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## WCSA says DPD access cards are a no-go

By **Greg Stull**  
Managing Editor

WCSA voted to discourage the allocation of swipe cards to Delaware Police Department (DPD) officers during its formal full body meeting last Thursday evening in the Bayley room.

WCSA's recommendation to the administration came a day after the WCSA executive election, which included a yes or no ballot issue on whether or not DPD officers should have swipe card access to residence halls. The results showed 58.99 percent against giving DPD officers swipe cards and 41.01 percent in favor.

In the election, 47.5 percent of the student body voted, compared to 25.5 in 2007, 29 in 2006, and 41 percent in 2005.

The administration will weigh WCSA's recommendation when it makes the final decision on the policy, which would grant DPD officers swipe cards for entrance into residence halls under emergency circumstances. The policy was proposed by Public Safety earlier this semester.

"We were not elected to protect (the students) from themselves. We were elected to represent their interests," Hayes Representative Kate Andreacovich said at the meeting, suggesting that WCSA should follow the will of the majority from the recent election.

"If you were elected by the student body, you have an obligation to that student body to reject this proposal," Andreacovich said.

While a few asked the body to consider giving DPD swipe cards, including seniors Joey Yost, WCSA vice president, and Shannon Hopkins, senior class representative, the majority of the representatives present urged the body to follow the will of its constituents.

Yost said Ohio Wesleyan, with seven Public Safety officers, has the fewest officers when compared to Oberlin, Wittenberg, Kenyon, Denison, and Wooster, which have 18, 17, 12.5, 11.5, and 9 Public Safety officers, respectively.

"Those of us who support the idea of giving the Delaware police swipe cards are not doing this to fight the students, not to punish the students, and we are not doing this to please the administration," Yost said. "We are doing this because we have a legitimate concern about the safety of (all those on our campus)."

However, Andreacovich said

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Photo by Trevor Body

Students gather around a bonfire at the end of the evening to recognize the power of taking back the night.

## 'Take Back The Night' empowers sexual assault survivors

By **Mary Beth Scherer**  
Transcript Reporter

Take Back the Night, the annual speak-out against sexual assault, rape and all forms of violence against women took place on March 27. The speak-out was followed by a march across campus, and the event was part of the Women's Week celebration.

Take Back the Night was open to the entire campus community. About 90 people were present at the event. Members of Ohio Wesleyan University counseling services, Helpline of Delaware and Morrow counties and the Sexual Assault Response Network (SARN) also supported the event.

The speak-out gave survivors and allies the opportunity to tell

their stories, offer support and stand up against sexual assault, rape and violence.

Senior Jenny Herron, committee head of the march, said she supports this event because of the important message it sends.

"It's not every day survivors get a chance to speak out like this," Herron said.

Senior Jennifer Kirsop, mod-

erator of the women's house, was in charge of overseeing the committees who organized the event. Kirsop said it is important to raise awareness of issues concerning sexual assault, rape and violence.

One in three women will be sexually assaulted before she finishes college. Kirsop said people need to be aware of statistics like this one and be will-

ing to talk about these issues "out in the open." The more people are aware, the greater the opportunity is to lower these statistics, Kirsop said.

Senior Caitlin Dugre also supported the Take Back the Night event.

"I'm involved because we have this fake belief that it

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## Koorn wins WCSA treasurer position

By **Mike DiBiasio**  
Transcript Reporter

Sophomore Adam Koorn beat junior Christopher Kelley by 17 votes last night to become the WCSA treasurer for the '08-'09 academic year; 521 votes were cast.

Koorn, a current Welch Hall geo-rep, asked students to "vote experience and fiscal responsibility" in yesterday's treasurer election.

"The student body apparently thought my platform was strong and they believed experience was the key," Koorn said. "Next is just delivering to the student body what I promised them, through fair allocations and fighting hard for the issues that they want to see changed."

Kelley acknowledged the arduous efforts of both campaigns and announced his candidacy as a senior class-rep.

"It was a very close race and we were both running and campaigning very hard. I feel that all my effort was worthwhile and I enjoyed it," Kelley said. "[I will run] because I am well

immersed in the OWU community and thus understand its concerns. I think I belong on WCSA."

Senior Ben Owen, current WCSA treasurer, said he was "extremely pleased" with the student body's choice and thinks Koorn will be an asset to the Budget Committee.

"Adam can always be counted on for a cool head and a fair eye to the allocation of funds. Students can rest very well assured that the recommendations of Budget Committee will always be carefully and equitably considered with Adam at the helm," Owen said.

When asked if what type of treasurer Koorn will be, Rory McHale, WCSA President-elect said it was hard to predict.

"I'm not entirely sure what type of president I'll be. It depends on what type of events and controversies, or lack there of, there are next year. I hope he'll be an efficient and responsible treasurer. There's not been reason to expect otherwise, so we'll be working together as presidents and treasurers do," McHale said.

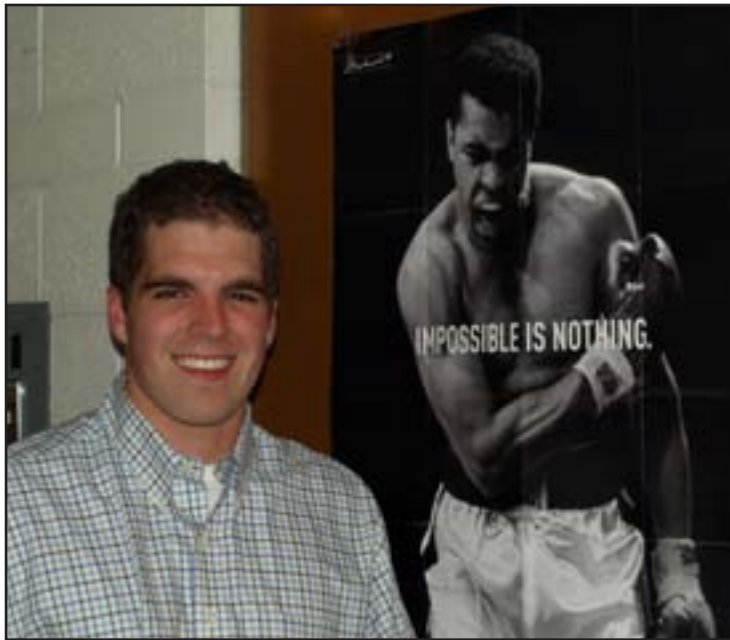


Photo by Mike DiBiasio

Sophomore Adam Koorn won Wednesday's run-off.

## Relay for Life walks 'round the clock for a cure

By **Ryan Armstrong**  
Transcript Reporter

OWU's first annual Relay for Life raised over 14,000 dollars to benefit the fight against cancer last Friday.

Several people from the OWU community camped overnight in the Gordon Field House to celebrate and remember cancer survivors and victims.

The inaugural event's opening ceremony started at 6 p.m. on Friday and the relay car-

ried on until Saturday until noon. The Relay for Life was sponsored by Colleges against Cancer (CAC) which is affiliated with the American Cancer Society (ACS). ACS is a nation-wide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health issue by preventing the disease through advocacy, education, research and service.

This 18-hour event had 19 teams participate last week-

end. Three main ceremonies took place and each focused on a specific aspect of Relay for Life. The opening ceremony represented the celebration of cancer survivors and caregivers.

The Luminaria ceremony occurred at 9 p.m. and focused on remembering loved ones or friends who have passed away from cancer. The closing ceremony occurred at 11:30 a.m. and focused on fighting back against cancer by awarding teams for their service.

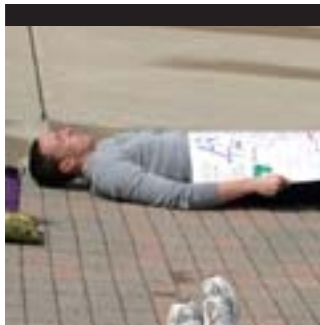
Junior Megan Evans, chair of the Relay for Life committee and event coordinator, said everybody is touched by cancer somehow.

"I thought it would be a great way to promote advocacy and cancer education on campus," Evans said. "It's a good community builder and it brings people together. I love the aspect of the celebration of cancer survivors and caregivers and remembering people who passed away because of cancer."

I just wanted to help to bring it here to campus."

There were many different games and events going on within the event. Activities such as performances from the a cappella group the Owtsiders and Improv group the Babbling Bishops, a frozen t-shirt contest, a Jello-eating competition and a basketball tournament to name a few. Movies such as Atonement and The Shining were also shown in the racquetball rooms.

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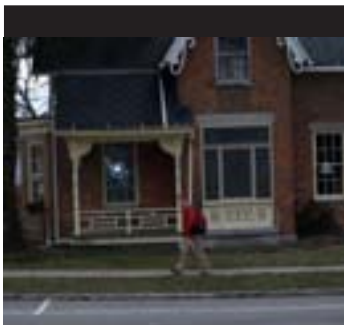
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# Political impact of extreme evangelists frightening

By Mark Dubovec  
Transcript Reporter

Jason Bivins, associate professor of religion at North Carolina State University, presented “Like Beating a Dog: Religion, Fear and American Democracy” on Mar. 26 in Benes Room B of Hamilton William Campus Center.

“I want to talk about resistance to experimentation in public life,” Bivins said. “I want to talk about doom.”

Bivins described how extreme Christian evangelists, through use of pop culture, grew from a fringe group in the 1960s to a powerful force in mainstream politics.

“This is a specific class of political elites who have exerted a tremendous amount of influence,” he said.

“Their orientation to politics is deeply troubling,” Bivins said.

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Bivins added, “They denounce authority of the government, law and people as corrupt...with discourses of anger and paranoia. This conception of power should be challenged.”

While driving through rural Indiana, Bivins encountered what he referred to as “Scary Jesus.”

“A crude painting...on a

barn,” he said. “A horror show image of the Redeemer veiled with flames. It said ‘He died for you.’ Freaky. Effective.”

This incident made Bivins ask, “What if such expressions aren’t just sideshows? What if they’re the real thing?”

Bivins traced the growth of such religious belief systems over the past forty years, beginning with “Chick Tracts.” In the sixties, an evangelist cartoonist named Jack T. Chick published little pocketbooks designed to

convert people, and sent books all over the world.

“If your only exposure to America are these [Chick Tracts], you’d believe it to be a cesspool of immorality, disease and violence,” Bivins said. “All other faiths are condemned. The most stinging condemnations are for the Roman Catholic Church.”

According to these Chick Tracts, the Catholic Church is responsible for millions of deaths around the world and the creation of Islam. The latter item provoked laughter from the audience.

Bivins explained the next stage of this movement.

“Beginning in the 1970s, preachers began to expand the link between rock [music] with communism, violence and immorality...The saxophone was called the ‘Devil’s Flute,’” he said.

Bivins said preachers and evangelists such as Jacob God-

win and Bob Larson asserted that hidden messages in rock music were undoing the moral and religious foundations of America.

“They portrayed [rock] as demonic music attacking Christian morals and values,” Bivins said.

Bivins also discussed the pop culture of evangelism as it exists today.

He described the emergence in the nineties of “Hell Houses,” which are haunted houses designed to illustrate real world violence with horror movie tactics.

“Hell houses seem to have struck a cord with American audiences,” Bivins said. “Denials and projections of fantasies are rolled into one.”

Images in hell houses include domestic violence, rapes, abortions, AIDS deaths and suicides.

“The darker the moral conviction, the deeper the detail of gore,” Bivins said.

Bivins stirred reactions from Ohio Wesleyan students. Freshman Tema Krempley said, “This small organization blossomed here; it really did something. It does have an impact... look at this current government.”

“I really want to go through a Hell House now,” said senior Mandy Mosier. “I never knew what one was.”

“He had some provoking ideas and some real good insight to that part of America and that kind of thinking,” senior Bob Mathews said.

“I think we need to be careful to not be a victim of the thing we’re criticizing.”

Bivins said this movement could be considered a threat to democracy. “This anti-pluralism vision is normalized, accepted and popular,” Bivins said. “They are born of a sociopolitical view. They are well-funded and institutionalized.”

Bivins’ speech was part of the Merrick Lecture Series.



Photo by Danny Eldredge

Students will be able to enjoy their ice cream outside when the weather warms up

## Students will soon swipe cards for sweets at Ollie's

By Chelsie Pacha  
Transcript Correspondent

Students may now use their off-campus food points at Ollie’s Ice Cream Shop, which recently filled the vacancy left by Avesta’s Eclectic Cuisine in the off-campus dining program.

Located on 19 S. Franklin St., within 300 feet of the campus, Ollie’s is not just a place to get hand-dipped ice cream; coffee bars, sandwiches and sides are also available.

Sophomore Jaclyn Tilden said Ollie’s has the best homemade ice cream she has ever had.

“I love the ice cream,” Tilden said. “They also provide excellent service, while being sociable and welcoming all at the same time.”

Tilden also said we do not have enough places to enjoy a tasty desert.

“The desserts are amazing,” Tilden said. “We do not have enough off-campus food points for desserts and this is a great opportunity for that. I

think it is a perfect idea, especially because it is starting to get warm outside.”

Other students have a different view of the addition of Ollie’s to the off-campus dining program.

“It’s nice, but I would rather have a place to eat a good dinner,” sophomore Becca Kaplin said. “I like their ice cream, but it is seasonal. I could just go get a tub of Ben and Jerry’s. It’s so much better to have a year-round place.”

The decision to add Ollie’s was made through WCSA. “Students choose the merchants on the program,” said Susan Cooperider, director of Administrative Services and Summer Conferences. “WCSA invites requests and then the student body takes a vote.”

Cooperider also said she thinks Ollie’s will attract more business from students now that they are able to use off-campus food points.

“Since students requested Ollie’s to be on the program, I’m sure they will go,” Cooperider said.

## Rafiki Wa Afrika promotes diversity

By Emily Hastings  
Transcript Correspondent

Rafika Wa Afrika promotes diversity, tolerance and culture of African and Caribbean countries.

Rafika Wa Afrika means “friends of Africa” in Swahili.

“We want to share our rich culture and give everyone a first-hand experience with things such as food and stepping, which is a type of dance derived from African culture,” said sophomore Farooq Busari, president of Rafika Wa Afrika and a Nigerian native.

“We want to show students and the entire Delaware community things about our culture they wouldn’t usually see on TV.”

The group was founded in the early 90’s by Emeka Anigololu, assistant professor and director of black world studies.

“What attracted me to Rafika Wa my freshman year was it’s diversity, and that’s what an organization should be about,” Busari said. “I also liked the leadership qualities I saw.” Stan Osei-Bonsu was president at this time.

“I joined because it felt close to home and I wanted to educate people about where I’m from,”

said sophomore Oumie Joof, vice president of the group. “I want everyone to feel free to ask me any questions they may have.”

Joof was born in Gambia and grew up in Nigeria.

Rafika Wa Afrika hosts four main activities on campus: African Mini-Fest, Carib-Afrique, Jamaica Night and the Global Outreach Show.

African Mini-Fest is held during the multicultural family weekend for prospective students.

“We really want to show them what OWU has to offer for diversity on campus,” Busari said.

Carib-Afrique is a festival filled with food from different countries, dance and a fashion show. The goal is to showcase African culture and entertain people with it, Joof said.

Jamaica Night is specifically designed to highlight Jamaican culture. Rafika Wa Afrika hosts an outdoor barbecue and everyone is invited to play soccer while Jamaican students play traditional music.

“We really want to make the students feel like they’re in Jamaica,” Joof said.

The Global Outreach Show is Rafika Wa Afrika’s newest

event and is open to the Delaware community. It was originally created to raise money for the Ghana Student Education Fund. The event showcases talents from several schools, including Ohio Wesleyan, Capital University, Otterbein College, Ohio Dominican University, Franklin University, and Columbus College of Art and Design.

Busari said the organization is planning a new event that they hope to start in the next two weeks. It will provide food from three countries and do a presentation on the food and its country of origin.

Rafika Wa Afrika works closely with the Office of Minority Students and the black world studies department. They also work with other Ohio Wesleyan organizations such as Student Union on Black Affairs, Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, Black Men of the Future, Sisters United and the International House.

“They always come and support our events, and we try to do the same for them,” Busari said.

“I hope for years and years to come there will always be Rafiki and that the members will be able to uphold the tradition,” Joof said.

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Junior Brian Fahey, runner for the swimming team, said the cancer benefit wasn’t like most fundraisers because there were lots of fun things to do and plenty of prizes.

“I participated in the event for a neighbor who passed a couple of months ago,” Fahey said. “We had fun during Halloween. I have some good memories from then.”

Evans said this is a unique event and at times becomes emotionally charged for family members who have lost someone to cancer.

“I think it is huge for the

OWU community if we can do something to let people know we are out there supporting them,” Evans said. “I am impressed with the teams that have formed and what everyone is doing to bring this event together.”

After the final closing ceremony at noon, everyone participating in the relay and other students who came to hang out walked a final lap around the track.

The back doors were open and the sunshine was shimmering into the building. This reflected U2’s song “Beautiful Day” that was playing in the background as participants com-

pleted the final circle.

Sophomore Jennifer Williams, mission delivery and cancer education committee member and participant on the colleges against cancer team, said she slept about 15 minutes throughout the whole night.

“This was our first year and it was really worth it,” Williams said. “This is just the year to find out what works and what doesn’t. I think it was an overall success for our campus.”

To learn more about Relay for Life or about the American Cancer Society visit their website at relayasevents.org or contact Megan Evans through email at mmevans@owu.edu.

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doesn’t happen on this campus,” Dugre said.

Dugre said she thinks sexual assault and rape is often not reported at OWU, and there is more people can do to help those who are affected by these crimes.

Sophomore Emily Rose, committee head of the speak-out, said she thinks Take Back the Night is one of the most important events that takes place at OWU.

“I know so many women who have been affected by assault, and this event is a cathartic experience for them,” Rose said.

Take Back the Night not only takes place at OWU, it is a global event.

According to the official web site, “Throughout its history, Take Back the Night has inspired both men and women to confront a myriad of social ills including rape, sexual violence, domestic violence, violence against children and violence against women. The unifying theme throughout these diverse topics is the assertion that all human beings have the right to be free from violence, the right to be heard and the right to reclaim those rights if they are violated.”

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# Students simulate deaths in Burma and Darfur for "Die-in"



Photo by Myra Blackburn

On Tuesday at noon, students lie on the Jay Walk to simulate the deaths that have recently occurred in Burma and Darfur. The demonstration was held for the "Die-in," an event organized by Ohio Wesleyan's chapter of Students Take Action Now: Darfur (STAND) to educate students on China's involvement in the conflicts in Burma and Darfur. The "Die-in" was one of eight events organized for "Darfur Week: Holding President Bush Accountable," a campaign "to empower the students and community to hold our president and congressional members accountable to end the genocide in Darfur, Sudan," according to a press release by Lydia Spitalny, president and founder of Ohio Wesleyan's chapter of STAND. "Darfur Week" will continue today with a display recognizing the world-wide refugee crisis at noon in Ham-Will and a screening of "Lost Boys of Sudan" at 7 p.m. The week will conclude on Friday with "Action Day," for which STAND members will help students contact their congressional representatives and the White House to insist that the government take more action on this issue.

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while our current system of campus safety might be insufficient, giving DPD access to residence halls won't fix Public Safety's shortcomings.

"Shirking our responsibility and putting in on the Delaware police department is absolutely absurd," she said.

In reference to the recent vote, Hopkins said though WCSA should keep the results in mind, it shouldn't use them exclusively when making its decision.

"There are things that students don't consider when they are looking at a simple yes or no on a ballot on a non-binding recommendation," Hopkins said. "...While I definitely think we should take their opinions into consideration, I feel that it would not be self-serving and—I'm sorry—it would be imprudent for us to simply to vote no for this just because—just because of one vote that was really not comprehensive."

Junior Rory McHale, SLU representative and WCSA president-elect, said he disagrees with Hopkins.

"If we trust (the students) enough to elect this body, I think we can trust them on issues like this," McHale said.

Sophomore Eric Wise, fraternity representative, and junior Nafis Rahman, junior class representative, both said WCSA should follow the will of the student body.

"I think regardless of personal opinion you have to follow what the referendum suggests—which was 59 percent against," Wise said. "And that was with 47 percent of the student body voting—that's one of the biggest turnouts we've had, and this is one of the issues that the student body has been most involved in, I'm sure in anyone's memory."

"We had a vote, and people voted no," Rahman said. "...I don't really see any reasons why we should not follow the suggestions of the student body."

Senior Ben Owen, WCSA treasurer, and sophomore Adam

Koorn, Welch representative, both said although they are personally in favor of giving DPD officers swipe cards, for safety reasons, they believe that the body should follow majority vote.

"I think we should follow the will of the people, and 47 something percent of the students voted yesterday—which is a huge margin," Owen said. "I've been through three previous WCSA at-large executive elections—there's been a ballot on all three of them—but rarely have we seen a turn out—never have we seen a turnout—of this magnitude."

"And the majority of the people who voted resoundingly said no to this. Despite the fact that I disagree with them, I feel like I would be doing a disservice to my constituents (to vote against them). I think it would hurt the integrity of the body—which is a serious thing to say."

"We need to send a message to our students that we hear them, and that their wishes are important to us. And so, we should listen to them—or, I'm afraid, we will lose their respect—we will lose any esteem that they held us in."

While most of the debate centered on whether or not WCSA should base its decision on the will of the student body, several other points were raised during the meeting, in favor of and in opposition to giving DPD officers swipe cards.

Sophomore Sarah Bruno, Thomson representative, said DPD officers should be given swipe cards if their access might help prevent incidences like the recent school shooting at Virginia Tech University.

Junior Amir Paul, class representative, said there are three reasons he opposes giving DPD officers swipe cards.

"Number one: there is a fear of the Delaware police department on this campus," Paul said. "For every student you bring that says, 'yes, I want protection,' I can bring in another student who says that they were pulled over for suspicion of alcohol, then (the police) called

in the canine unit to sniff around the car.

"Number two: everyone keeps talking about this fear of VTU, this fear of columbine. When these things were happening, there were no police officers knocking on the door trying to get entrance. Correct me if I'm wrong, but there was no failure to gain access because of a key."

"And finally: there was a vote. The reason why we are here is to represent our constituents, and as the result of the vote was no ... I don't even see why there is a debate."

Before WCSA discussed and decided on its recommendation to the administration, Robert Wood, director of Public Safety, and Russ Martin, DPD chief of police, each gave their stance on the issue.

"This is a safety issue not only for you—and this is a big decision for you—you are also impacting the safety of my staff, because they are often the ones that need the police officers," Wood said.

"I wanna drill down to what I think the argument, the foundation of the argument, is: it's the debate over whether or not we will be safer by allowing access—limited access—to the Delaware police department or will our rights, our liberties be infringed upon by allowing that same access," Martin said. "I really think that's where the argument drills down to. And I will say that—not to sound like an alarmist—I think these debates are minimized post-tragedy."

Owen said he was pleased with how WCSA resolved the swipe card issue, which will ultimately be decided on by the administration.

"Dean Omahan and Director Wood informed WCSA that student opinion would probably be given quite a bit of weight in the final decision-making process by the powers that be," Owen said. "Beyond that, I sincerely hope that the university higher-ups listen to the desires of the student body as it is clear what those desires are."

# Pet Pals to wash dogs and inform

By Catie Coleman  
Transcript Reporter

Students renting apartments and houses next year will soon be thinking about the freedom of living off-campus. One of these freedoms is the possibility of owning a pet.

Junior Pooja Dutt, president of Pet Pals, said she hopes that before students buy their pets from breeders, they'll take the time to investigate where the animals come from.

For this reason, Pet Pals will be working with Ban Ohio Dog Auctions, Companion Animal Protection Society and the Delaware Humane Society to host an informational day on pet adoption and a dog wash fundraiser on April 13.

Dogs from near-by shelters, including the Delaware Humane Society, will be up for adoption in conjunction with the dog wash.

According to Dutt, Pet Pals usually works with the Delaware Humane Society, but after signing up for the newsletter for Ban Ohio Dog Auctions, she worked together with that group and Companion Animal Protection Society to come up with "Scrubbing Dogs to Save Lives," the name given to the activities on April 13.

The day will begin with a dog wash using supplies donated by Ban Ohio Dog Auctions and a bake sale at Bark 'Til Dark Dog Park, located just outside of downtown Delaware on Hills-Miller Road.

At 3 p.m. in room 163 of the Conrades-Wetherell Science Center, Ban Ohio Dog Auctions will show an informational video on puppy mills.

According to Dutt, the group targets stores such as Pet Land.

"The group tries to promote [getting pets through] adoption instead of breeders because buying a dog from a breeder is like treating it as a commodity instead of a life," Dutt said.

Pet Pals will use money generated from donated food points to buy baking items for both human and canine treats. It will also sell t-shirts at the event to raise money.

Half of the money will be donated to the Delaware Humane Society and the other half to investigating puppy mills.

Pet Pals has raised more than the equivalent of a small meal plan's worth of food points (2450 points) this year for the humane society.

Junior Lauren Smith, Pet Pals secretary, said the food points were used to buy paper towels, cat food and litter.

Dutt said the group also raised money this year for the Wood County Humane Society, which was planning to close because of a lack of resources but is now fully operational.

The dog wash on April 13 will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m at 1277 Hills-Miller road. A dog wash will cost \$5 for dogs weighing under 40 pounds and \$10 for dogs weighing over 40 pounds.

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## Plant of the Week: Red Maple



Photo by Greg Stull

A widespread native of the eastern United States, Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) is one of the first trees to flower in the spring. Its sexual expression is generally monoecious, meaning that separate female and male flowers are produced on the same plant. Above, a red maple growing next to Beeghly library shows its male flowers. Clusters of female flowers are scattered elsewhere on the plant.



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# Ohio Wesleyan's History

## Through the words of the people who lived it

Story by Rafaya Sufi, Transcript reporter  
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Left: The Sulfur Springs used to serve as a meeting ground for OWU Students. Right: Today Hamilton Williams has taken its place as the most-frequented gathering spots.



At four o'clock one afternoon, in the fall of 1935, Professor Austin's recitation room at Mon-nett was the scene of one of those oft-chapel announced freshman class meetings. These meet-ings have taken place since the union of the college and the seminary and will continue to do so. But this particular meeting was more important than usual, there were parliamentary rulers from many high schools all gathered together to begin solving the problems and difficulties of a freshman class. They did not know each other very well, but felt a bond because they were all members of a new class entering Ohio Wesleyan. It was not long before they had chosen the good old Yale Blue and White for their colors, planned for a mighty constitution and then began to feel like an organized class. But most important of all was the inspiration which the blackboard of Professor Austin's trigonometry room gave to a little group of boys who suddenly startled the orderly meeting by the first but not the last rendering of the immortal yell:

"Tangent, cotangent, secant, sine  
We're the class of 1939!"

Ohio Wesleyan University, founded in 1842, is one of the oldest establishments in the state of Ohio.

Set in the heart of Delaware County, the self-proclaimed historic town of Delaware has not changed much since the university was first erected. Many years ago, students from in and outside the state, alongside many missionaries, first attended the university.

What have most noticeably changed are the student population and its diver-sity. Flipping through past publications of Ohio Wes-leyan's yearbook, *Le Bijou*, photographs of young men and women dating back to late 19th to early 20th centu-ry are printed on thin, water-marked pages.

Stamped at the bottom of all the pages is a picture of Cupid holding his arrow, and, at the top, an oval-frame lined with black and white hibiscus flowers numbering the pages. How strange it is to think that young men and women that traveled in from many areas of the United States--some from even as far as India--once graced the streets of Ohio Wesleyan dressed in suits and dresses, with kempt hair looking immaculate.

Spring days were spent by the sulfur spring in the back of Phillips, and win-ters in the comfort of quaint dorms such as Stuyvesant and Hayes. According to Benjamin Elder ('34), "Back in the day, OWU had its own charm. No one walked around in those horrid yellow trousers and whaddaya call it ... Northbound jackets? We had own crisp collars, shiny booties (mahogany), breach trousers and women--no cleavage. Tousled hairs and great white petticoats, oh yes ma'am. And the place! Oh, beautiful! So beautiful! Not so much pavement either!"

When the year turned 1950, Ohio Wesleyan changed drastically. It was a new generation, according to Margaret DeBell, ('54). "Revolutionary. Gone was the old Christian way of thinking. I

*"OWU, as if overnight, became colorful. There was color everywhere. "*

showed my legs," she said, wink-ing. "OWU, as if over-night, became colorful. There was color every-where. I remember on one occasion, my dear--so sorry he didn't ask me to marry him, but don't tell my husband--took me near University Hall. He said, 'Maggie, my magpie! Listen to this!' It was ... I

forget who, but such great music!" It was not just Ohio Wesleyan; it was America that was changing. Suburbia was slowly emerging, rock music was being played on the radio, and the youth, it seemed, was becoming rebellious. It was all evident on Ohio Wesleyan's campus, too, according to DeBell. Parties over weekends were changing, and no one seemed to obey the sleeping cur-fews anymore. "I spent all day with my roommates one Friday, Jonie, Sally and

Hershey Cole, to get ready for Friday night. I wore a white skirt and a peach sweater--cashmere. I wore pearls and new sandals. I had my first sip of alcohol and I got so woozy! Oh

dear! Crazy, crazy party! But back in the day, we kept our dignity and self-respect very close to our hearts. There were no drugs, no cocaine of sort. Boys and girls mingled, but at a distance. Today, you would know, it's so different." At Halloween, for instance, they enjoyed their parties up at Mon-nett as they ate popcorn balls and apples by the weird light of the jack o'lanterns and listened to ghost stories, as Harriot Smith, ('42) reminisced. When the '60s and '70s came, things heated up. Sue Heston ('64), mathemat-ics and classics double major from Columbus, described Ohio Wesleyan as a breeding ground for all things bad.

"One time I walked to class, something I rarely did--go to class--and my classics professor smelled of marijuana. He was a handsome man, with brown bell-bottoms, spoke lectures with eyes bloodshot. I thought to myself, my parents would never believe me! But it was just an era,

and Ohio Wesleyan was moving along with the times."

New bars opened in town, and there was a certain tranquility in the air, pro-moting peace, love and harmony. "We made love, not war. We dropped acid, not bombs," said Heston sai, with her eyes gleaming.

A new auditorium was also under con-struction, the Chappellear Drama Centre. Ohio Wesleyan had slowly started to develop the characteristics of a liberal arts college. "It's a funny story," Dan Antle ('73) said. "I came to OWU, lived in Welch Hall, which by the way, hasn't changed a bit. Maybe the only addition has been the convenient store ya'll have now. So I came, saw a bunch of beauties. I was 17 then. My buddies and I went to

Sandusky and got ourselves a fake ID. Drink-ing age at our time was 18. I sipped my first beer when I came to OWU. Affectionately known as Buts, the most popu-lar bar for col-lege students at the time was a booming suc-cess.

Antle and his buddy, Mike Wolf ('73), remember beer to be an integral part of the college careers. "I used to buy beer and hide it behind the heaters, because back then, we were (so) scared of our RAs!" Wolf confessed. Members of fraternities Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delt,

Antle and Wolf visit OWU frequently as both have children who are sophomores at the university.

Antle, who comes for Phi Gamma Delta's annual Pig Dinner every year, said although the layout of the college has changed quite a bit with the addition of Corns and Conrad Wetherell Science Center, downtown has not changed a bit.



Eliot Hall was once known as the Mansion House Hotel and served as health resort with a sulfur spring. In 1841 however Adam Poe and the community of Delaware purchased the land the Hotel was on and founded Ohio Wesleyan University. Today Ohio Wesleyan is home to nearly 2000 students and is one of the top liberal arts schools in the country. Throughout the last 160 years much has changed in the landscape and culture of the school.



"We didn't have the advantage of quick com-munication like you folks do nowa-days either. Life was just simple back then." Wolf, who also resided in Welch Hall, explained how com-munication or long dis-tance phone calls were a great excuse for skipping class back in the '70s. "We communicated the old-fashioned ways," Wolf said. "We sent letters home, or received phone calls from our folks or friends that we had to attend at the main phone booth in the student lounge at Welch."

Fast-forward a few years to the '90s. Although Ohio Wesleyan was not much different physically, it started to show much more diversity in its student popu-lation. India, Pakistan, Vietnam, Peru, Nigeria, Ghana, Turkey and Austria, just to name a few, were some of the nations newly represented in the student popula-tion. Saad Ahmed ('02), a native of Paki-istan, remembers Ohio Wesleyan to be "all that Western Civilization in the heart of the most boring town in America."

Darrell J. Albon, director of Interna-tional Student Services, says the number of international students who started to apply and attend Ohio Wesleyan was staggering.

"Currently, the international commu-nity represents 45 various nations from across the world and nine percent of the total student population. "It's the highest number of international students in the State of Ohio," he added.

Once a school priding itself on aca-demics, Ohio Wesleyan slowly started to expand its boundaries to student diversity and has continued to do so to this day. Karan Raney ('04), a native of India, said he pledged fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi because many of its members were from the international community.

"We had two more Pakistanis, one Egyptian, African Americans and even Jewish Hispanics! What are the chances of running into Jewish Hispanics these days?"



# Are alternative lifestyles *really* accepted at OWU?

## *Members of the campus community comment*

By Mary Beth Scherer  
Transcript Reporter

On a sunny day in April of 2007, like many students that day, then junior Philip Rademeyer and his friend decided to go outside and enjoy the weather.

As Rademeyer and his friend were lying outside, various people passed them. Some gave Rademeyer and his friend strange looks, while others ignored them. Then something happened Rademeyer will probably never forget.

Two males walked by, and as they passed Rademeyer and his friend, one of them turned around and yelled, “Faggots.”

Rademeyer wrote a letter to the editor, which appeared in the April 26 issue of *The Transcript*. In this letter, Rademeyer told his story, expressed his outrage and asked for respect.

The OWU community comprises diverse groups of people. Among these groups are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) persons. Like Rademeyer, GLBT students face issues of violence, discrimination, invisibility and isolation.

“To say this is a perfect campus for GLBT students is wrong,” Rademeyer said. “There is still work to be done.”

Mary Howard, chairperson and professor of sociology-anthropology, has been a part of the OWU community for 22 years. Howard said, “The GLBT community is one community who has had a hidden struggle to find acceptance.”

Howard said she would characterize OWU as generally tolerant, but not embracing or celebrating of the GLBT community.

Sophomore Matthew MacKenzie is not gay, but he is a supporter of the GLBT community. He works at the GLBT Resource Center at OWU. On a scale from one to 10, MacKenzie said he would give

OWU a six or seven when it comes to being GLBT friendly.

“There are not a lot of direct attacks on GLBT students and the discrimination is subtle, but constant and frequent,” MacKenzie said. “There are many students who say things like, 'Faggot,' 'That’s so gay' or 'That’s so queer,’” said MacKenzie.

Chaplain Jon Powers is a straight white male who considers himself to be “accepting and accepted within the GLBT community.” Powers said he wants GLBT students, faculty and staff and those who are hostile towards GLBT persons to know he is GLBT-friendly.

Powers said the term “faggot” is symbolic of violent death. “To use the term casually is an expression of cultural ignorance,” Powers said.

Karen Poremski, assistant professor of English, said she is accepting of the GLBT community.

“I suppose my willingness to be accepting of all kinds of people comes from my general outlook on life, which I would categorize as open or receptive,” Poremski said. “I like meeting all kinds of people and seeing what I can learn from them, from their perspective and experience.”

When it comes to the OWU campus being accepting of the GLBT community, Poremski said, “I think there are pockets of the OWU community that are very much open, supportive and accepting, but there are other pockets where ‘gay’ is still used as an insult. It’s as if some folks never progressed past the point they were in around eighth grade, and that’s just depressing.”

John Stone-Mediatore, part-time instructor of humanities-classics, said he has addressed the topic of homosexuality in two of the courses he has taught over the years here.

“My sense is that many students are accepting of homosexuality and bisexuality,” Stone-Mediatore said. “A significant number of students,

however, still seem to view it as evil or a mental illness.”

Senior John Betts is a member of the GLBT community and works at the GLBT Resource Center. Betts said he hasn’t experienced much discrimination at OWU because he associates with a group of “accepting and tolerant people.”

Betts said the GLBT community on campus is currently in a state of flux.

“There are a lot of people, especially men, who are afraid to come out because they are in fear of the backlash it will create,” Betts said.

Senior Josh Curie, president of P.R.I.D.E., said he is gay and feels safe and comfortable at OWU. He said the OWU community is accepting, but there is room for improvement.

Curie said there are some communities on campus that he believes are safer than others. He said he did not want to attack any individual fraternity, but “homophobia in fraternities is common everywhere.”

Rademeyer said he doesn’t like going to the fraternities because he fears being discriminated against.

“I don’t know if it’s a well-founded fear or not,” Rademeyer said.

MacKenzie said he has heard of instances on sports teams where “GLBT students have not felt comfortable because of the hurtful language that has been used.”

Curie suggested the university sports coaches be trained to learn about the different lifestyle choices their athletes might make. Curie said coaches should have “no tolerance for homophobia” on their teams.

Sean Ryan, head men’s lacrosse coach, said he is accepting of the GLBT students.

“In today’s society, people should not be discriminated because of their personal choices or views,” Ryan said.

Ryan said the members of his team do not misuse the word “gay”

or use the term “faggot.”

“Maybe six or seven years ago, you would hear something like that, but not today,” Ryan said. “I believe that the players on my team have a better understanding on how hurtful words can be.”

Ryan said if he heard players on his team using these words inappropriately, he would first address it with the individual and then the team. Ryan said his team has “guidelines on hazing and treating other people on campus with respect.”

Ryan said although he has not had to deal with this issue, he would “hope that a student-athlete would not feel intimidated and that their sexual preference would not come into play with a decision to play a sport on any level.”

There are resources available on campus for GLBT students to use. Some of the resources available to GLBT students include the GLBT Resource Center, P.R.I.D.E., the Women’s Resource Center, Counseling Services and the Chaplain’s office.

Eric Johnson, assistant director of counseling services, said, “Each of the named resources are either professional university offices or student led organizations or groups that provide a safe and supportive atmosphere for GLBT students seeking assistance, or a welcoming environment for GLBT students who are wanting to connect with their peers.”

Johnson said there are things that can be done to make GLBT students feel even more comfortable at OWU. “Students, faculty and staff who care about having a truly diverse and welcoming community must work to create a culture of acceptance and appreciation for diversity that extends beyond simply not tolerating forms of discrimination, harassment or intimidation on the basis of one’s sexual orientation,” Johnson said.



# Where everybody knows your name...

Don Hollenback spends all day surrounded by other people’s old furniture and discarded clothes. His income is next to nothing, he works ridiculous hours and he couldn’t be happier.

Hollenback is the manager of the Delaware Antique Mall in downtown Delaware. He has salt-and-pepper hair and round glasses, and though he says he doesn’t know everything about anything, he comes pretty close in the business of antiques. He is one of the 12 employees of the store, and he’s what could be called a lifer.

“I’ve been doing this since high school, and now I’m 46,” he said. “I never would’ve believed I could maintain the hobby so long, but it’s been good to me.”

Hollenback is one of many small business merchants in Delaware. Sandusky Street is dotted with merchants of every sort, including restaurants, a candy store, a cigar shop and a pottery painting studio. Every store has a story, and there is an owner who is just waiting to tell it.

One place absolutely full of stories is Mel Corroto’s Beehive Bookstore. When you step inside, the first thing you notice is the aroma of locally roasted coffee brewing, or the squishy red leather sofas or maybe it’s the walls lined with books on just about any subject you can think of. No matter what you might see or smell, Corroto hopes that what you feel is at home.

“It was a goal of ours to make it as comfy and relaxed in here as possible,” she said. “Something about bookstores—they have this atmosphere of a place where you meet people and be open to new ideas. You can look on the shelves and see different viewpoints sitting on the shelf next to each other, and it pushes you to do the same and share ideas.”

Corroto flits about the store, rearranging books and displays. She’s used to the world of books and has worked in the business for 15 years. After spending several years buying for Borders, she decided it was time for a change and joined with her business partner to open their own small business.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) defines a small business as an independent business having fewer than 500 employees. In that case, the businesses in downtown Delaware definitely qualify. Businesses here traditionally employ between 3 and 25 employees, depending on the type of product and service being sold.

For Amanda London, an employee at the pottery painting studio in Delaware, working as part of a small business offers the opportunity to observe people. She knows that a business this size is dependent on customer satisfaction.

“People come into here because it’s something unusual to do, and they can spend time with their friends and family without being rushed,” London said. “We have a lot of people who like it and come back and bring their friends. That’s how we get most of our business.”

Nationally, small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms and employ about half of all private sector employees. In Ohio, there are 920,500 small businesses, and in Delaware County there are 3,412 private, non-farm establishments, employing 59,660 people.

While small businesses may not have the same abilities as larger firms to provide employees with things like healthcare or extensive training, there are resources for these companies. Nationally, the SBA serves as an entity to protect, strengthen and represent small businesses. There is also an organization that works to preserve historic downtowns such as Delaware. The Main Street program is organized by the National Register of Historic Places, and members work with businesses all over the country to encourage economic growth without compromising the integrity of historic buildings.

“Main Street is basically a great thing; they’re responsible for trying to advertise for everybody,” Hollenback said. “We could not afford to advertise on a single shop basis, but

when we pool ad money together we can do something. It gets customers into town, and then it’s up to you to make the final sale, but you can’t make a sale without customers”

At the local level, Delaware small business owners have joined together to create their own informal support group.

“We meet and talk about issues facing merchants, specifically here in Delaware,” Corroto said. “While it’s nice to have Main Street, we also need people who understand our particular situation.”

Susie Stromberg, owner of the clothing store Toujours, was one of the merchants behind the development of the First Friday program in Delaware.

“It’s a promotion tool to get as many stores as we can to stay open late,” Stromberg explained. “More of them are staying open later now, but back when we started they were closing at five or six. One night a month, we would advertise to everyone that we would be open late, invite them to come down and look around. It takes a long time to get something like this imprinted in costumers’ minds, but after two years it’s pretty successful.”

Without pressures from a corporate office to meet sales quotas, these merchants are free to indulge in a little more creative activity. For Hollenback, this means he’s able to spend more time searching for fascinating objects and less time watching numbers.

“Well, the most memorable thing I ever found was a little playing card, like the kind you play poker with, that had an advertisement for a famous magician, and his trick was, say you were sitting in a theater, way back, he could take that card, and flick it and it would land in your lap,” Hollenback said. “He was documented flipping a card over the Empire State building. Finding it was really neat.”

For Hollenback, that’s the sort of thing that makes small business life worthwhile.

“It’s the pirate treasure-hunter in me,” he said. “You never know what you’re gonna find. You can bring back something someone’s always looked for. You just never know.”

If there is one thing that these merchants will always agree on, it’s that customer service is their bread and butter.

“It’s the one-on-one connection with your customer base, something totally different then the norm of most businesses today looking for mass walk-ins--Home Depot, Wal-Mart,” Hollenback said. “You get to know your customers by name. In any business, be it small business or big business, you cannot survive without repeat customers. To make a customer repeat they either have to like your prices, like your help or a combination of the two. You gotta give them something they can’t get anywhere else.”

The attention to detail in service and merchandise is what differentiates these businesses from larger competitors. By offering unique products, small businesses can increase their appeal to consumers.

“There’s competition everywhere--Amazon, the internet--books are sold everywhere now,” Corroto said. “Most blockbusters, the best-sellers, you can buy at Wal-Mart and grocery stores. But I find people are interested in books on all different subjects, from horses to coins to gardening to you name it; those sorts of books are really the books we sell more of.”

The level of control that owners have over the operations of their business is a luxury for them and benefits customers as well.

“You can count on the loyalty of the owners and the dependability of the product,” Redding said. “If it isn’t right, someone will fix it for you. There’s no going through the hassle of a big store. There’s a neighborhood feel. I like to give to the community not corporations.”

Getting the community involved is essential to success. For Corroto, the best way to do

that was identify a need in Delaware.

“It was easy for us to reach out to the community,” she said. “One thing that helped was that people in the area are really interested in a bookstore and they come in just because they know we’re here and want to support us.”

“No small business can survive until you get the community behind it,” Hollenback said. ‘For so long, the thrust has been towards the opposite. Everybody’s life is more hectic, kids in school, sports. We’ve been trained over the last 25 years to want to do stuff in a one-stop-shop mentality, and that is just opposite of what a small town is. You gotta go, gotta get out of the car, may not be able to park in the first four rows, so it’s a different commitment.”

Strolling down Sandusky Street helps to clarify more of what sets this area apart from a shopping mall or chain store. The old-fashioned store fronts, the light post lined streets, the twinkling lights and the outdoor seating add to Delaware’s “small town charm.”

“I think downtowns in general are suffering from people just wanting to go to the mall because there’s everything there,” Johnson said. “I think there’s an atmosphere that downtowns have that malls can’t.”

Sipping on coffee and reading a memoir of Jimmy Carter, Angela Wilt finds Beehive Bookstore to be the perfect place to relax. Wilt grew up in Boston, and was transplanted here after college. It’s taken her some time to get used to the different way of life, and the slower pace of living has been part joy, part frustration.

“There is something to be said for a small business,” Wilt said. “There’s more attention to detail, more customer service. But you have to be in the right mindset for it. There isn’t any just running in and grabbing something quickly. If you have the time though, it’s an experience worth having.”

Small businesses have always been an integral part of the Delaware landscape. Hollenback remembers frequenting the stores as a child.

“When I was young, my parents, their big idea was to come to Delaware on Friday nights and that was, you know, our whole night,” Hollenback said. “We’d go eat somewhere, we’d get our hair cut, Mom would end up at the stores, I’d end up at the newsstand.”

Joan Klosek is another one who knows her small towns. She was born and raised in Hilliard, lived in small towns throughout Indiana and has been a resident of Delaware for seven years. Although every town is a little different, there are some things that stay the same.

“When I go out to eat, the waitress knows my name,” Klosek said. “She asks about my son, wants to see pictures of my granddaughter. You don’t get that at the TGI Fridays. I will always shop local--it’s a small price to pay for that service.”

When Klosek thinks of small town life, she thinks of her childhood, lazy days spent downtown, hanging around the ice cream shop and the drug store. There was a movie theater that played only one movie at a time, and she and her friends would climb up the fire escape and sneak into the theater. While she’s older now, and not climbing many fire escapes, she still holds the memories close to her heart.

“That’s why we stayed in a small town to raise our kids,” Klosek explains. “Growing up like that is good for a person. There’s a lot to be learned: you be nice to the candy man and you might get a little treat when you go into see him. I can never say enough good things about small town businesses.”

For small business owners and patrons alike, there is an agreement about these sorts of places. It’s a place to call home, it’s a connection. Owning a small business isn’t just about the paycheck. As John Cougar Mellencamp so famously sang about small towns, “No, I cannot forget where it is that I come from/ I cannot forget the people who love me/ Yeah, I can be myself here in this small town/And people let me be just what I want to be.”



The red leather couches in Beehive Bookstore provide a comfortable place for customers to sit back and enjoy their reading selection. For owner Mel Corroto, comfort is key. After working for Borders books for several years, she made the transition into owning a small business, opening the bookstore on Sandusky in November of 2007.

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# Opinion

## Some Greek men insensitive about women's rights

Dear Editor:

Last Thursday was “Take Back the Night.” Over one hundred OWU students participated in this annual event. The night began in Corns, where survivors shared stories of sexual assault for over two hours. The group then marched through the entire campus, which was lit with luminaries, to protest sexual assault.

When we finally reached the hill, only one fraternity, Delta Tau Delta, chose to support this essential OWU event.

A few individual brothers from several houses aided the event, but fraternity support was dismal at best.

The brothers of Phi Kappa Psi stood outside of their house, not in support, but in mockery of “Take Back the Night.” Several brothers ridiculed our chants and yelled destructive comments at the demonstrators.

Earlier in the night, when members of the Women’s House (WoHo) set up, several brothers of Phi Psi walked out of their house and made obscene sexual gestures over the luminaries.

Immediately following the event, I wrote a letter to Nick Wagner, the president of Phi Psi, informing him of this behavior. He later responded and refused to accept responsibility for the actions of his house.

Despite Nick Wagner’s denial, the participants in the march clearly witnessed

his brothers' unforgiveable behavior. As a senior member of Delta Gamma and an active member of the Greek community, I am disgusted by Phi Psi’s actions and disappointed that more fraternities did not support the event.

By not participating, these fraternities effectively stated that sexual assault does not pertain to them.

Perhaps their absence even suggests that fraternities do not oppose sexual assault. All of the houses were provided with the materials, information and prior notice to participate, and yet they chose to not to support the event.

“Take Back the Night” is not an attack on men, or the hill.

The march extends across the entire campus, and the point of the event is to empower survivors and protest sexual assault.

Sexual assault is widespread, and men are an integral part of the system. They are survivors, boyfriends, brothers and sons of women who have survived assault.

Sexual assault will never end without the support of men.

Next year, I urge fraternities to take this issue seriously. I hope that if you are a survivor, a woman, a Greek, a student or a supporter you will announce your disapproval and demand more respect from fraternities during future “Take Back the Nights.”

Sincerely,  
Jessica Nare

## Sigma Triathlon doing charitable work; columnist plans to seek U.S. citizenship

### Tackle Football

with  
Rory  
McHale



Greetings, campus. I must interrupt my regularly scheduled reporting to send accolades to one of the finest fraternities on this campus: Sigma Triathlon.

The Sig Tri’s are coming off a fantastic week. Not only did they just rush some upstanding, fresh-faced, homophobic young pledges, but they’ve been having a banner year in intramural soccer.

Sigma Triathlon is the second-longest living fraternity presence on this campus. They are the house in the middle of the hill, the one with the balloons always tied to the roof.

Their philanthropy activities are also commendable. Every year the Sig Tri’s find dozens of unemployed children and give them jobs cleaning up their frat house.

These children, who otherwise may have turned to drugs, gangs, or education, are instead given the chance to work 60 hours a week cleaning, mixing chemicals, performing repairs and taming wild animals. In exchange for this opportunity, the children’s wages are donated to a different Sig Tri each month, depending on the results of a random lottery.

I want to use this soap box not only to congratulate Sigma Triathlon but to encourage the rest of campus to live according to the Sig Tri ideals.

Imagine this house filled with overworked pauper children and

rowdy fraternity brothers, and then think of what you’ve done for the campus community lately.

Really ... makes you ... think. Before continuing, I must do my duty. This campus relies on me for sports news, and because no one else in *The Transcript* steps up, I must provide it.

This week: The Celtics dropped the football to end hockey’s fourth quarter. This development was followed rapidly by the announcement of an encouragement. Subsequently, the Raiders ate the Lakers and soccer. John Madden announced. Varsity, etc. Frankly, if you want my opinion on the matter, the NFL-ABA merger will change the way we think about such and such. Opinion this, commentary that, Shaquille O’Neal, George Best, Tavish Miller, Napoleon.

I have an idea that I wished to devote an entire column to. I didn’t do so because not enough people read this for it to be a worthwhile column.

Regardless, now that you’ve elected me WCSA president, I can spill the truth that I’m not a United States citizen.

You heard right. I am a native of Ireland. This is not the main point. The main point is that it costs money to be a U.S. citizen. I forget the dollar amount, maybe a million or several hundred or something. But \$1,850 would perhaps do the job.

That’s what I would like every student on campus to give me a dollar. My HWCC is 1097. If all students donate one dollar (or half give me two or so on), I pledge to file for citizenship or take a sweet road trip. That depends on how stupid you all are (quite).

## Sad tale of father, son rift continues



### Letters I found in the dumpster

by Tavish Miller

Dear Dad,

If you’re reading this, I guess you know I didn’t make it to New York. I love you Dad. Oh boy, do I love you. So. Much. Please understand that I can’t live in the middle of the GD ocean on an oil rig.

Hey, hey, do you remember that time when we went to the zoo (oh, this is hard for me) and we were looking at the lions and all those people were around and you picked me up and

shook me over the lion pit and said, “Who wants to watch me feed this fat kid to the lions!? Oh I’m just kidding but seriously, those lions looked hungry!” You probably don’t remember; it’s a good story to tell though, sometimes.

Things aren’t going well with my roommate. He bought that pony. (Remember he wanted to buy a pony? Well he did!)

When my roommate goes to sleep, the pony tries to play with me, but sometimes I can’t play and it gets mad and then it won’t talk to me the next day!

But I need someone to talk to ,and that pony does, too, so it always comes around. Sometimes I feel like that pony is my only friend: my girlfriend doesn’t want to see me. She told

me we aren’t even dating and never were, but it sure felt like we were sometimes. It sure felt like it, to me.

Zack (the pony, we have the same name but spelled different how crazy!?) says I shouldn’t even worry about it, it’s not a big deal, I should move on, and I say, “ZACK, maybe you’ve never been in a relationship, maybe you’ve never found a pony, but I found my pony, so eff you.”

I know, this is a long letter, dad, and you hate reading, but I hope you read this, because I feel like, I feel!

What if I made a terrible mistake. Maybe I should have gone to the oil rig after all.

Is it too late?! Will this hurt our relationship? Please write

me, dad. I love you.

With Love and Care, Your Son,  
Fifty Percent of Your Genes,  
Zach

P.S.: Do you guys get cable? I like to watch my stories.

Dear Benedict Arnold,

You really screwed me in the ass this time.

I saw you wrote me a letter, I didn’t read it.

Someday I’ll send you a picture with a picture of me and my new son, the oil rig. I can’t now because this is a postcard. I’m bringing the oil rig to Thanksgiving at Aunt Jubjub’s. Try not to cry like you do every year.

Dad

## Russia's new president promises to maintain status quo

### A Global View

Alexandra Panait



Strictly following its authoritarian, pre-established policy, Russia again paved the way for its newest presidential administration: Putin’s successor, Dmitri Medvedev.

The elected president promises a continuation of the rising Russian voice. Nevertheless, he will still be in Putin’s shadow for a long time, given the announced prime ministry of the current president.

Putin will not exit the political stage any time soon, clearly controlling what he started: a new Russia that was losing power in the European continent.

The natural question hovers over the expectations and the future of Russia once the helm

is given to Medvedev.

Medvedev’s presidential status was met from the beginning by criticism and restrictions. Powerful political blocs question the accession of a business man such as Medvedev, who is seen as an intruder into the secrecy of Russia politics.

In a recent interview, Medvedev underlined his strong political link with Putin, which will shape Russia’s politics.

At the same time, Medvedev made it clear he is aware of the durability test he is posed to face, of the political maneuvers he has to undergo as a political figure on Russia’s stage. More intriguing than all of this was his emphasis on the in-fighting at the Kremlin, where “siloviki,” former KGB members, continue to dictate Russian affairs from a cozy position of power.

It is unlikely that such a new figure, already harshly digested in Russia political life will break the barriers and provoke any alternative that has not been reviewed or dictated from the

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powers behind the scenes.

Putin’s message to the West was clear: There are no expectation from the West from Russia.

Such vitriolic words are of course part of the diplomatic threat and signal Russia’s political stability and its intention to continue along the new road it started. For sure, Russia, molded by Putin, is playing its cards

very well on the European table. Europe stands mutes and indifferent .

Other stakes are involved in Southern Europe, such as the nascent Bosnian Serb self-determination for the Srpska region independence as expressed by 2,500 people in a protest on March 27, or Sarkozy’s plan for a new diplomatic partnership in

Western Europe.

Among the countries in the West, it was Germany that took the first step towards intruding the Russian fortress once Angela Merkel visited Putin’s successor. Yet, Germany stands as a singular case for a country more focused on building its foreign policy at the expense of a divided domestic politics. And Germany is advancing its own energy interest, rather than the surface interest, towards Russia’s leadership.

An isolated step for a country placed at the core of the European Union, is just another signal of a more divided, nationalistic Europe hiding itself under the mask of economic, and political, unity.

It is hard to articulate what Russia desires. After all, Russia entered a new phase both internally and externally, with Western neighbors demanding change and freedom from former Russian influence.

They did so by increasing NATO and EU influence, even

though rigid and powerful political voices in the Kremlin don’t plan on giving up their control any time soon.

No political movement will be made without the full agreement of the strong Russian background, which is to say any such action must be compatible with the Russian tradition of dominance and authoritarianism.

As a result, Russia will still maintain an incredibly widening inequality -- with Moscow reigning as the most expensive European capital. Externally, Russia might concede its visions of Western partnership. Nevertheless, if Georgia and the Ukraine are expecting the toning down of a Russia voice with a political change, they are more than naïve.

Russia is just changing superficially, not internally or deeply. And it has everything playing to its advantage, with a Europe dormant and inefficient and a U.S. entrenched in Iraq and presidential campaigns.

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# Opinion

## Administration should seriously consider opinion of students, WCSA

The Transcript would like to commend the student body for its decision to vote down the proposal to give swipe card access to Delaware Police Department (DPD) officers. We also applaud WCSA for making the decision to put the opinions of their constituents in high regard by also rejecting the scheme to allow DPD to invade student privacy.

We can only hope the administration will be persuaded to heed the request of the students regarding this critical issue.

In this election, 47.5 percent of the student body cast ballots. That is the highest percentage of student voters in a WCSA election in at least three years.

While much of that must be attributed to the aggressive and serious campaigning of the WCSA candidates, we think this is an issue about which students are particularly passionate.

It was clear in the town hall meeting regarding this issue that the students who care most are those who are not interested in giving DPD keys to their residences.

While the decision made was the correct one, we believe the percentage of students against this proposal would have been even higher than 58.99 percent if the issue was further debated in public. WCSA said they would schedule another town hall meeting to discuss this issue, but it never happened. This caused the issue to die down significantly. The only information given to the student body before the election was an email from WCSA representatives Joey Yost, Shannon Hopkins and Sharon Rymut advocating the policy to allow DPD to have key card access.

This is unacceptable. WCSA should have sent another email giving a differing opinion, or sent an email simply stating the issues, without any recommendation. So while the debate could have been more robust, the student opinion remains clear: nearly 60 percent of students are against the policy.

However, we are not insinuating that an understaffed Public Safety department is not an issue that must be addressed. We have the fewest Public Safety officers when compared to peer colleges, along with the fewest dispatchers. Having this few Public Safety officers on duty does not only affect the student body.

Bob Wood, director of Public Safety, said his officers are put in danger because of the lack of officers. The most reasonable solution to solve this problem is to add more officers and dispatchers to the department. The administration should not sidestep their obligation to make sure students are safe by allowing DPD to roam the campus.

It is also important to reiterate the point that Wood and Russ Martin, chief of police, could give no particular instance in which a situation became out of hand because DPD officers were stuck outside while responding to an emergency.

Their insistence that the horrible massacres at Columbine and Virginia Tech should change students' minds is absurd. Columbine is a high school, which had police officers on duty, and did not in any way restrict access to their building. At Virginia Tech, the shooting occurred on the academic side of campus. DPD would not need swipe cards to respond to something similar taking place at Ohio Wesleyan.

Exceptional communication is the most important characteristic of keeping an entire campus safe from a massacre like Virginia Tech. They should continue to improve their emergency response system, and add more staff to Public Safety.

There is also no harm in giving DPD the phone numbers of Residential Life staff. They are responsible for the well being of students, and could easily open a door for a DPD officer if a Public Safety officer is tied up with an emergency situation.

DPD swipe card access is not the answer.

## Criticism can be constructive while hating only tears down

### Real Talk



Simon Brown

Haters, player haters--who are they?

This has been a hip-hop phenomenon for a very long time. The question is, when am I hating or telling the truth?

Is criticism hating?

This is a topic that comes up in hip-hop arguments all the time. One person may like a

certain rapper and another may say that the music is horrible, and that person is called a hater. I will attempt to break down these difference.

Firstly, constructive criticism is not hating. Everybody deserves a chance.

An example of this is the success of Shawty Lo's song "Dey Know." Personally, I love the beat; the chant of horns couples with a nice bass line for a decent club bounce to me is enjoyable.

Then when I hear the words of the song, I have to admit that the track is garbage.

"Shawty Lo, I got flavor/ Cause you know the kid got paper... Shawty Lo ATL Mayor/ Street guy but my gear be tailored." Lyrics this horrible could not have taken more than five minutes. These horrible verses are joined by a chorus that has three words: "Hello, Dey Know." That's it.

I gave it a chance and it turned out to have some of the worst lyrics ever written. Is that hating? Not to me.

I witnessed hating recently

on a hip-hop blog site. Someone put up a free download of a 50 Cent mix tape, and a person, before downloading it, replied, "I hate 50 Cent I will never waste hard drive space with that wack rappers mix tape, because I know it will suck."

Now that is supreme hating. Why? First of all he does not give the rapper a chance. I personally don't like 50 Cent's recent commercial music, but in my eyes his first two albums were good.

Secondly, if you don't like him, why comment on a blog about him, shouldn't this person be listening and buying albums from his favorite rappers? This effort to bring down and criticize with out giving the person a chance is hating.

There are many instances of hating I've witnessed. Joe Budden has recently proved himself to be good lyricist, though people still see him as the "Pump it up" guy. His "Mood Muzik" mix tapes have been solid; give them a listen.

I've also noticed that people may also over praise their favor-

ite MC's.

Truth is, not everything your favorite rapper makes is good. Recently, Talib Kweli did his mix tape "MCEO," which I thought was pretty bland. Mos Def's past albums were also pretty disappointing.

I myself was called out for hating on Cam'ron, so I asked my friend to send me his favorite songs. With no big surprise I still thought Cam'ron has the most annoying rhyming style in hip-hop, but I gave it a chance.

The moral of the story here is simple: hating is not healthy in hip-hop.

If you don't like a song or a rapper, that's cool, but don't go out of your way to hate them. People have to make money, and if they're making it off of unintelligent short-attention-spanned listeners, then so be it.

Congratulate them on finding a way to make ends meet. Spend time listening to good music, and at least give something a chance.

Listen before criticizing, because if you don't, you'll look pretty ignorant.

## Ellen scoops up most votes as viewer favorite, dances on Oprah's throne



I was surfing the Internet this past weekend and stumbled upon an interesting tidbit.

You may recall that I wrote a column earlier this semester discussing my hate for Oprah. Well, newflash, I'm not the only one who feels this way.

According to a poll conducted by AOL, Ellen DeGeneres is now the reigning queen of daytime TV.

Ellen scooped up a whopping 46 percent of the vote. Coming in second place with 22 percent

of the vote was Regis Philbin. My favorite person to hate, Oprah, came in third with only 19 percent of the vote, while Barbara Walters and Martha Stewart rounded out the top five with 7 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

I must say that I am surprised Martha Stewart did not get more votes. I thought jail made people more popular, but maybe they were just Googled more. I have no idea. But I digress.

I love Ellen. Ellen rightfully

deserves this place at the top of the daytime totem pole.

She is funny (unlike Oprah).

She dances (I never want to see Oprah do her thing).

She truly interacts with her audience without promoting a certain make of car.

She is genuinely likeable (again, unlike Oprah).

I wish Ellen was my best friend. We would have non-stop fun. In fact, we would have parties and invite the woman that I strive to be like in every aspect of my life, Chelsea Handler. That woman is hilarious. She is comedy gold. I hope you are watching her show, "Chelsea Lately," which airs every weeknight at 11:30 p.m. on E! If you are not, you should be.

In fact, Chelsea was voted fourth in the poll, "Which host is ready for a bigger audience?" She was behind Jimmy Kimmel, Craig Ferguson and Carson Daly. I agree with the first two,

but Carson Daly? SERIOUSLY!? That guy is a tool. Skip his show and move right on over to Chelsea's.

Conan O'Brien, one of my favorite late night hosts of all time, came in third in the "Best late night talk show host" category. This is truly appalling. However I did agree with voters who voted Jimmy Fallon to be his replacement once Conan's contract is up.

I love Jimmy Fallon. I want to marry Jimmy Fallon. In fact, I find him extremely sexy.

I have been told by people (you know who you are) that this is ridiculous. I guess some people just cannot appreciate how sexy comedy can be.

While some of the poll results were a little disappointing, I must say I am happy that Ellen beat Oprah. Now, if only there was a way to

make Oprah disappear forever, then my life would be complete.

## Comments in column taken out of context

To the Editor:

In the recent WCSA Executive Election Debate, I was publicly accused of writing a column reflecting racist sentiments in the Transcript column I wrote from Philadelphia during fall semester.

My accuser initially stood to confront me about a column I wrote "about someone's funny accent," offending this international student. However, referencing the Oct. 11 issue of the Transcript to which he referred, one can see that no "accents" were mentioned at all, much less "funny" ones.

However, adamant in his unfounded accusation, my accuser got mid-debate access to the online version of my column and returned to Ham-Will atrium where the debate was occurring with a piece of paper on which he had scribbled six adjectives that I used throughout that particular column: "Uncomfortable, different, helurious [sic], foriegn [sic], creepy, wierd [sic]."

He provided no context for the use of these words. He proceeded to pass this piece of paper to many of the international and minority students present at the debate, and it is no surprise that they assumed these words were used to describe international or minority persons.

While logistical conflicts impeded anyone from further addressing the issue formally, several students began raising their voices in protest of such "racist" writing.

What is unfortunate, and what I wish clarify today, is that this young man was blatantly mistaken in his accusation that such words were used in a racist way.

Without context for the words, it is understandable that the students who read the slip of paper were offended by their presumed context. They did, however, presume falsely if they believed I was discussing persons of another country.

At the end of the debate, my accuser handed me the slip of paper he had passed around, and with it I have referenced my column and the ways in which I used these words.

Looking at my column from Oct. 11, 2007, a perceptive reader

will understand that the column was intended to debunk the stereotype that travelling far away—whether it be to a foreign country or to California—is not necessary for one to find persons quite different from oneself.

The examples about which I used the words "uncomfortable, different, hilarious, foreign, creepy, and weird" include: a man with a carefully curled mustache (hilarious and different), an old man who stared at me for the duration of two plane rides (creepy, uncomfortable, and weird), a woman from Houston who was deathly afraid of Cleveland winters ("foreign,"—as defined by Webster as "situated outside a place or country," hilarious) and two old Chinese women who sprinted across the airport even though their plane had not yet arrived (hilarious, with reference to their race serving only to point out the diversity found just at the airport alone).

I conclude the column by pointing out that "it's always a challenge to both enjoy and embrace the billion things that make each and every one of us so different, even as we share so much."

It is, I believe, clear that this column was not about race; rather, it is about the differences beyond race that surround us each and every day, even at in our home territory.

I am extremely disappointed that the professionalism of the WCSA debate was compromised by a false, unfair personal attack which cruelly rendered me a "racist" in the eyes of many people I respect and care for.

During an age in which the term "racism" is so emotionally and socially charged, it seems that persons should be more cautious in their use of it, as not to cheapen it or lessen its gravity. I apologize to anyone who was offended by the misunderstanding this event created, and do sincerely ask you to critically consider the information you were given before passing judgment, in this and all situations.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Zechiel  
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Kickin' it with poetry



Photo courtesy of Beehive Books

Internationally known saxophonist Jack Wright of 'Rotty What' will join two central Ohio musicians to present a free music-poetry show at Beehive Books on Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. to kick off Beehive's celebration of National Poetry Month in April. 'It's an avant garde poetry experience not for the faint-of-heart,' said Mel Corroto, co-owner of Beehive Books. Wright, who has made more than 40 recordings and toured the world, will perform with an improv trio of saxophone, percussion and voice that includes John Bennett of Columbus, who has published 250 books and chapbooks, and his son, Ben Bennett, also of Columbus. The evening also will feature 'Truant Runts,' a duo consisting of Wright and Michael Johnsen of Pittsburgh on electronics.

## Film shows two sides of issue

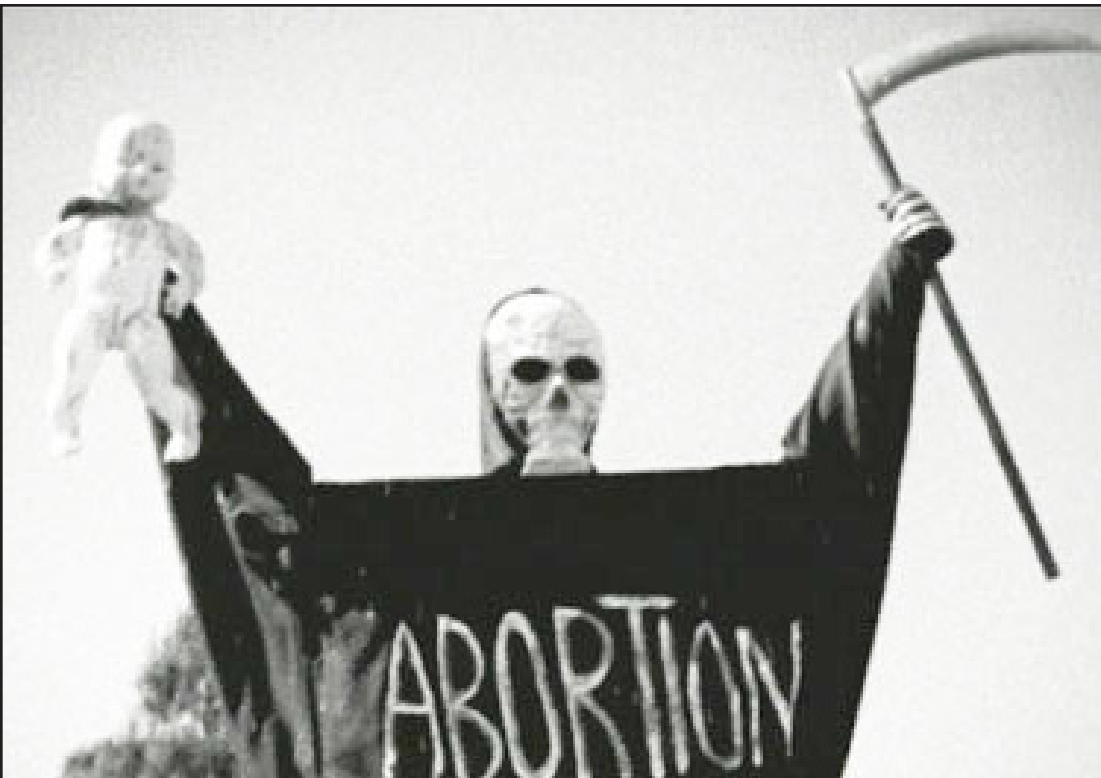


Photo by Tony Kaye

An image from an abortion protest portrayed in the documentary 'Lake of Fire.'

**By Forrest Old**  
*Transcript Correspondent*

Abortion has continued to be a topic of controversy in the world.

A google search of the word "abortion" yields 43,400,000 results. Presidential candidates are often asked to state their opinion on the issue. The tension between people for and against abortion has resulted in violence on numerous occasions.

Sophomore Annamarie DelPropost, a member of the House of Peace and Justice (P&J), will be hosting a screening of "Lake of Fire," a documentary depicting both sides of the abortion debate, this Saturday, April 5, at 2 p.m. in Corns 312.

The film is approximately 150 minutes long, and there will be a half-hour discussion afterwards.

"There's a lot of controversy from people taking sides and not being willing to listen to the other side," DelPropost said. "I think it also has to do a lot with religion--people using their reli-

gion to make other people seem (like the) anti-Christ."

DelPropost said she first saw the film over winter break when it was showing as part of a film series at Wexner Center for the Arts on the Ohio State University campus.

"It was just really moving," DelPropost said. "It made me think of why I'm pro-choice, and what the main points of the other side are. It also made me realize how much killing has gone on, in terms of killing abortion doctors, and the mayhem that has unraveled, how many people have gotten hurt over the issue."

After decided to show the documentary for her house program she said, to pay for the cost of bring the film here, she sought funding from all over campus, including the Alcohol Free Fund, the Women's Resource Center and P&J house funds.

DelPropost also credited Mary Howard, chairperson and professor of sociology-anthropology, for her support and advice. The film, which is in

black and white, took 15 years to make. The director, Tony Kaye (director of "American History X," starring Ed Norton), attempted to document every side of the argument.

He interviewed both extremists and moderates on the pro-choice and pro-life sides, covering the legal, philosophical and religious perceptions of the issue, in addition to filming protests and clashes between the opposition.

Interviewees include Noam Chomsky, Alan Dershowitz, Pat Buchanan and Nat Hentoff.

DelPropost said the film ended up forcing Kaye to file for bankruptcy.

Kaye's efforts culminated with three best documentary award nominations from the Chicago Film Association, Independent Spirit Awards and Satellite Awards.

In Roger Ebert's review of the film, he wrote, "At 152 minutes, his film doesn't seem long, because at every moment something absorbing, disturbing, depressing, or infuriating is happening."



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# Bishops Sports

## Gators too much for the Bishops in NCAC opener

By Brian Test  
Transcript Reporter

Allegheny was too much to handle for the women's lacrosse team on Saturday as they lost 13-5 in their NCAC opener in Meadville, Pa.

After Junior attack Hannah Mudge tied the game 2-2, Allegheny went on a 5-1 run to finish out the first half.

Jensen Paterson gave the Gators the 1-0 lead just 14 seconds into the game. Mudge answered with a goal at the 19:19 mark of the first half. Ashley Hughes then scored for a 2-1 Allegheny lead, but Mudge answered again, scoring with 13:34 left in the half to tie the game 2-2. Lana Cannon scored less than a minute later to put the Gators ahead for the remainder of the game.

Sophomore midfielder Abbey Miller was able to bring the



Junior Hannah Mudge

Bishops to within 1 at the 9:59 mark, but the Gators got a score from Paterson and 2 goals from Christina Zanice, taking a 7-3 lead at halftime. Zanice second goal came with just 1 second left in the half.

The Gators were able to control the game by winning the majority of the draws and ground balls and by out-shooting the Bishops. They also converted on three free positions. The Bishops finished with 34 fouls compared to 15 for the

Gators.

Mudge led the Bishops with 2 goals. Senior goalie Maggie Eichenlaub had 13 saves. Zanice finished with 4 goals and an assist to lead Allegheny. Hughes added 3 goals and 2 assists and Paterson scored 3 goals. Lesley Stange stopped 4 shots in the Gator crease.

Mudge said the team played a decent offensive and defensive game.

"We were not clicking as a team and had a hard time picking ourselves up after Allegheny started to pull ahead," Mudge said.

She said Allegheny was an aggressive team and they "marked up above the 12," which really challenged them whenever they had the ball.

"We had to adjust our offense to remain calm under constant pressure and work the draw and dumps," Mudge said.

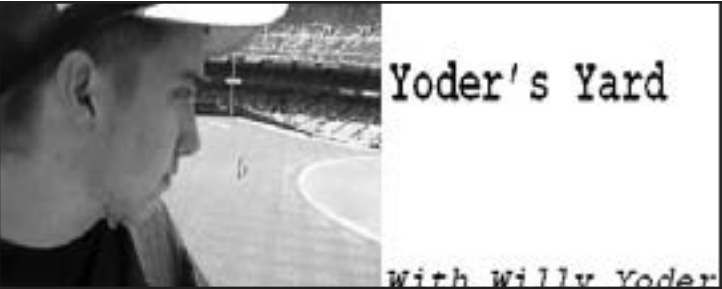
She said Eichenlaub had a great game and really made some major saves in crucial moments, but they needed to be more aggressive and calm under pressure.

"We should have been more aggressive on offense," Mudge said. "Our defense should have been better positioned giving up lots of shooting space. We were very sloppy in transition and needed to remain calm under pressure.

Senior midfielder Julia Fouts, a captain for the Bishops, said they needed to win more groundballs. She said though the referees were one-sided, that is not a good enough reason for them losing so badly.

"Allegheny was a much better team than we all remembered," Fouts said. "They worked better as a team and played with more consistency than we did."

## Baseball in D.C. makes dreams come true



Growing up across the river from Washington D.C., some may say I was spoiled by being only a stones throw away from the Redskins, the Capitals and the Bullets/Wizards.

However, if you have been reading my column, you know that I am a baseball guy, and for much of my life I was left without a hometown team.

For nearly 10 years my father and I were part of the campaign to bring America's game to our nation's capital.

In 1993 two teams were brought into the league, but, sadly, they went to Florida and Colorado.

In 1998 it was the same promise, but again D.C was left team-less, with Tampa getting their Rays and Arizona getting their Diamondbacks. We made signs, went to rallies and signed countless petitions; nothing seemed to bring baseball to D.C.

It wasn't until my senior year in high school that the orphan Montreal Expos were re-signed and found a family in Washington. I was ecstatic my hometown had a home team, the Washington Nationals.

I'll never forget the summer nights I spent at RFK Stadium watching the Nat's. Grabbing a few buddies, hopping into a car and driving 15 minutes through traffic to pay five bucks to watch Major League Baseball was my dream realized. That dirty old concrete prison of a ball park, RFK, was my home away from home, my baseball sanctuary.

Last Sunday, however, marked a new generation in baseball for Washington D.C, as it opened its brand new ball park for the Nationals.

The stadium is beautiful. Built along the Anacostia River, it has everything you could ever

want in a ball park. It has luxury seating for the wealthy fans that care more about appearance than baseball.

It has great sight lines, and over the outfield stands you can see both the Washington Monument and the Capitol Building lit up, providing the most beautiful backdrop most baseball fans will ever get to see at a park.

The Nationals broke in their new stadium well on Sunday. The president threw out the first pitch (to a booing crowd).

Christian Guzman got the first ever hit in the park, and scored the first ever run. Nick Johnson recorded the first ever extra base hit and the first run batted in.

Everything was going to plan until a passed ball allowed the tying run to score in the top of the 9th inning against the Nat's. It seemed that this seemingly perfect night that symbolized the new beginning for the team was slipping away.

However, in the bottom of the 9th with 2 outs, the Nat's franchise player came to bat. Ryan Zimmerman, a 23-year-old budding star who grew up in the D.C area, was called on to save the night for his city.

He answered with a blast to center that screamed out of the ball park causing the new stadium to experience its first standing ovation.

The Nat's had won in a picture perfect game.

Now that the Nationals finally have a park and a home, it seems to the fans that they can finally be taken seriously.

While they will not contend this year, or the next, baseball in D.C no longer seems like a temporary situation. This is a huge step for the Washington Nationals and hopefully the first building block to a future championship.

## Firedogs hope to grab 'ultimate' prize in April

By Clay Davis  
Transcript Correspondant

Many people may be lost in the notion that ultimate frisbee is not a real sport; however, for junior William Kenny and senior Andrew Au, it could not be further from the truth.

"Ultimate frisbee, in all actuality, requires athleticism, combining qualities of soccer and football," Au said. "It is very competitive."

Kenny added that despite what people may think of ultimate frisbee, it can be very intense.

"It is a very physical and demanding sport requiring quickness and agility, endurance, and good coordination," Kenny said.

Since ultimate frisbee is not a varsity sport, it does not have required practices, nor is there any university credit for it.

"Nobody is forced to come to practice when they have a lot on their plates, and nobody gets

class credit for playing in the snow on a Saturday morning when they could be in bed," Kenny said. "But in the end, you have to commit to being there in bad conditions as well as good."

While most spring sports have a while to go before the big tournaments, OWU's ultimate frisbee team, the Firedogs, has only a few days before the start of sectionals, a key ingredient in determining the team's success.

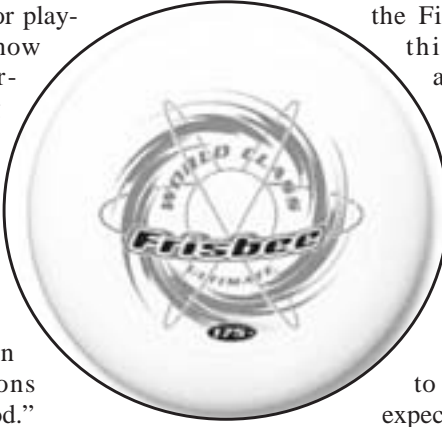
Au put it bluntly, saying that "if we do not do well at sectionals, the season is over."

Despite sectionals starting up soon, April 5 to be exact, it does not seem to keep the team from enjoying the success that they have already felt. While

the Firedogs saw this year as a rebuilding year, they soon found out that they are still a pretty good team. "For us to exceed our expectations coming into the season is great," Au said.

For Kenny, the youth on the Firedogs has actually benefited the team. "A lot of younger players have improved their game, and we still have a really strong team despite the loss of some of the best players in Firedog history," Kenny said. The Firedogs are hoping to ultimately come away with a successful showing and a chance to make it to regionals.

"Sectionals is coming up here this next weekend [April



## Softball splits NCAC opener against Kenyon on Saturday

Sophomore outfielder Amanda Sanders (Lima/Bath) and sophomore first baseman Catrice Mayweather (Lewis Center/Olentangy) drove in runs during a 2-run second that put Ohio Wesleyan ahead to stay, and senior catcher Miranda Simmons (Norwalk) tied a school record as the Bishops defeated Kenyon in the second game of a North Coast Athletic Conference doubleheader on Wednesday in Gambier.

In the opener, Sanders and sophomore outfielder Rachel Seibel (Johnstown/Johnstown-Monroe) drove in runs as the Bishops erased a 2-0 deficit, but Kenyon pushed across the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

The Bishops took the lead in the top of the third inning of the nightcap when sophomore outfielder Krystle Skaziak (Dublin/Scioto), sophomore second baseman Emily Bradley (Columbus/Upper Arlington) and Sanders opened the frame with consecutive singles. One out later, Simmons laid down a bunt single to load the bases and Mayweather followed with a sacrifice fly to score Bradley for a 2-0 lead.

Seibel doubled and scored on a Bradley single to extend the Bishop lead to 3-0 in the fourth, but Kenyon got that run back in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI single by Elizabeth Refsnnyder.

Sophomore outfielder Sarah Cook (Sidney/Fairlawn) doubled and later scored on a Kenyon error for a 4-1 Ohio Wesleyan lead in the sixth, and Seibel added an RBI single to cap the Bishops' 2-run seventh inning.

Simmons went 4-for-4 in the contest, tying the school record for hits in a game.

Seibel pitched the complete game for Ohio Wesleyan, scattering 5 hits while striking out 4 and walking 2.

Stephanie Hemmingson was the starting and losing pitcher for Kenyon.

The Ladies took an early lead in the opener, as their first 3 hitters, Refsnnyder, Brianna LaChusa and Brittany Vanegas, collected singles for a 1-0 lead. Mayweather got out of the inning without any further damage, stranding 3 Kenyon runners in the frame.

Kenyon manufactured a run in the second when Refsnnyder singled with 2 out, stole second and scored on a single by LaChusa.

Ohio Wesleyan got on the scoreboard in the fifth when Skaziak reached on an error by Kenyon second baseman Samantha Sims, moved to second on an infield out, and scored on Sanders's single.

The Bishops evened the game in the sixth as sophomore third baseman Rita Cook (Sidney/Fairlawn) lined a one-out single, moved to second on a sacrifice and scored on Seibel's single.

Kenyon won the game in the bottom of the seventh as Vanegas led off with a walk and scored on Ellen Witkowski's double.

Sanders and Rita Cook each had 2 hits for Ohio Wesleyan.

Mayweather pitched the complete game, striking out 1 and walking 2.

Hemmingson, who came on to pitch in the sixth inning, was the winning pitcher for Kenyon.

Ohio Wesleyan is 6-12 for the season, and 1-1 in the NCAC. Their next matchup is against Oberlin on April 5 at home.

## New softball and baseball press box dedication taking place in April

Ohio Wesleyan University will host doubleheader celebration when it dedicates its new softball field and new baseball press box during special game-day ceremonies April 19.

Admission to Ohio Wesleyan's regular-season softball and baseball games is always free.

The highlight of the day will be the 12:40 p.m. dedication of the new Margaret Sagan Field, which brings the women's softball team back to campus for the first time since 2000. Located on South Henry Street, Margaret Sagan Field features dugouts, bleacher seating, and a two-story press box with areas for media, concessions, and storage.

The softball field was built with a lead \$250,000 contribution from Margaret Pickett Sagan, a 1948 Ohio Wesleyan graduate and an enthusiastic supporter of the university for more than 60 years. Sagan, who now resides in Chicago, is scheduled to throw out the first pitch as the Bishops take on the Hiram Terriers.

"I played softball when I was in high school some 65 years ago," Sagan said. "When

I learned that Ohio Wesleyan needed a women's softball field, I was more than happy to pitch in."

Sagan and her late husband, John, a 1948 Ohio Wesleyan alumnus and former university trustee, previously have provided support for multiple university initiatives, including the annual Sagan National Colloquium lecture series and Sagan Academic Resource Center.

Preceding the Sagan ceremony as part of the university's doubleheader celebration will be the 11:40 a.m. dedication of the new C. Peter Hauck Press Box at neighboring Littick Field. The two-story press box is being named in honor of Hauck, a Toledo, Ohio, resident and 1952 Ohio Wesleyan graduate.

The university received an anonymous \$100,000 gift to honor Hauck as well as support upgrades at Littick Field, home of the men's baseball team.

In addition to adding the press box, the project also involved relocating the bleachers to the sides of the field. Hauck, a big baseball fan, is scheduled to throw out the first

pitch as the Bishops take on the Kenyon Lords.

The total investment for both projects was \$650,000. Work included building a parking lot at the baseball-softball complex to accommodate off-street parking as well as adding landscaping at both fields to screen and beautify the area.

"Our new baseball-softball complex provides excellent playing fields for our student-athletes," said David O. Robins, Ph.D., interim president and provost.

"We're thankful to everyone who supported these projects, especially Marge Sagan for making the softball field possible.

"We're also pleased to honor Pete Hauck by naming the baseball press box in his honor. Gifts such as these allow our students to be competitive in a wide array of sports that meets their diverse talents and interests."

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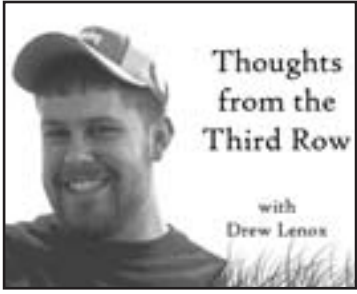
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# Bishops Sports

## Wrestling legend finally calls it quits



The sky was dark and the stage was set as *Also Sprach Zarathustra* blared through the speakers of the Citrus Bowl.

A 59-year-old, white-haired man stepped onto the stage. With his arms held high and fireworks going off in the background, Ric Flair pivoted, while wearing the ornate, fur-lined robe bearing his name and many sequins.

One night after being inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame, Flair knew he was walking down the aisle for his last wrestling match.

Pitted against Shawn Michaels, Flair gave it all he had, but in the end Michaels won the match. This loss caused Flair to have to retire based on a stipulation put in place by WWE Chairman Vince McMahon.

Shawn Michaels, who idolizes Flair, did not want to beat his role model, and right before the finishing super kick, he said, "I'm sorry. I love you." Michaels pinned Flair and immediately hugged him and left the ring.

The loss had to be hard on referee Charles Robinson as well. He, too, idolized Ric Flair. Due to the fact that Robinson used to cheat in favor of Flair, he was nicknamed "Little Natch." But he had to drop his hand for the third count and end Flair's career.

Flair got up and, with tears on his face, gave a salute to the arena that was giving him a standing ovation. He walked over to the front row and hugged and kissed his wife and his children who had come to see the end of an illustrious career.

Flair walked back up the aisle and through the curtain and was met by other wrestlers, many in tears, there to show respect for

the great man.

This loss brought an end to the wrestling career of the "Nature Boy." Flair debuted on Dec. 10, 1972, and has been a part of professional wrestling ever since. Wrestling for the AWA, NWA, WWF (later renamed WWE) and the WCW, Flair is heralded as a 16-time World Champion.

Many of today's professional wrestlers say they entered the profession due to inspiration from watching Flair.

With the way professional wrestling has evolved over the years, one constant has been Flair. As many characters and personalities have been introduced and dismissed, Ric Flair was always Ric Flair, ready to strut across the ring or take off his jacket, throw it down and drop an elbow on the coat.

Even though things were changing, Flair wasn't one to climb a ladder or brandish a chair but instead would hit with his trademark knife edge chops and then lock in his Figure Four Leglock until submission.

Flair always gave everything he did. In the ring, he would fight valiantly, but in interviews he would become so heated and his face would get so red that the viewers thought he would have a heart attack.

So now Ric Flair, both a member of the Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame (2006) and the WWE Hall of Fame (2008), is retired. Or is he?

Flair lost a retirement match in 1994 but came back soon after. But this time it looks like it is the end. Flair, much older now than he was 35 years ago, lost his final match at Wrestlemania XXIV to a man he greatly respects, with his family in the front row, one night after becoming a Hall of Famer.

Professional wrestling moves on without one of its most famous names, but Ric Flair will forever be the "Limousine ridin', jet flying, kiss stealin', wheelin' dealing, son of a gun" that multiple generations remember." Wooooooo!

## Baseball loses late to Heidelberg



Photo by Cliff Williams

Senior Brent Wilkins stands in against Wabash in a game last week. Wilkins went 2 for 3 with one RBI and a triple in the 11-10 loss to Heidelberg on Tuesday. Wilkins was part of a key late push in the late innings for the Bishops but in the end the Student Princes proved to be too much as they scored two in the top of the ninth to win.

### From OWU Online

Sophomore third baseman Eric McComas drove in a run to bring the Bishops within 11-10 in the bottom of the ninth inning.

But Heidelberg survived the Bishop rally to escape with a non-conference win over Ohio Wesleyan on Tuesday at Littick Field.

Freshman outfielder Zach Frentsos and junior shortstop Logan Hronis ripped back-to-back doubles to tie the game at 9-9 in the bottom of the seventh, completing a Bishop comeback from deficits of 8-4 and 9-6.

Heidelberg took an 11-9 lead in the top of the ninth.

Biagio Boytim led off with a single but was forced at second on a sacrifice attempt by Andrew Buelow.

Steve Decker and Jason Lash

were hit by pitches to load the bases and Jeremy Wentworth followed with a fly ball to Frentsos in left field. The ball came loose as Frentsos attempted to throw the ball back to the infield, and it was ruled there was no catch on the play.

McComas tracked down Frentsos's throw and forced Lash at second base for the second out, but Buelow scored from third and Decker displayed alert baserunning by never stopping en route to the plate and what proved to be the deciding run.

Ohio Wesleyan threatened in the bottom of the inning, with senior outfielder Joey McDaniel leading off with a double.

One out later, Hronis legged out an infield hit, with McDaniel going to third when Lash threw wildly on the play. McComas plated McDaniel with an

infield out, but senior first baseman Caleb Douce flied out to center to end the game.

Senior first baseman A.J. Dote staked the Bishops to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, singling home Frentsos and Hronis.

Heidelberg answered with 3 runs in the top of the second, capped by Wentworth's RBI single, but the Bishops retook the lead in the bottom of the inning on a leadoff homer to straightaway center by senior outfielder Brent Wilkins and Frentsos's RBI single later in the inning.

Boytim slammed a 2-run homer in the third to put Heidelberg ahead, 5-4, and the Student Prices added 3 runs in the fourth, with Willie Brechum's 2-run double the key hit.

McDaniel's 2-run double brought the Bishops within

8-6 in the bottom of the fourth, but Heidelberg responded with Lash's RBI single in the top of the fifth for a 9-6 lead.

The Bishops closed to within 9-8 in the bottom of the fifth, loading the bases on a single by senior second baseman Jerrell Johnson, a single by Wilkins and a walk to sophomore catcher Steve Ruygrok.

One out later, McDaniel walked to force in a run and Frentsos was hit by a pitch to score Wilkins to make it 9-8.

McDaniel went 3-for-5 and drove in 3 runs, while Frentsos was 3-for-5 with 2 RBI for the Bishops.

Junior righthander Greg Vasami started on the mound for Ohio Wesleyan, pitching the first 5.0 innings. Freshman righthander Eric Livingston pitched a scoreless sixth, seventh and eighth but was charged

## Men's Lacrosse beats down the Blue Jays

By Alex Humbert  
Sports Editor

The Bishops followed up their dominating performance at home last week with another decisive victory away this season.

"Defensively we stayed in man-to-man and we had some guys go down with injuries early in the game," Test said. "But the three freshmen, Alex Haggerty, Scott Chester and Tony D'Abarno, really stepped up. We had lacked communication in our previous two games, but against Elizabethtown that changed drastically."

The Bishops continued their dominance in the second half, holding the Blue Jays to only two goals while racking up four more of their own.

Senior goalkeeper Ryan Perone turned in perhaps his best performance of the season with 12 saves in four quarters for the Bishops.

As the Bishops head into the backstretch of their season and also into conference play, Eccles said it is important for the younger players to put the past behind them and focus on finishing strong.

"The younger guys, especially the freshmen, just need to realize that we hit a rough spot in the beginning of the season," Eccles said. "But they need to know that we have always found a way to win when we needed to and we will continue to do so. We just need to keep our heads up and the young guys need to follow the lead of our 10 seniors."

Senior Trevor Jones said as the team goes into the conference, it needs to stay focused on what it set out to do.



Photo by Cliff Williams

Senior midfielder Chris Eccles handles the ball against Adrian earlier this season. Eccles two goals and two assists in the victory. Eccles is second on the team in scoring with 17 points on this season.

"Heading into the conference games we know we are expected to win, and we have high expectations for this year's team," Jones said.

"We just need to keep working hard, and good things will happen for this team."

"In games against Denison, Kenyon and Wooster, we are going to rely on our seniors to get the job done and lead us to

victory. We all know our role and are starting to fulfill them, so its up to us to lead this team in the right direction, and win the conference championship.

The Bishops next game is tomorrow against St. Vincent Pennsylvania at 1 p.m.

Following that game, the Bishops play back-to-back conference games at home hosting Wittenberg and Wabash.

## Golf in Top 10



Sophomore Jordan Brenner has been a big part of the golf team's success this spring as they have climbed up Golf World's top 25 board to No. 9 this week. In two tournaments this season, the team has landed a first and a fifth place finish. The team has five tournaments remaining in the season going all the way into May, the next being the Strimer/Lamkin Invitational at Oakhaven on April 12- 13.