both sides.

In the first half, following a number of lead changes and 8 equalizers, the Crusaders went on 9-0 run to take a 43-34 lead at halftime.

Coach Mike DeWitt said his team’s struggling defense in the first half proved to be the major deciding factor in the game.

“We gave up 43 points, which is too much to give up for a team like us that is usually pretty good defensively.”

He said, however, his team played well defensively in the second half, allowing them to get back in the game after a 9-point deficit.

The Crusaders increased their lead to 48-37 early in the second half, but the Bishops soon responded with a 20-2 run. After a pair of baskets for Ohio Wesleyan and a tip-in for Capital, bringing the score to 50-45; the Bishops then scored 12 consecutive points. Senior posts Ryan Rozak and Dustin Rudegeair and junior wing Kyle Miller contributed to the run, which gave the Bishops a 57-50 lead halfway through the second period.

But Capital regained the lead off a



Senior guard Casey Teeters (10), senior wing Brian Cafarella (24) and junior wing Kyle Holliday (23) scramble for the ball against Capital at Branch Rickey on Saturday.

Photo by Greg Stull

13-2 streak, including three-pointers from D.J. Frazier, Ryan Wood and Nate Stahl. Making six of seven attempts, Wood led the Crusaders in three-pointers. The team as a whole was 10-19 behind the arch.

“Ryan Wood got hot,” Miller said. “Going in, we knew he was a good shooter and we couldn’t let him get hot. But we let him hit a couple

shots early and it gave him a lot more confidence.”

Teeters said Wood’s shooting was “absolutely terrific” the entire game. “We did not find him on the perimeter

Lady Bishops falter against Case Reserve on Sunday

by **Danny Eldredge**
Transcript Reporter

The Lady Bishops made a valiant comeback in the second half, but Case Reserve pulled away to win 74-61 in Cleveland on Sunday.

Ohio Wesleyan trailed by as many as 17 in the first half, and were losing 42-28 at halftime.

The Lady Bishops came out strong defensively in the second, holding the Spartans to only 6 points in the first 11 minutes of the half, and cutting the lead to 48-45.

Sophomore guard Lauren Gentene said their strong team defense allowed them to gain momentum

“Defense turns into effective offense,” Gentene said, “so when we

were able to play strong, tough team defense and make important stops at that end of the floor, the momentum opened up opportunities to score on offense.”

Despite the Bishops’ success early in the first half, they could not sustain their run to the end.

Head Coach Nan Carney-Debord said the team still needs to learn how to finish against tough teams on the road.

“We are playing a number of newcomers who are making the transition to college ball as well as learning the importance of each game,” Carney-Debord said. “We are trying to become consistent and working toward that goal [finishing games].”

Gentene said Case Reserve is a tough team that is played relentlessly.

“They played tough defense and refused to let up at any point in the game,” Gentene said. “I think when we began cutting the lead, we took a breath and let up a little bit, but Case never did. We need to get to the point where we play every possession as if it is the last and most important one.”

The Bishops were held to only 36% shooting from the field, and 28% from the 3-point line. Freshman post Kayla Gordon said the team needs to be more confident.

“Some shots would bounce and roll around the rim, but still fall out,” Gordon said. “There were a couple

of times where if those shots would have gone in, everyone would have gained more confidence not only on offense, but defense as well. I think the main thing we lacked in the Case game but had in the Capital game was confidence.”

Carney-Debord said Case Reserve’s defense caused the poor shooting night, but that it was a necessary experience for the team to progress.

“CWRU is a very talented team. They are beating great teams and have only lost to ranked teams,” Carney-Debord said. “Their defense was tenacious and we did not adjust completely. It was a great experience and we will become stronger as a result.”

Freshman guard Pam Quigney led the Bishops with 14 points, junior post Laurel Lawson had 11 points, and Gordon added 10 points. Senior wing and leading scorer Steffi Graf was held to 7 points on 2 of 9 shooting. Carney-Debord said Graf will be fine.

“She is one of the hardest working players and there will be nothing stopping her in the near future,” Carney-Debord said.

Gentene said they are focused on winning the game Wednesday night against Earlham at home.

“It is important for us to learn from our game against Case, but not dwell on it,” Gentene said. “Earlham is a new team, a new game, on a new night.”

Columnist ready for a playoff system after latest BCS mess

After more upsets and teams in the top five losing, the Harris Interactive Poll, the USA Today Coaches Poll, and the Anderson & Hester, Richard Billingsley, Colley Matrix, Kenneth Massey, Jeff Sagarin and Peter Wolfe computer polls were combined to give all sports fans the final BCS rankings.

The first problem many have with these rankings is that Missouri got shafted. How does a team go from possibly going to the national championship at halftime of their last game to not even getting a BCS bid?

The system sets them up for this. There is a rule that the BCS can not have three teams from any one conference. It’s a dumb rule.

Missouri only lost two games all season, both to Big 12 champion Oklahoma. They also beat the BCS bound Kansas Jayhawks.

But as much as Missouri probably deserved to be in, it is not clear that Kansas deserved to be out. They went 11-1 with their only loss coming to a good Missouri team.

Yes, their schedule was horrendous, and it was ranked 109 out of 119, but they only lost one game. The BCS never has to justify why a school was left out. It only has to be able to justify why a school was selected, and it can with Kansas.

What is sad is that Missouri was



ranked higher than Kansas in both people polls and Kansas was one point better in the computer polls. If not for stupid BCS rules, they both would be in.

So, the Jayhawks will go to the Orange Bowl to take on the Virginia Tech Hokies who could also make a claim for their entrance into the National Championship game.

They were highest ranked team that played and won a game in the last weekend. They played a tougher opponent than did LSU and won by a larger margin. What sends the Hokies to Miami, though, is their 41 point loss to LSU at the beginning of the season.

Some thought Oklahoma should be in the title game after beating Missouri, but instead they head to the Fiesta Bowl to take on the recently defeated West Virginia Mountaineers.

Nobody thought West Virginia would lose the Backyard Brawl, and still most thought they could do it

without quarterback Pat White. Some screamed at the television as it seemed the referees and the announcers were trying to will the victory for West Virginia.

But as they take a trip to the desert, they should only ask one question. Where in the world was Steve Slaton?

The team that looked to benefit the most from two losses Saturday night was Georgia because they were ranked number four. But they were jumped by a rival SEC team.

There is no problem with Georgia being shut out because no team that comes in third in their conference should get a shot in the current BCS system, but perhaps LSU should not have been at seven.

For Georgia’s opponent, the letters BCS stand for Because Colt Stayed. This of course refers to Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan who led Hawaii to an undefeated regular season and now takes them to the Sugar Bowl.

Now we all will find out if Brennan can be like Boise State and win the game as the underdog.

The Rose Bowl always takes the champion of the Pac 10 and this seems to always mean USC. They will be going to their sixth straight BCS game. They will take on the surprise of the BCS: Illinois.

Illinois has three losses but did beat Ohio State and will go to Pasadena for the first time in 23 years as the Rose Bowl kept its loyalty to the Big 10 even after Illinois only had 40 points out of 100 in the computer polls.

And in the championship the fans will see two teams who backed into a shot for the title. It will be OSU and LSU.

It seems as if the BCS has been a Big Colossal Setup for LSU all season. They were ranked second to start the season and after they lost their first game everyone said they were still the best team. After they lost a second game everyone seemed to hold onto hope for the Tigers.

They jumped from being ranked seventh to second in one weekend, and it makes one wonder if there had only been one loss this weekend if they would not have leapfrogged the Buckeyes as well. Ohio State is the team most analysts aren’t impressed with and some think aren’t deserving of the opportunity they have.

Well, the Buckeyes scored 95 out of 100, the highest score, in the computer polls, got 46 out of 60 first place votes in the coach’s poll and got 98 out of 114 first place votes in the Harris poll. That’s a lot of people and a few machines that would have gotten it wrong.

They said the Buckeyes don’t play anybody but other than LSU demolishing Virginia Tech, nobody but Illinois played a fellow BCS team. Hawaii, USC and West Virginia did not play another BCS team. Oklahoma and Kansas did not play each other and neither did LSU and Georgia.

Every team plays a pretty soft non-conference schedule and until a system is adopted where one loss does not ruin a team’s championship aspirations we will continue to see Ohio State versus Akron and LSU versus Middle Tennessee State.

But all that being said, based on the system that is in place the two most deserving teams are playing for the championship. We need a playoff but nobody is sure if a playoff would even work out.

What is most interesting is that in a sport that is dominated by the quarterback position, the two teams on top lost good quarterbacks. One lost the winner of the Heisman and the other lost the first overall pick in the NFL Draft.

After one team flies to New Orleans and the other takes a bus, it should be a good game and despite what is being said in press conferences, this could be the start of a long series of games between Jim Tressel and Les Miles.