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## Thomson changes upset students



By Catie Coleman  
Transcript Reporter

Students making midnight snack runs to the Thomson corner store at the start of this semester might have been a little surprised.

There's a new look, with new food options and organization.

Not only has Thomson started ordering from a new distributor, they also have a new supervisor, according to Thomson store employee Colleen Lilly. Students may remember the old supervisor, Jerry. According to Lilly, Jerry's last day was sometime last week.

"It was a corporate decision [to change distributors] and we do whatever corporate says," Lilly said.

With all the changes, Lilly said she hasn't heard any negative feedback about the new options from students. "I haven't heard any complaints," Lilly said. "If [the students] want something all they have to do is ask and we'll put it on the order-form if we can get it."

Just because the complaints haven't reached Lilly's ears doesn't mean they aren't coming. Several students are upset about the changes, including junior Katie Keleshian.

"The cereal boxes are too small now," Keleshian said. "I have to get three boxes of cereal to last one week and I have to go to Kroger to get the kind of coffee I want now. They don't order what they used to."

Keleshian said she's not the only student upset about the changes.

"I've heard people complaining about the bulk candy dispenser being gone because they run out so fast now," Keleshian said. "There are not as many healthy or vegetarian options as there used to be. It's all junk food now."

The types of complaints Lilly's used to hearing are about the high prices. Lilly said there is a reason for the pricing.

"We can only order by the case instead of in bulk, which means it's more expensive," Lilly said.

If students are unhappy with the new selections at Thomson store, Lilly recommends voicing their concerns to Gene Castelli, senior director of Dining Services. If it's a small request, Lilly said students could simply ask her or any of the other Thomson employees.



Photo by Mike DiBiasio

**Professor Carl Pinkele of the Politics and Government department accuses convention chairwoman McKenzie Kugler of making 'tyrannical decisions' and 'behaving like a fascist' during Friday night's Mock Convention platform debate. Security made several unsuccessful attempts to remove Dr. Pinkele from the convention hall.**

## Convention a foolery but not a mockery: students mix fun with focus in debates

By Kyle Sjarif  
Transcript Reporter

On Feb. 1 and 2, Ohio Wesleyan students participating in Mock Convention 2008 selected their presidential candidate for the Democratic Party: Senator Barack Obama of Illinois.

During a weekend filled with political debates, politically-motivated students and professors decided Obama was their choice. He received 56 percent of the presidential votes, living up to his billing as the "choice of the college students."

Following the highly competitive presidential candidate vote, the vice presidential nomination went to Senator John Edwards, who competed against popular talk show host Oprah Winfrey. A delegate from New Jersey jokingly said a vote for Oprah meant "free cars for all" while a delegate from Ohio added, "Look under your seats, it's Super Bowl tickets!"

The mood over the two-day event, held at Gray Chapel, was light, enjoyable and filled with political debate and conversation. As rules and credentials were reported by senior Caitlyn Nestleroth, committee chair, a call for the establishment of amendments was made.

The first highlight of the night occurred when 13-year-old California delegate Adam Pijanowski took the microphone to express his thoughts. The crowd cheered for Pijanowski as he made his first of several visits to the microphone. Later on, Pijanowski revisited the microphone to challenge the platform amendments regarding the proof

for global warming. His defense included the effects of global warming on polar bears. During his comments, several girls throughout the crowd said they were supportive of his opinions more because his cuteness than the validity of his arguments.

When asked how he became involved with the Mock Convention, Pijanowski said, "OSU sent my parents a letter about the convention and they thought it would be a good idea if I came. I've always been naturally attracted to law and politics, so this is fun for me."

When asked about his candidate of choice, Pijanowski remained neutral, saying, "I think someone with a strong environmental campaign could win."

Other entertaining moments during the report on rules and credentials included the challenge of senior Ben Owen's credentials. Owen, one of the deputy directors for the convention, was challenged "on the grounds that he is not fit," said senior Andrew Doll, security chair and fellow delegate.

Transcript reporter Mike DiBiasio had his credentials challenged on the grounds that "his camera was fake and he was really a spy for a terrorist organization called Alpha Qaeda," said sophomore Adam Dworetzky, DiBiasio's roommate and a Pennsylvania Delegate. "Alpha-Qaeda" is a play on DiBiasio's fraternity, the Alpha Chi chapter of Chi Phi, as well as his scruffy visage.

However, after some debate, DiBiasio was allowed to remain in the convention hall. After

hearing he was allowed to stay, DiBiasio rose up jubilantly and expressed his joy with a fist pump in the air.

The credentials of the Michigan delegation were also challenged by the delegation of Ohio, primarily because of their "anti-Buckeye comments."

Pijanowski again approached the microphone and added to the challenge, saying, "Michigan borders Canada. How do we know they're not Canadian spies?" This comment drew raucous laughter from the crowd.

In response, Owen once again approached the microphone and claimed that "the credentials should be approved because I overheard Professor Ramsay (the head of the Michigan delegation) telling everyone that he'd lower our grades if we voted against him."

Delegates from Ohio immediately approached the microphone to revoke their sentiments. Ohio delegate Amir Paul even added, "By the way, I think Dr. Ramsay is an excellent professor."

As the convention continued, delegates were seen running around the convention hall in attempts to gain signatures for their platform amendments of choice. Although several promoted more serious platform issues, such as global warming, gun control and stem cell research, there were still those aiming to take shot at the lighter side of the convention.

Some of these included renaming the "Canada goose" to the "America goose." Another suggested requiring a dress code of sweater vests for all members

of Congress.

Hawaii state chair Tricia DiFranco defended the amendment, saying, "Sweaters are both stylish and professional-looking."

Ultimately, the political nature of the Ohio Wesleyan students came through as platform debates continued from Friday night into Saturday.

The underlying theme of the convention surrounded the desire for change as delegates took several shots against current president George W. Bush. Students proudly donned their represented states, and a delegate from Vermont wore a moose mask. As the home states of the political candidates nominated their favorite sons and daughter, the true political nature of the convention shined through.

Representatives for Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and Al Gore presented several well-prepared reasons to vote for their particular candidate. However, Obama won because of his overwhelming support from most of the states. As his victory was announced, Doll carried the life-size placard of Obama around the hall, allowing the delegates to "shake hands with our future president."

At the convention's end, red, white and blue balloons were released from the balcony of Grey Chapel and P.O.D.'s hit single "Youth of the Nation" played through the speakers. The message of "Democracy Restored" was definitely expressed by the students of Ohio Wesleyan over the two-day Mock Convention.

## Robbins enjoys juggling two jobs

By Shade Fakunle  
Transcript Correspondent

"A job like this requires a lot of energy and commitment," says David Robbins, interim president and provost. Robbins took the position as president when Mark Huddleston left in June, and has been juggling both responsibilities since.

"There is more of a sense of completion and satisfaction when you get something done," said Robbins, describing his role as interim president. He said he finds the position exciting and challenging and has enjoyed seeing "the other side."



Robbins

Robbins said he always knew it was a challenge to hold such a position, but now that he has held it, he has developed a new respect. "You see lots of pluses and minuses in much more detail," Robbins said.

As provost, Robbins deals with internal relations for the university. "There are a lot of meetings!" he said.

He said the role of the president is different from the role of provost. However, his experience gained as provost has helped him along the way.

As president, there are more external relations as he works with the Board of Trustees and alumni. "[As the administration], we all share a common mission. It's the different opinions of how to attain that goal that can be very difficult," Robbins said, explaining the challenges that accompany the position as president.

"[Robbins] has done an amazing job at handling the responsibilities of interim president as well as maintaining his role as provost," said Lisa Jackson, assistant to the president.

Jackson has been working closely with Alice Winters, assistant to the provost, as they have been managing his busy schedule.

"He handles it all without letting us see him break a sweat," Jackson said, chuckling.

Winters and Jackson have worked closely together in the past. Both explained that their working relationship is on a much different level now that Robbins holds both positions.

"I've enjoyed working with Lisa and learning more about the day to day work that goes on in the President's office," Winters said. "I think we've worked well together assisting the same person doing two different jobs!" Both Winters and Jackson are excited about the arrival of

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Photo by Samantha Beany

Minh Nguyen and Ngoc Pham cook an authentic Vietnamese meal at the International House open house event featuring food from around the world. Each room in the house represented a different country.



Photo by Samantha Beany

Tree House member Allison Ebersole painted a whale on her environmental awareness t-shirt at the Tree House's Make Your Own Environmental T-shirt open house event.

# Winter weather brings 'SLUsh' to campus

By Samantha Beany  
Transcript Reporter

There were 9 houses, 4 nights and 99 members all trying to convince prospective housemates that they are the perfect match. At OWU, we call this SLU (small living unit) Rush or SLUsh Week.

"SLU life is different than dorm life; it is a different form of campus life," said sophomore Annie Edwards, who attended

the opening event of SLUsh, the SLU dinner, along with other interested students and SLU members.

Events ranged from charades at the Modern Foreign Language house to foods from around the world at the International House to making environment awareness t-shirts at the Tree House to drinking coffee, eating cookies and listening to the "Cats" soundtrack at the Women's House.

At the Creative Arts House (CAH) visitors painted and colored. CAH member Joe Duffy said the house "gives students a place to connect with all artistic mediums."

The House of Peace and Justice (P&J) hosted a cheap arts night where guests could make puppets out of recyclables. Junior Pam Skehan, who lives in P&J, talked about the "Girackle".

"It is the two symbols of

non-violent communication," Skehan said. "The giraffe is the language of love, communicating in a way that is non-threatening. The jackal is aggressive but in a non-violent way."

Sophomore Alexander MacNeil describes the House of Black Culture (HBC) as a "place for minorities to come and be comfortable." Housemates and housemate hopefuls discussed Hip Hop in America and stereotypes at the HBC

event. The new houses being proposed this year came out for SLUsh as well.

"The Science House strives to bring the camaraderie of the science center to the residential side of campus; to bring cohesiveness to the sciences and to be a place for non-science majors to get help in their science classes," sophomore Becca Kelly said.

The House of Health is a proposed SLU "geared toward

physical, mental, and social health," sophomore Helen Gerseny said. "It would bring health oriented ideas to campus."

The third proposal comes from the Interfaith House, which would "be a community of people who want to grow in their faith and learn about other faith traditions," sophomore Kayla Mravec said.

SLUsh started Jan. 28 and went through Jan. 31.

# The fight to keep old SLUs and create new SLUs begins

By Mary Beth Scherer  
Transcript Reporter

A mandatory information meeting was held on Dec. 12, 2007 for students interested in participating in the Small Living Unit (SLU) application process. According to Residential Life Coordinator Julia Brooker, anyone who was interested in proposing a SLU, or re-proposing an existing SLU, needed to be at the meeting.

In addition to re-proposals from every existing SLU, there are three new SLU proposals, Brooker said. The themes of the new SLUs being proposed are health, faith and science.

There are currently eight existing SLUs on campus. They are the Modern Foreign Language House, the Women's House, the Creative Arts House, the House of Thought, the House of Black Culture, the International House, the Tree House and the House of Peace and Justice.

Brooker said asking the existing SLUs to re-propose their house each year keeps the SLU community current and relevant.

"When you have a SLU you're not guaranteed a SLU," Brooker said. "You need to fight for your SLU because there is a chance you can lose your SLU to someone who has a more purposeful or relevant mission."

While there are currently eight existing SLUs on campus, there are nine housing structures available for students to live in, Brooker said. 81 Oak Hill is the address to the house that does not currently have SLU status. This means there is room for at least one new SLU next year if students are able to convince the SLU selection committee that they deserve one, Brooker said.

Sophomore Helen Gerseny is among the group of students proposing the House of Health. According to Gerseny, the students proposing this house are concerned about everything from physical health to mental health.

Gerseny said the mission of the house is to "provide an environment and opportunity on campus for students to get involved in a healthy lifestyle." Gerseny said she believes the House of Health could be an active SLU on campus, and provide students with a lot of different opportunities.

"It would be cool to have an organization that brings about healthy programs," Gerseny said. "I think the student body would have a lot of interest in [the House of Health]."

Senior Melanie Brenneman is among the group of students proposing the Interfaith House. The house would serve as a



Photo from OWU online

## Who will inhabit the old Habitat for Humanity House?

place for people of all different traditions and backgrounds to gather, Brenneman said.

"This community also aims at growing in personal spirituality and religious knowledge while working towards spreading education and tolerance on the great diversity of belief systems on this campus and in the world," Brenneman said.

Brenneman said she wants to be a part of this SLU because she has always been passionate about religion and multi-faith development and education.

"I believe there is a hole on this campus for students to recognize and embrace the diversity of core beliefs and that this house would provide a fantastic resource and testament to the fact that people of all traditions can indeed live together and find commonality in differences," Brenneman said.

Junior Abigail Ricica is among the group of students proposing the Science House.

"The heart of our SLU is science and those who love it," Ricica said. "We want to share our passions with the OWU community and seize the opportunity to unite the science majors and non-majors."

Ricica said she believes the Science House should be approved because the members pledge to make a difference on campus.

"We not only want to help the OWU community embrace

science and appreciate it, but also provide a space on the residential side of campus for science students to be together," she said. "We want to also offer a non-threatening or intimidating atmosphere for non-majors to get help or learn about science."

Sophomore Jeffrey Thongsawath is also among the students proposing the Science House. He said he wants to be a part of this SLU because he loves science and has a lot of pride in OWU's science program.

"I also want to be a part of this SLU because it will provide me with the opportunity to live in a living and learning environment which will foster the same interests that I have," Thongsawath said.

He said he believes the Science House proposal "has been long overdue."

"This SLU will open a new housing possibility for an audience that normally would not consider SLU living," he said. "Also, with the approval of the SLU, OWU will have the opportunity to showcase and make the science program stronger and unite the community of scientists."

On Feb. 29 students proposing new SLUs and those re-proposing existing SLUs will give 10 minute presentations in front of the SLU selection committee, Brooker said. The committee is comprised of two faculty members, two students appointed by WCSA and two Residential Life administrators.

Brooker said there are certain things the committee looks for when they re-evaluate a current SLU and look to include a new SLU.

"We are looking for a mission that is an inclusive mission," Brooker said. "We are also looking for very passionate people; people who would not stop carrying out their mission in another way, even if we were not able to offer them a SLU."

Brooker said historically the committee has been able to decide which groups were granted SLUs on the same day of the presentations.

"This year we have so many SLU proposals, more than we have ever had in my memory of being here," Brooker said. "We anticipate it being a tough decision, so we might not be able to make the decision [Feb. 29]."

If a current SLU is not accepted back for next school year, depending on the circumstances, Residential Life may decide to room them together in the residential halls, but this is not a guarantee, Brooker said. Residential life will work with the SLU members to find them housing, Brooker said.

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Rock Jones and slowing down as Robbins resumes his position. Jackson anticipates working with Jones and maintaining her relationship with the Provost office.

Robbins said it is was never his goal to become president. "I still miss teaching!" he says. Robbins first came to the university in 1973 as a psychology professor. After holding the chair of the department for

20 years, he became Provost in Aug. 2005.

"I think I will be a different provost as a result of what I did this year," says Robbins as he looks into the future of the university. He looks forward to the arrival of Jones and said he will like being provost again. He wants to assist Jones in his transition to the university and help him "come to learn and love this institution as we do."

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# Campus News

## OWU alum Woodrow Clark receives Nobel Prize

By **Ryan Armstrong**  
*Transcript Reporter*

Dr. Woodrow Clark II (’67) was one of 2,000 scientists to be honored with the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, along with former Vice President Al Gore for his film “An Inconvenient Truth.”

Clark graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with a bachelor’s degree in politics and government and economics. He has earned three master’s degrees in three different fields: political science, education and anthropology/economics. He also earned a doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley.

“I have been a business entrepreneur, an academic and a government-appointed official,” Clark said. “These areas all together make me a bit unusual. But they have shaped my life

and my career.”

He said he has a global view on the world and that he continues to be diverse today.

According to Clark’s compiled resume, he is the founder of Clark Strategic Partners, a strategic planning service dedicated to environmental and energy infrastructures, and the executive director of the Alternative Energy Center at the UCR Palm Desert Heckmann Center for International Entrepreneurship.

Clark recently finished a major study for Asian Development on Inner Mongolia and is a senior fellow at the Milken Institute, an independent economic think tank in California.

Clark said he did not go to the actual ceremony for the Nobel Peace Prize because only a few people from IPCC leadership were invited to attend.



**Clark**

Nobel Peace Prize award ceremonies are held on the anniversary of Alfred Nobel’s death on Dec. 10, 1896.

“Two weeks before the ceremony the Swedish Government had its annual Nobel dinner and I was honored here in L.A.,” he said.

“I was in shock at the time.”

He said he was the president of the student body when he attended OWU and that the university was in the middle of a large transition.

“While I was at OWU, the Vietnam War was in full force along with the Civil Rights Movement and the Peace Movement,” he said. “This was a revolutionary time for everyone including the faculty and the administration.”

According to milkeninstitute.org, Clark is the co-editor on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and was one of the scientists to become a Nobel Laureate. The organization was created in 1988 by the United Nations (UN).

Clark said he has always been interested in social issues and became involved with global warming in the mid-1990s.

“Back then I was at Lawrence Livermore National Lab in Northern California, which is part of the University of California system and the U.S. Department of Energy,” he said. “Then, there were not many devoted to these issues. Now, far more scientists are on board, which makes me very glad and proud as well.”

In the 1980s, Clark started a media documentary company called Woody Clark Productions, which became the third largest independent production company in San Francisco.

“I would like to do a sequel to Mr. Gore’s film *An Inconvenient Truth* about the solutions to global warming,” he said. “I would like to win an Academy Award. Frankly, when I was in the film business, something like this was one of my goals.”

He said believes Americans

should be active by learning about the issues in a personal and activist manner and backing political leaders who want to stop global warming.

“We first and foremost need to be aware of our waste and how critical all of that is to our planet,” he said. “We must conserve and be efficient. We need to reverse global warming by using renewable energy.”

He said his dream is to work hard to reverse global warming so that his children will be able to live on this planet.

“If we don’t do anything to resolve global warming then the conflicts-- wars, terrorism, and all that are connected with these problems-- will get worse,” he said.

“Our planet is dying. We can not sit by and watch that happen.”

## Admission to OWU increasingly competitive as applications rise

By **Myra Blackburn**  
*Transcript Reporter*

Ohio Wesleyan not only selects students for academic excellence, but also for other qualifications that contribute to the diversity of the campus.

“Many students may have rich opportunities outside their own communities, whether it’s participating in athletic events in England or climbing Mount Kilimanjaro,” said Carol DelPropost, assistant vice president of Admissions and Financial Aid.

“We had one student who intended on climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, but didn’t make it, and she wrote a personal statement about it. We have an applicant who collects homing pigeons for a mortuary everyday. The pigeons are [freed] after a funeral ceremony, which represents the rising of the heavens.”

She said not everyone has fantastic and memorable experiences. She said many applicants have not ventured out of their states, and that others work 20 hours a week to pay for their education or assist family members.

“We recruit in over thirty states,” she said. “We do visit areas where our presence is well-known, and we visit areas where we believe we can attract students who will realize the significance of OWU.”

She said OWU generates applications in areas where there is a higher minority population. She said because there is a large number of His-

panics and African Americans graduating from high school, OWU would like to attract these groups to the university.

“We also rely on current alumni, student body and faculty to invite recommendations,” she said. “We welcome other students to tell their friends about OWU.”

She said the number of applications is rising.

“The number of applications has been increasing steadily this year,” she said. “We have 4200 applications, but we enroll 565 applicants. We sift through a lot of applications, and every application is read by at least two people.”

She said the faculty reviews applications for the honors program, and that honors awards are made by the Code Director of the Honors program and the vice president of Communications and Enrollment.

“The applications [are] reviewed by the application counselors and then reviewed by the Academic [Status] Committee who makes the comments and recommendations,” she said.

She said Joan McLean, associate Dean for First-Year Students and Academic Advising, runs the StART program (Student Advising, Registration and Testing). Some of the students who choose to attend OWU will attend the program, held in June. These students will meet with their advisor, who will help them select courses that match their academic interests.

### Enrollment By The Numbers

**Overall enrollment:**

1,850 students

51% female

49% male

**Represent 43 states and 45 countries**

**New students:**

565 total freshmen;

62% ranked in top 25% of high school class;

30% ranked in top 10% of class;

Average GPA: 3.34;

Mid-50% SAT range: 1700-2100;

Mid-50% ACT range: 24-28;

**Class of 2012:**

Total number of applications: 3,600.

Source: [www.owu.edu](http://www.owu.edu)

## Alumna's estate contributes \$500,000 to education majors

Ohio Wesleyan University announced recently that it has received a \$500,000 estate gift from Margaret Beamer Juergens to support scholarships for students seeking to become high school or elementary school teachers.

Juergens, a 1938 Ohio Wesleyan graduate, created the Margaret Beamer Juergens Scholarship in 1993 to commemorate her 55th class reunion.

A former teacher, Juergens designated the scholarship to assist education majors who show both financial need and academic promise.

While at Ohio Wesleyan, Juergens studied education and Latin, graduating with high honors. She was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest

undergraduate honors organization in the United States, and to the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society, the first national organization to honor senior college women. Today, Mortar Board honors both women and men who exemplify its ideals of scholarship, leadership, and service.

Additionally, Juergens served as president of Chi Omega, the largest women’s fraternal association in the world, and traveled to college campuses around the country as a member of Ohio Wesleyan’s debate team.

Juergens, 90, died Sept. 24 in Naples, Fla. Before moving to Florida, she lived in Shaker Heights, Ohio, for nearly 50 years, and was active with organizations including the Col-

lege Club of Cleveland, Greater Cleveland YWCA, and Cleveland Play House. Throughout her life, she was a dedicated contributor to Ohio Wesleyan, providing gifts to support the university’s Annual Fund as well as the Juergens Scholarship.

“We are grateful that Peggy Juergens thought so much of her Ohio Wesleyan education that she wanted to share the experience with others,” said Mark H. Shippis, vice president for University Relations at Ohio Wesleyan. “The Juergens Scholarship will help to educate future teachers to follow in her accomplished footsteps.”

*Information provided by OWU communications.*

## Former student tests positive for TB

According to Ohio Wesleyan Student Health Services, a student, not currently residing or studying on campus, is being treated for pulmonary tuberculosis.

The university has been in contact with public health officials and is following all recommended protocols to protect the health of the university community.

The likelihood of casual

transmission of pulmonary tuberculosis is small.

Nevertheless, upon the advice of public health officials, we are identifying Ohio Wesleyan students and staff who attended multiple classes with, or are known to have had close contact with, this student during the last six months.

Identified students and staff will be contacted by Ohio Wesleyan University Wellness Cen-

ter staff and directed to have the appropriate testing.

For more information, contact Judy Dehn, RN, or Joan Bowe, RN, at the Delaware General Health District at 740-368-1700.

Ohio Wesleyan University Wellness Center staff will be available to take calls and answer questions about this incident from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on today at ext. 3162.



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# Sorority women recruit sisters

By Kaitlyn Overbeeke  
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan University has carried on a tradition of Greek life for over 150 years. Today about 33 percent of students are a part of the Greek system. Sophomore Maddie Branden, a member of Delta Delta Delta (DDD), said even though she joined a Greek organization, it has not change relationships with friends outside of the Greek system.

“There are a few obvious social changes which accompany sorority membership, but I feel like I am the same person I was before with the same group of friends, some of whom aren’t Greek,” Branden said. “Also, there are more open doors for me to get involved and make a difference on and off this campus because of Greek life.”

Many students who are a part of Greek life have made some positive statements about being strong leaders and giving direction in obtaining certain goals. One way in which students involved in Greek life have made these good decisions is through Panhellenic Council.

Junior Martha Davis, a member of DDD and the Panhellenic Council, said the role of the council during recruitment is to ensure that each house has an equal opportunity to succeed.

“The ultimate goal of recruitment in the eyes of the Pan-Hellenic council is to strengthen Greek life here at Ohio Wesleyan,” Davis said.

Senior McKenzie Kugler, a

# Partying on a Super Tuesday night



Photo by Danny Eldredge

The Politics and Government Department threw a Super Tuesday bash on the evening of Feb. 6 in the Benes Room. Here, students are seen hanging out with cardboard cutouts of Republican candidates Mitt Romney, John McCain and Mike Huckabee. The guests were invited to stay until midnight and enjoy refreshments such as pretzels and cookies. The event allowed students the opportunity to watch the election returns on a big screen television, engage in conversation about issues of interest and catch in some study time during commercials.

# OWU community program fulfilling whether participants are 'Big' or 'Little'

By Chelsie Pacha  
Transcript Correspondents

Ohio Wesleyan students say volunteering for Big Brothers Big Sisters has become an influential and rewarding part of their everyday lives.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a program created for youths in need of a special friend. It produces experiences that are not only rewarding for the “Big,” but also for the “Little.” The children involved are those who come from a single parent or transitional family homes. They are also referred by schools, parents, or community service agencies.

Once a week some students meet with a “Little” to help them with homework or to talk about what’s going on in their life.

Senior Andrew Yu said although education is the first priority, having fun is a must.

“The first part of the programming focuses on the education, so the ‘Bigs’ help tutor the

‘Littles’ with their homework,” Yu said. “The second part is all about fun, so the ‘Bigs’ and ‘Littles’ will go to the gym and run around and play games until the end of the program.”

Junior Hilary Holmes said the benefits are huge.

“We get to spend time with someone who needs you and values your support,” said Holmes.

“I am also able to get to know my ‘Little’ and what is going on in her life. It is so rewarding to walk away every day knowing you spent quality time with someone who appreciates it just as much as you do.”

Sophomore Allison Kennedy said the program is a good way to get involved with the local community.

“It is a great way to get to know someone from Delaware,” Kennedy said. “It makes me feel like I belong not only to the OWU community, but to the city of Delaware. My ‘Little’ has taught me a lot of patience

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and also puts a lot of things into perspective.”

According to research, 52 percent of children in the program are less likely to skip school, 46 percent are less likely to begin using illegal drugs and all are more likely to get along with their families and peers.

Sophomore Sarah Bonnet said being a sister figure is rewarding.

“Having an older brother and/or sister is always nice,” Bonnet said. “These children are not as fortunate as others and having OWU students there to help just like a big brother/

sister would is amazing. In a child’s eyes we are role models and I don’t think we realize how much these children appreciate our dedication to them.”

Yu said he enjoys seeing his “Little” change.

“The major benefit is to see the growth in your ‘Little,’ not just in schoolwork but also socially and maturity.”

Holmes said the volunteers come in every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. He said although it is such a short amount of time, it goes a long way.

Bonnet said she wants others

to get involved.

“I heard about it through the community service office,” Bonnet said. “All students need to do is go to the office located on the third floor of Ham-Will and fill out some easy paperwork.”

Yu said students can contact him, Amy Tuttle, or Sue Pastors to get more information on how to get involved.

Holmes said all of the volunteers are OWU students.

“There are a ton of OWU students,” Holmes said. “It’s actually only students from OWU and there are a lot more than there were last year so it’s great!”

Kennedy said Big Brothers Big Sisters is a growing organization. The one-to-one School-based Mentoring programs have increased by 17-percent per year for the last five years.

“Last year we were recognized by the university for being the most devoted and improved community service organization.”



member of Delta Zeta, said, “It’s difficult to only have a short time with the new girls, but I’m grateful that I have the time and I know we’ll all keep in touch.”

Sophomore Lori Durham, a member of Delta Gamma, said, “Being on the other side of the recruitment process was a definite challenge because there is a lot of time and effort involved in setting up events.”

Unfortunately for sororities, the turnout for girls who were able to go through the formal recruitment process dropped because of grades.

Branden said she wished poor academics were not an issue, so there were more girls were eligible for recruitment.

“I would have loved to see more girls go through the formal recruitment process,” Branden said. “A good reason could have been because of grades.”

Though Greek life is a challenge for some academically, the experience of recruitment tends to be enjoyable and life changing for some.

“Every house wants great girls which in turn make it competitive, but we are happy for the girls in whatever house they choose and continue to uphold our strong Greek community” Durham said.

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# Club hockey team now skating on thicker ice

By Jae Blackmon  
Transcript Correspondents

“I didn’t know we had a hockey team!” freshman Brandi Alston said.

And from the looks of it, the rest of the Ohio Wesleyan community are in the dark as well. However, after a year of conflict with WCSA and combating rumors of being disbanded, club hockey is finally beginning to rise from the ashes.

While sports such as football, basketball, and soccer are regularly celebrated here on campus, one rarely hears of any of the club sports, especially club hockey.

Just like other club sports, club hockey is open to anybody, but unlike the other club sports, it has one of the poorest fan bases.

Senior Will Bridgeo, who helps run the team, mentioned a variety of reasons that club hockey is not too popular with OWU students. Bridgeo said one of the biggest reasons that club hockey is not heard about is because of location. “Our rink is about 15 minutes away, down south of Route 23,” he said. “This greatly reduces our fan base to only people who have close ties with the players.” He also said he believes that geography plays a major

role. “Hockey in general in the Midwest isn’t as big as other mainstream sports,” he said. “Most of the guys that play are from the Northeast.”

Though location hurts club hockey’s popularity at OWU, rumors of the team disbanding and conflicts with WCSA also play huge role. Although the team is not disbanding, and has in fact played in a series of games this year, Bridgeo said he believes he might know where the rumor originated from.

“At the beginning of the semester, our numbers were very low due to players being suspended for academic purposes or because they were in

varsity sports,” Bridgeo said. Needing at least 15 players on the bench, the hockey team had to cancel at least six of their competitive games. “Thankfully,” Bridgeo said, “our numbers are up this year to where we can compete competitively at all our games.”

On top of all the strife that club hockey has had to endure over the past year, conflicts with WCSA did not make their season any better. While WCSA is known for their lending hand to all student organizations, they are also known for being rather stern with groups who have huge debts.

Although Bridgeo said the

student who ran club hockey for past years was rather irresponsible, he said he also believes that WCSA could have been more helpful than they were. “My opinion in this matter is that instead of doing what WCSA is elected to do, and that is work with student organizations to help them succeed, WCSA worked directly against us,” Bridgeo said.

Despite what club hockey has went through, the team seems to be doing much better as of this year. Their numbers appear to be up, and, as described by Bridgeo, they hope the rest of the season to “close, rough, and exciting!”



# POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT DEFIES CONVENTION

Platform Amendments drafted and passed at the mock convention

"The district of Columbia shall be recognized as a state with full state representation as outlined by the Constitution of the United States of America in the Senate and House of Representatives."

"We assert that the Death Penalty is both cruel and unusual, and thus should be abolished."

"States should recognize and support the State of Israel while continuing the policy of establishing a two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian issue and the establishment of a democratic peaceful Palestinian state."

"We support the revocation of any and all Executive orders which limit the use of embryonic stem cells for research and development."

"Replace 'The United States should deploy nuclear weapons on terrorist training camps' with 'The U.S. should not deploy nuclear weapons on terrorist training camps.'"

"The United States should restructure tax policies to lower the burden on the middle class and working class by making income taxes significantly more progressive, with increases primarily targeting the top 2 percent."

"We propose to make recycling receptacles mandatory in all buildings open to the public."

"Fourth, in order to strengthen our education system, we propose to significantly increase federal funding to school systems across the United States. These increased funds will be allocated in such a way as to alleviate the disparity in funding of individual schools."



The delegates nominated Barack Obama (president) and John Edwards (vice president) to represent the Democratic Party in the 2008 presidential election.



Members of the Washington D.C. delegation, senior Allison Ebersole (left) and freshman Matthew Jordan (right), wear their self-made hats in support of their amendment to make the D.C. a state.



Delegates from Vermont, junior Erin Dezell (left) and senior Amanda Masters (right), spell their state's abbreviation, "VT," during the convention's opening ceremonies. Student delegates were encouraged to be creative in showing spirit for their state.

Pat and David Staley, former mathematics professor, enjoying the platform debates on Friday night. Staley was honored during the convention's opening ceremonies for his past contributions as convention chair.



Junior Amir Paul, from the Ohio Delegation, debates an amendment to the party platform. All delegates were able to make amendments to any of the platform's four policies.

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## Delegates unite to discuss key democratic issues

By Mike DiBiasio  
Transcript Reporter

Last weekend, a large group of Ohio Wesleyan students participated in the university's Mock Convention, a 124 year-old tradition held every four years in the spirit of American politics.

Joan McLean, professor of politics and government and associate Dean for First Year Students/Academic Advising, believes that Ohio Wesleyan held its initial Mock Conventions in the late 1800s as an opportunity for students to practice civic involvement. "Ohio Wesleyan has always had a connection to the United Methodist Church, which has always had a social activist part of it. Part of being a social activist is taking care of your community, and so in the early days we would suspect it was started as a way for students, who wanted to know more about civic involvement, to get engaged," McLean said.

Mock Convention usually attracts anywhere from 200 to 400 students, according to McLean. She attributes these high numbers to students' curiosity, which she says may stem from a possibly skewed understanding of the proceedings of an actual convention

"[Conventions are] really being driven now by the way the media can cover them. The conventions used to be more focused on the people in the convention hall, the delegates, but now it's much more of a wider audience," McLean said. "It's harder to get [students] to understand what the convention really is because they haven't had that experience growing up watching it."

At the end of the conventions, however, McLean takes great satisfaction in students calling the convention "fun" and finally understanding what she calls "a fairly complicated and confusing process."

"I think it is important that OWU continue to hold Mock Convention. It is one of OWU's long standing traditions, and it is a great opportunity for students to learn about politics and the political process, as well as an opportunity to get young people excited about and involved in the election," said senior McKenzie Kugler, chair of the Mock Convention Executive Committee.

While the conventions have been quite serious at times, they've also had their moments of humor. In 2000, one delegate, while addressing the convention hall, felt the room was getting to warm and stripped down to his underwear. McLean removed the delegate from the convention hall for taking off his credential.

David Staley, former mathematics professor and Mock Convention chair, who was honored during this convention's opening ceremonies, remembers a delegate from Tennessee once making a motion to nominate Jack Daniels as the presidential candidate.

This year Kugler became the first student to chair the convention, and she believes that her attempt to throw Carl Pinkle, professor of politics and government, out of the convention will become a similar memory. In reference to Kugler's method of tallying votes, Pinkle said "it seems to me you're making tyrannical decisions." After Kugler asked security to remove Pinkle from the convention hall for continuously speaking out of order, Pinkle stated he was not Carl Pinkle, he was in fact "Hillary Clinton in reverse drag."

Humor aside, McLean believes that as a liberal arts college, it is OWU's duty to engage its community in the bigger world through civic opportunities like Mock Convention, and Kugler, after her first and last Mock Convention, couldn't agree more.

"Mock Convention is one way to get those students involved in the process and excited about their opportunity to make a difference in our country's future," Kugler said.



Adam Pijanowski, a 13 year-old delegate from California, argues against changing the party's position on global climate change. Students, faculty and community members rounded out the participants of this year's convention.

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## Who's your favorite candidate?



Barack Obama  
"I think a black man has a better chance than a woman."  
-- Alexandra Burdick '08

Ron Paul  
"He's against foreign intervention. He wants to cut spending and bring troops home."  
-- Tov Nordbo '09



Dennis Kucinich (out of race)  
"I did like Kucinich. I love the fact he supports installing a department of peace. It just makes sense."  
-- Will Condit '11



Barack Obama  
"I think it's time for something different. He went to preschool in Indonesia. I'm from there."  
-- Taleb Shkoukani '10



Hillary Clinton  
"She can run her home and she can run the country. She's a powerful woman; she takes charge. I think she ran Bill."  
-- Linnae Velasquez,



Mitt Romney  
"He's the most electable of the remaining Republicans"  
-- Darius Rahmani '11





# Arts & Entertainment

## Oprah does not own the world, but she wants to

I hate Oprah. In fact, I have a l w a y s hated Oprah. I used to think it was because she took credit for a lot of things she did not have the right to take credit for. But now I realize what I have always known deep down: Oprah wants to take over the world.

It was announced Jan. 15 that in 2009 Oprah will launch the Oprah Winfrey Network. As if having her own talk show, television production company, radio show, magazines and book club were not enough, Oprah has to go and take over an entire channel of my beloved television set.

The ironic piece to this puzzle is that “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” her syndicated daytime talk show that made her famous, will not even air on OWN. At least not until 2010 or 2011. Apparently Oprah’s contract for the show is not up until then, so for awhile Tom Cruise will have to stick to jumping on couches in syndication.

The network will run on what is currently the Discovery Health Channel.

Now personally, I never watched that channel, but I think I should get in all I can because once 2009 hits, I will be forced to skip that channel when I am looking for some-



Kaitlin Thomas

thing to watch.

According to the press release on Oprah’s website, OWN’s mission will be to inspire men and women to live their best lives possible.

There’s already a show that does that. It’s called “Maury.” If anyone can sit through an entire episode of that show and not be inspired to live a better life, then we have a much bigger problem on our hands.

To make matters worse, ABC will air “Oprah’s Big Give” beginning in March. From what I have gathered, this is another show that makes Oprah out to be a saint. She will “give” 10 lucky contestants a large amount of money, and then force them to give it all away.

Talk about one of the worst ideas ever. Who will want to be on THAT show?

As I said at the beginning of this column, I think Oprah takes credit for things that she has no right to take credit for. Take for instance this new game show. Most people probably think Oprah is giving away her own money. We all know that’s not true. Her name is attached to it, so it will probably draw in millions of viewers, but I will not be one of them.

I realize by writing this column I have probably just made about a thousand new enemies here at OWU. That should bring my enemy total to 1,001. But I am O.K. with that, because Oprah has to be stopped before she really does try to take over the world.

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## Idol winners take home the dough

By Myra Blackburn  
Transcript Reporter

Sophomores Annie Worth and Annie Edwards competed against junior Bryce Mathias to win the grand prize of \$100 in the Elvis Idol performance held on Jan. 31 in the Bishops Café lounge.

Edwards and Worth were the first contestant to perform. They chose the song, “Blue Suede Shoes,” and brought background dancers, sophomores Sharon Rymut and Maria Fullenkamp, to add spice to their performance.

As Rymut and Fullenkamp twisted and turned, Edwards and Worth were swing dancing to the Elvis instrumental.

Mathias wore a blue glistening space cadet-like suit and shades to imitate artist Elvis Presley. Mathias performed the song called “Hound Dog” as he twisted, turned and jittered across the Bishops’ floor steps.

The winner was selected based on 50 percent faculty and staff vote. Those participating included faculty members Larry Griffin, Erin Flynn, Katherine Hervert and Samuel Katz, who portrayed the American Idol judges Randy Jackson,

Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell. Gene Castelli, senior director of dining services, portrayed Ryan Seacrest.

The other 50 percent of votes cast in this competition were from the audience who selected their winner based on best vocals, showmanship, and overall performance.

While the grand prize winner was awarded \$100, the second place winner was given a \$75 coupon to Thompson Convenient Store. The third place winner received a \$50 coupon to Thompson Convenient Store.

While the judges and audience contemplated their best Elvis performer, the staff and professors performed their own Elvis Karaoke song. First staff performer was Castelli who performed “Teddy Bear.” The second performer was Flynn who sang “Suspicious.”

The judges commented on Flynn’s performance.

“You nailed it; I give you a 10,” Katz said. “Took a big song, one million percent, yes. This is exemplary work, buddy. You must have been in a rock band when you were younger.”

The third performance was by Katz, who sang “Rubber Wrecking.”

Flynn, Griffin and Hervert commented on Katz’s performance.

Hervert said Katz’s performance was a little pitchy but a great performance.

Griffin said Katz’s performance was impressive and thorough. He said he was gripped.

“I found your presentation thought provoking,” Griffin said. “You are definitely a full deck. Nice job and well done.”

The last performance by faculty members involved Flynn, Hervert and Katz, who all performed “In the Ghetto.”

After the faculty performed their song, Mathias sang an a cappella song called “Heartbreak Hotel.”

The judges announced that Mathias had won. The runners up were The Annie’s (Edwards and Worth).

“I am a big Elvis fan; he’s the most popular entertainer in the century, and everyone likes him, plus the Elvis Idol was close to his birthday,” Castelli said. “I picked Thursday night because this is the day when students are usually free. Next time we do this, we should do this on the residential campus where there are more students.”

Castelli said the Elvis

Idol event was the first time Chartwells sponsored this event. He said next time they will host the ‘80s, ‘90s, Punk Rock and Hip-Hop idol.

Castelli said Mathias had special inspiration for his performance.

“Bryce’s father is an Elvis impersonator, so Bryce performed the [Elvis Idol] out of the respect of this father,” Castelli said.

Edwards said she and Worth went with the song “Blue Suede Shoes” because that was the only song they recognized.

“It was a lot of fun singing karaoke in front of a lot of people,” Edwards said. “This is something I have never done, so it was a lot of fun. It was really nice they had the [event]. It was kind of bummed there weren’t that many people [present].”

Griffin said he enjoyed the event and wished more students participated in the Elvis Idol. In the end he was excited to see a nice group of students and faculty present.

“I play the trumpet so I decided not to perform and I wanted to be true to the [event]. It was a lot of fun; I just wish there were more students participating,” he said.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## Sisters United plans to restore literary magazine

By Emily Hastings  
Transcript Correspondent

Sisters United is Ohio Wesleyan's organization by women, for women, which hopes to broaden awareness of its presence through its efforts to bring back an old tradition, "The Onyx."

"Sisters United is an organization open to all women to meet and talk about issues they are having and help work them out together," said junior Francesca Ramsawak, president of Sisters United. "Although the

group was originally designed to work with minority females, we want Sisters United to be a place for all females to come together."

According to Ramsawak, Sisters United hosts various events throughout the year, including poetry slams and sisterhood retreats. The group is also involved with community service and fundraising throughout the year, donating a percentage of proceeds to the local battered women's shelter.

One project Sisters United is currently working on is "The

Onyx," a literary magazine/newsletter.

According to sophomore Shade Fakunle, editor-in-chief of "The Onyx," the magazine will include poetry, artwork, short stories, profiles of each member on the Sisters United cabinet and pictures of last semester's events.

"We have not had The Onyx for a few years, but we're hoping to bring it back," said Ramsawak.

According to Fakunle, anyone is welcome to submit.

"People automatically

assume that because our name is 'Sisters United,' we only want minority women to submit, but that is definitely not the case," Fakunle said.

Terree Stevenson ('95), interim director of Minority Student Affairs, recalls "The Onyx" when she was a student.

"I loved reading 'The Onyx,' and I also love the fact it is edited and produced by students," Stevenson said. "I thought 'The Onyx' allowed for people, especially women, to express their feelings through poetry and words."

According to Fakunle, Sisters United is currently not receiving any funding to produce "The Onyx."

"Right now we are starting from scratch, but funding for it is in our budget proposal for next year," said Fakunle. "We eventually want to have three or four issues per year, and we hope that once WCSA sees what we have done, we can get more funding."

The first issue is scheduled to come out in April. According to Fakunle, copies of "The Onyx" will be inserted in OWU's stu-

dent newspaper, and there will also be separate copies available for students to pick up.

"I think 'The Onyx' relates to Sisters United as it originated by women who wanted their voices heard, but felt as though they were speaking into a vacuum," Stevenson said. "I think it allows for their voices to continually be heard and their legacy to continue."

Fakunle said, "Through the magazine, people can see what Sisters United is all about. We definitely hope to open some eyes."

## Ecologist educates on sadistic spider sex

By Greg Stull  
Managing Editor

A male fishing spider slides across the pond, patting his long, thin legs on the surface, sending subtle vibrations across the water to a motionless female, signaling that he is not a predator or prey, but a potential mate.

The male, one-third the size of the female, slowly climbs on top of her back and, once linked to her like a puzzle piece, deposits his sperm into her epigynum.

A moment later the female explodes, spinning around and locking the male in her long grasping legs in a blur of frantic motion. Her back on the water, the male suspended above, she injects a neurotoxin into her mate-turned-prey. She then flips over and buries his body beneath her's.

With the female's body shielding the mating ritual's conclusion, the voyeuristic Ohio Wesleyan audience was left only to image the cannibalistic finale of the video clip, shown by Chad Johnson as a part of his lecture on sexual cannibalism in spiders.

Johnson, a behavioral ecologist, professor of integrated natural sciences at Arizona State University West and a finalist for the open zoology faculty position, gave his presentation to students and faculty last Thursday in a lecture room of the Conrades-Wetherell Science Center.

Given as a part of the science lecture series, Johnson's presentation was titled "The ecology and evolution of cannibalism

(sexual and otherwise): why can't spiders just get along?"

The audience ate Oreos and pretzels and drank Coke or Sprite as Johnson presented his research efforts to uncover the adaptive advantages of sexual cannibalism.

"I'm a behavior ecologist," Johnson said, "and what I enjoy about behavior is how it's integrated."

The major components of behavior, Johnson said, are the activities of foraging, mating and anti-predation. He said it's the interaction of these parts that "determines what mating behavior looks like."

It was with this point in mind that he raised his main research question: Why would precopulatory sexual cannibalism—the predation of a male before sperm transfer—be beneficial?

He addressed this question with his studies on the North American fishing spider, *Dolomedes triton*, which can be found in ponds around Ohio. With this species, he tested two hypotheses about why females might attack and eat males before mating: One, that they are selective for good genes and two, that the behavior is a form of adaptive foraging.

With the good genes study, Johnson looked to see if females preferred to mate with larger males and attack smaller males, so as to pass the larger male's genes onto their offspring. Though he found that females attack indiscriminately, suggesting the absence of sexual selection, he found that larger males tended to escape female attack more often than smaller males.

"Therefore, you should have

selection for larger body size," he said.

In the foraging study, he looked to see if eating a mate offered females a source of food when their foraging failed, as well as fitness benefits.

"Males are food and males are sperm, and females need to decide which is more important and act accordingly," he said.

He found that precopulatory sexual cannibalism does not increase the number of offspring, but that it does improve sac hatching, suggesting that there may be at least qualitative fitness benefits.

Also, he found that, instead of hungry females practicing this cannibalistic behavior, as might be expected, as is the case with female praying mantises, well-fed females were more likely to cannibalize their mates.

With these studies failing to elucidate the adaptiveness of precopulatory sexual cannibalism, he said he then tried to explain this behavior with the "aggressive spillover" concept. This would explain voracity in mating as an unadaptive side-effect of voracity employed adaptatively in the behavioral realm of foraging.

In studying the voracity of female spiders, he found that females that were voracious when mating tending to be voracious when foraging as well, demonstrating a consistency in behavior that, he said, explains why a behavior might be adaptive in one area while harmful in another.

The behavioral consistency noted above, he said, illustrates a behavioral syndrome—behav-

ioral variation among individuals that is consistent in each across all contexts.

He said such knowledge of behavioral syndromes might inform studies of urban, invasive and pest ecology, and answer such questions as why pests do so well in urban environments.

After an anecdote about how the first brown widow spider identified in Phoenix was found by a child in a school yard, he said humans should "try to understand these critters, understand their lifestyles, so that we can try to avoid them."

Sophomore Ross Brubaker, a zoology major, said he preferred Johnson to the last zoology faculty finalist who presented for the science lecture series. Chad Hoeftler, a zoology professor at Miami University, gave a presentation on Jan. 28 titled "Jumping spiders in space: movement patterns and mating behaviors"

"I liked his style," Brubaker said of Johnson. "He was more casual."

He said he also found Johnson's research more interesting than Hoeftler's

"If he (Johnson) did end up teaching here, it would be very likely that I would take a class with him—especially since I'm a zoology major," he said.

The next presentation for the science lecture series will be given today at 4:10 p.m. in the CWSC by Brian S. McSpadden Gardener, who is in the department of plant pathology at Ohio State University. His lecture is titled "Identifying, recovering and using bacteria that suppress plant diseases."

### REAL TALK

## Immortal's technique challenges hip-hop emcees to review, reflect and improve

This week, I decided to give you all some knowledge of one of my favorite underground rappers, Immortal Technique.



Technique is a well-known underground rapper, famous for aggressive rhymes with deep social and political messages.

One of his many strengths is his stern tone, which is used for many purposes--one being to show disdain or disgust when rapping about topics that upset him. He uses the tone when speaking about topics that are serious and to challenge and break rappers, with the intention of teaching them a higher state of mind and more sophisticated level of rhyming.

Immortal Technique is one of the more intellectual rappers of our time, and in his rhymes he classifies himself as better than most rappers.

A lot of rappers use violent lyrics to express how tough they are or to fulfill the image of a gangster. Technique has a love for the art of hip-hop and wants it to flourish instead of end, so he challenges his fellow rappers to enhance themselves lyrically.

In his song "Revolutionary," Technique shows his method of breaking and re-creating rappers. In his first verse he says,

"My mission is to take you, lyrically break you  
"Lyrically assassinate you  
"Lyrically incinerate your body and recreate you  
"To destroy the power that mentally incarcerates you  
"Cause even though I rip it better I could not forsake you  
"You're my people with the same oppressors so how could I hate you."

He states that he wants to

destroy rappers lyrically and recreate their mental states. This method of rapping is interesting because he steps outside of the usual expectations of "hard" rappers.

His tone is one that would follow a violent, gangster rap. His main concern is showing rappers that they have the ability to come out of their mental prisons.

He also comments on rappers wanting to portray the image of a thug or a player in the second verse, stating,

"These days everybody want to be a thug or a player....  
"Bring back the break dancers and graffiti writers with fame"

He is serious about the fact that hip-hop has lost its creativity and also is wrapped up in this image that all rappers want to portray.

He wants rappers to upgrade themselves from thugs and players and rhyme about reality and the life they live.

Immortal Technique's methods and tone reach powerful proportions. He engages the listener while he aggressively educates and expresses his lyrical prowess over the average rapper.

It is through this aggressiveness that he breaks down the average rapper and shows him his flaws, and then proceeds to give him knowledge on how to become a better artist.

This is a successful method of influencing the hip-hop world to become more creative and lyrically enhanced. He puts himself on a worthy pedestal. He states his "out-of-this-world" dominance when he raps,

"When I grab the mic device in front of Christ and start to rip it  
"I'll make Jesus turn around and say, 'Yo pop, this rapper flipped it.'"

### Girls and Sports



## 'Stop Kiss' production allows community to reflect on the results of violence

At times funny, witty, moving, and joyous, "Stop Kiss" by Diana Son is a tale of what it means to love another and the power of that love to awaken a love of self.

The play follows the friendship between two women, from their first meeting through the aftermath of a savage hate crime. This contemporary play premiered at the New York Shakespeare Festival in 1998 and is intended for adult audiences.

A reviewer for "CurtainUp," an internet magazine noted, "What we have then is a seriocomedy -- a thoroughly modern story that uses a gay love story to point

out the unexpected places to which love can take us. It is also very much a play about specifically New York -- its bright lure and its darker side. Above all it is a well crafted work. The story moves forward with dialogue that while crisp and straightforward rather than poetic, effectively uses the poet's technique of telescoping action and character."

The OWU production is directed by Ed Kahn.

Those involved in the production on campus suggest bringing a Kleenex and a friend to this event specifically for adults.

"Stop Kiss" will take place at the Chap-

pear Drama Center on Feb. 8, 9, 15 and 16, at 8 p.m., and Feb 17 at 2 p.m. In addition, there will be a free preview on Feb 7 at 8 p.m.

Other events are designed to facilitate discussion on the issues addressed and introduce members of the community to the actors and the play.

Events include:

Friday, Feb. 8: Opening Night Reception, Main Stage Lobby, immediately following show.

Tuesday, Feb. 12: Panel discussion on hate crimes, Chappellear Drama Center, Studio Theater, 8pm. Panel members will include Bill Hedrick, assistant city

prosecutor, Columbus; Gloria McCauley, Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization; and John Betts, GLBT Resource Center student assistant director.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: "Valentines For Diversity," CDC Studio Theater, 8pm. Anyone who doesn't have a date for Valentine's Day is invited to come and celebrate, eat chocolate and decorate valentines aimed at promoting diversity.

Friday, Feb. 15: Post-show discussion, Women's House, 94 Rowland Ave., 10pm. The Women's House will open its doors to host an informal post-show discussion. Anyone interested is invited to come and speak his or her mind.



# Bishops Sports

## Ladies lose Kenyon heartbreaker



Coach Nan Carney-DeBord and the women's basketball team lost on a buzzer beater 3-pointer at the hands of the conference leading Kenyon Lords. The Bishops next game is tomorrow night at Denison.

By Brian Test  
Sports Editor

Despite an early start, the women's basketball team (12-6, 7-3 NCAC) couldn't hold off Kenyon (14-6, 11-0 NCAC) Saturday losing 57-54 in Gambier. This marks the second time Kenyon has defeated OWU this season.

The Bishops opened the game with a 7-0 run and extended it to a 20-7 lead early in the first half. Kenyon fought back with an 8-0 run to close the gap.

OWU battled back, and led 35-23 with just over 4 minutes in the first half, but Kenyon made another run to cut the lead to 5 at half.

OWU shot over 50% in the first half, but cooled off in the second. Kenyon shot a little bit better in the second half helping them pull off their comeback.

Coach Nan Carney-DeBord said the team was prepared and knew what was needed to do be done to win.

"We wanted to run our transition; dribble, penetrate and shoot," Carney-DeBord said. "In the first half we needed to do a better job on the offensive boards and in the second half we did not rebound well until the last 5 minutes. We matched their physicality, but Kenyon rebounded better."

She said the Bishops missed the guard play of sophomore Lauren Gentene and freshman Tyler Cordell on the wing.

"We want another shot at them and with an NCAC tournament that may happen," Carney-DeBord said.

"The winner of the tournament receives the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and our goal is to continue to improve each game," Carney-DeBord continued. "Each month of this season, we have had marked improvement. The team is relentless in pursuit of their goals with their work ethic and that will continue."

Senior Steffi Graf, who plays wing, said they were pumped for this game and knew they had to play with high intensity for 40 minutes to beat Kenyon.

"I think we caught them off guard with the great start," Graf said. "They made some runs, but there was never a time that they were in control."

She said the Bishops played together being able to get shots off and contain Kenyon for the most part.

"If we had gotten more rebounds and made 75% or 80% of our free throws, then the outcome definitely would have been different," Graf said. "This is good news though because we can improve our

rebounding and we've shot 75% to 80% free throws in multiple games this season."

She said with the team being deep the bench play was awesome, but Kenyon just started shooting better in the second half.

"I just hope we see Kenyon again in the tournament because I know we can take them," Graf said.

Freshman guard Pam Quigney said as a team they shot "absolutely horrible from the foul line" and that performance is unacceptable.

"We lost by three and missed at least ten foul shots," Quigney said.

"There are three things a team must accomplish if they have any chance of winning. Make foul shots, limit turnovers, and make lay-ups or shots around the basketball hoop. And we did not accomplish this."

She said the team played with great effort and teamwork.

"If we play like this again and make our foul shots we will win," Quigney said. "It's hard to beat a team three times in a row. I can't wait to play Kenyon again."

Freshman post Kayla Gordon said it is hard to put teams like Kenyon away early.

"There are going to be times

throughout the game where each team has the most momentum, we had it early," Gordon said. "Unfortunately, they hit some key shots in the last few minutes that gave them the momentum to end the game."

She said credit should be given to two seniors on Kenyon who had good games.

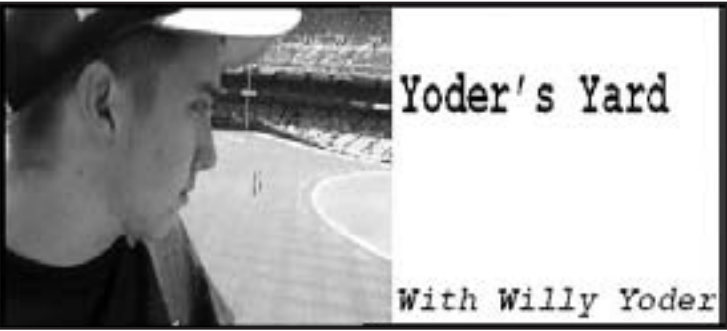
"Alisha Moreno hit some key threes, including the last one, which pulled the momentum to her team," Gordon said. "Eva George had an overall great game with key rebounds and put backs."

Gordon said with any game a team can look back and see what they need to continue doing and what they need to improve.

"This is what learning is all about," Gordon said. "We will learn from this game and we will improve. We cannot let outside factors dictate how we play; we will control the things we can and play to the best of our abilities in all situations."

She said their goal is to win the conference championship and by tournament time, any team that stands in their way better come prepared.

Gordon led the Bishops with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Graf and Quigney also scored in double figures. Kenyon was lead by George's 17 points and 13 rebounds.



## 2008 time to put up or shut up for Indians

This Cleveland Indians did it the old fashioned way.

The team was once a powerhouse in the 90s. Names like Ramirez, Williams and Justice still echo between the walls of Jacobs Field. Each one went on to leave the Indians, each one inevitably winning a world series elsewhere.

For nearly 10 years the Indians saw their best players picked off by bigger market teams. They couldn't attract big name players and in an age like this, it was hard to keep a solid nucleus together. While in the 90s it seemed all but imminent, the team hasn't raised a World Series trophy in what will be 60 years this season.

However, in the last seven years two important things happened. First was the emergence of a 21 year old rookie pitcher, C.C. Sabathia. Second, Mark Shapiro took over baseball operations, and upon seeing a player in Sabathia to build his franchise around, he acquired now starters Brandon Phillips, Grady Sizemore and Cliff Lee in one deal.

Shapiro knew it would take time. Time for Sabathia to reach Cy Young ability. Time for his new young talent he traded for to develop.

Shapiro knew it would take something that doesn't exist in today's sports world, patience. Nobody said Shapiro's way would be easy, but it was the old fashioned way, the right way.

Fast forward to 2007, and the Indians tied for the major league lead in wins. Sabathia had finally reached full potential, and was joined by another hurler, Fausto Carmona to combine for a one-two punch. The players

traded for in 2001 had grown and were now All-Stars.

The stage was set and the Indians made their push for their title.

Sometimes doing things the right way doesn't always work out...

This off-season the Indians did nothing to improve upon their stellar 2007 club.

Around them their division rivals, the Detroit Tigers, reloaded by adding two of the best young players in the game in Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis. Other teams in the American League, like Seattle, improved dramatically this off season as well.

It would seem then for the Indians that they are starting to fall behind yet again. For one year they were able to pull out from the pack, however it seems it has caught up to them.

Teams in the National League improved greatly also. The Arizona Diamondbacks acquired ace Dan Haren, and the New York Mets brought in one of the best pitchers in baseball, Johan Santana.

With this arms race around baseball, can Cleveland really afford to stay stagnant? Or is it that they can't pay for the improvements needed to take the next step?

While in 2008 they will certainly have a chance in the race for the title, it will not be as easy a road to get there.

Soon their young players contracts will expire, and inevitably the team will be picked apart again. At the rate the American League is going, it seems unfortunately for the Indians that this year will be the year to put up or shut up.

## Assistant baseball coach uses faith to stay positive

By Clay Davis  
Transcript Correspondant

"The Perfect Man." Those three words were used to describe OWU Assistant Baseball Coach Fody Frentsos by sophomore third baseman Jared Turner.

While no one really is perfect, it speaks volumes about the character of the veteran coach through the perspective of a student, who interacts with him daily.

"He is always positive, never negative," Turner remarked. "He has a ton of energy, and he loves it."

Turner is an example of a baseball player who has not only seen what Frentsos has done for the team, but also what he has done for the second-year player.

"He is very encouraging, and when you are failing, it is very easy to say, 'I don't want to do it today,'" Turner added. "He will always stand beside you and help you along the way."

Frentsos, who graduated from OWU in 1984 and enjoyed

his time here as a baseball player, is now trying to carry over from what he learned as a player to what he loves doing now: coaching.

For Frentsos, coaching is much more than teaching the basic mechanics or the techniques needed to be a successful. It is also about building strong relationships.

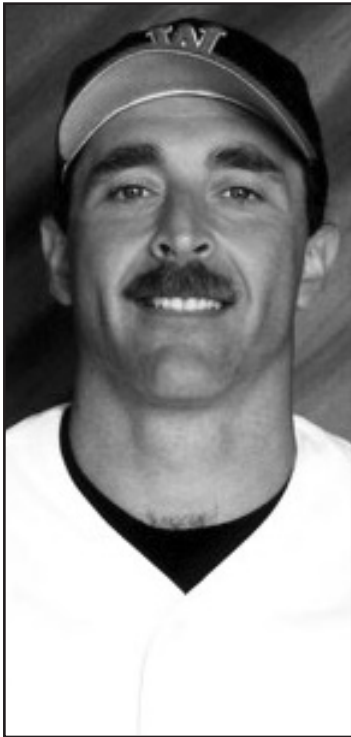
"It is more about the kids, not necessarily about the mechanics," Frentsos said. "It is also about being a mentor."

Coaching, as Frentsos explained, has its ups and downs. On the one hand, it allows him to develop relationships with the players and allows him to communicate with players in and out of practice.

"If they have a problem, I am ready to listen," Frentsos explained. "If I have a problem, they are ready to listen."

On the other hand, the relationships built with players can be a downfall too, especially if they do not make the team.

"The hardest part is cutting or letting young men go," Frent-



Frentsos

sos said. "It is better to be in the group than to be placed outside of it."

With the stresses of coaching, the one thing that guides Frentsos is simple: his faith.

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inspires me," Frentsos replied. "I am excited to see where the faith takes me."

Frentsos' expression of faith is not seen through words only, but through actions. No better example than his work ethic. Frentsos said he works every other week, for seven straight days, from 7pm to 7am, working for a local water plant. From there, he heads to OWU to coach baseball.

Many people could not handle the stress of working long hours for one job, let only two. But that does not keep Frentsos down. Frentsos says that his faith gives him a "renewed

inspiration", even while working long hours.

While Frentsos said he is no longer a student at Ohio Wesleyan, he continues to see a growth that most would think only exists in a college student. This growth is not only seen through the prism of baseball, but through his faith.

Frentsos said that "I felt like I did everything on my own," which is why he has grown to rely on the inner strength.

This inner strength that drives him is also driving his players.

Turner, who along with his teammates has high hopes for

this year, sees Frentsos as a big reason why the team had been successful.

"Baseball is a sport where you fail more than you succeed," Turner noted. "It is always nice to have someone that is always positive."

Frentsos said he sees the positives not just through the play of the team, but also through the development of the players and the relationships between the coaching staff and the players. That is why players, like Turner, hold the former OWU student in high regard.

"The best part is the development of the relationship, where a switch kicks on, and the player is mentally tougher and can deal with anything," Frentsos said.

Senior Michael Schleiden said Frentsos cannot be replaced.

"I've never had a coach like him in my life," Schleiden said. "Not knocking my old coaches but he's a special guy."

OWU baseball, with the help and dedication of Frentsos, seems to be in great hands.



# Bishops Sports

## Scots too much for Bishops

By Alex Humbert  
Sports Editor

The Bishops men's basketball team made a late second half push but when the dust settled they could not overcome the Wooster Scots or their close to 3,000 fans falling 73-65.

The Bishops (12-6, 7-3) went into the game against the conference leading Scots (16-3, 9-1) with high hopes, coming off a win at home against Wittenberg last week.

The Bishops started off hot, hitting a pair of 3-point buckets in the first minute and a half to take a 6-0 lead. However the early baby run was met swiftly with a man sized 18-2 Wooster run that carried the Scots into halftime with a 36-32 lead.

Coach Mike DeWitt said the enormous crowd was met head on by his players and that they handled it well.

"It's just a great environment to play in," DeWitt said. "Obviously, it makes it a little more challenging for the visiting team, but we handled the situation very well."

The second half started off fast and furious with each team refusing to give way to the other, trading baskets throughout the entire half. On numerous occasions the Bishops brought the game within one point but the 3-point attack of the Scots, who shot 9-15 from downtown, proved to be too much in the end.

The Scots were led in scoring by Evan Will who exploded for 27 points on 11-14 shooting. Senior Dustin Rudegeair, who had nine points to go along with a game-high 10 boards, said the team was focused on stopping the guards from Wooster which allowed Will to be open for some easy points.

"I feel like our main focus defensively was getting Brandon Johnson and James Cooper stopped, so that opened things up for Will," Rudegeair said. "He made some tough shots inside, but if you look back at his four three pointers, they were all wide open attempts that he got when the man guarding him was focused on helping on Johnson or Cooper."

Cooper, who had scored 32 in their previous meeting, was held to only 13 points but the lack of attention to Will hurt the Bishops.



Photo by Cliff Williams

Senior Jesse Jean shoots a free throw in action earlier this year. Jean led the Bishops in scoring with 15 points against Wooster.

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DeWitt said the loss will be used as a building tool and they must learn from their mistakes.

"We must work on eliminating some mental mistakes and executing our game plan for the entire game and not just in certain parts of the game," DeWitt said.

Junior Kyle Holliday, who added 13 points of his own and grabbed seven rebounds, said

the team must move on from the loss and focus on their ultimate goal: winning the conference championship.

"We can't reflect on what happened on Saturday night or dwell on what we did wrong," Holliday said. "We played well enough to win, but just could not make the big play when we needed to. Our goal for the rest of the year is to win out and

gain some momentum going in to the NCAC tourney."

Rudegeair agreed with Holliday and said they must look forward to their next games.

"I think the main aspect to take into the latter part of the season is to continue to stick together and remain a close, cohesive group," Rudegeair said.

"We can't let losses and other things break us down as we get closer to the conference tournament because we need to be at our best by then. Our goal is to get another shot at (Wooster) and win."

Senior Jesse Jean led the Bishops in scoring for the fourth time in five games with 15 points.

## 19 - ... Oh no! Patriots lose in Giant upset

The two weeks of hype have passed.

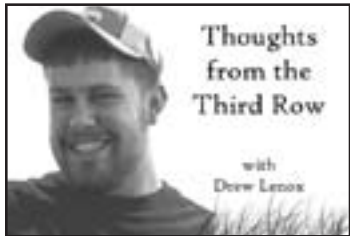
The mediocre commercials have aired and after the last second disappeared from the scoreboard, with Bill Belichick already in the locker room, the sports world's biggest holiday has ended much differently than many expected.

The Patriots are not undefeated. They are not the best team ever. And thanks to the New York Giants, they are not even the best team this season.

Bill Belichick, Tom Brady, Randy Moss, Wes Welker and the rest of the Patriots are not Super Bowl champions. But, the Giants are and here are the top ten reasons why the Lombardi trophy is in the Big Apple.

10. Giant Mistake: The Patriots did not have an efficient game plan. They tried to throw deep too often and did not run the ball enough. They also did not use the offense that got them right down the field on their last scoring drive.

9. Giant Recovery: After Corey Webster got tripped by the goal line to give up an easy touchdown, he was later the guy who tipped the hailmary at the



end out of Moss' waiting hands.

8. Giant Achievement: Tom Coughlin coached 205 games as a head coach without making it to a Super Bowl. He is now 1-0.

7. Giant Replacement: While the injured loudmouth was at play in the luxury box, the Boss was still hard at work. Kevin Boss only had one reception in replacement of Jeremy Shockey, but it was a big one as it went for 45 yards and caused a big swing in momentum.

6. Giant Receiver: Plaxico Burress did not have a great game in the middle, but he did catch the Giants first pass and their game winning touchdown. The tall receiver was the start and finish of the Giants "Super" victory.

5. Giant Running Game: Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw might not have had great stats but they ran some

time off the clock, picked up some key blocks and Jacobs had a big fourth down run.

4. Giant Conversion: Steve Smith's catch and tiptoe to the first down on third and eleven was probably the second biggest play of the game. The rookie only caught eight passes all season but with five in the biggest game of his young career he has made a name for himself.

3. Giant Play: On perhaps the biggest play in Super Bowl history, David Tyree catches a pass thrown up by Eli Manning, after he escaped an almost certain sack, with one hand and the side of his helmet. He then brought it down with his fingertips while being tackled. After only four catches all season, Tyree's three catches and a touchdown made his day a giant success.

2. Giant Rush: Michael Strahan, Osi Umenyiora, and Justin Tuck got all kinds of pressure on Tom Brady knocking him down continuously. The five sacks kept Brady frustrated and the one by Jay Alford all but popped the cork of the champagne bottles of the 1972 Dolphins. And yes, Tom Brady, this

defensive line and the Giants defense held you to only 14 points.

And the number one reason the Giants won the Super Bowl is: the Giant Killer. A young quarterback played very well and became a Super Bowl MVP in his fourth season.

He led his team down the field in answer to the Patriots and with the game on the line got the win for his team. With crisp passes and good choices he deserved the award he received.

In a three-game stretch, this young quiet quarterback outplayed Tony Romo, Brett Favre and Tom Brady and transformed himself from being "Peyton's Little Brother" to Eli Manning.

Even though for many it was a giant surprise, it was a great game in which the Giants outplayed the Patriots and won the championship.

And there are three major things all can learn from Super Bowl XLII.

Playmaking wide receivers don't have to practice, veteran defensive linemen don't have to attend training camp and cheaters never prosper.

## Men's track edge out Wabash for NCAC relay champs

From OWU Online

Junior Ryan Ellis (Columbus/Dublin Scioto) and junior Nathan Osborn (Edgerton) helped 2 relay teams set meet records in leading Ohio Wesleyan to the North Coast Athletic Conference Relays title at the NCAC Relays meet on Saturday in Granville.

The championship is the Bishops' second NCAC Relays title in the last 3 seasons.

Ohio Wesleyan won the meet with 88 1/2 points to 85 for runner-up Wabash. Denison finished in third place with 49 points, followed by Wooster and Allegheny (46), Oberlin (43), Kenyon (31), Wittenberg (29), Earlham (25 1/2), and Hiram (0).

The meet consists of relays, running events and field events, with the running events and field events scored by ranking the combined efforts of each school's top 2 participants.

Ellis and Osborn combined with junior Preston Osborn (Edgerton) and sophomore Bryce Mathias (Centerburg) to win the 1600-meter relay in 3:26.28, breaking the school and meet record of 3:26.30 set by Matt Churpek, Adam Torrence, Jason Martin and Tyler Stillman in 1999. Ellis and Nathan Osborn also teamed with freshman Sean Patrick (Delaware/Hayes) and freshman Jordan Exeter (Toronto, Ontario/Mercersburg (Pa.) Academy) to win the 800-meter relay in 1:31.46, breaking the meet record of 1:32.81 set by Wittenberg in 2003.

The distance medley relay team of junior Alex Havran (Woodinville, Wash./Overlake), freshman Kody Law (Reynoldsburg), junior Garret Andre-

Johnson (Walnut Creek, Calif./Berkeley) and sophomore Christian Schlabach (Wooster/Triway) won its event in 10:33.57.

Junior Andrew Bloom (Powell/Worthington Kilbourne) and freshman Jack Schemenauer (Luckey/Eastwood) won the 55-meter hurdles relay in a combined time of :18:06, and junior David Stefanik (Wooster) and junior Clay Davis (Dublin/Coffman) paired to win the 5000-meter relay in a combined time of 31:20.44.

The Bishop 3200-meter relay team of junior Gary Brenneman (Fredericktown), freshman Jeff Driscoll (Shreve/Triway), sophomore Matthew MacKenzie (Franklin, Mass.) and freshman Kyle Herman (Stow/Stow-Munroe Falls) finished second, as did the 1600 sprint medley relay team of sophomore Steve Brown (Redford Township, Mich./Redford), Preston Osborn, senior Joe Berlyoung (Elyria/Avon) and Schlabach.

Bloom and sophomore David Burke (Hudson) combined to tie for second place in the high jump relay.

Junior Jon Smith (Clyde/Bellevue) cleared 13-5 1/4 in the pole vault, the top individual effort of the day, as he and freshman Jon Voiles (Ann Arbor, Mich./Pioneer) finished third in the pole vault relay.

Exeter and freshman Parone Mulrain (Chicago, Ill./Latin School) finished fifth in the triple jump relay and tied for sixth in the long jump relay, while the shot put relay of junior Bobby Polley (Wexford, Pa./North Allegheny) and sophomore Josh Sulser (Johnstown/Johnstown-Monroe) placed sixth

## Women's track team defend title at relays

From OWU Online

Senior Ashley Shaffer (Lancaster) helped Ohio Wesleyan to 4 first-place finishes and freshman Lainey Kekic (Canfield/Western Reserve) was a part of 3 first-place finishes as the Bishops successfully defended their North Coast Athletic Conference Relays championship with a win in the annual NCAC Relays meet on Saturday in Granville.

Ohio Wesleyan won the meet with 97 points to 82 1/2 for runner-up Oberlin. Wooster finished in third place with 64 1/2 points, followed by Earlham (44), Denison (42 1/2), Wittenberg (40), Kenyon (27), Allegheny (20), and Hiram (1 1/2). The meet consists of relays, running events and field events, with the running events and field events scored by ranking the combined efforts of each school's top 2 participants.

Shaffer and Kekic combined to tie for first place in the high jump relay, with each Bishop clearing 4-11. They also teamed with freshman Christa Cocumelli (Dublin/Bishop Watterson) and sophomore Santa Zalite (Winston-Salem, N.C./Reynolds) to win the 1600 sprint medley relay in a time of 4:32.57.

Shaffer also combined with

junior Jessica Merrill (Columbia Station/Columbia) to win the long jump and triple jump relays with respective totals of 31-3 3/4 and 66-4. Merrill's individual effort of 15-8 3/4 in the long jump was the best of the meet.

Kekic also teamed with freshman Rachael Newman (Strongsville), sophomore Casey Ridgeway (Fredericktown) and sophomore Kara Reiter (Char-don) to win the 1600-meter relay in 4:11.97.

Newman and Reiter were part of Ohio Wesleyan's other first-place relay team, combining with sophomore Amber Alegria (Tucson, Ariz./Salpointe Catholic) and sophomore Claire Everhart (Edinboro, Pa./General McLane) to win the distance medley relay in 12:43.26.

Merrill and sophomore Ash-lie Britton (LeRoy/Painesville Riverside) combined to finish second in the 55-meter hurdles relay, junior Leah Schmelzer (Marion/Pleasant) and junior Laura Binkley (Columbus/Bishop Watterson) finished second in the 5000-meter run relay, and the 3200-meter relay team of Alegria, junior Valerie Slo-boda (Columbia, Md./Atholton), freshman Kat Zimmerly (Edin-boro, Pa./General McLane) and Everhart finished second.

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