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## Jones receives 'rockin' welcome on campus

By Michael DiBiasio  
Transcript Reporter

When Michael G. Long ('66), chair of the Presidential Search Committee, told Rock Jones that the committee had recommended his name to the Board of Trustees as its choice to be the 16<sup>th</sup> president of Ohio Wesleyan, Jones said his hands shook a little.

Jones and his wife Melissa received formal congratulations from board members at the recent trustee meeting on Jan. 25, and introduced themselves to other members of the Ohio Wesleyan community at a dinner, hosted by WCSA.

The outcome of the search and the hospitality of the university over the weekend were both humbling and gratifying to Jones, and further excited him about his official arrival on July 1.

"The more exposure I have, the more impressed I am with the enthusiasm the people in the OWU family have for the institution. I am most excited about the people and the opportunity to become a part of the OWU family," said Jones. "I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and go to work; I'm eager to get started."

Jones said the idea of becoming a college president had never been an idea of his until 12 years ago, when a mentor suggested that he consider it.

Jones admitted that he never thought it was possible, but over time, having served in many positions in higher education, the idea grew on him.

"In the office of the president, working with a team of very dedicated, confident and motivated people, you have the opportunity to set a vision, lead an institution and make a difference in the life of that institution and in the lives of its students in a way you cannot do in any other position. That was interesting to me, and motivating," Jones said.

However, Jones said he had high standards when it came to applying for presidencies. He said he could only in vision himself at an institution with strong academics, motivated students and a promising future.

"That's a tall order," said Jones.

But he found Ohio Wesleyan to be that kind of an institution.

"The faculty is so capable and so highly motivated; the students are tremendous. The trustees and alumni want to do everything they can to make this an even better place, and that's sort of a dream job for a new president. It won't all be easy, but I am very excited about the possibilities and what the future holds," Jones said.

The difficulties of the presi-

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Photo by Jeff Bates

OWU President Rock Jones meets with students at a dinner hosted by WCSA. He will take office in July.



Photo by Danny Eldredge

Trash overflows from a large dumpster in the road outside the SAE fraternity house.

## SAE fails building inspection

By Danny Eldredge  
Editor in-chief

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house will be closed for the 2008 spring semester.

The house did not pass the building inspection conducted by Ohio Wesleyan at the end of the semester. SAE remains an active chapter at the university.

Debbie Lamp, director of Student Involvement, said the main issues on which the inspectors focused were cleanliness, safety and damage.

"There were possible fire code violations, cleanliness issues, and damage such as holes in the walls," Lamp said. "We just can't have dangerous

living situations for students, and that was the precipitating event in this situation."

Allison Bressler, assistant director of Student Involvement for Greek Life, said there were violations everywhere.

"It was not just in one area, it was all throughout the house," Bressler said.

The decision made by the university was to only shut down the living areas of the house. The fraternity members were given the option of living in the dorms, or moving to an off campus residence. They would have been able to use the common areas for fraternity events.

However, the SAE House

Corporation lacked the funding necessary to keep the common areas of the house open.

"Traditionally, fraternities have a break number, usually 21 to 24 members," Lamp said. "They were only at 10, so a lot of their funds were eaten up."

Senior SAE President Andrew Burd said the situation has been difficult, but they are optimistic about the future.

"We have nine pledges officially signed up, with a possible two more," Burd said. "Recruiting that class with little money and no house was difficult, but now it's time to clean up the house and move forward."

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## Delaware police seek key card access to dorms

By Greg Stull  
Managing Editor

Public Safety has requested that Ohio Wesleyan give Delaware Police Department (DPD) officers key cards to access residence halls and other key-card protected buildings on campus as a measure to ensure student safety, said Robert Wood, director of Public Safety (PS).

The police officers would be permitted to enter these buildings only under emergency or exigent circumstances, according to the proposed safety policy drafted by Wood.

"They are not going to be in the residence halls any more than they already are," Wood said.

An emergency or exigent circumstance would entail any situation in which someone's "health or safety is at risk," Wood said, such as a fire, a fight or a violent crime. He said that thefts, or generally any felonies, would also constitute emergencies while reports of open alcohol containers, marijuana use or loud noise would not.

Though an emergency circumstance is seemingly well-defined, Wood conceded that under certain circumstances it is a judgment call about whether or not a situation is an emergency. If someone is being loud and disorderly, Wood said, it might be hard to tell whether that person is simply being noisy or posing a serious threat to other individuals.

Residential Life Coordina-

tor Brandon Moss said he does not believe that the current system for handling emergency situations in residence halls is in any way deficient.

"I feel that all of us who are responsible for the residence halls handle each situation in the best way we can," Moss said.

However, he said in emergency situations "it is very difficult to leave a student to whom you are attending to go wait for DPD to arrive, and it's often inappropriate to involve nearby students in these matters. Giving DPD swipe cards ensures that all parties can do their respective jobs to the best of their abilities—for instance, I can stay with a student in need and [DPD officers] can get to the student more efficiently."

Wood said he knew of no instance in the past when a quick resolution to an emergency was prevented by the inability of DPD to immediately access a dorm. But he said there are generally a few occasions each year when DPD's restricted access is "problematic."

"The longer it takes to get in, the harder it is to apprehend a suspect," he said, citing an instance in the past when a student suspected of breaking into dorm rooms could not be easily apprehended because only one PS officer was on duty and the DPD officers sent to help him, rather than quickly spreading throughout the dorms to cover more area, were reliant on that

officer for entrance.

Wood said there would be a few exceptions when DPD officers could enter the dorms in non-emergency situations. When called to assist PS officers or to visit the PS offices, DPD officers would be permitted to use their key-card access.

In a campus-wide Town Hall meeting held on Wednesday, Jan 23., Russ Martin, DPD Chief of Police, and Wood gave students the opportunity to discuss the proposal and ask questions about it. Every question asked was critical of the proposal.

One student asked, "Why don't you start with the fire department?"

Another asked about the possibility of DPD officers chasing a student with an open alcohol container into a dorm using their key cards. Both Martin and Wood said they hadn't thought about that situation.

And another student asked whether DPD officers are permitted to enter apartment buildings. Martin responded, "Well, actually, most people welcome out presence." The students broke out in laughter. "I'm being serious," Martin said.

Wood said several days after the meeting that he is concerned students think the proposed policy is aimed at oppressing them rather than helping them. "It's really all

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# Students can finally lock it up at the library

By Mary Beth Scherer  
Transcript Reporter

Junior Brian Fahey said he made a suggestion his freshman year to have lockers available for student use in the library. After a few years of waiting, Fahey said he started to feel like he was working on a “dead-end project.”

But the basement of Beeghly Library now contains 46 lockers available for student use. “I finally feel like I made a difference,” Fahey said.

When Fahey was a freshman, he was a commuter who biked to campus. Fahey said it was difficult to carry all his books and belongings back and forth from his home to school. This is when he realized how much having a locker to use would simplify things, Fahey said.

Fahey said he decided to send out a campus-wide e-mail to present his idea. He said he received both positive and negative comments, but the positive comments outweighed the negatives.

There were some people who thought lockers were a waste of money and space, Fahey said.

Tom Green, associate director of libraries and head of public services, said when Fahey first suggested the idea of having lockers in the library

he “didn’t think there was a need for such a thing.” Over time, Green said he thought the possibility of lockers should be explored.

Having lockers gives students the alternative to put things under lock and key, considering there have been “quite a few thefts in the library,” Green said.

Theresa Byrd, chief information officer and director of libraries, said when she first heard about the idea to put lockers in the library, she had to think about it because Ohio Wesleyan is a residential campus and lockers are a financial expenditure. Byrd said she ultimately approved the idea.

“If I were a student I might want a place to leave my things in during the daytime so I wouldn’t have to cart them around,” Byrd said.

The lockers cost about \$4,000, Byrd said. “This is an inexpensive expense if it makes students happy,” Byrd said.

The lockers are large enough for students to leave coats, books, and laptops, Byrd said. “It’s about providing better service for students and making the library a more inviting and comfortable place for students,” Byrd said.

Fahey said the lockers will keep student’s belongings safe. “Commuters can leave their items in [the

lockers] and feel more welcome to the OWU community,” Fahey said.

Out of the 46 lockers installed, there are currently eight with locks on them. Byrd said 12 students have signed up for lockers.

Green said he was there when the first student signed up to get a locker, and the student seemed thrilled to have the option.

Students do not have to pay a fee to use the lockers, but they must provide their own locks, Green said.

Students who are interested in using the lockers must fill out an application at the Beeghly circulation desk. If approved, the locker belongs to the student for one semester, Green said.

The lockers are available on a first come first serve basis, Byrd said. According to a sign posted on the lockers, depending on availability, priority will be given to “students with a physical condition who could benefit from a storage option” or “students who can otherwise demonstrate a special need for a locker.”

Although he suggested the idea, Fahey said he has not yet signed up for a locker.

“I’m under a lot of stress and pressure right now,” Fahey said. “Ask me after the swim season.” Fahey said he will probably sign up for a locker next year.



Photo by Mary Beth Scherer  
**Theresa Byrd, chief information officer and director of libraries, believes the 46 new lockers will make the library a more comfortable place for students to study.**

## Guest lecturer urges students to educate themselves on political affairs



Photo by Maygen Hall  
**Randall Robinson speaks on the fall of democracy in Haiti, and the role the American government played in it.**

By Maygen Hall  
Transcript Reporter

For thirteen years, the Butler A. Jones Lecture Series on Race and Society has brought many scholars to campus.

On Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> best-selling author and political activist Randall Robinson enlightened OWU students and faculty on “The American Role in the Fall of Haitian Democracy”.

Sponsored by The sociology-anthropology department, the program attracted an overwhelming number of students, faculty, and visitors.

Freshman Andre Saunders said he was excited when he heard Randall Robinson was coming to campus.

“I heard he was down for the right cause and really wanted to hear him speak,” said Saunders.

According to his biography, Randall Robinson is the author

of the national bestsellers *The Debt*, *The Reckoning*, *Quitting America* and *Defending the Spirit*. His most recent book, *An Unbroken Agony*, provided the foundation for his lecture.

Introduced by junior Kenneth Williams and junior Ben Goodrum, Robinson spoke about his belief that the United States government has played an influential part in the dismemberment of Haiti’s federal government.

Robinson said Americans ignore the faults of their government.

“It is ignorance that leads us into the folly of wars like Iraq,” Robinson said.

Robinson also said college students have a larger responsibility than the average individual to be educated in political affairs.

“If you really want to consider yourselves an educated

people...get out of Ohio,” he said. “Go somewhere!”

Robinson vividly described his personal accounts regarding the involvement of the Bush Administration in the abduction of then Haitian President, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

“Though I love the people in this country, I do not love them anymore than the people in any other country,” Robinson said.

When asked about the current U.S. presidential election, Robinson said his vote would be for Senator Barack Obama.

“He is a very smart man and I can’t imagine who could be more qualified [to be president],” Robinson said.

Robinson said the recent bickering between former President Bill Clinton and Obama was depressing.

“I think the true color of his (Bill Clinton) neck has shown,” Robinson said.

Upon being asked about the future of Haiti, Robinson said Haiti cannot begin to help itself until America stops meddling in its affairs.

“He (Robinson) touched on a lot of important issues and definitely said things that are on people’s minds,” junior Ronda Gholston said.

Visiting elders Mariella Dunn and Janet Yoder said they remembered when the events in which Robinson spoke about happened and were glad to hear his version.

“His speech was very informative,” Dunn said.

Freshman Ashley Coleman said, “Robinson was truly eye opening and his thoughts on Bill Clinton were enlightening.”

Some previous speakers in the lecture series have been civil rights activist Mary E. King ‘62 and notable sociologist and author Andrew Billingsly.

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about safety.”

Wood said the policy could possibly generate problems beyond misjudgment about whether or not a given situation is an emergency.

Wood said DPD officers would probably follow up on offenses for which they are normally called anyway, such as illegal drug-use, but that they would probably let PS handle offenses for which they are not normally called, such as underage drinking.

“But I can’t say absolutely, positively,” Wood said, noting that DPD officers have an obligation to uphold the law.

Moss said if DPD officers were to come across a student breaking the law, he would expect them to at least call a

staff member to handle the situation.

Though the students at the Town Hall meeting seemed uniformly opposed to the proposed policy, not all students share this sentiment.

Freshman Jamie Pantea said she thinks people are overreacting to the proposed policy and that DPD officers won’t just randomly patrol the dorms.

Freshman Megan Osmulski said she supports the policy because it addresses a safety issue. “If it makes our campus a safer place, why not?”

Moss said he “sees no reason why DPD should not have swipe cards. They would only be used when absolutely necessary, and their use could be very easily monitored.”

Another Town Hall meeting, yet to be scheduled, will be held within the next few weeks to allow for further student discussion on this issue. Based on the views expressed by the student body, WCSA will vote on a resolution either in support of or in opposition to the proposed policy. The administration will then take this resolution into account when making the final decision on whether or not to enact the policy.

Wood said though the administration will make the final decision, student opinion will have a big influence.

“I really think, when it’s all said and done, this will be seamless,” he said. But if people don’t like the policy, he said, it can be terminated at any time.

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Burd said the active members take full responsibility for the condition of the house. He added that while the university has been good overall in handling the situation, he believes communication between the university and the chapter should be improved.

“We’ve kind of been left in the dark in some situations,” Burd said. “They didn’t tell us the house was closed until a

week before school started back up. We weren’t told about the trustees going through the house until the last minute. I would appreciate more conversation between us and the school.”

Bressler said no Greek advisor ever wants to close down a fraternity house. “They have a lot to work on, and they need to get back to the tenants of being an SAE chapter,” Bressler said. “If you were living your creed

and ritual you wouldn’t have treated the house like that.”

Burd said the chapter is working extremely hard to get their house back.

“The house is central to our culture, and houses are the backbone of frats at Ohio Wesleyan,” Burd said. “It’s been frustrating, but we want to restore some credibility, and take it one step at a time. We want the University to work with us.”

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dency were exhibited to Jones before he was even selected by the search committee. In the Dec. 12 issue of *The Transcript*, Plamen Nikolov (’00), in a letter to the editor, speculated the negative effects of hiring Jones. While Nikolov acknowledged Jones’ successes in enrollment and fundraising, he questioned his chaplaincy at Hendrix.

“I have a great deal of respect for people’s commitments to their private choices, but as I was reading Rev. Jones’ bio, I questioned how Rockwell Jones’ background as a pastor will influence the perception of potential students and increasingly diverse impact on audiences who relate to them,”

Nikolov said in the letter.

Jones, who was on campus as a candidate when the letter was published, said he read the letter, doesn’t recall its specifics, but remembers that Nikolov made some incorrect attributions to him. Jones also offered a response to the raised speculation.

“It’s important to have a sense of grounding, to be centered. For me, my faith is a part of what makes that happen. It’s not something that I talk about publicly a lot. It’s not something that would be the topic of conversation at a meeting. It is not something that I would in any way want to impose on the community,” said Jones.

“I understand the concern about ‘would I bring an agenda that tried to impose a particular faith understanding or faith tradition,’ and I do not bring that.”

“I do believe that it is appropriate and useful to offer, to those who seek it, opportunities to think about the points of intersection between the sources of deepest meaning, for some that is faith, and the academic life, the intellectual life, but never, at the cost of the free expression of ideas, the free exchange of ideas,” Jones said.

Despite the speculation, Jones and his wife are still excited to be coming to OWU.

“We’re eager to be here and get started,” said Jones.

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# Campus remembers dreams of Civil Rights leader

By **Catie Coleman**  
*Transcript Reporter*

Every man dreams, but Martin Luther King's dream didn't become a hazy memory with the morning light.

King's dream became a legendary, progressive vision to be celebrated and remembered across the nation nearly 40 years after his death.

The Ohio Wesleyan campus didn't miss out on celebrating the dream on Monday, Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA) held several activities throughout the day to pay homage to King, the most pivotal force in the civil rights era.

"It was a great time to reflect and honor [King's] sacrifice and struggle," freshman Chardae Spencer said. "I hope that the entire OWU community gained knowledge of his accomplishments and realized how far we have come and yet how far we still have to go."

"Be the Dream" was the theme of OWU's celebration, which brought several speakers to campus, including Aaron Granger ('93). Granger spoke of how King's dream is embodied today, noting that King believed

"change comes through continuous struggle."

"In order to be the dream you must dedicate your lives to the promotion of equal human dignity...[this] requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle," Granger said.

King's vision is celebrated across the nation every January, keeping his dream alive, a dream he devoted his whole life to.

King was raised in a deeply religious family. After finishing his academic pursuits, which brought him to Morehouse College, Crozer Theological Seminary and Boston University, King became pastor of a Baptist church in Alabama.

King became involved with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the mid 1950s, which resulted in a ban on segregation in buses, followed by many more progressive steps.

In an effort that emphasized nonviolence and Christian values, King propelled the civil rights movement to the forefront of American minds and caught the attention of people around the world.

Before his assassination in 1968, King had a significant role in other advances toward equal-

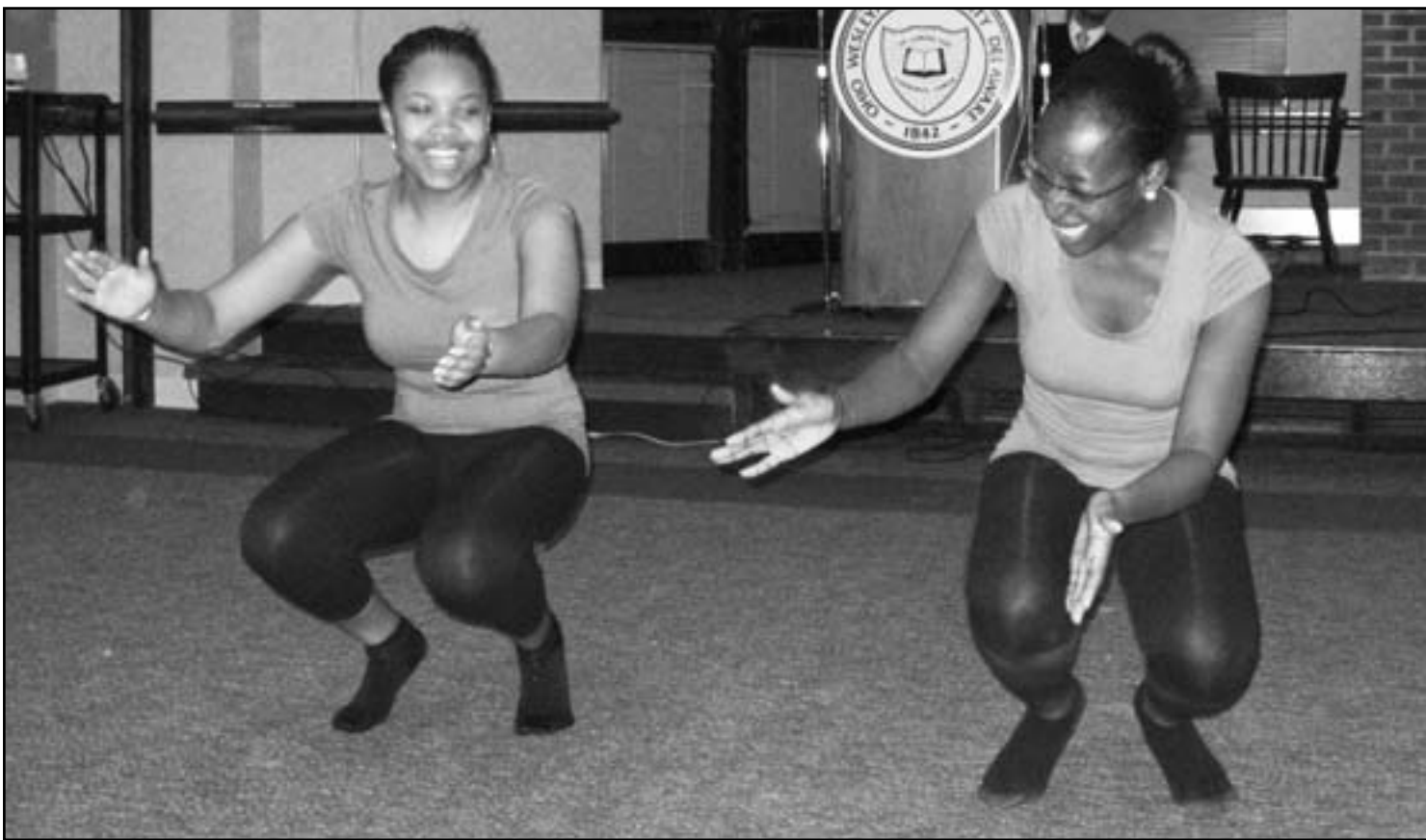


Photo by Catie Coleman

**Freshmen Brandi Alston and Monique Cherry perform at the peace celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

ity, such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 when he was only 35 years old.

King emphasized the role peace could play in promoting change.

OWU's evening peace celebration honored King's call

for peace in the Civil Rights movement with poetry readings, music and dance performances.

The two-hour celebration brought together different gen-

erations and cultures, but someone from each had a thing or two to say about how valuable it is today to keep the dream alive, to "be the dream."

## Acclaimed writer of the memoir speaks on fact, fiction and their intersection

By **Mark Dubovec**  
*Transcript Reporter*

Wearing a black turtleneck and drinking water from a flask, guest writer Tobias Wolff pulled double duty on Jan. 24 with a question and answer session at Phillips Auditorium and a lecture at Gray Chapel.

Wolff, the acclaimed writer of the memoir *This Boys Life* and the novel *Old School*, whose work is often used in English courses at Ohio Wesleyan, described his writing process at the Question and Answer session.

"Writing is no more glorious than making hamburgers; it's work," he said.

Fraudulence, a common theme in Wolff's work, came up in the discussion as well.

Wolff said, "I think it's the human condition. I think that it's great when we want to be more and achieve more but not when we want to seem more."

A few hours later, Wolff presented his lecture, "The Truths of Fiction, the Lies of Memoir," to an audience that filled the lower chamber of Gray Chapel.

He related his reading of a

book by William H. Gass, in which the autobiography genre is condemned as narcissistic and biased. Wolff said, "One line in particular that caught my attention was, 'He who writes his autobiography is already a monster.' So I must be a two-headed monster, because I've written two."

Wolff defended the memoir. "We make stories out of our experiences," he said. "Each of us is the leading character in our own memories."

Acknowledging the biases Gass accuses autobiographers of, Wolff said, "Some allowance has to be made for subjectivity." He added, "As soon as you talk about your past and give it a form, that's a kind of fictionalization."

Wolff said it's impossible to be completely unbiased when writing a memoir. He said that when he was writing his memoirs, "I was tempted to obscure what I'd rather people not know."

He was also concerned about invading other people's privacy by writing about them, but he found he could justify this by being as honest about himself

as possible. "All we can really do is intend to," he added. "I don't write angels; I've never seen one, especially not in the mirror."

Wolff's lecture was part of the Carpenter Lecture Series of the English department. The series originated from an endowment from O. William Carpenter in honor of his wife, Katherine Kearney Carpenter, and has been used to bring in distinguished authors annually since 1967.

A different member of the English department runs the event each year.

This year, professor Martin Hipsky was in charge of the event, and when he introduced Wolff, he praised Wolff's work and said, "His stories often present ambivalent pictures of contemporary American society and seek to dissect social hypocrisies in which his readers are, in one way or another, likely to find themselves complicit."

Hipsky explained that Wolff came this year through a personal connection to the writer. "It's mainly because he's friends with Robert Olmstead," Hipsky said, and he explained that last



Photo by Mark Dubovec

**Tobias Wolff speaks in Gray Chapel as a part of the Carpenter Lecture Series.**

May, Olmstead invited Wolff to the series after the two had lunch together in San Francisco, which led to an e-mail correspondence between Hipsky and Wolff.

Professor Olmstead said of Wolff, "He was my professor for two years; he's a dear friend." Olmstead added, "He's one of the best writers writing, one of the best writers ever. He's at the top of the field."

## Trustees address operating budget

By **Myra Blackburn**  
*Transcript Reporter*

Members on the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees held a two-day meeting to discuss the annual operating budget and strategic plans to increase the budget for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The meetings took place on Jan. 25 and Jan. 26.

Eileen Walker, associate vice president of Business Affairs and controller, said the University Relations Office made plans to raise approximately \$40 million for the 2008-2009 academic year. Walker said the current expense budget for the 2008-2009 academic year is \$57.4 million.

"Since the administration has presented a balanced budget to the board for approval for the 2008-2009 [academic year], this means that revenue and expenditures are equal," Walker said.

Walker said the revenue comes from the tuition, room and board, the annual fund, payout of the interest from the endowment and other miscellaneous sources.

"The annual operating budget is prepared on a preliminary basis by the vice president for Business Affairs who, in consultation with other officers of the university, determines the overall expenditure needs on campus and then determines which needs could be budgeted within the available resources," Walker said.

According to Lisa Jackson, assistant to the president, approximately 55 of the total 64 alumni on the Board of Trustees attended the meetings. Among these 55 Board of Trustees were Jack M. McKinnie ('54), James

W. Pry ('67) and Orlando Chaffee ('79), who shared their academic experience at the Board of Trustees dinner on Friday evening.

James W. Pry ('67), who is currently a certified public accountant, an attorney and a member of the Board of Trustees, served on the search committee that selected Rock Jones, the 16th president at Ohio Wesleyan. He said he was excited about Jones' presence at Ohio Wesleyan.

"Besides attending cocktail parties and talking intelligently," Pry said, chuckling, "as an [economics major] I had to work hard. But my educational experience at OWU has definitely prepared me for the real world. OWU is at its turning point from being a good school to a great university, with professors, students and management teams to take it to another level."

McKinnie, a six-year member on the board and the former president of the Alumni Board of Directors, worked for the Standard Oil Company for 45 years. He said members on Board of Trustees join together to discuss how to develop closer connections between alumni and current students.

During the reception, senior Ben Owens, treasurer of WCSA, spoke about growing up in a small community in Rhode Island where he lacked the cultural experience he gained from Ohio Wesleyan. Senior Joey Yost, vice president of WCSA, spoke about issues involving student life, such as renovating Small Living Units and fraternity houses, re-opening Alpha Tau Omega and enhancing the university's security system.

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## OWU profs, Columbus scholars make great decisions

The Great Decisions Discussion Program in Delaware is designed to encourage debate and discussion of the important global issues of our time. The program provides materials that help people reach informed opinions on the issues and participate in the foreign policy process.

This year's discussion series began Friday, Jan. 25, and continues each Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at the William Street United Methodist Church parlor until March 14.

Developed by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) in 1954, the Great Decisions Discussion Program is the longest-standing and largest grassroots world affairs educational program of its kind. It is the core of FPA's civic education outreach efforts, bringing millions of Americans together in communities across the country to discover, discuss and decide their opinions on foreign policy issues. What could be more relevant in a presidential election year?

All Great Decisions discussions are held in the parlor area of

William Street United Methodist Church. Attendees are welcome to bring a brown-bag lunch. Complimentary coffee and tea will be provided.

Following each discussion, participants will have the option of completing a quick survey to add their opinions to thousands of others across the nation. These surveys are sent by the FPA from Delaware, Ohio, to Washington, DC, where our voice as a community can be heard by decision makers who shape foreign policy and the role the US plays in global affairs.

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The remaining schedule follows: Feb. 1: "Russia and Putinism," Mark Gingerich, professor of history, OWU; Feb. 8: "Blacklisting the Enemy," David Steigerwald, professor of history, OSU Marion; Feb. 15: "U.S.-China Business and Economic Relations," Barbara MacLeod, professor of economics, OWU; Feb. 22: "Private Philanthropy: New Actors in Foreign Aid," Lisa Schweitzer Courtice, vice president for community research and grants management, The Columbus Foundation; Feb. 29: "European Integration: Looking Ahead," Goran Skosples, professor of economics, OWU; March 7: "U.S. Defense Policy in Historical Perspective," Michael Flamm, professor of history, OWU; March 14: "Latin America: The Next U.S. President's Agenda," James Franklin, professor of politics and government, OWU.

## Campus invited to take a plunge

Alum Creek State Park, in Delaware, is the site of the Freezin' for a Reason Polar Bear Plunge, held for the benefit of Special Olympics Ohio on Saturday, March 1. Everyone – individuals and those from groups and organizations – is invited to participate in this wacky winter activity, which raises funds for the more than 22,000 Special Olympics athletes in Ohio.

As part of this experience, participants obtain monetary pledges and then agree to jump or slowly crawl (however the case may be) into the frigid waters of Alum Creek Reservoir.

Those not wanting to participate in the actual plunge are encouraged to support the activity by making pledges to those who dare to take the plunge.

The activities for the Alum Creek plunge begin with registration at 11:30 a.m. A costume contest is scheduled for 1:20 p.m. with the plunge starting at 1:30 p.m.

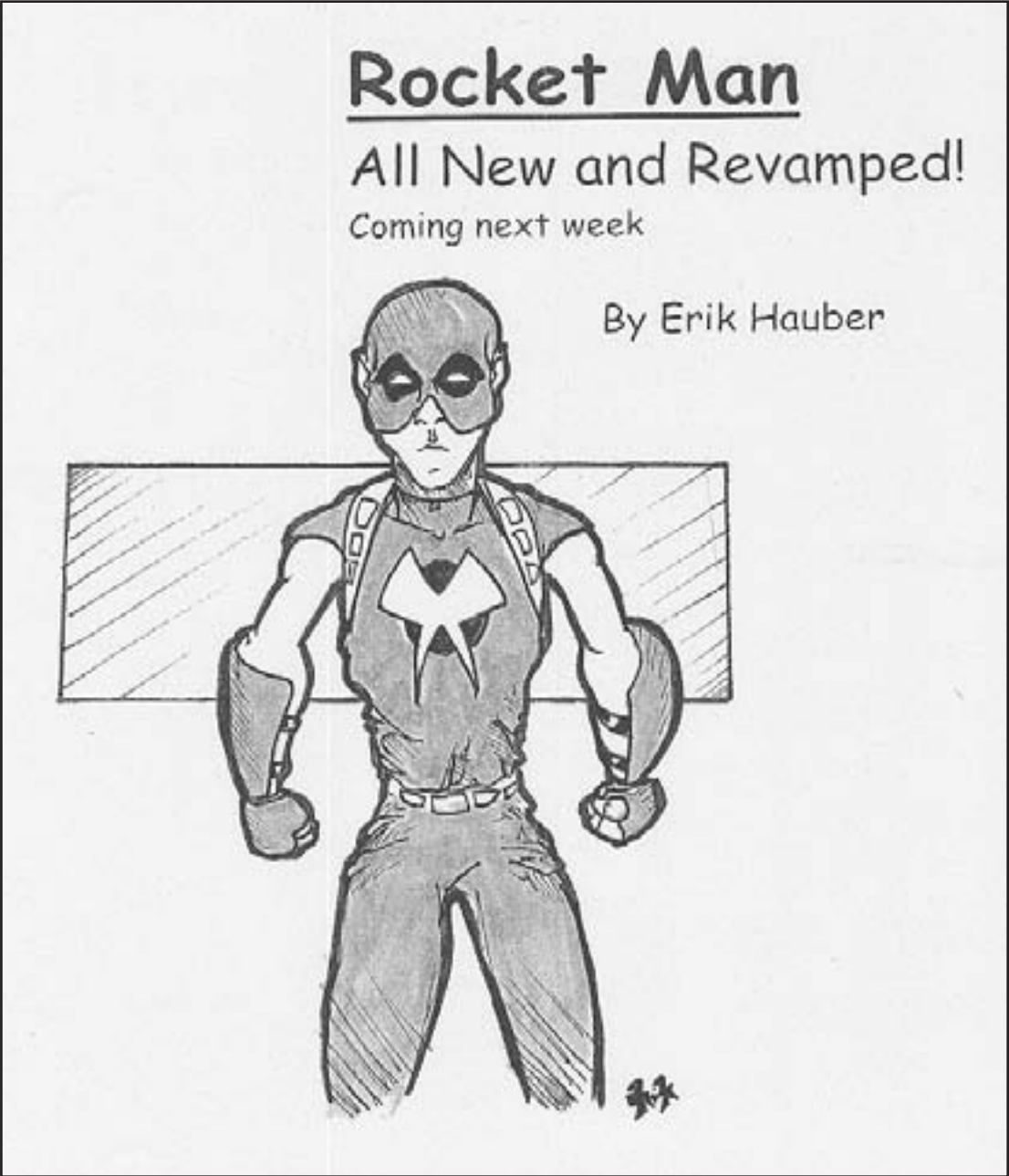
A post-plunge party at the Winking Lizard (in Crosswoods Plaza, I-270 and Ohio Route 23) is scheduled from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Pre-registration and all pertinent information is available at sooh.org. Local information is available from Alum Creek Plunge Coordinator Kara Ward at kwardosu@yahoo.com or 419-306-4221.

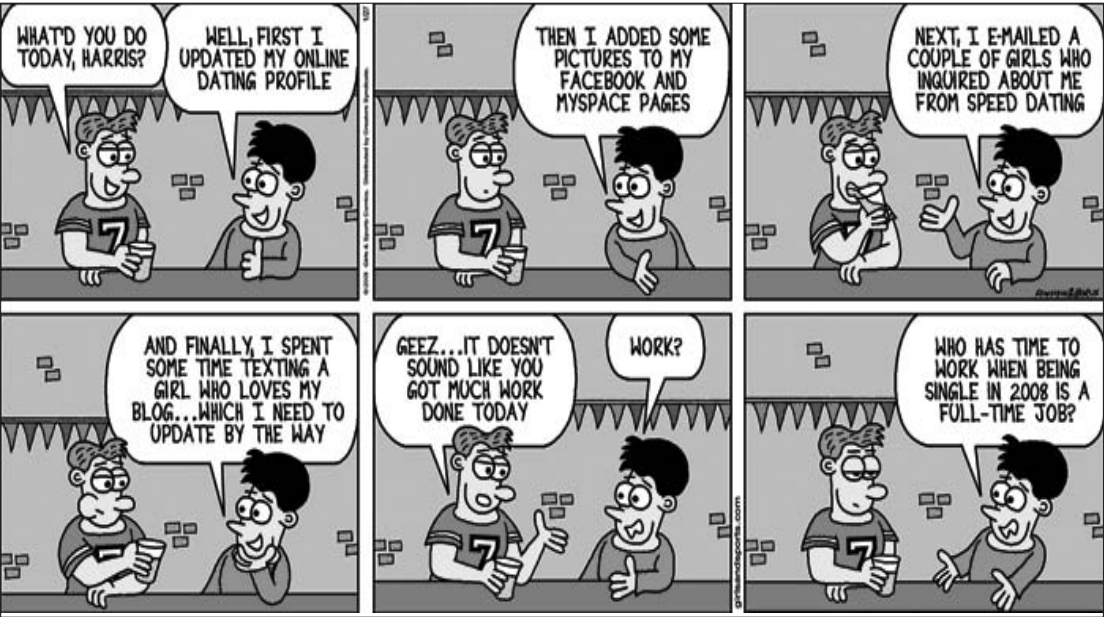
A minimum of \$75 in pledges is necessary to participate, with a special lesser minimum of \$50 for all high school and college student participants.

All plungers receive a long-sleeve T-shirt and goody bag. There are also incentive prizes for those who raise more than the minimum pledge.

The Alum Creek Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics Ohio is one of eight scheduled throughout Ohio this winter.



## Girls and Sports



“Girls & Sports” is the creation of Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein, friends since high school in Denver, Colo. While spending their junior year of college “studying” abroad in Denmark, Justin and Andrew would capture their real life dating escapades in short, punchy comic strips and distribute them to other students. Their grades suffered, but “Girls & Sports” was born.

## Lupe Fiasco reveals the bigger picture



I am back with another edition of "Real Talk." Before I start, I have to say happy New Year and all the best for 2008. 2007 was a great year in hip-hop with strong albums, though one of the best was saved for last. This would be Lupe Fiasco's "The Cool." This was Lupe's first ever concept album, and I have to say that it was brilliantly done, but I have a few issues with it.

If this album was trimmed by about two songs, it would be perfect. I also won't compare it too much to "Food and Liquor" because it's a different type of album.

The first song is about a character called Michael Young History, who exemplifies all the stereotypes and definitions of everything "cool." Lupe starts off with a very deep poem speaking on issues such as the Klu Klux Klan, Hurricane Katrina, Virginia Tech and others.

This is a perfect intro because it sets the tone. Right after the intro comes a minute long dedication to their jailed friend Chilly. As smooth as that song is, it feels very misplaced. I thought it would have been a good way to end the album, rather than with "Go baby," which was one of the weaker songs that could have been cut and didn't live up to songs like "Sunshine" from the last album "Food and Liquor."

The most influential songs on the album were "The Coolest," "Little Weapon," "Gotta Eat," "Dumb it down" and "The Die." "Little Weapon" is about young children who are put into negative situations and get guns. This song is powerful, with lyrics that are visual and allow you to meditate on the issues at hand. An example of these deep lyrics are:

"Lil Khalil got a gun he got from the rebels  
To kill the infidels and American devils  
A bomb on his waist a mask on his face  
Prays five times a day and listens to heavy metal."

This is also an example of his highly-structured, lyrical writing style. Lupe steps out of the main theme with his song, "Dumb it Down," which talks about not selling out for the industry. While this song is a strong representative of Lupe's style, I assume this song was separate from Michael Young's character who is suppose to be portrayed in the album.

The smoothest sounding songs are "Superstar," "Paris Tokyo," "Hi-Definition" and "Go-Go Gadget Flow." "Superstar" and "Hi-Definition" are more commercial sounding songs but their production has a very smooth flow and, like the other smooth tracks, they are relaxing and very melodic with lyrics that flow parallel to the track.

The weaker tracks on the album are "Hello/Goodbye" and "Go Baby." While they are decent tracks that I like as singles, they aren't tracks that strengthen the album. Lupe steps outside of hip-hop boundaries with "Hello/Goodbye" and incorporates a rock vibe, but it seems over done and the same vibe is already captured on tracks like "Streets on Fire" and "The Die." The song could have been left off the album.

Overall the album was deliciously done (yes, I said delicious). It is like a well-cooked, satisfying meal that could have had less onions and pickles to make it perfect.

## If this Writer's Guild strike goes on any longer, I'm gonna strike!



Kaitlin Thomas

The sting of the writers' strike is now burning even the occasional television viewer. Since Nov. 5, the members of the Writers Guild of America, a labor union representing film,

television and radio writers, have been picketing the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers regarding residuals and new media sales.

The people responsible for House's sarcasm and for making "McDreamy" a common name are not getting paid when episodes of their shows are streamed over the internet. Nor are they receiving the money they deserve when a customer purchases a DVD.

Currently, for every dollar spent on a DVD, writers receive less than three cents in residuals.

The AMPTP argue writers hold no copyright to their work

and should not receive residuals at all. With the strike now in its thirteenth week, the effects are more obvious, even to the occasional viewer.

Because no show had a full season's worth of completed scripts prior to the walkout, networks have had to rewrite this television season. Most shows spread out their episodes to last as long as possible.

Others, like "Heroes," adapted their last completed script to serve as a season finale. And yet other shows, like "Scrubs," are wondering if they will return to finish their seasons at all.

In order to fill the now empty prime time slots, networks are

ushering in a new wave of reality television. Some old favorites like "American Idol" are returning, but many new shows are also gracing the airwaves with their unwelcome presence.

Shows like "The Moment of Truth," which has contestants hooked up to a lie detector in order to win money, are beginning their runs. These are the types of shows networks think will fill the void left in our hearts without our regular programming.

Is the American public too dependent on television for entertainment?

Instead of reruns of our favorite shows to hold us over,

the networks are subjecting us to reality shows that require little to no writing staff and little to no thinking. And we sit there because we are addicted to our television sets, not just the shows.

We associate these shows with the actors, but we do not think about the people who write the scripts for the actors to repeat.

Why is it only when a union strikes that we take notice of those who do the hard work? We do it because we are no longer watching the dramas that plague the women of Wisteria Lane on "Desperate Housewives."

We notice because the only thing to watch is a show where Americans embarrass themselves in order to win a singing competition. Or washed up celebrities try to regain their fame and their health at once on VH1.

Let's hope that the informal talks that began last week between the WGA and the AMPTP, the first since early December, will lead to formal negotiations and eventually an end to the strike.

Because Conan O'Brien is not as funny without his writers, and because we all really just want to see Jim torture Dwight on "The Office."



Ohio Wesleyan University,

My name is Alexander MacNeil, and I am a sophomore at Ohio Wesleyan University. I have recently been thinking of the memorable, enlightening, delightful events concerning 2008’s Martin Luther King Day. I found those who attended receptive.

I observed interactions between minorities, majorities, teachers, students, administration, and faculty as exceptionally positive. For the first time, I sat at a table with alumni, faculty, students, and those of the Delaware community. I saw vibrant dances, beautiful recitals, and amazing presentations. I found the inspiration I have always searched for in Ohio Wesleyan University.

On Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, I was outraged at the school’s lack of attention to Martin Luther King Day. The only activity students could participate in was the Martin Luther King Day Commemoration Breakfast, which began at eight o’clock in the morning and cut into class time. Frequently students had to leave the breakfast to attend their mandatory classes. If they wished to celebrate the day, they were left with nothing other than the breakfast to attend. On Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, I had no option but to attend classes. Dr. Ryan’s “Autobiographies of Black Women” was the only one of my scheduled classes that took time to “commemorate the Civil Rights Movement.”

“This is an educational institution, and in keeping with that mission, we are going to take some time to learn about the history that the King Holiday commemorates,” Ryan said to the classroom.

I watched a video, “Civil Rights Martyrs,” which was about Americans who died struggling for social justice during the Civil Rights Movement. One specific individual I learned about was Emmitt Till. His death contributed to the Civil Rights Movement in ways many do not know. I did not know about Emmitt Till until that day, maybe out of my own lack of knowledge, maybe because I did not research the subject enough. Whatever the reason, I learned about a valuable individual in our country’s history because Dr. Ryan helped us appreciate our country’s struggle for equal rights. That night, I imagined a school where every student would be able to learn, in their own respective classes, of those socially oppressed and their impacts in the fields of Psychology, Education, Literature, Biology, Women and Gender Studies, and Music.

The thought simmered in my mind for a year. I slowly collected information from former president Mark Huddleston, along with various deans and professors. I sent a letter stating my outrage to the faculty and students of OWU. In response, former president Mark Huddleston wisely created the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (now the Commission on Racial and Cultural Diversity).

While I continued to display my discontent with this school’s participation in Martin Luther King Day, the Committee on Racial and Cultural Diversity created spectacular programs for Martin Luther King Day.

My sour attitude toward this school’s neglect for such an important day halted on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Individuals and professors I had never seen before willingly attended the Peace Ceremony, the Brown Bag Lunch-In, and afternoon discussions and taught me valuable information about minorities in our society. I was amazed that the same administration I thought to be ignorant attended every single event. My emotional, spiritual, mental and verbal furor quieted in awe. The potential for the day vined through the soil of opportunity to show how incredibly beautiful and educational Martin Luther King Day could be.

The third point in the Ohio Wesleyan University mission statement says: “[Ohio Wesleyan places] education in the context of values. Liberal education seeks to develop in students understanding of themselves, appreciation of others and willingness to meet the responsibilities of citizenship in a free society. It recognizes that trained sensitivity to private and public value issues, grounded in a sound grasp of various cultural heritages, is important for maturation and for living a good life. It accords high honor to intellectual honesty. Consistent with our Methodist tradition, Ohio Wesleyan encourages concern for all religious and ethical issues and stimulates its students to examine their own views in light of these issues.”

I believe on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, we touched upon the ideal on which this university founds its mission. Yet there is so much more we have to accomplish. One student, in the peace ceremony, stated that we should be reluctant to say “enough.” An alumnus stated that we should act with the knowledge that in twenty years we will fully discern what was important and unimportant in our lives and college careers. I understand that classroom procedures are incredibly important. What I believe to be more pertinent to the celebration of Martin Luther King Day at OWU is diversity, whether it be concerned with African-Americans, Euro-Americans, Latinos, women, men, heterosexuals, those who are disabled, Asian-Americans, the elderly, the youth, those with different ideas, backgrounds, perspectives, and religions. With the third point in OWU’s mission statement in mind, what better way to “stimulate students to examine their own views” than to hold a school wide recognition of America’s efforts to dismantle discrimination in our country?

The Committee on Racial and Cultural Diversity established a commitment with several professors to base some classroom’s teachings upon the ideology that Martin Luther King Day commemorates. I hope every professor can examine their classroom agenda for that day and commit to such an aim. The other hope circulating through the student community is for a day where students are required to attend a set of programs on MLK day. Though these two ideas are amongst the most obvious opportunities for education on this day, so many ideas still lie uncovered. I believe if we can all collaborate upon this single goal of fully celebrating Martin Luther King Day, we can arrive at some amazing visions for OWU’s future. We should all join in a cry for peace and equality. This would truly honor the struggle towards freedom that our ancestors endured.

I fully encourage every member of this institution to look at Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, a spectacular day, and explore how this school can further celebrate Martin Luther King Day, to the best of its ability, in the future. We have only grazed the surface of what this institution can accomplish.

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# Opinion

## Swipe cards for PD a flawed proposal for many reasons

The Delaware Police Department (DPD) and Public Safety have come up with a proposal to give DPD officers swipe cards to access residence halls and other key-card protected buildings in emergency or exigent circumstances. It's a bad idea.

First and foremost, we are against this proposal is because it is unnecessary. Neither Russ Martin, chief of police, nor Robert Wood, director of Public Safety, have noted any specific instances in which the current system has allowed a situation to become out of hand because DPD could not allow themselves into a building. We think endorsing this policy “in light of recent events,” such as Columbine and Virginia Tech is misguided and condescending to the student body.

There are also questions of the legality of the proposal. While we realize that residence halls are slightly different from a private home, there are enough similarities to warrant suspicion. Students pay a lot of money not only for their individual rooms, but also for the community rooms, study rooms, and in some cases, communal bathrooms. We argue that hallways and bathrooms in a residence hall do not differ from a hallway or bathroom in a private residence. A dormitory is not open to the public at large, and DPD officers are public servants.

While we believe the accountability measures proposed would sufficiently track DPD officers’ use of the swipe cards, the proposal includes no language regarding any repercussions for DPD officers who violate the agreement, and choose to patrol the halls when there is no emergency. Also, the policy gives no protection to students who could be the victim of a DPD officer abusing his swipe card privileges. And even if measures were put in place to sanction DPD officers for misusing their swipe card, and protections were afforded to the students, the ambiguity of what is considered an emergency could allow DPD officers to justify an unwarranted entrance.

We also dismiss the argument that DPD access is necessary because Public Safety does not have adequate staffing to respond to emergency situations. If this is the case, we think the Public Safety Department should attempt to add more officers to their staff before proposing this policy. Doing this would allow Ohio Wesleyan to avoid implementing this controversial policy while also working toward achieving the goal of increasing the safety of students. Another, better option proposed by a residential assistant during the town hall meeting is for DPD to simply have better communication with Residential Life staff. It is already the job of residential assistants to look out for the safety of their students, so if an emergency situation were to occur, the police could gain access to buildings by calling Residential Life staff.

Allowing DPD to gain swipe card access would hurt the University in the short term, and the long term. Even if DPD uses the swipe cards within the limits of the proposal, arrests for minor offenses would undoubtedly increase because there will be a much more significant police presence on campus. In the long term, this could steer prospective students away from Ohio Wesleyan, because it would be viewed as a police state when compared to other liberal arts colleges.

This proposal is unnecessary, and the potential harms of its implementation are more likely than the potential benefits.

## A real 'OWU Zoo' would make campus more lively place to study liberal arts

Greetings to one and all. The reign of terror of an unnamed former humor columnist has come to an end. This semester I shall deliver the real news. Firmly and delicately, it will be rammed into your hearts and minds.

In order for you to appreciate where I’m coming from, a short biography will be necessary. My name is Rory “Rock Jones” McHale. I am a twice-divorced (unfaithful and death, respectively) auto-mechanic from San Jose, California. I am 24 years old, I love my country and I am trying to buy food points. I live in Smith West, and this is my first year at college. (I am currently a student at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.)

That being said, I have some outsider suggestions for OWU (Ohio Wesleyan University {Go Bishops!!}).

A short while ago, I noticed a campus wide email urging students to attend an OWU basketball game and become a part of the “OWU Zoo.” As far as I am capable of reading (it is



**Tackle Football**  
with  
Rory McHale

an acquired taste) this was an attempt to assign a nickname to an as-yet unformed fan base of the OWU basketball team.

This would be similar to nicknames doled out to the fans of such prestigious sports teams as the Cameron Crazies at Duke, something-something at Texas, blah blah blah. Basketball is not my concern here. No, I would instead like to expand upon the concept of the “OWU Zoo.”

Obviously the phrase has a use as a means to rally around our sports teams. I am interested in other possible applications.

Imagine ... .OWU Zoo. A zoo, within the confines of Ohio Wesleyan. We would build a large fence or wall (a la Jurassic Park or the Gaza Strip) around the OWU campus. I am currently unsure of the shape of the wall, although I’m leaning towards a heptagon or a trian-

gle.

Because no one likes spending time in Delaware proper (a gross generalization) few will mind that access will now be denied beyond OWU property. At the very least, those player-hatin’ students from Columbus couldn’t go home every god damn weekend to have their laundry done.

Within this fence, we will create a true OWU Zoo. We will have mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and sparrows all interacting freely in this utopia.

We students would be in paradise (or: los estudiantes estari-amos en paraiso).

Who didn’t like petting zoos when they were younger? And who doesn’t miss their pets at home?

Well, this OWU Zoo would replace all your memories with round-the-clock action. Exhilarating sprints home from the library with a lion at your back, clawing at your knapsack; depressing drinking contests with grizzly bears; feel-good drinking contests with wussy deer; and the stands at our bas-

ketball games filled with the rowdiest, OWU-pride-filled zoo animals this side of Selby Field (fulfilling the original intent of the "OWU Zoo" phrase and hopefully endearing me to any basketball coach who may have cleverly copyrighted the phrase prior to the writing of this article).

Admittedly, I myself see a few drawbacks: no one wants the zoology majors thinking they’re cool or smart 'cause they can tell us things about the zoo animals. Even providing such nerds with so easy a conversation starter would make me upset; the animals would almost certainly create a stream of destruction and defecation; and finally, the uglier students would be indistinguishable from the zoo animals.

These few defects are more than cancelled out by the positives of my proposal. Anyone who doesn’t support the "OWU Zoo" idea should go back where they came from. They are stupid, they hate animals and they couldn’t beat me in a pull-up contest.

## Dumpster reveals wealth of grandfatherly advice

Dear Zach,

Hey there! How’s everything over in “college land?” I hope you are getting to all of your classes on time! You know back when I went to school I had to make sure I wasn’t wearing any bright colors or else the teacher would eat me.

Get it? Because my teacher was a dinosaur, literally! Because I’m so old, I went to school with dinosaurs! Ha ha! But seriously, I hope you aren’t doing drugs. Or too many women!! Ha ha save some for the fishes!!

It’s like your grandma always



**Letters I found in the garbage**

by Tavish Miller

said: “you’re gonna get a disease if you don’t show some restraint.” She was right! Anyway, that’s enough. Say hi to your mom, we still aren’t speaking. Pray to Jesus EVERYDAY.

Love,  
Grandpa Avganis

P.S. Have you heard about

Siegfried and Roy? That tiger ate one of them! I’m not sure which; I’ll keep you posted.

Dear Grandpa,

I got your letter; thanks for the two dollars. I heard about that tiger! That’s what he gets for living in Las Vegas. I’m surprised anybody found out about it though! Get it?! That was a funny joke about the dinosaurs; but I just learned that humans never had any interaction with dinosaurs. In fact, dinosaurs went extinct about sixty five million years ago, and modern humans didn’t start appearing

until around 200,000 years ago.

That’s just from glancing at wikipedia though, so don’t quote me. I thought of you the other day. I was out buying groceries, and I saw this man wearing a shirt that read, “I’m not as think as you drunk I am.”

And that reminded me of when you used to have a drinking problem and would take me to the zoo, even though my mom told us not to leave the house while she was gone.

Love,  
Zach

P.S. How’s Cat?

## One country would do well to exit Afghanistan

A “warm welcome back” seems more appropriate than any other greeting. The same words were echoed when I stepped into Romania; however, a special scene shifted the attention of the holidays.

On the second day of Christmas, the Romanian National TV channels reminded the indifferent mind of the continuous, rather than sporadic, events that seem to never stop: the interminable and intricate Afghanistan conflict. Even on Dec. 25, the world and its complex issues do not stop, while individuals risk their lives every second for reasons they no longer grasp.

Only \$80 per day seems to be the price of a Romanian soldier, underpaid and putting his life at risk every minute, using equipment two decades old. One might wonder about the commitment from a new NATO member country that seems to fervently comply with and en-



**A Global View**

Alexandra Panait

gage in risky, hardly favorable international interventions.

A strong argument for the Romanian military presence in a place that long ago lost its purpose involves the NATO commitment the country assumed once official status was granted. Yet, it is no longer in the country’s interest to employ such troops given the increasing number of casualties in the Afghanistan and the warm place Romania has found in the EU since January 2007.

No doubt monetary incentive plays an important role in such a decision, but it stands as a weak argument for the country’s position, the world transformation

and the goal NATO and other institutions are trying to accomplish in the region.

Scenes from the Romanian military unit compared to the Western equipment put in the hand of Americans or French gave a better grasp of the absurdity, complexity and deviation from purpose the Afghanistan mission is encountering.

Bluntly put, there is no simple answer that can put the country on its feet given the shaky geographic proximity and the omnipresent illegal trade that defines the country’s economy. Why is NATO involved without material results? Theoretically, the answer is clear: to avoid the relapse of the country into civil war. But does the foreign military presence relieve the political tension or does it exacerbate it? Analyzing the current postponement of results, neither the NATO presence nor the Western troops make a difference in the

region, although hundreds of soldiers are engaged in a conflict beyond their understanding and their power to control.

Who has the right to establish the Afghanistan political future? A situation less entangled as the Iraq war, the Afghanistan problem seems to be closer to an answer, yet time is bringing a closure to these two wars, despite their difference in intensity.

With the new preoccupation with the Middle East and Iraq, Afghanistan appears to be a forgotten problem, a minuscule global mistake like the Kosovo issue.

Ignoring and postponing such ongoing conflict does not solve the situation. Not only should the world have to witness human lives lost in Afghanistan, but those with power should develop a concrete solution, such as increase of the army or retreat of the troops.

There is no time to wait.

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# Bishops Sports

## Men’s track sprints excel

From OWU Online

Freshman Jordan Exeter, Toronto, Ontario/Mercersburg, Pa., Academy, and freshman Sean Patrick, Delaware/Hayes, each won an event and helped a relay team to a win, and junior Ryan Ellis, Columbus/Dublin Scioto, and junior Nathan Osborn, Edgerton, each ran on 2 first-place relay teams to lead Ohio Wesleyan at the Baldwin-Wallace Mid-January meet on Friday in Berea.

The meet, which included competitors from Baldwin-Wallace, Geneva, John Carroll, Mount Union, Ohio Wesleyan, Otterbein and Youngstown State, was not scored.

Exeter won the 55-meter dash in :06.60 and added a second in the triple jump and a fourth in the long jump.

Patrick won the 200-meter dash in :23.16 and finished third in the 55-meter dash.

Exeter, Patrick, Ellis and Osborn combined to win the 800-meter relay in 1:32.12. Ellis and Osborn also teamed with junior Preston Osborn, Edgerton, and freshman Jack Schemenauer, Luckey/Eastwood, to win the 1600-meter relay in 3:29.38.



Ryan Ellis ran on two first-place relay teams.

## Lady Bishops tame the Tigers



Photo by Cliff Williams

Senior Steffi Graf looks to pass the ball Saturday against Wittenberg. Graf finished the game with 15 points.

By William Yoder  
Transcript Reporter

Spurred by a 17-3 first half run, the Bishops women’s basketball team’s offense exploded for 87 points in a rout over the second place Wittenberg Tigers on Saturday.

The Tigers controlled the first 10 minutes of the game, leading by as many as 7 points at times. However, good defense and strong shooting helped the Bishops battle back from behind to take a 15 point halftime lead.

The Bishops continued their strong play in the second half, leading by double digits through its entirety, and stretched the lead to as many as 20 before winning 87-73. Coach Nan Carney-Debord said the key to the first half push was a combination of teamwork and transition play.

“This team loves to run,” Carney-Debord said. “We are able to do so when we have key

contributions off the bench as we did with (Laurel) Lawson, (Katie) Hamilton, Cordell, and Quigney.”

Coming off the bench in the first half, junior Laurel Lawson caught fire, scoring 12 first half points to ignite the Bishops run. Lawson finished with 16 points on 5-7 shooting, including two from beyond the ark.

“When I came in the game, all that went through my mind was to help create a spark off the bench,” Lawson said, “That’s all the coach asks from us when we come off the bench, to provide something good for the team and create a spark.”

Lawson finished the game as the Bishops top scorer. Behind her was senior Steffi Graf with 15 points, freshman Kayla Gordon with 13, and senior Kelli Lester with 11. Senior Kathleen Cooper also contributed with 7 assists. At times it seemed like the Bishops couldn’t get a defensive rebound

as the talented post players of Wittenberg dominated the glass with 24 offensive rebounds to Ohio Wesleyan’s 5. However second-chance opportunities for the Tigers did not translate to points as Wittenberg only managed to shoot 14-44 (33%) compared to Ohio Wesleyans 23-39 (62%).

“We were fortunate to be shooting well,” Carney-Debord said. “With unselfish play we were able to overcome. (With) Coopers 7 assists and the scoring in double figures of five players, we were tough to beat.”

With the win over Wittenberg (7-8, 6-2), Ohio Wesleyan (11-5, 6-2) moved into a second place tie with the Tigers and the Denison Big Red. Ohio Wesleyan now only trails undefeated Kenyon in the NCAC standings with eight conference games remaining. The Bishops will travel to Kenyon for a Saturday afternoon game February 2. With the key win

Saturday, the team believes it’s in good position now to make a run in the NCAC tournament in late February.

“Every Game in the NCAC is a battle,” Graf said, “But I really think we have whatever it takes to beat any team in our conference.”

Carney-Debord said the team is in great position now and that the future is theirs to grasp. She says that they are directly in line with their preseason goals and that with six seniors whom they admire and respect, they want to be NCAC champions.

“We as coaches believe that all focus, attention and effort has been in a united direction: NCAC Champions,” Carney-Debord said.

“The work ethic at daily practices has been on of the highest in my coaching career. Each team member is committed to improving her game daily. It is a very special group.

## Shaffer steals show

From OWU Online

Senior Ashley Shaffer, Lancaster; freshman Lainey Kekic, Canfield/Western Reserve; and sophomore Kara Reiter, Chardon, each won an event and helped a relay team to another victory to lead Ohio Wesleyan at the Baldwin-Wallace Mid-January meet on Friday in Berea.

The meet, which included competitors from Baldwin-Wallace, Geneva, John Carroll, Mount Union, Ohio Wesleyan, Otterbein, Ursuline, Westminster, and Youngstown State, was not scored.

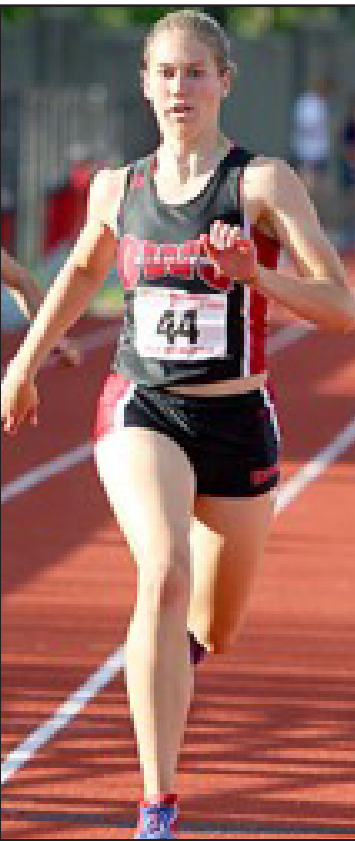
Shaffer won the high jump by clearing 5- 1/4, and finished second in the 400-meter dash, long jump and triple jump.

Kekic won the 200-meter dash in a time of :27.86 and added a fourth-place finish in the 400-meter dash.

Reiter won the 800-meter run in 2:22.41.

The trio combined with freshman Rachael Newman, Strongs-ville, to win the 1600-meter relay in 4:17.29.

Sophomore Casey Ridgeway, Fredericktown, recorded Ohio Wesleyan’s other first-place finish, winning the 55-meter dash in :07.53.



Ashley Shaffer placed in four events.

## Interim coach Redmond to lead Bishops women’s lacrosse

By Brian Test  
Sports Editor

New interim women’s lacrosse coach Marge Redmond said the character of her team counts as much as their record. Redmond has been the field hockey coach for the past eight seasons, and was the assistant women’s lacrosse coach for the 2001-2002 and 2004-2005 seasons.

Redmond said she accepted the position because she felt she could have a positive effect on the players and the program.

“I told the team that my goal is to have a difficult time giving up the position after the season,” Redmond said. “It is very unlikely that I will have the opportunity or ability to be a head coach for two sports, though possible; it is very tough. Recruiting obligations for two sports does not give both sports a good sense of resolution.”

Redmond said her true passion is working with college aged athletes, and, she added, in the best interest of the programs,

field hockey and lacrosse need two separate head coaches.

She said knowing many of the players already was a good thing, but that she has not had enough interaction with them.

“With limited time together, I am very impressed with the women on the team who have continued to work on their conditioning and communication while they have been without direction from a head coach,” Redmond said.

She said the expectations for this season should not just deal with the wins and losses the team produces.

“We have no control over the skill level of our opponents,” Redmond said. “Expectations evoke perfection which translates into faults, therefore I have no expectations.”

Redmond said she has set many goals for herself and the players this season.

“Some of my goals are to have this team be the best team in the conference, to compete at the highest level possible, while



Interim coach Redmond

evolving as women and as a team,” Redmond said. “Another goal is to show the importance of committing to a community service project and working to be more educated with social justice issues.”

She said the women’s team faces the same obstacles as every team they face.

“Goals we will face are working together for a common

goal, giving up that which is not ours, pushing ourselves while practicing good self care, learning that character counts, and trusting in the process,” Redmond said.

She said she will be on the search committee for the new head coach, meeting with recruits that make visits to campus and organizing lunches with the team.

Redmond said Cara Lundregin, who has been the assistant for three years, will cover all of the written correspondences to recruits. Zan Randall, who has been a member of the team for two years and has used her four years of eligibility, will also help with some scouting and recruiting off campus.

Redmond said a real test this season will be how the seniors leave the program in a better place because they were a part of it.

“I think the women in the program need a lot of support for each other which they are all capable of providing by positive leadership and I welcome it wholeheartedly,” Redmond said.

Junior Tara Porter plays

attack on the women’s lacrosse team as well as midfield for field hockey. Porter has been coached by Redmond for the past three seasons of field hockey. She said Redmond is a very experienced coach who is well respected by her peers and players.

“I think she will get the most out of each player and have a very successful season,” Porter said. “I think Coach Redmond will do a great job in developing a positive and winning attitude with our team this season.”

She said the team will have to work hard and continue to be unselfish while working toward achieving their goal of winning a championship.

“The championship goal will be met with continued strong leadership from our captains and a dedicated effort from everyone on the team,” Porter said. “Everyone, including myself, has to stay focused on the team and our goals. The coaching search is out of our control and will have no bearing on our performance this year.”

She said Redmond brings a wealth of experience and success from coaching field hockey.

“I am confident Coach Redmond will carry the same strong principles from coaching field hockey to the lacrosse field and help lead our team to a great season,” Porter said.

“We are a talented group and Coach Redmond will be determined to maximize our potential.”

Senior Julia Fouts plays midfield and is a captain on the team. She said Redmond is a coach that wants balance and teamwork on and off the field.

“We will benefit by having an interim coach that wants us to work on the fundamentals, like communication and cooperation,” Fouts said.

She said the team has ambitions of winning the NCAC championship and going to the NCAA tournament.

“I know that our team has the capability to accomplish this, we just have to work hard,” Fouts said.





# Bishops Sports

## Bishops edge out Wittenberg in close victory

*Trio of seniors step up big in fourth quarter for Bishops' win over conference rival*

**By Alex Humbert**  
Sports Editor

In a season where close games have not gone the Bishops way at home, the men's basketball team finally found a hero to lead them to a close victory over the Wittenberg Tigers: senior Casey Teeters.

Teeters knocked down an open 3-pointer with :59 remaining in the game to bring the Bishops (11-5, 6-2) within one point of the Tigers (11-6, 7-1). After a failed Tigers possession and a basket to take the lead from senior Dustin Rudegeair, who finished with 13 points and a team high four assists, Teeters took a heroic charge in the middle of the lane from Wittenberg's Gregg Hill, who had been having an excellent night

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getting to the rim, with :04 remaining. After a Wittenberg foul with :02.7 left in the game and two clutch free throws from senior Brian Cafarella, the Bishops won 70-67.

Teeters, who finished the game with 9 points, all from 3-point shots in the second half, said the Tigers were so worried about senior Jesse Jean, who finished with a team high 19 points and a career-high 14 rebounds, it opened himself up for shots.

"Honestly, that last 5 minutes of the game was kind of a blur," Teeters said. "But one thing that Jesse, Dustin and I really pointed out to eachother at halftime was that in the first half, whenever we got the ball into the post, my man left me to double down on the post, leaving me open. I didn't even shoot the ball in the first half but I needed to be ready when my number was called. On that possession, when the double came on Jesse, I just moved to the open spot in front of our bench and knocked it down."

The Tigers were leading by five points at the half with a

35-30 lead, but with a packed Branch Rickey, Teeters said their confidence is always high.

"The crowd is our sixth man," Teeters said. "They really provide us with that extra boost in every big game we have played this year whether it be Wooster, Capital or Wittenberg. We were down in all those games in the second half and I feel a really big reason we are able to claw back eveytime is the support from our fellow students."

Coach Mike Dewitt agreed with Teeters about the support of the fans at home.

"The atmosphere was great on Wednesday night, and it really creates a fun environment for our players and the fans," Dewitt said. "I think our players really feed off of that kind of support."

Although Teeters said he gives the credit to his teammates and does not consider himself any kind of hero, Dewitt said that Teeters is an essential player to the team.

"Being our starting point guard, Casey is our floor leader," Dewitt said. "He also does a lot of the little things players need to do to win games that don't necessarily show up in the final statistics, like taking the offensive charge on the Wittenberg player late in the game. It was nice to win a game at home against a good team, especially after a couple of tough losses earlier in the season. I was really proud of our effort and mental toughness."

Other key players that contributed to the win were Cafarella and junior Kyle Holliday, who had eight points, including two 3-point field goals. Senior Ryan Rozak and junior Kyle Miller all chipped in five points for the Bishops. Leading the Tigers in scoring was Brandan Barbarino with 16 points, followed by Hill with 14 points.

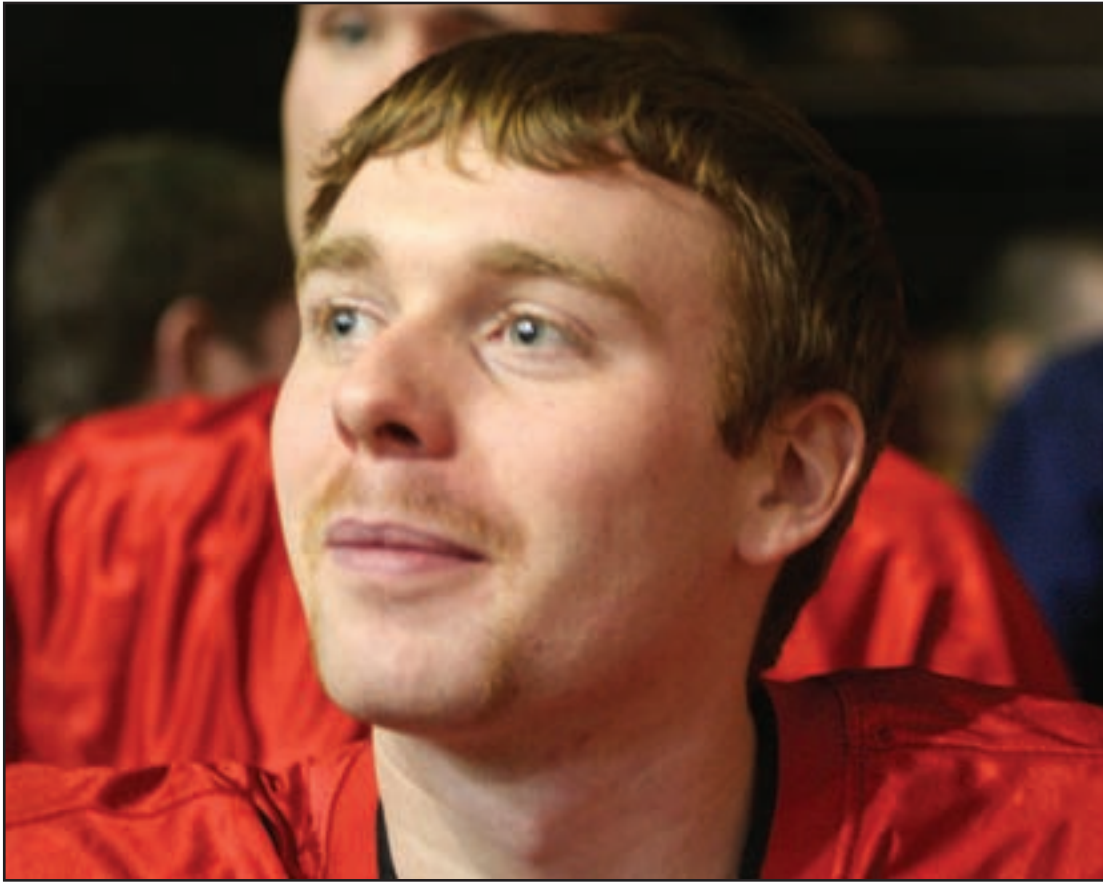
In other action last week, the Bishops had a convincing win at home on Saturday, defeating the Gators of Allegheny 75-57. Junior Mitch Noggle led the Bishops with a career-high 15 points, 8 of which came during a 14-3 Bishops first half run. The Bishops led by 13 at half by a score of 34-21 and never looked back, crusing to a convincing win.

Junior Kyle Holliday chipped in 13 points and Teeters had 5 dimes in the win.



Photos by Cliff Williams

**ABOVE: Casey Teeters, Kyle Holliday and Jesse Jean play tight defense on Gregg Hill of Wittenberg. BELOW: Junior Ryan Willis looks on during last Wednesday night's game, which was his last game before he leaves for Australia on Feb. 2 for four months. Willis will be studying through a program called The School for Field Studies, studying zoology with a focus on rainforest management and ecology. The team threw Willis a going away party, and many said they are sad to see him go but are happy for him.**



## NHL is 'foreign' to majority of American sports fans



Drew Lenox

With almost all media attention being paid to the upcoming close of the professional football season, the all star contest between the elite in professional hockey seemed to sneak up and become nothing more than a side note.

Hockey in America for many is not a priority these days. It has become somewhat neglected by the public and is often marginalized by the media.

When one adds up a grand slam final without Federer and Nadal, Tiger running away with another golf tournament, both

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professional and college basketball games with the many stories that can be reported and concocted about the Super Bowl, there is not much time left for hockey.

But why does hockey have such dismal status in America? One reason: the American public and media struggle to relate to a sport where a high percentage of the participants were not born in the U. S.

Many consider hockey to be more of a Canadian game than American. Based on the nationalities of the sport's best athletes

they would be right. Of the 42 athletes who played in the All Star game, 22 were from Canada. There were six from Russia, five from Czechoslovakia, three from Sweden, and Yugoslavia, Finland and Kazakhstan each had one player.

If you are following the math, the answer is that of 42 of hockey's best athletes only 3 were from the United States.

When only 1/14 of the athletes are American born, it is easy to see how America can put hockey to the side or just let it be associated with the country

to the north.

But the problem with hockey is that it is marketing what many consider to be a Canadian product to America.

Of the 30 National Hockey League teams, 24 skate on American ice. Popularity will not rise and franchises will continue to suffer in a country that does not jump on the NHL bandwagon.

Any new energy that is being paid by the general sports fan is going to NASCAR or UFC. The NHL will need more than the now injured Sidney Crosby to resurrect what is now kind of a dead sport.

But at least those fans of the NHL got to see a good All Star game. At least offensively.

Now, most contests that feature all stars in sports tend to be high scoring affairs. But in most sports, the defense effort involves contributions from

many individuals.

Hockey's premiere defensive position has only one job. The goalie does not have to skate much or attempt to score. All they have to do is use their body, their gloves, their stick or anything else to keep the puck from crossing into the net.

How can those who are supposed to be the league's best goalies give up a combined 15 goals? More importantly, how does Chris Osgood of the Detroit Red Wings give up five goals by himself?

He is supposed to be an all star goalie. Not even Goldberg from the Mighty Ducks would give up five goals in one period.

But that is hockey and it will continue to be a semi mainstream sport even if the popularity is not at its highest point. Maybe Emilio Estevez should get back into the hockey business.

## Bishops men's swimming paddle past UPB

From OWU Online

Junior Brian Fahey and sophomore Jaimito Fuentes each won two events and swam on a first-place relay team to lead Ohio Wesleyan over Pitt-Bradford in a non-conference dual meet on Saturday at Notre Dame College in South Euclid.

Fahey won the 100 and 200 breaststrokes in respective times of 1:08.71 and 2:37.60. He also combined with junior Todd Uferman, sophomore Nathaniel Cook and senior Robert Naples to win the 200 medley relay in 1:48.57.

Fuentes won the 200 backstroke in 2:10.24 and the 200 IM in 2:05.10.

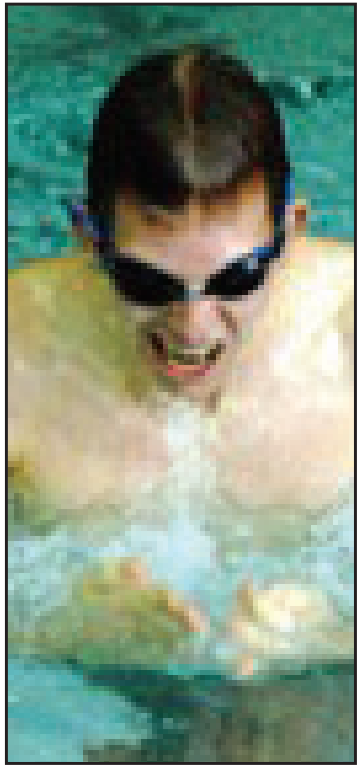
He teamed with sophomore David Gatz, sophomore Usman Javaid and sophomore Kevin Fahey to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:33.29.

Sophomore Christopher Potterton also won two events, taking the 100 and 200 freestyles in :54.06 and 1:58.71 respectively.

Also winning events for Ohio Wesleyan were Cook, who won the 50 freestyle in :24.61 and added a second in the 200 IM; Gatz, who won the 200 butterfly in 2:11.60 and placed third in the 200 backstroke; and Kevin Fahey, who won the 500 freestyle in 5:05.90 and finished third in the 200 butterfly.

Other standouts for the Bishops included sophomore Andrew Sisson, who finished second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 200 freestyle; sophomore Kuang-Ting Hsu, who was second in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 200 breaststroke; Javaid, who placed second in the 200 butterfly; sophomore Tony Wong, who was second in the 200 freestyle; senior Chris Rasch, who finished second in the 50 freestyle; sophomore Tyler Laws, who was third in the 100 breaststroke; Naples, who placed third in the 100 butterfly; and freshman Carleton Levert, who finished third in the 50 freestyle.

The Bishops will next compete in the NCAC championship on Feb 14-16 at Canton. Last season, the Bishops finished 7th in the conference championship, with 381 points, behind Kenyon, Denison, Wabash, Wooster, Wittenberg and Allegheny. The Bishops managed to top Hiram and Oberlin, who had only 321 and 285.5 points, respectively.



**Brian Fahey won the 100 and 200 breaststrokes.**