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Lack of funds, interest curbs recycling

By Greg Stull
Managing Editor

For at the least the past 17 years, recycling at Ohio Wesleyan has been in a state of flux. Since 1991, when Buildings and Grounds began keeping campus recycling data, recycling totals per year have ranged from as high as 274,888 pounds in 1994 to as low as 55,560 pounds in 1998. Last year's total was 180,771 pounds.

"What happens a lot is, consciousness drops," Dennis Wall, foreman of Buildings and Grounds (B&G), said in reference to the fluctuating data, which includes separate yearly totals of aluminum, glass, plastic, paper and cardboard.

Chris Setzer, director of Physical Plant, said the quality of the recycling program, which is student-run, varies from year to year according to the level of student involvement: "The strength of the program depends on the students involved in it," Setzer said.

Compared to other schools, Setzer said, Ohio Wesleyan's recycling program probably falls in the middle in terms of comprehensiveness. However, of the 14 Ohio colleges and universities participating in Recyclemania, an annual, nationwide competition between college and university recycling programs, Ohio Wesleyan is in



Photo by Greg Stull

The mixture of trash and recyling doesn't do much to sustain people's interest in recycling.

fourth place in the per-capita category, averaging a weekly 1.53 pounds of recyclables per student. Miami University-Oxford currently leads with a weekly average of 7.02 pounds per student.

Senior Sarah Finn, who is currently running the program as part of an independent

study, said the student body is generally indifferent about recycling.

"But there is a good portion that really cares about recycling," she said. "Those that don't care about it or even go so far as to sabotage the bins—tipping them over, throwing trash in them, etc—really ruin it

for those of us who do care."

Finn said while the program is adequate—"any amount of recycling is a good thing"—it would benefit from improvements.

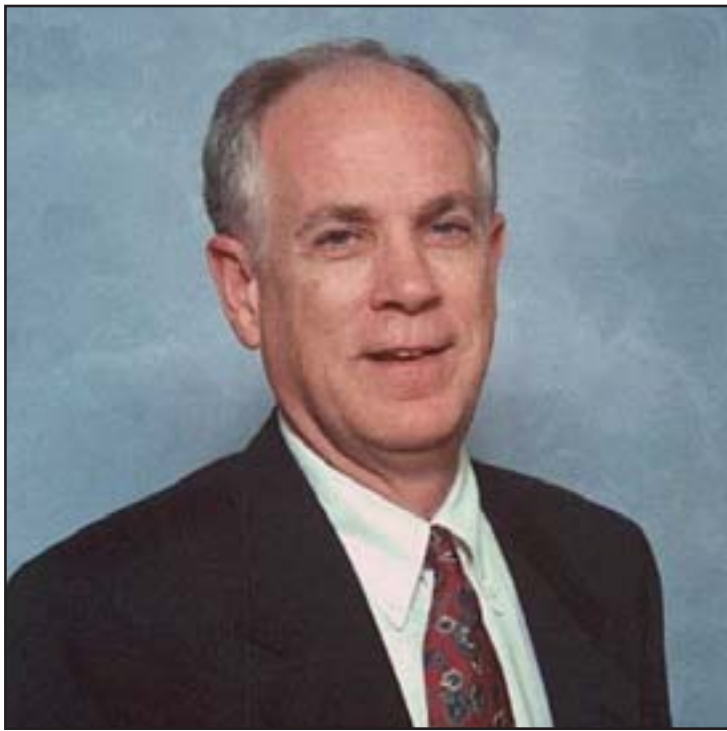
"As a completely student-run system, it is very difficult for volunteers and myself to give enough attention to the program

while simultaneously dealing with classes and homework," Finn said. "I think if the program included a full-time staff, assisted by students, it would accomplish a lot more."

Under the current system, student volunteers collect the

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Doc who discovered Lyme disease to speak at commencement



Steere

Allen C. Steere, M.D., credited with discovering Lyme disease, will give the keynote address at Ohio Wesleyan University's 164th commencement ceremony at 1 p.m. on May 11. The ceremony will be streamed live online at <http://stream.owu.edu>.

During his career, Steere has received recognition from organizations including the American Lyme Disease Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and Albert Sabin Vaccine Institute.

In 2001, he was honored as a "Research Hero" by the Arthritis Foundation.

After identifying the tick-borne disease in 1975, Steere also was hailed as a hero by many patients suffering from the mysterious illness that resulted in arthritis, nervous system or

heart problems.

During the last decade, a Lyme disease counterculture has emerged with different ideas about the infection compared with mainstream medicine. These patients have picketed and harassed Steere. Despite this pressure, his work has progressed.

Today, Steere is a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, director of clinical research for Massachusetts General Hospital's rheumatology unit and principal investigator for the hospital's Center for Immunology and Inflammatory Diseases.

He continues to research Lyme disease and rheumatoid arthritis, including issues of autoimmunity in patients who do not respond to antibiotic treatment.

He also is investigating why some Lyme disease patients continue to experience painful joint inflammation and other symptoms even after successful treatment of the bacterial infection. Additionally, Steere and his colleagues are working to develop better diagnostic tests for the disease.

During the commencement ceremony, Steere will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Ohio Wesleyan in recognition of his distinguished scholarship, integrity, and leadership. Having earned his bachelor's degree in music from Columbia College in New York and his medical degree from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, Steere has published approximately 275 articles on Lyme disease and related topics.

Amnesty International makes a comeback on campus

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Reporter

After two years of inactivity, Amnesty International has reformed on the OWU campus. Last Friday, 20 students gathered in the House of Peace and Justice to learn about the humanitarian group and discuss events for next year.

"It was my idea originally [to bring back Amnesty International]," said junior Oksana Pelts, who is heading the reorganization with Ben Goodrum.

"The idea has been floating around for a couple of years,

since I was a freshman," Goodrum said. "I got involved in other community services and human rights groups, and we decided to have this forum."

One issue in particular drove the reformation. "We needed a group to fund the [School of Americas vigil]," Goodrum said. "Amnesty always has people there,"

The School of Americas vigil is an annual protest in November at Fort Benning, Ga. It is where the U.S. military offers training to South and Central American personnel. Graduates of the school have been linked

to human rights violations in their countries of origin.

Amnesty International also plans on holding a month-long film series in November about violence against women. Pelts said this incarnation of the group will be more involved.

"I didn't hear about them my freshman year," she said. "They weren't very active. It kind of died down."

Goodrum discussed his unique position as both WCSA vice president and a member of Amnesty International. While he believes it will require balancing, he feels it will not be a con-

flict of interest. He expressed hope that the two positions will compliment each other.

"My position in WCSA might just bring more interest to Amnesty International, and other human rights groups like it,"

Goodrum said. He thinks this will lead the university toward becoming more concerned with social issues and student groups toward becoming more involved with student government.

"It goes both ways," he said.

Amnesty International, which refers to itself as the world's largest human rights organiza-

tion, was founded in 1961. Presently, it maintains operations in over 150 nations with over two million members.

In addition to the School of Americas vigil and stopping violence against women, Amnesty International concentrates on helping prisoners of conscience (people who have been imprisoned for their beliefs, origins or ethnicity), abolishing the death penalty and ending the use of torture and terror.

The remainder of this semester will be devoted to recruiting more members and planning for next semester.

Rock ready to continue strategic planning

By Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

About three years ago, approximately 50 people gathered in Newark, Ohio, to discuss the major issues facing Ohio Wesleyan University.

According to David Robbins, interim president, OWU faced challenges in the following three areas: communications, endowment building and student success and satisfaction.

Rock Jones, OWU's future president, said, "I am grateful for the good and important work that has been accomplished in each of these areas."

Some of the accomplishments include an enhanced university relations staff, a communications staff, a dean of first-year students, a full-time learning disabilities person, an internet café, advancements in the Year One program and some new furniture for dorm lounges.

After addressing these three issues, the next phase of planning was creating a strategic plan for the future. "Half a dozen committees were set up to address questions like where are we now, where do we want to be and how do we get there?" Robbins said.

The university went through that process for about a year, and out of that process developed a strategic plan, before Mark Huddleston, former OWU president, left.

"The strategic plan was near its final stages but had not gotten campus-wide support," Robbins said. "We wait for the new president to come aboard and help complete the process."

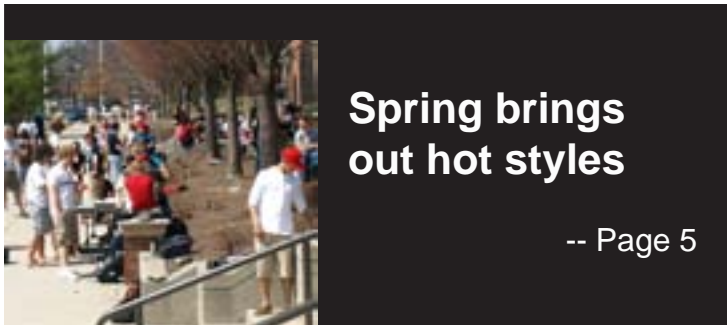
Jones said it is important that OWU has a strong strategic plan.

"A strategic planning initiative helps the trustees, faculty and administration insure that we are devoting our energies and resources in the ways that have the greatest impact on our students today and that position the university to have the greatest possible impact on students for generations to come," Jones said. "OWU has an unusual opportunity at this moment in time to expand opportunities offered to students and to strengthen its position as a premier liberal arts institution."

Robbins said a strategic plan is important "to provide priorities for the institution, gain resources for the institution and enhance the mission of the institution."

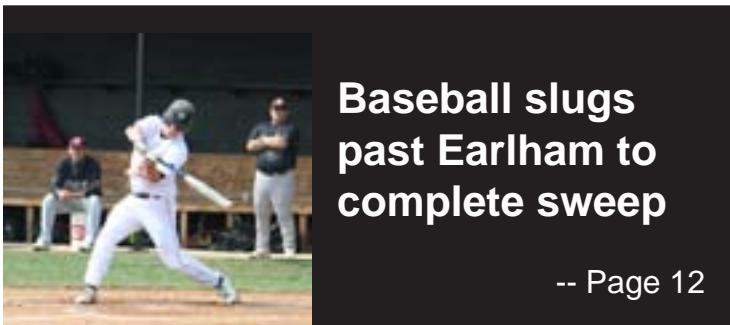
Jones said he hopes the final strategic plan will serve students and distinguish OWU from similar institutions. He said he wants OWU to be recognized

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Baseball slugs past Earlham to complete sweep

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recycled aluminum, glass, plastic 1 and 2, paper and cardboard from the buildings where recycling bins are located and take it to a central location for B&G to pick it up. B&G then takes all the collected recyclables to Sims Recycling Center, which handles most of the university’s recycling.

To improve recycling, Finn said, the most important things are education and convenience: “If students know why they should be recycling and are able to do so more easily, they will be more likely to do so.”

While most campus buildings have bins, Slocum, Corns and Stuyvesant do not.

Hayes has bins for aluminum, paper and plastic near the main entrance but nowhere else. On Sunday, recyclable plastic Dasani bottles and cardboard boxes were found in various trash cans on the upper floors.

Smith has blue recycling bins scattered around it, but many lack easily visible signs indicating that they are recycling bins and the type of recyclables for which they are meant.

On Sunday, a plastic Gatorade bottle was spotted in a Smith trash can, located right next to a recycling bin for plastic. The bin’s sole, small sign was facing the wall and partially covered by the plastic bag wrapped around it.

In two other recycling bins—these without signs—a bag of potato chips was placed on a pile of recyclable paper and a cupcake wrapper was placed on top of a recyclable cardboard box.

When trash such as non-recyclable food wrappers are mixed in with recyclables, instead of being sorted out, the whole lot gets thrown away, Setzer said.

“It’s really unfortunate because we are losing big opportunities for recycling,” Finn said.

Finn attributes the bin shortage to under-funding.

“I think the program definitely does not receive enough funding,” Finn said. “The program needs improvement, but this cannot be done without more funding. I have hopes to install outdoor recycling stations, and we are in need of more bins to distribute throughout campus, but without money to do so I cannot carry out these plans,”

Setzer said the recycling program here was started with a grant, but that the grant quickly dwindled, leaving only the recycling truck that it helped to purchase.

Now, the program’s sole source of funding comes from the money generated by paper recyclables—picked up and paid for by Abitibi, a pulp and paper company.

“This year we have had funding issues,” Finn said. “I have requested funding from my advisor for more bins, but I have yet to receive any funds. I also tried to contact the grants department a few times about possible grants to apply for, but received no reply.”

Both Wall and Setzer said paper in particular could easily be recycled more on campus. “People tend to just throw it away,” Setzer said.

In 2007 34,445 pounds of paper were recycled on campus, up from last four years, in which 6,562, 17,980, 28,925 and 29,105 pounds were recycled, counting up from 2003.

However, last year by no means represents a peak in paper recycling on campus; from 1992 to 1994, the campus recycled on average 56,149 pounds per year.

“I feel that overall the university is indifferent

to our efforts,” Finn said. “Recycling is a very important thing to our community and world as a whole, but without much support we cannot achieve what we are capable of.

We need to look at what other universities of comparable size are doing and take some ideas to use here at OWU. Ultimately, we need more support from the university in order to expand the program.”

Gene Castelli, senior director of Dining Services, said while his department does a decent job of recycling, there is room for improvement.

“The scope of the dining program certainly puts a strain on a comprehensive recycling program,” Castelli said. “But for the most part, what we do is good, but as always, it can be better.”

While Smith uses re-usable plates and utensils, the food court in Ham-Will uses single-service, non-recyclable dishware.

If every student were to eat at Ham-Will once a day and use a plate, a fork, a knife and a cup—let alone bowls, spoons and other such plastics provided by the Food court—that would generate 7,400 pieces of trash in a single day and 1,184,000 pieces of trash after a 36-week-long academic year (counting only the weekdays).

“I wish we could do away with single service at Ham-Will but several issues prevent that,” Castelli said. “One, cost of service-ware; two, cost of dish machine being relocated; and three, lack of secure location leading to defalcation.”

Dan Magee, director of Dining Services, said it would be more expensive for Dining Services to use recyclable dishware than the non-recyclable, non-reusable dishware that it now uses. “Any added cost would be passed on to our customers,” Magee said.

Castelli said Dining Services has looked into using corn-spun dishware but that the cost is an issue. He said it will address this issue with WCSA to assess their feelings about the idea.

Dining Services is currently trying to partner with a company that will recycle its used cooking oil to make fuel. It has also looked into composting, he said, though several barriers have made this effort difficult. Dining Services is also working on a program to reduce food waste, called “Project Clean Plate.”

Echoing Castelli, Magee said the expansiveness of Dining Services’ operations makes compressive recycling more difficult.

“A recycling program needs to be a community effort, particularly from the students stand point,” Magee said. “Our operations are spread out that collection of recyclables becomes formidable. One solution might be a drop off point for recyclables.”

Castelli said Dining Services is continuing its efforts to improve recycling at its food facilities.

“It would interest me to hear what student groups have done and plan to do; perhaps we can combine forces,” Castelli said.

Setzer said for recycling to improve on campus, the students have to take the responsibility.

“Everybody wants to be the idea guy, but nobody wants to be the worker bee that goes out and does something,” Setzer said. “It’s supposed to be a student run program—and I’d like to see it stay a student run program.

“Could we be doing more? I think there is more that could be done—more that could be recycled. But it’s up to the campus community to be attentive.”

strategic plan, with the hope that OWU will enjoy significant advancement in its ability to serve students and in the opportunities available to our students while they are at OWU, and to our graduates when they leave OWU,” Jones said.

Tossin' disc and ridin' deck on the Jay



Sophomore Rob Pence and Junior Ben Boynton (left) take advantage of the warm weather by stepping out of the classroom and into the sun on Tuesday . Senior Andrew Au pulls back to fling a frisbee down the Jaywalk.

Discussion, Die-In highlight Darfur week

By Samantha Beany Transcript Reporter

For five years, there has been genocide in Darfur. For five days, Ohio Wesleyan students participated in Darfur awareness.

This was the second year of Darfur Week. It was organized by Ohio Wesleyan’s chapter of Students Take Action Now: Darfur (STAND). It started Monday, March 31 and lasted through Friday, April 4 and included eight events.

STAND is a “student organization in the US and Canada started at Georgetown University in 2004 to stop genocide in Darfur,” said Lydia Spitalny, president of Ohio Wesleyan’s

chapter of STAND.

“The week was successful,” Spitalny said. “The purpose was to increase awareness and empower students to action.”

Darfur Week started on Monday with a mini-concert. “It was a good way to gather energy for the week to come,” Spitalny said. That evening there was a presentation and discussion on the crisis in Darfur.

Sophomore Kaleigh Felisberto said about Tuesday’s Die-in, “I love the Die-in because it is so attention-getting. There are people lying all over the JAYwalk. It’s very in-your-face without being overly aggressive.”

For the Die-in, participants laid on the JAYwalk during

the noon hour holding signs. “Mine said, ‘NOT ON OUR WATCH,’” Felisberto said. “It’s a call to people, especially our generation, to take action to fight the injustices of the world and end the genocide.”

On Tuesday night there was a discussion on China’s role in the genocide, looking at the Olympics and China’s relation to the Sudanese government. On Wednesday there was a presentation given by Economics Professor Barbara MacLeod on divestment.

Divestment is when a company, individual, or institution that has holdings or investments that directly benefit the Sudanese government pulls out funds. “The movement is spreading

and could have a great impact on the government of Sudan,” Spitalny said.

On Thursday night was a showing of the “Lost Boys of Sudan,” a documentary about refugees in Sudan coming to America.

Darfur week ended on Friday with Action Day, for which were asked to write their representatives and President Bush.

“We had 40 letters written in one hour,” Spitalny said.

“The whole thing [genocide in Darfur] is a disgrace to our generation,” Felisberto said. “If we don’t take some major action soon, we will be marred forever as inactive, apathetic and responsible for slaughter through our inaction.”

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similar institutions. He said he wants OWU to be recognized nationally as one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the country.

“Our decisions will be grounded in the vision and the

Campus News

ResLife utilizes Facebook to search roommate

By Malika Bryant
Transcript Correspondent

Click click. Congratulations! You are the winner of a brand-new roommate!

That is, in effect, how a new Facebook event works. Created by the Residential Life Office, the event is titled "Housing 2008: Roommate Finder."

On the event webpage, questions have been posted for students to answer about themselves. The questions focus on gender, general sleep and wake-up times, whether or not a student is a smoker, favorite activities, campus involvement and qualities that would be desired in a roommate. The answers to these questions determine roommate compatibility.

The website also encourages students to set up a meeting to learn about each other before the housing selection takes place.

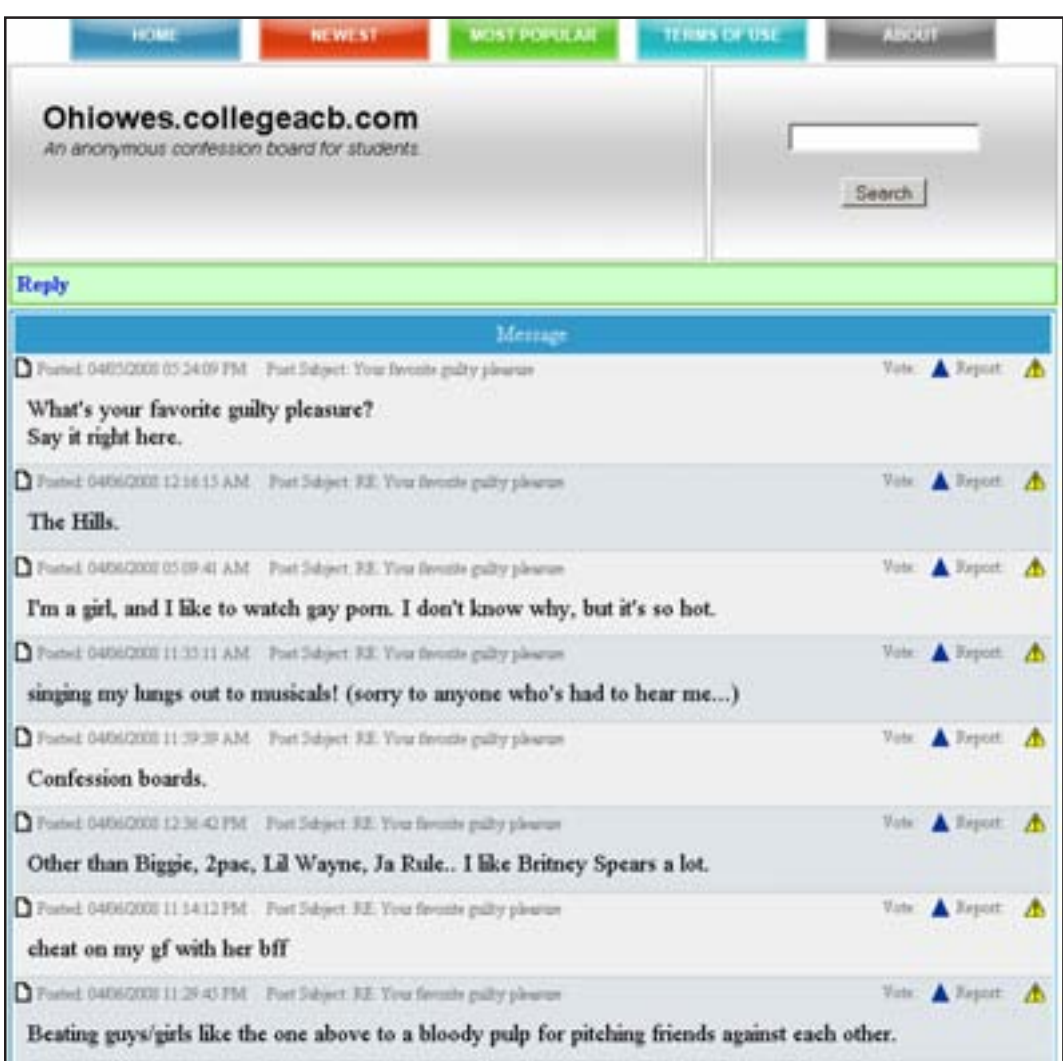
After finding roommates online, students complete their housing application, listing all possible roommates, and submit the list to the Residential Life Office by Friday, April 4. Then students attend the housing selection held on April 15 between 5 and 8 p.m. in the Benes room of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center (HWCC).

Drew Peterson, Residential Life coordinator, said if he was a student, he would be willing to participate in the event and that he understands the kind of impact that would be made by using Facebook to get students involved in this process.

This is the first year that this method has been used. Depending on its success, it may be the first of many. The idea was taken from several Ohio colleges and universities that have used similar Facebook events in the past to encourage incoming freshman, as well as others, to find roommates for the upcoming school year.

Peterson said this event is helpful to students because most students already use Facebook,

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A portion of the 'guilty pleasure' thread on Anonymous Confession Board.

Confession board likely to harm

By Catie Coleman
Transcript Reporter

What if there was a place to go to reveal the most personal (or not so personal) information about your life—or maybe your roommate's? Why not throw the ex-boyfriend in the mix? Doesn't the entire campus deserve to know he kisses with too much tongue?

The Ohio Wesleyan Anonymous Confession Board, an online forum for students, started spreading in use around campus like a nasty rumor just over a month ago. The website, ohiowes.collegeacb.com, stresses it is "in no way affiliated with Ohio Wesleyan University."

According to the site's terms of use, "the anonymous confession board's purpose is to promote discourse and allow people to express ideas while socially uninhibited."

This socially uninhibited discourse has drawn much disapproval from students, whether they be the target of the discourse or not. The board does have fans, but some students still don't see the appeal.

"I think people should be able to say what they want, but

this reminds me of the burn book from (the movie) 'Mean Girls,'" sophomore Erica Wehner said. "It seems like it will do more destruction than good. If people would actually stand up for what they say (instead of using anonymity), it would be a little better."

Ohio Wesleyan bloggers have been using the site for multiple purposes, including networking for drug dealers and users; confessing taboo fantasies, crushes or dirty deeds; and disclosing penis size.

Students not only use the board to divulge their own personal information, but others' as well. When sharing rumors and innuendo, posters aren't so apprehensive about dropping names.

Like Wehner, junior Lexie Black is uninterested in the board's contents. "I wouldn't take the time to write on it or to read it because I think it's just people saying hurtful things," Black said. "Nobody should care what someone else has to say about other people. I think people should do better things with their time."

Wehner said she's not afraid to see her name on the

board. "People will feel the same whether it shows up on there (the board) or not," Wehner said.

There are whole threads with handfuls of responses dedicated to revealing who's a bad kisser, who's the hottest professor and who has a crush on whom...or what.

The board's terms of use state "there are those who would abuse this board by making posts that are excessively derogatory, homophobic, racist, sexist, prejudice or otherwise extremely and intentionally harmful to others."

These terms go on to explain that users can report a post they find inappropriate and it may be removed.

Even with the ability to "report" certain posts, derogatory posts can be left up for days or even weeks. With just a quick glance-over, a handful of posts using homophobic and sexist terms can be spotted.

Despite the derogatory material, the board still draws students in. But with the disapproval shared by certain students, the board's lifespan of popularity may be shortened.

Journalist Keith Harmon Snow to lecture on Darfur

By Ross McHale
Transcript Correspondent

On April 21 Ohio Wesleyan will host internationally-renowned investigative journalist Keith Harmon Snow.

Snow, who has visited more than 43 countries in his 15 years as an independent journalist, will speak from 7 to 9 p.m. in Benes Room C. He will cover a variety of topics, including the importance of the independent journalist in today's world, as well as general misconceptions regarding the ongoing conflicts in Sudan and Rwanda.

The effort to bring Snow to Ohio Wesleyan was spearheaded by sophomore John Moriarty, a sociology major and Tree House resident.

"I have noticed a lot of talk about saving Darfur on this campus, but I feel that the majority of students don't understand what that actually means," he said. "A speaker like Snow will provide clarity as well as the unique perspective of a man who has devoted the last 17 years of his life to exposing the truth."

Snow, a former radar antenna engineer turned journalist who has traveled to Africa numerous times, made a name for himself as someone completely removed from mainstream media.

From 2004 to 2007, he worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo as an international journalist as well as a human rights investigator. His experiences in the Congo include getting arrested twice by rogue militias, as well as interrogation.

"I worked hard to get him here," Moriarty said. "His arguments are not only valid but intellectually stimulating."

In his 2007 Essay, "The United States War in Darfur," Snow offers his perspective on the root of conflict in Sudan. "The humanitarian tragedy in Darfur revolves around natural resources Given the current realities, no intervention in Darfur will proceed, and if it did it would fail."

Moriarty encourages all students to attend.

"This is a rare chance for people to hear a different side of the story, one which they may not necessarily be exposed to otherwise," he said.

"Keith is a man who does not cater to private interests and has continually shown the fortitude needed to expose the criminal actions of the U.S."

In response to the condemnation China has received for their role in Darfur, Moriarty feels there is a much bigger picture which is being ignored.

"In a certain way, China has been made a scapegoat," Moriarty said. "But an awful lot of countries have a hand in this tragedy."

Despite Moriarty's efforts, Snow's appearance at Ohio Wesleyan was in question until last Monday, when WCSA agreed to provide the necessary funding.

"WCSA's reluctance severely hindered the progress of this project," he said. "The treasury board was highly uncooperative for the most part."

The treasury board was initially reluctant to fund the project, claiming that the event would draw a low attendance.

"I understand they have a set of guidelines to follow, but placing financial concerns ahead of social awareness, especially when the money is available, is contrary to the spirit of WCSA," Moriarty said.

Moriarty was grateful to junior Tristan Erb, president of SLU Programming Board, who laid the groundwork with initial funding for the project.

"It's important for Ohio Wesleyan to have quality events like this one," Erb said.

Snow will be using the majority of his \$2,000 speaking fee to accommodate three Congolese men who will soon tour the U.S. in a series of speaking engagements.

Moriarty hopes Snow's appearance will have a positive effect on Ohio Wesleyan.

"Our natural sense of caring has been hijacked by private interests," he said of the United States. "It is only through the work of people like Keith that we can hope to reverse that trend."

House of Wesleyan aims to promote positive body images

Patrice Murphy
Transcript Correspondent

"One thing I like about OWU is that it gives you the chance to express yourself," said junior Delmar Flournoy, explaining the process of creating his new student organization, House of Wesleyan.

House of Wesleyan is an organization devoted to the "development of high self-esteem," Flournoy said. "We are going to tackle issues such as body image and beauty standards."

Flournoy recalls high school, when he wasn't in the best shape. "I had a lot of friends,

but it was hard for me to feel accepted because of my size."

"Self-esteem was something I fought with for along time," Flournoy said.

"Life is good today; I look good, and most importantly I love myself."

Sophomore Larissa Anderson said, "Every one faces self

esteem issues—this is why this group is needed on campus."

Through programs and workshops formed around the building of a higher self-esteem, Flournoy hopes to have a fashion show to illustrate the growth of the each of the members.

"I want to focus on the development of self-esteem the

most, but I also want to bring a certain edge to the campus while doing unseen programs," said Flournoy.

As Flournoy explained, the idea behind the group was to serve as a fashion house to compete in fashion show battles across Ohio.

Sophomore Will Alford said,

"[I was] drawn to the group because of the aspect of the fashion house, but I think the programs and workshops are great ways to build community in the group overall."

According to Flournoy, the House of Wesleyan organization "will start changing lives Fall of 2008."

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U.S. aid goes abroad

By **Kyle Sjarif**
Transcript Correspondent

Lisa Schweitzer Courtice, vice president of the Columbus Foundation, discussed the emergence of new actors in foreign aid and the impact of the new-found interest in philanthropy for developing countries around the world as well as the United States.

Courtice explained that international philanthropy is growing rapidly due to an increase in globalization as a result of economic disparity and resource deficiencies in developing countries.

“The demand for foreign aid is currently at an all time high,” Courtice said.

Courtice's presentation, the last in the Great Decisions discussion series, was given at the William Street United Methodist Church.

With the ever-increasing role of the media, Courtice explained how there is now a plethora of philanthropic opportunities for all members of society.

Thus global philanthropy represents one of the biggest “trends” of the year thus far.

She said America possesses a great culture of giving and that in it there even exists a tax-system which supports philanthropy.

“Unfortunately there are no tax deductions allowed if donations are given directly,” Cour-

tice said. “Thus we must utilize middle organizations such as Save the Children or UNICEF, which we must rely on to allocate our funds properly.”

The recent increase in popularity of global philanthropy has even infiltrated the business world, as corporations use philanthropy as a means to increase their popularity among consumers.

Courtice was appointed vice president for community research and grants management for the Columbus Foundation in August 2003. She oversees the development and implementation of grant policies, program priorities, and areas of strategic grant-making.

Courtice has more than 20 years experience in the education and human services fields. Courtice contrasts the ever increasing affinity for global philanthropy with government aid. Private donors continue to emerge because of the belief that making personal and direct donations toward developing countries ensure the biggest impact to alleviating global poverty.

However, there are over 650 community foundations around the United States, such as the Columbus Foundation, that provide grants to benefit all citizens. The Columbus Foundation provides annual grants of \$100 million to local citizens and provides aid to 86 percent of the

people living in poverty around the state of Ohio.

There are also other private philanthropic foundations making heavy impacts upon global philanthropy, such as the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, which have made donations of almost \$14 billion so far. They’ve prioritized themselves in health and environmental issues, as well as human resource problems.

Even so, Courtice is afraid the current interest for philanthropy is nimble. Government aid can help but also discourage developing countries because only about 15 percent of all aid has been evaluated for results. Thus, the impact remains inconclusive.

Furthermore, she questions why the active global philanthropists fail to attempt to make contributions to local issues within the United States. One such example is the schools built by Madonna in South Africa, even though her hometown of Detroit is known as one of the most impoverished cities in the United States.

Unfortunately, philanthropy in the United States is much more expensive and thus appears to have less of an impact compared to global philanthropy.

“Philanthropists believe in the saying, ‘Unfortunately we can’t change the world,’” Courtice said.

Native plant of the week: Sharp-lobed hepatica



Photo by Greg Stull

Sharp-lobed hepatica (*Hepatica acutiloba*), a perennial plant from the family Ranunculaceae, grows in shady wooded areas of the North Temperate Zone. Flower production, typically occurring in mid March, is suppressed if the plant becomes infected by a species of rust fungi, which often occurs in a small portion of each population. The fungus, while preventing floral production, causes the plant to instead produce unusually elongated leaves to aid in the dispersal of its spores.

Nominations for diversity awards due Friday

By **Shade Fakunle**
Transcript Reporter

The second annual Presidential Award for Racial and Cultural Diversity will be awarded to the student, administration/faculty/staff member and organization “that has worked to improve the state of racial and cultural diversity at Ohio Wesleyan University,” according to the website for nominations. The President’s Commission on Racial and Cultural Diversity (CRCD) is accepting nominations until tomorrow.

When CRCD began accept-

ing nominations this time last year, they did not expect the overwhelming amount of nominations.

According to Paula White, co-chair of the Commission and director of Middle Childhood Education, the members had to make a change. “Initially we thought it would be one award, but because of the outstanding [submissions], we decided to expand it,” she said.

As a result, the award is presented to two individuals and one organization. Last year’s winners were alumnus Thomas Gunn, professor of anthropolo-

gy Dr. Mary T. Howard, and the Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA).

According to Deborah Lipscomb, co-chair of CRCD and director of Upward Bound, Gunn was chosen because he addressed concerns that Martin Luther King Jr. Day was not celebrated here on campus.

The members were impressed that he worked so diligently to make sure CRCD was aware of the importance of the day. This past MLK Day was celebrated with a day of learning as a result.

This year, the 19 members of

CRCD will be looking at each nomination. Each member will be able to submit a vote for who they think deserves to win the award. “[The process] is based on content, not popular vote,” said White.

White also wanted to stress the importance of the diversity in members of CRCD. They consist of students, staff, administration, and faculty.

The student members are senior Ben Owen, sophomore Hasani Wheat, senior John Betts, junior Sahar Mazhar, and sophomore Tiffany Ware. The administration members include

Lipscomb, Jeanette Mouton, Jon Powers, Michael Holloway, and Rosalind Scott. Faculty members are White and Karen Fryer. Staff members are Daniel Montoly, Drew Peterson, Joy Gao, Minghui Wang, Patricia Plazolles, Terree Stevenson, and Xudong Jin.

“It’s important to recognize that 19 people are serving, not just [Lipscomb] and I,” said White. She and Lipscomb both wanted to emphasize the importance of everyone in CRCD and the “broad-based” membership.

The members will be looking at nominations and decid-

ing the winners on April 17. The announcement to the campus will be made shortly after through email, Connect2 OWU, and other campus publications.

According to Lipscomb, it is very much encouraged to nominate all types of people and organization that have exemplified the characteristics needed to win the award. It is for the entire campus community, and nominations are open to anyone.

They desire those who are “Positive and life-giving [while] lending a positive energy to the campus,” said White.

Bowling a strike for the kids



Photo by Micah Klugman

Sophomores Alison Kennedy and Helen Gerseny sign bowling enthusiasts in for “Bowl for Kids Sake,” an annual Big Brothers Big Sisters charity event that raises money for the organization. The fundraiser took place on Friday, April 4.

Tri Delta raises \$3000 for St. Jude Children's Hospital in annual event

By **Kaitlyn Overbeeke**
Transcript Correspondent

On Sunday evening, Delta Delta Delta (Tri Delta) held its annual philanthropy event, Pasta for Life.

Tri Delta’s event raised about \$3,000 for St. Jude Children’s Hospital, which is mainly known for conducting research on rare diseases and cancers that affect children.

“Since St. Jude opened in 1962, it has treated children from all 50 states and more than 70 foreign countries” according to a pamphlet available at the event.

During the dinner, Tri Delta invited a local family to speak about how St. Jude’s changed their lives.

The mother of an eight year old boy, Zack, stood and said, “What is being done at St. Jude’s is incredibly remarkable and the adventure at St. Jude’s changed our lives.”

Senior Lauren Frizzo, a Tri Delta sister, said she found the speech extremely moving.

“It’s such a great event and it’s even better when we get to meet people like Zack and see our money at work,” Frizzo said. “It really makes the experience that much better, and I know it gives the chapter that much more drive to raise money

for this worthy cause.”

Sophomore Becca Hertz, a Tri Delta sister, said the mother did an amazing job, and that it was great to hear about what St. Jude’s does for families.

“I thought it was emotional and made it more real to everyone that this place really does

“It really can help people, and it can change people’s lives,” sophomore **Becca Hertz** said of St. Jude.

exist, Hertz said. “It really can help people, and it can change people’s lives”

The sorority raised money by selling raffle tickets to those in attendance and handing out various prizes to the winners. Parents, students and faculty all participated in the event, helping the sorority to raise the amount of money that it did.

“The prizes are from parents, stores, students, friends or Tri Deltas who felt like donating for raising money but individuals are the ones that buy the gifts that are auctioned off,” Hertz said.

Sophomore Saige Bargon lucked out and won three raffle

prizes.

“I was extremely excited and taken aback because normally I don’t ever win anything,” Bargon said. “But I received three cool prizes: a car wash, a belt and a make-up bag.”

Sophomore Maddie Brandon, a Tri Delta sister, said, “I believe the Pasta for Life went really well especially with the raffling. There seemed to be a really positive vibe at the event.”

Other fraternity and sorority members joined unaffiliated students at the event.

Sophomore Taleb Shkoukani, a Sigma Chi brother, said he always enjoys attending Pasta for Life.

“This is my second time going, and everyone looked upbeat for the event which lend to a friendly atmosphere and the Tri Deltas were very welcoming,” Shkoukani said. “I went with all my brothers; we support Tri Delta’s fight against cancer for the kids and every year we close down our kitchen for the evening so that every brother in the house participates in the event.”

The event was full of people who supported Tri Delta’s awareness for children’s cancer.

“We hold Ohio Wesleyan very dear to our hearts” said Zack’s mother at the end of her speech.



Photo by Mike DiBiasio

Jalisco Market, named for the Mexican state, provides Latin American goods to the Delaware community. One of their offerings includes an authentic taqueria.

Owners of Jalisco Market acclamate to Delaware

Greg Stull
Managing Editor

Ruth Ramirez looks up from a pile of bills and stares absently out onto Liberty Street through the storefront window. Outside it is overcast and cold, and a slight drizzle speckles the window with raindrops. It's a February day in Delaware, Ohio. Cars pass by frequently and as silently as images on a muted television set. Few pull into the store's parking lot.

"Today, a slow day," Ruth says. Most days are slow days. She goes back to her paperwork: a Verizon wire-less bill, a registration form for the St. Vincent Family Center, a Columbus City Schools form, an appeal to the Probate Court of Franklin County: "Attention Guardianship Applicant..."

Ruth and her husband, Rafael, run the Jalisco Market, a small Latino grocery store located on the corner of Liberty Street and London Road, southwest of downtown Delaware. It is named after Jalisco, Mexico, Rafael's home state. They opened the grocery four years ago—"to help the Hispanic community," Ruth says. "Para todo," her husband adds. Ruth speaks fluent English but her husband can only speak a few practical phrases, and he uses them infrequently. Ruth and Rafael live on the north side of Columbus. It's a 30-minute drive from their home to the store, and they make it twice a day, every day of the week. They drive separately, Ruth in her Dodge Dakota SLT and Rafael in his Dodge 1500 V8 Magnum.

Ruth was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, in 1964, and grew up in a large family. At the age of 18, she had her first son, Jonathon. Five years later, as a singled mother, Ruth decided that her son needed better health care and public services than their home town and home country could provide. So she moved with Jonathon to the United States. Richmond, Va., specifically, where she found work as a secretary, similar to the secretarial work she was doing at an insurance company in Puerto Rico. She lived in Richmond for 10 years, during which time she

had two more children, Jennifer and Ganyo, and eventually met Rafael, who brought her to Columbus, Ohio. In Columbus, Ruth got a job as a waitress at El Vaquero restaurant. She worked there full-time for six years, before opening up the market. Now she works at the market every day and only waits tables in the evening on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The phone rings, and Rafael goes to answer it in the back room. It's for Ruth. He brings her the phone. She speaks to the caller in Spanish. Ruth is heavyset. She has jet black hair that she pulls back into a tight pony tail. She is wearing a grey fleece jacket with red floral designs on the sides, a pink shirt, jeans, and gold chain around her neck that she fondles throughout the telephone conversation. She speaks unhurriedly. Her voice is nasally and quite but punctuated often with bursts of laughter. She hangs up the phone and returns to her bills. Her husband leans back and watches the small television set mounted above the storefront window. Rafael is sized like his wife. His cheeks are puffed like rising dough. He has thick wavy black hair. He is wearing a blue shirt, jeans and a jean-jacket. He sees a customer walking to the door and gets up and goes over to the cash register.

The Jalisco Market is a small, two-story red brick building. It has a maroon-shingled roof that hangs over the second story like a brimless rectangular hat. In the store's parking lot is a small white trailer on which the words "TACOS—TAMALES—BURRITOS" are painted in red letters. In the summer this serves as a taquería, or taco stand, out of which Ruth and Rafael serve the aforementioned orders. On the Liberty Street side of the store

is a large sign that reads: "JALISCO MARKET—ENVIOS DE DINERO—TARJETAS TELEFONICAS." The sign is positioned under two windows that look out onto a gas station across the street that reads: "The Coldest Beer in Town."

Facing London Road is a small mural of a Mexican landscape painted on the side of the store. In it a Mexican naps against a tall cactus with a sombrero drawn over his eyes. He is sitting on a patch of sand that stretches into thick green grass and, far in the distance, lush green mountains reach into a bright blue sky. Superimposed over the scene are the words "JALISCO MARKET" in red letters. The mural is in stark contrast with the Delaware landscape that it faces. Flat slabs of pock-marked concrete lead to sagging wooden houses and gas stations and small leafless trees under an opaque gray sky. Above the mural is a second story window adorned with a relic of the building's previous owner, a small sign that reads: "Dr. Chester R. Corbitt—Family Dentist—369-0255."

Just inside the store to the left is a candy rack with bags of Dulcos Sugus (chewy candies), Goma de Mascar (assorted Mexican gum), Pulparindo (tamarind sticks), peanuts, chile-flavored garbanzo beans, pistachios. Facing the door is a small glass counter on which a cash register and a small box of cigars sit. Next to the counter and the candy are soccer balls, Hispanic movies—"Pancho tequila," "El Charro y la Dama," "La Historia de Jose"—and Hispanic and American magazines—"Fama," "Cosmopolitan," "Enforma," "Postres."

To the right of the counter are a small square wooden table and two wooden chairs. This is where Ruth sits

to pay bills, or where Ruth and Rafael sit and watch TV when business is slow. Business is slow, so Ruth and Rafael are sitting there now, watching TV.

Ruth says practically all her customers are Hispanic. They also shop at Kroger and Wal-Mart, but they get their Spanish stuff at Jalisco, where they can find shelves of food stacked with salsa picante, chile habanero, salsa verde; dried beans, rice, lentils, garbanzo beans, flour, coffee; canned fruit and vegetables; pickles onions, tejocate (jarred little apples), nance (jarred yellow cherries); Barritas Pina (pineapple-filled cookie bars), Pinquinos (cream-filled chocolate cup-cakes), Chicharrones (fried pork rinds).

A spice rack lines the back wall, with bags of ground leaves, seeds, dried peppers, fine powders. Flor de tila (linden flowers), chile para naranja, chile de arbol, chile guajillo. The dried peppers are dark red and deep purple and look like finger-sized raisons. Next to the spices are fridges filled with milk, butter, crema, eggs, foot-long pork sausages; Jarritos sodas, Coke, Red Bull, Jumex fruit nectar juices (papaya-pineapple, pear); tall stacks of bagged white corn tortillas; jalapeño peppers, limes, tomatoes, garlic, tomatillos with their winkled green papery coverings.

A short man wearing brown boots, jeans, a dark blue shirt and a light blue vest walks in and heads to the refrigerators in the back. He grabs a link of pork sausage, milk and eggs and takes them to the front counter. Ruth goes to the register, talks with the man in Spanish for several minutes while his credit card processes and then says, "Adios."

The man's name is Jose. He is a regular. "Everyone who comes in here is a regular," Ruth says.

Before opening the Jalisco Market, Ruth and Rafael didn't know anyone in Delaware's Hispanic community of 2,500 people, 1.6 percent of the approximately 157,000 residents of Delaware County. Prior to the Jalisco Market, there were no Hispanic stores in Delaware, a fact that inspired Ruth

and Rafael's business venture. The Hispanic community was in need of Hispanic goods. They were also an untapped economic resource. Ruth had never owned or worked at a grocery before, but the work came easy to her.

"I'm a person that don't like to be told what to do," Ruth says, laughing. "And worst of all I teach my kids that."

Ruth isn't necessarily satisfied with her career. "It's ok," she says. "It could be better." Nor is she satisfied with central Ohio. "Columbus is quiet—it's boring. We got nothing to do here except go out and spend money and end up more in the hole." The weather here? "Don't like it—it's bad." In Puerto Rico? "Oh, trust me—it's sunny and warm all year round. We stay on the beach—all the time."

Returning to Puerto Rico is something she both desires for and dreads. She wants to be with her family, but she doesn't want to leave the family she has created here.

"I don't know where I belong," she says. She has thought about moving back and fourth between here and Mayaguez, working six months here, six there, but the prospect seems dubious. Her longing for home is equal to her apprehension about returning.

"I have thought about it, but I don't know...I'm debating. It's a scary idea. I have no idea what to do with my life right now. I'm not the kind of person to do the same thing every day. But," she grins, "I have no choice right now."





Battle at the bars

OWU students and Delaware residents sound off about sharing spirits on Sandusky Street

By Greg Stull
Managing Editor

The Delaware run, the small waterway that dissects the town, begins its course on the far west end of Delaware. Flowing east, it passes Grady Memorial Hospital, the Hidden Valley Golf Course and Blue Limestone Park, dips underground beneath Sandusky Street and the buildings of downtown, and then resurfaces to pass Ohio Wesleyan University before merging into the southbound Olen tangy River.

"I should have told you," said someone, peering over my left shoulder, right after I struck the cue ball. "That table's slanted." The 11 ball caught the left edge of the corner pocket and rattled out. I turned around. A man with a military crew cut, lumbering at about 6 feet 6 inches, stood smiling.

He continued, his deep voice emanating from the modest gut protruding from his otherwise slender frame: "The Delaware run runs right beneath that side of the table." He explained the subterranean stretch of the run goes right beneath the worn hardwood floor of Clancey's Pub, causing it to sag and, in the process, the table that I was using

to slant. The other four pool tables are level, as the creek runs right under the middle of them.

"If you go out back, you can see it runs right beneath the building," he said.

I wasn't so sure about the table being slanted—or about the run flowing beneath Clancey's (from the front, it looks like it flows beneath the building next door). I concluded that we must have been looking at it from different angles, and decided to indulge him. "Oh—wow—that's strange," I said.

It was a Wednesday evening. Clancey's Pub was quiet, in clear contrast to the noise and chaos that would fill it in four or five hours, when hoards of students and some of the younger town's folk would start flooding in, as is typical on Wednesday, as well as Friday and Saturday nights. The tall man, Brandon ("But people call me Lurch," he tells me), walked back to the bar to retrieve his pitcher of Budweiser. Four other guys were at the bar, two of them older, two of them middle-aged. All of them were drinking beer.

Lurch has lived in Delaware for the past seven years. He has spent considerable time at Clancey's, as well as the Back-

stretch, a bar located just up the block on Sandusky Street. He likes going to both bars quite a bit, but he doesn't like interacting with the students who also go to them.

"They don't know what real life is," he said of the students, either not knowing or caring that I happen to be a student. "Their mommies and daddies give them everything."

This is a sentiment shared by some of the other Delaware residents who frequent the bars, but not all. Brad, a short, stocky man in his 30s, sitting a few stools away from Lurch, said he really enjoys the students.

"The students in this town make this town what it is," he said, slightly drawing out each 's.' "Absolutely."

Brad moved to Delaware from Columbus six years ago. For awhile he lived in a second-story apartment right next to the Backstretch, his favorite bar in town, where he has spent plenty of time socializing with residents and students alike.

The two views of students held by Lurch and Brad, only two stools apart, represent the conflicting feelings about Ohio Wesleyan students held by Delaware residents. Later in the night—and possibly

at those very same two stools—two students are likely to show up with similarly conflicting feelings about Delaware residents.

"It goes both ways," said Dave, owner of Clancey's Pub. "Some residents love interacting with students at the bar while others feel uncomfortable and leave," he said, "and some students love interacting with residents at the bar while others, like the residents, will leave."

This collective ambivalence seems to be the result, as well as the cause, of the fights, friendship, rivalry, revelry and host of other interactions, ranging from goodwill to animosity, that characterize the student-resident interaction at the bars in downtown Delaware.

According to Chris Mickens, who grew up in Delaware and now works as a public safety officer at OWU, there are different types of relationships between students and residents. "One is ignorantly-based animosity that comes down to stereotypes," Mickens said. "I have friends—or I should say associates—who say every student is an East-Coast preppy kid with money. That they are generally disrespectful. That they have an East-Coast attitude. I personally

hate the word 'townie,'" he said, moving on to the students' stereotype of Delaware residents.

"To me, it's no different than a racial slur. The students associate the people of Clancey's with the rest of Delaware, and assume that everyone is less educated and that everyone has less money. They couldn't be more wrong."

Delaware residents Katie Hill and Ryan Dennis, both 21 and patrons of the local bars, seem to align with Mickens' associates.

"A lot of them are kind of pretentious because their parents give them money," Hill said. "There are some students who go to the bar who think they are better than everybody."

"I have a problem with it," Dennis said of students going to local bars, while drinking a Budweiser at Clancey's on a Saturday night. "Half of 'em are money-spoiled douche bags."

Not 20 feet away, David Crozier, a sophomore at Ohio Wesleyan, said he doesn't like sharing Clancey's with Delaware residents.

"It's because they got in a fight with me one time," Crozier said. "It started over nothing. And though we got kicked out, they got

to stay." He thought this was unfair treatment.

Fights between students and residents are known to happen, several say, though they tend to be rare.

"I know there was an incident—awhile back—when a resident got beat up and lost a few teeth outside the Lame Duck," Mickens said. The Lame Duck, now closed, was a bar across from the Strand on Winter Street.

Gere Jordan, a 21-year old Delaware resident, said he knew of a quarrel that happened between several students and a resident a while ago at the Backstretch. Eric Sierra, the resident, had come back from the bathroom to find several students drinking his beer. He was mad, and when he realized he couldn't get another beer (he had just missed last call while in the bathroom), he got even madder. He pulled a knife on the students, igniting a scuffle that spilled outside onto Sandusky Street. Jordan didn't know whether anyone was injured, but he said the fight led to a month-long ban for the students and a life-long ban for Sierra.

Lindsey, a bartender at Clancey's Pub who moved to Delaware about two years ago, said she has seen a few fights while at work. A female student called a female resident a "fat townie." The female resident then proceeded to start a fight with the student, with a little help from her friends. But the fight was quickly broken up.

"I think the people from the town harbor so much animosity that they're ready to fight after the first comment," Lindsey said. "They spend all summer talking about the students taking up *their* bar, and then they complain when the students come back."

Robert Wood, director of public safety, said his department usually doesn't have much trouble between students and residents at the bars.

"We've had some altercations—we've had a few," Wood said. For example, there was an assault within the last few years between some students and residents. "But there have been only one or two occasions that I'm aware of."

Debby Tilferd, a bartender at the Backstretch, said conflicts at the bar rarely but occasionally happen. "I think that just comes with the territory," she said. "They're all cir-

"I don't like it, but I have no choice."

Derek Bringardener, a Delaware resident who attends Wittenberg, said he has no problems with the students who go the local bars. "They've been cool—they've been cool," he said.

Pam Skehan, a junior at Ohio Wesleyan, said most of her experiences with residents at the local bars have been, if not positive, at least interesting. "There a colorful group of

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-- Chris Mickens

cumstantial."

Mickens said the fights he hears about are split between residents vs. residents, residents vs. students and students vs. students. "You can't really draw a conclusion from it."

Dave said the conflicts at Clancey's are uncommon and usually not too serious. "I have very few problems with the students—they do a good job of policing each other," he said. "If they get too drunk or step out of line, their friends will usually take care of them."

"The girls are the worst—not that they do anything terrible," he said. For example, if one girl has a grudge against another, she'll do something like tell the bartenders that the other girl has a fake ID. "Those are the ones that are so funny just because of the motives behind it."

The non-violent reactions to the student-resident interaction range from reluctance to tolerance to enjoyment.

Dave said he has Delaware residents go up to him all the time and ask him why he doesn't keep the students from going to his bar.

Mark Apsega, a senior at Ohio Wesleyan, said he doesn't like sharing the local bars with residents:

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aware six years ago, said he has run into some really friendly students since he moved here, but also some obnoxious ones.

"The only students I've ever had a problem with are the ones that are too drunk and too young and out of their element," he said. "They cling to their snobbery because they don't know how to act in this environment (that is, the Clancey's environment)."

"The big pet peeve I have is a lack of respect. If you go to any bar anywhere in the U.S., nobody bumps you when you're taking a pool shot. But it happens here. They'll poke you when you're shooting and then quickly turn around like it didn't happen. It's really disrespectful."

Dave said the students and residents are able to coexist at his bar, despite the occasional conflicts. He disagrees with the notion that a business owner should only cater to one clientele. And he said to do so would just further the divide between students and residents. "When you create those types of parameters, you encourage that kind of behavior," he said.

Dave said the student-resident tension has lessened over the years.

"I think originally, Ohio Wesleyan had a larger percentage of students that were well-off. Now it's more like 50-50," he said, adding that the university seems to be giving more scholarships to less affluent individuals. The students that used to dominate probably didn't have to deal with the blue-collar types of Delaware in their home towns, he said, making them somewhat "stand-offish" at places like Clancey's where they had to interact with a number of such residents.

"I don't think it's like it was," he said. "I really don't. I think more people are coming from a blue-collar background."



Photo by Ashton Abby

Sophomore Johnny Chang enjoys a game of pool with a Delaware resident in Clancey's on a Wednesday night.



Photo by Catie Coleman

A bartender fills drinks during happy hour at The Backstretch Bar.



Photo by Catie Coleman

OWU students kick back and enjoy.

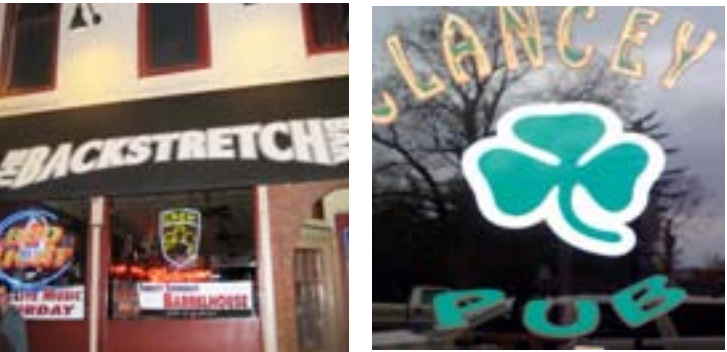


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The Backstretch Bar, a local hot spot for students and residents, is located at 14 South Sandusky St.

Photo by Sarah Shkoukani

Clancey's, another big attraction for the pub crowd, is located at 40 South Sandusky St.

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Arts & Entertainment

Warm weather inspires new spring fashion on campus

By **Rafaya Sufi**
Transcript Reporter

It's time to get rid of the coats and get in with the cleavage as spring approaches, according to sophomore Allie Cohen.

Cohen, from the greater New York/New Jersey area, said her fashion sense is eclectic from her mother's side and preppy from her East Coast upbringing.

"I've never been a fashion junkie," Cohen said. "Until I came to college. I've been exposed to all sorts of fashions now. I'm looking forward to wearing my spring outfits."

Cohen said she is glad spring is here. "Winter was getting dreary. I was sick of wearing coats and jackets. I can finally let my skin breathe now, I feel."

Senior Faizan Mohammed said spring clothing goes beyond exterior appeal.

Mohammed, who has spent a few years living in California, said in spring he loves spending hours looking like he just rolled

out of bed.

"It's the new fashion," Mohammed said. "I feel like clothing really expresses a lot about me and my personality, too. Spring is the perfect time to show off who I am and what I'm all about."

Mohammed said he sees many students outside, stretched out in the grass with minimal clothing to get a perfect tan for "spring skin."

"Now that the sun is out, everyone should take advantage of it," Mohammed said. "I get sunny days all year round in California. In Ohio it's considered a good day when the sun is out. In fact, it's the perfect time to show off your new clothes, and body."

Junior Natalia Tariq said she is excited about spring, but for different reasons.

Tariq, a native of Pakistan, said she has always dressed conservatively. She said she does not feel comfortable with exposing too much skin, any time of year.

"Spring should be about renewal, a fresh start, not about cleavage" Tariq said.

"I understand it is the Western culture, but I'm not comfortable with it. I feel like this whole 'spring fashion' asks for too many expectations. A good body and expensive clothes, for instance."

Tariq said she appreciates good clothing but does not think clothing should be indicative of one's personality.

"I feel like you should judge someone by the way they talk or interact with people," Tariq said. "Not by what he or she wears. That idea seems ludicrous to me."

Sophomore Bea Pantoja said she has lived all over the world and has experienced spring and the fashion trends it brings along in many different cultures.

"I'm one of the few global nomads on campus," Pantoja said. "I've seen people practically naked in some cultures and others dressed from head to toe. In spring I feel clothing reflects

the weather and not the weather reflecting the clothing."

Pantoja said she is not a trend-follower like many others on this campus.

"When you walk out of your room in the morning, it's like everyone's dressed alike on campus," Pantoja said. "The guys are wearing J Crew shorts and the girls miniscule skirts. I don't look down upon it or anything, it's just that I feel like I stand out by wearing something different."

Pantoja said she has experienced vulgarity clothing-wise at all levels on this campus now that spring has arrived.

"I'm not big on the idea of girls shedding clothes during spring, just because it's spring," Pantoja said. "There's a certain amount of decency one should abide by."

"Also, a thing that annoys me is that many people are willing to spend a good amount of money to wear something that only covers a fraction of their body."



Photo by Mike DiBiasio
Sophomore John Mariarty and Trevor Body ('07) dress casually for spring. Body keeps the sun out with a hat and shades.

OWtsiders harmonize hard work with play

By **Emily Hastings**
Transcript Reporter

When searching for perfect harmony, Ohio Wesleyan's a cappella group the OWtsiders hits all the right notes.

The OWtsiders was formed in 1999 after a woman was denied acceptance to an all-male a cappella group called the Jay Walkers. Because the group wouldn't accept her, she started what is known today as the OWtsiders.

"Even today we try to keep the feel of why the group started in the first place," said sophomore Katie Corrai, director of OWtsiders. "This is not a class and is meant to be fun."

As the group's director, Corrai is in charge of the musical side of the group, such as running rehearsals and auditioning soloists. The group's 16 members consist of four sopranos, four altos, four tenors and four basses. One of the members will also beat box for certain songs.

"We usually have at least one person in the group who can beat box," Corrai said. "Sometimes traditional a cappella can get repetitive, so this definitely adds a different aspect to the music."

Junior Jenna Bialik, president of the group, said they arrange all their own pieces. She said they are working on new songs and are excited to share them with everyone.

The group rehearses about six hours a week and will increase rehearsal time during a show week.

"We know it's a big time commitment, but we always try to work around everyone's schedules," Corrai said.

The OWtsiders have made four CDs in the past nine years and they plan to make a new one next year.

"I wanted some way to be involved with music here at OWU, and OWtsiders seemed like the perfect fit because we're co-ed, student run and we have

fun," Bialik said.

The OWtsiders perform about 20 to 25 shows a year, both on and off campus, Corrai said. Performances have included benefits such as Soups for Shelter and the Red Cross.

"We never ask for money, but we always accept donations to go towards fundraising and help curb overall costs," Corrai said.

In the fall, the group performs at various high schools in the area.

"I saw them perform at my high school and thought they were very unique," Corrai said. "When I came here my freshman year, I immediately looked for their table during club week because I knew I wanted to join."

Every spring they try to go to New York City, Chicago or another big city to do a performance. This year the group is going to Toledo to do a benefit concert for Jonathon Rowe ('07), who died Nov. 2, 2007.

One of the group's highlighted shows is the upcoming Slice of Life show, a performance for prospective students.

"It's not just about recruiting possible new students, but also getting people excited about the group," Corrai said.

The members of the group are selected through a very relaxed audition process, Corrai said. Those auditioning are asked to sing less than a minute of a song they think best displays their voice. Then they are given a new piece of music and asked to sight read.

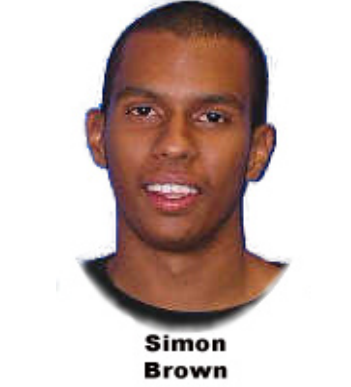
A major factor is seeing if they can blend well with the group.

"Enthusiasm is also a big part of our presence, so they definitely have to show us they are excited," Corrai said.

"When people come to our shows, they just want to have a good time," Corrai said. "We are our true selves on stage and we just want to make the audience enjoy themselves too."

The origins of hip-hop can be found in Jamaica

Real Talk



Because I'm a Jamaican, a lot of people are surprised to know that hip-hop is my favorite genre of music.

I have a love for hip-hop that reggae can never come close to. Some people find that sur-

prising, but they don't realize that hip-hop and Jamaica have a long history, all the way back to the beginning.

Hip-hop started back in the day when DJ's had only one turntable and needed someone to speak in between switching records.

While changing a record someone on the microphone would say things like "Put your hands in the air/ wave them like you just don't care." This was started by a Jamaican DJ in New York named DJ Kool Herc in the '70s.

It was this Jamaican who started a trend, and eventually the rhymes over the beats became very sophisticated.

A few years later, many

Jamaican reggae artistes have merged with hip-hop.

Supercat was a reggae singer who did songs with Kriss Kross and the remix of "Jump." He also worked with The Notorious B.I.G. and The Neptunes.

Geto Boys are known for "Damn it Feels Good to Be a Gangsta" and "Mind Playing Tricks on Me"; one of their members, Bushwick Bill, is from Jamaica.

In 2006 rapper The Game released his single "One Blood" featuring reggae singer Junior Reid doing a rendition of his own song with the same title. This song was also sampled by The Wu-Tang Clan back in 2000 for their song "One Blood under the W."

Junior Reid has gone on to do songs with Fabolous, M.I.M.S and Jim Jones.

Kardinal Offishall is also another one influenced by Jamaica. His parents were born in Jamaica and he raps with a Jamaican accent. Sean Kingston lived in Jamaica for a short time and puts his roots in his music. Other rappers with Jamaican parents are Canibus, The Notorious B.I.G. and Busta Rhymes.

These are just a few examples from the long list of Jamaica's influence in hip-hop. The music is influenced by the people and the culture. So as a Jamaican, I believe I have every right to be one of hip-hop's number one fans.

Students, prof subject of documentary film festival

By **Kaitlin Thomas**
Transcript Reporter

The Strand Theatre in conjunction with Ohio Wesleyan's Department of Sociology-Anthropology and the audiovisual center will present Ohio Wesleyan's 4th Annual Documentary Film Festival this Friday at 7 p.m.

The festival is a fundraiser supporting The Open Shelter in downtown Columbus. It was opened in 1983 and was the first 24-hour emergency walk-in shelter in Ohio. Since opening its doors, the shelter has helped over 20,000 men.

The festival will showcase eight student-created documentaries as well as a documentary produced by Professor Mary Howard of the Sociology-Anthropology department.

The students, all members of Howard's Ethnographic and Documentary Film and Film-making class, spent a semester working on their own documentaries.

They were introduced to camera techniques and the editing process by Howard and Chuck Della Lana of OWU's AV center, but "all final films are a product of each student's or team's own decisions," said Howard.

There is no overarching theme for the festival, but this year many of the films share a focus on the local community.

"This year's festival features stories from campus or [the] Delaware [area]," said Howard. "OWU students, staff and faculty are going to be able to see themselves on the big screen."

Not all of the films focus on Delaware or OWU though. "Of the nine films we produced, three are about off campus topics," she said.

One of those films is "Swept Out," Howard's own documentary. It focuses on the tent and shanty communities of downtown Columbus. It was filmed over six months in 2006, but Howard has since added new material.

This is not Howard's first foray into documentary filmmaking. In 2004 she created "Cloud People," which focused on the forced closing of The Open Shelter, a place she had been associated with for 18 years.

Howard said her first documentary was the product of her frustration regarding the closing.

"When I saw the unfair way the Columbus media was trying to ruin the Open Shelter's reputation to facilitate urban development in Franklinton, I started bringing a camera with me on student trips to the shelter so I could tell Ohioans another story," Howard said.

"After filming the shelter's closing, I decided to teach the film course to learn how to tell the shelter's story." OWU then held its first documentary festival in 2004.

After "Cloud People" Howard went on to create two other documentaries before "Swept Out."

"Outreach," shown at the 2006 National Health Care for the Homeless Convention in Portland, Ore., focused on the people who brought services to those living outside. "In Our Own Backyard" was a 90-minute earlier draft of "Swept Out" that contained no narration.

Howard hopes that by creating their own documentaries, students will gain an appreciation for the work, time and passion.

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Kaitlin offers readers her guide to TV watching without a TV



While I am not ashamed of my passion for television, I am pretty confident I need a twelve-step program to counter my addiction.

Unfortunately, I am not ready to bunk with Lindsay Lohan in that rehabilitation center just yet. Instead, I am bringing to you, my fellow classmates of OWU, a special "Kaitlin's Guide to TV Watching without a TV."

There s is a growing trend

across America in which more and more people are having trouble finding time to fit television into their lives. As college students, our evenings are comprised of partying (especially if it is a Wednesday), meetings, sports, and homework (for those of us actually working towards graduation under the four-year plan).

But it is not just college students. Adults in the workforce are finding their time consumed with such trivial things as actual work and families. Who knew that would take up so much of our TV time?

A few years ago, if you missed your show, you would

have to deal with it or search the Internet for a place to download the episode. This takes up space and a lot of your time.

Luckily we live in an age where technology runs rampant; we have TiVos and the Internet. While most college students are poor and cannot afford their own TiVo for their dorm room (or just forgot to pay their cable bill), they surely have an Internet connection.

So if you missed your show, there is a good chance you can find it online. Most of the major networks are now uploading full episodes to their sites. But if they are not, there is still a good chance you can find it.

The website Hulu.com was recently opened to the public. According to the site, Hulu's mission is to "help you find and enjoy the world's premium content when, where and how you want it."

Many news sources believe that Hulu.com is the next big thing in online video content and is the newest and easiest site to use to view television without actually having to own a TV.

The site is easy to navigate and has numerous clips as well as full episodes of hundreds of television shows and movies. But I have to say the best part is that it is free for all to use.

The content is constantly being updated, too.

Other sites such as SurftheChannel.com provide a similar service, hosting numerous episodes of popular television shows. While Hulu tends to have higher quality episodes, SurftheChannel has a bigger database as of right now. It has been up longer, and you can find almost any show your little heart desires. It helped me when I wanted to start watching "How I Met Your Mother" last week. (Which is a great comedy, and I suggest if you have not watched it before, you start doing so now.)

While I love that I can watch

many shows from my computer, especially when I have missed multiple episodes, I find myself wondering if this is the future of television. Will we even need televisions in the future?

The technology available today is amazing and it continues to develop and grow. I never once dreamed that I would be able to watch TV shows on my computer. And I love that I can. However I'm not ready to bury my TV yet. We are very close, you see.

Hopefully for awhile we can live with a happy compromise and stick to just watching TV online when we miss an episode of "The Hills."

Opinion

Recycling program requires effort from both parties

While the recycling program at Ohio Wesleyan University is certainly not in shambles, there is much room for improvement. Additional funding from the university and increased student involvement will be necessary in order to push the program forward.

Higher funding is critical because there is a need for more recycling bins in most buildings on campus. While most buildings have bins, Stuyvesant, Slocum and Corns do not. In many buildings the bins are too few, or are located in areas which are not clearly visible. Even a modest increase in funding could make a significant difference in the volume of recycled materials.

However, funding alone will not solve the problem if students remain indifferent toward the issue. If more recycling bins were placed in buildings on campus, that would require even more students to volunteer to pick up the material and take it to a central location for buildings and grounds. Environmentally conscience students will have to sacrifice some of their time to make this work. Students who choose not to participate should at least make sure they are not throwing garbage in the recycling bins, because that causes everything to be thrown out.

The administration should make it clear to the students that recycling is a priority, and the students must reciprocate.

OWU Kite-Off promises big competition and cahnce to recognize sportsmanship



Tackle Football
with
Rory McHale

Such lovely weather that we've been having so recently in Delaware and, specifically, on the OWU campus where it has been nice to be outside for the first time in a while with no snow or cold.

Just pleasant sunny days. And less clothes are required, which is sweet because I don't like having to wear too much because sometimes the weather changes later in the day and you can just take them off, but then you have to carry them around (like a sweater or something) and you might leave them somewhere and forget about them or, worse, if you put them in your backpack they make the whole bag really big and you look like

a nerd but you're actually just someone who dressed for the original weather of the day rather than predicting the future.

For me this weather means the annual Ohio Wesleyan Kite-Off is fast approaching. The OWU KO is one of the oldest traditions on this campus. As this year's director (and a former winner!), I feel like sharing a little bit about OWU KO.

Wikipedia defines a kite as a flying tethered object that depends upon the strength of the tethering system (sounds like my mother-in-law).

Old Wiki goes on to say kites can be used for military applications, meteorology, radio purposes and power generation. The article also points out that Charlie Brown was regularly depicted as having flown his kite into a tree as a metaphor for his life's adversities.

For those juniors among my readership (shout out) you'll recall reading "The Kite Run-

ner," a warm, fuzzy coming-of-age tale about the very first OWU Kite-Off.

But back to business. The OWU KO is fast approaching on Sunday, April 19. The competition works as such: Ten thousand participants from OWU and Delaware start off with their kites in that valley between Hayes and Oak Hill Ave.

Another 5,000 stand on the higher ground at either end of the valley, armed to the teeth with knives, rocks and heavy artillery. When the director (myself) blows the whistle, the 10,000 release their kites and the 5,000 open fire and attack everything that moves in the valley. The winner is whoever shows the best sportsmanship.

Winning the big OWU KO last year was one of my finest accomplishments at this school. I'll never forget being awarded the trophy from the previous winner, Branch Rickey, and

tearfully celebrating with my estranged father, Gary. It was a rare open showing of emotion for me. I hadn't cried in public since Lyndon Johnson's resignation, and knowing that my sportsmanship had been better than all others, well, that sent me over the edge.

I have only two closing remarks for you all this week:

1. Professional wrestling is not a real sport. Commenting on it is a black mark on The Transcript.
2. I am better than everyone. That is to be taken in the most broad and narrow senses available.
3. If anyone is interested in participating in this years Kite-Off, please email me at jerry@owu.edu, including a resume, cover sheet, three references, work history, any tattoos or piercings, a short biography, nicknames and whether or not you will require the vegetarian option. Thanks.

Letter from the past confuses student recipient on issues of dairy product use and parakeets



Letters I found in the dumpster
by Tavish Miller

Dear Zach,

You thought you could run from me? Wrong. Well, I caught up at least. That's what I'm saying, yeah. You're the lion and I am the hunter, always following you. The hunter whose life you destroyed. Now my life is you. I feel like a ghost. But I can never rest, never rest until you're dead. Must be nice, going away to college, forgetting about the

real world. Well, my wife can never go to college now Zachy. WHAT ABOUT MY DOG?! Zachzachzach. That's a nice name. I was thinking about naming one of my children Zach, a boy or a girl, that's how much I liked the name.

I was committed. Now I'm committed to you.

Do you remember that day? I remember. I'LL NEVER FORGET. SHUT UP I CAN'T THINK! How can I think if you keep yelling all the time!? Yeah, I know. I know! I'll clean it up tomorrow. Why can't you just respect that this is MY ROOM and I do PERSONAL THINGS in here! WHAT? No! I'm writing a letter! It's to someone you

don't know!

I came home expecting to see my beautiful wife, our giant dog and our tiny parakeet, all three excited to see me like they were every other day. I worked hard for my wife and our pets, and I loved them. I loved them, Zach. Maybe that's something you will never understand.

But they weren't ready to greet me. Someone was home. There was cereal everywhere. It smelled. It smelled dead. It smelled like hell, that must have been where I was, and you are the Devil.

Some one was eating cereal. Upstairs. It was you, my wife, my giant dog, my tiny parakeet. The walls were covered in milk;

there were buckets of milk. And a dead cow and a dead leprechaun, both covered in milk. The house was made out of milk. Everyone was laughing, my tiny dog, my giant parakeet. My wife. You. WELL I DON'T SEE WHAT'S SO GODDAMN FUNNY.

Your Past

Dear "Past",

I think you have me confused with someone else. I don't have any cereal. We have a horse? Good luck finding the "devil".

Zach

P.S.: Was that middle part talking to me or was that someone else? I was confused.

Action at NATO summit ensures followers will continue to follow



Global View
Alexandra Panait

Ladies and gentlemen, the cards have been shuffled. And the winner is: Vladimir Putin! Such an introduction might resonate of a fictitious political scenario.

It is, nevertheless, the reality behind the Bucharest NATO at the beginning of April. Once again NATO, following the European stalemate, hides behind the façade of building credibility and eligibility for steps towards democracy.

The results of the high level meeting: A disappointed Yushchenko, a tumultuous Vornonin present for a couple of hours as an indirect sign of his political attitude towards Romania, a defeated Georgia in terms of

NATO acceptance to MAP and the two victorious small countries of Croatia and Albania.

What was at stake? Psychological, rather than political, considerations for rewarding Eastern European countries' efforts for aligning with Western concepts.

More importantly, behind the scenes of welcoming new members, a pervasive Western dominance in Europe was meant to curtail any Russian attempts to continue its involvement in the region. It was a complete failure for Western thinking.

The tsummit is a stepping stone for NATO's future and Europe's position in political affairs, and it is also the framework built around those things.

Without overseeing the monetary flow and political podium on which the summit placed Romania, its host acted as a political peon for the world's greatest delegations. Dressing itself in a Third-World country

attitude, Romania transformed Bucharest into a perfect façade of infrastructure and societal silence allowing political mpves to take place without raising any objection.

Humble and naïve, it allowed \$36 million from the already corrupted governmental budget to pour into the event. Romania believed it could be heard, it had the illusion of bridging the Russia-U.S. divide. Behind such charade, it failed to notice the public's antagonistic view of the majestic attitude the government was instilling in Bucharest.

On the brink of the summit, a 20-year-old Moldovan student died inadvertently at a cross road, while the police stood aloof, directing traffic for the coming international delegation. All the newspapers hold on their front pages worthless stories of life in Romania: stories about planting trees, paving the streets, blocking the already

impossible downtown traffic, closing windows and relishing on the Communist achievement. The People's House, which ironically the hosted NATO summit, stood as a symbol for long-lasting friendship with the West, the rooted democratic spirit and its perfect functionality.

Ironically, the anti-NATO slogans present on buildings were immediately expunged, not to contradict the political attitude Romania has warmly embraced. A government that turned its back to the prevalent societal attitude that hid economical distress, diverted funds into an already booming Bucharest.

There was no overnight change of attitude on NATO's agenda.

The U.S. knew Ukraine is extraordinary divided on its acceptance of the Western influence, and the ineffaceable Russian voice. Georgia is strug-

gling with an Eastern European attitude of making itself known and integrating itself by emulating policies without domestic effectiveness.

But this is too little.

There is also the issue of countries waiting for incentives. And that has been reduced, although policies are opened for discussions.

Why Albania and Croatia and not Macedonia? Croatia was a ready-to-go candidate, and there is no doubt its paving its way to European Union in similar fashion as the 2004 and 2007 EU waves. Including Albania into NATO brings down the political spirits in the region and officially secures the new border with Kosovo. This was a strong strategic that needed to be made.

The question remains on the benefits a NATO membership brings. Infrastructure is one of the main arguments. The reciprocal contribution is more questionable. Yet, these

countries are small enough to be well absorbed and to contribute a psychological factor to the prevailing NATO spirit.

In contrast, Macedonia was shut from such a wave. Greece clearly opposed the move and will not soon accept any changes. Such new horizon might lead Macedonia to bet on the EU in the future. Not accompanying Croatia and Albania into the NATO membership ended as a disillusionment for Macedonian students youth, and for future Macedonian-Greek relations.

Once again, the NATO summit confirmed national interests over any community identity built over decades.

It reasserted the U.S.-Russia axis, and a divided Europe in which Germany and France continue to play Eastern Europe at their benefits. The outcome of such political game is already known: developing democracies will follow orders from the self-centric powers.

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Bracket secrets unbreakable in NCAA Tourney



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Kansas Jayhawks' Mario Chalmers and others celebrate their 75-68 overtime victory in the National Championship over the Memphis tigers



Thoughts from the Third Row

With Drew Lennox
and Ryan Armstrong

College basketball's tournament of champions, more than any other sporting event in the world, encapsulates the interests of people through bracket competitions. Whether it is gambling for big stakes in Las Vegas or just the friendly office pool where the winner earns bragging rights at the water cooler, many people are involved in the filling out of a tournament bracket.

There are many strategies to selecting winners. Not all of them are taken seriously, and not all of them work. While some pick teams because of their colors, school names or mascots, others pore over rosters, schedules and statistics.

Why do some teams succeed, while others fail? Why do some teams play basketball into April while others get an early start to the off-season? Maybe there is some correlation between the winners or maybe teams show that what happens on the hardwood floor of a gymnasium is different than what the words on the pages of a spiral bound notebook might predict.

While many factors can help a team win games, they won't necessarily make that team a championship caliber team.

Experience can play a big part in success. The number of games a team wins during the regular season against opponents who made the NCAA Tournament (TTW) is important. Eight of the top 10 teams in this category went to the Sweet Sixteen. Eight out the bottom 10 teams in TTW were knocked out in the first round. The other two teams were eliminated in the second round.

Results show it is important that teams get experience playing against better competition. This helps teams prepare for match-ups in the future when the pressure is on.

Three-fourths of the teams in the Final Four, featuring Kansas, Memphis, North Carolina and UCLA, were in the top 10 for points per game (PPG). Five in the bottom 10 didn't get past the first round. Only two of those bottom teams made it to the Sweet Sixteen where they then failed as well.

Scoring defense is also significant when making selections. Another way to categorize this could be points given up per game (PGUPG). This

is essential because the fewer points a team allows, the fewer they have to score to get the victory.

Only two teams in the top 10 of this category were knocked out in the first round. Every other school won at least one game in the tournament. The only rarity that occurred in the bottom 10 was that North Carolina made it all the way to the Final Four with one of the worst PGUPG stats in the pack.

Some of the key statistical categories, however, do not determine success in all situations. Five of the top 10 teams in points per game bowed out in the first round. This was also true of five of the top 10 in field goal percentage and in free throw and three point percentage; six of the top 10 in these categories went home without playing a second game.

The bulk of the statistics focused on the specific skills that each team carried with them throughout a season. The number of losses during the regular season was fairly in tune with results in the tournament. Each Final Four team was ranked in the top 10 for the least number of losses. On this list, only the Drake Bulldogs, who lost on a last second shot to Western Kentucky, failed to win a game in the tournament. Eight of the bottom 10 with the most losses added another to their resume in the first round.

Losses to non-tournament teams show how a team fared against teams who were not chosen for the NCAA Tournament field. It is not good to have many losses to non-tournament teams, as every team in the top 10 of most losses, joined those teams watching the rest of the tournament at home.

But the tournament is not only about wins and percentages. It is also about players. There was no real correlation between success and a team's leading scorer's class or position. However, in a tournament where size can sometimes play a huge part, of the 19 teams with a seven-footer on their roster, none of them advanced past the Sweet Sixteen.

With many categories to consider, no one category showed it would determine the winner of a game. However, there were a few interesting ones.

In the 63 games that were

played, 43 of them have been won by the team that gives up fewer points per game.

The other is surprising as it deals with free-throw percentage.

One would think that the teams with the better free-throw percentage would win a majority of the games. This was not the case this year as in almost 60 percent of the games; the winners had a lower free throw percentage. This could be because free throws did not play a prominent role in the outcome of the game or it could be that some teams, like Memphis, shot poorly in the regular season and shot much better in the tournament.

That was until Monday night. In the last 16 seconds of the game, the Tigers missed three out of four of their free throws. This led, combined with an amazing three-point shot by Mario Chalmers for Kansas, to the biggest game of the year going into overtime.

This year's two tournament finalists might not have appeared on all brackets, but they very well might have as they dominated the statistics.

Based on regular season stats, Memphis and Kansas both ranked in the top 10 in most wins, fewest losses, fewest road losses, fewest losses to non-tournament teams, and both longest and current win streak. They both also ranked in the top 10 in points per game, defensive rebounds per game, steals per game and blocks per game.

Memphis was in the top 10 in wins versus tournament teams, scoring defense, rebounds per game and fewest turnovers per game. Kansas, not to be outdone, was among the top 10 teams in assists per game, field goal percentage (shooting over 50 percent), three-point percentage (shooting over 40 percent), and had four players who averaged 10 or more points per game.

Some stats might not be as heavily studied but are just interesting. These statistics give fans some of unusual happenings of March Madness. These may help the tournament live up to its unique name.

This year the tournament had 18 teams involved that had previously won at least one National Championship. There are a few curses, like the one

for Memphis, that continue to stretch out for another year. The last team to win a National Championship, before Kansas won this year, that was located to the west of the Mississippi River was Arizona back in 1997.

Although it did not occur this year, in eight of the last 10 years, the Final Four has featured two teams from the same conference. Also, including this year, seven of the last 10 national champions have won their conference tournament. One of the anomalies was in 2003 when no one of the Final Four competitors was a conference victor.

What about the Mascots? This year's 64 teams had five Bulldogs, four Eagles, (two of them Golden) and five Wildcats mascots. For the most part multiples were removed very early in the tournament. Two of the Bulldogs had one win. The others were eliminated in the first round. One of the Eagles teams had one win and the other three were knocked out after their opening game.

Two of the Wildcats teams were sent home the first day. One went to the second round, one to the third. The only exception was Davidson who came out of the regular season with a 22-game winning streak. They made it to the Elite Eight.

Some people look at the colors of each team's jerseys and this also had some interesting things to note. All four teams with red, white and blue uniforms were eliminated in the first round. Six teams had jerseys with green and another color, and four of these teams also left the dance early. Three teams with blue and gold colors had one win in the tournament and the fourth, UCLA, went to the Final Four. Six games hosted blue and white uniformed teams and four of these teams lost in the first round. One had one win and the other had two.

While many of the teams have blue in their uniforms, this has proved in recent history to be important. All four Final Four teams had blue and the last time a national champion did not blue was Maryland in 2002.

Several states send multiple participants to the tournament and the statistics show with many teams, one will usually do well. California had six teams.

(One went to the Final Four.) Tennessee had five. (One went to the Finals.) One of the three teams from North Carolina played in the final weekend and of the four teams from Texas and the three from Kentucky at least one went to the Elite Eight.

This, like most statistics, did not hold true in all situations because of the eight teams from Indiana and Pennsylvania (four each), only one went to the Sweet Sixteen.

With all kinds of fun data and some serious numbers to categorize the many teams, it is sometimes hard to pick teams to go deep into the tournament. Through basic eliminations fueled by data, one can narrow the teams with a chance to win the national championship to eight.

In order for any team to win the national championship, they must win six games in a row. With this condition in place, it is reasonable to assume any team who has not had a win streak of six during the regular season will not win six games in the tournament. With those eight teams eliminated, there were still 56 possible contenders.

Another feat a team must accomplish to be the champion is that they must beat six tournament teams. With this in mind, any team who during the regular season did not face and/or beat six tournament teams was eliminated. Thirty-six teams were eliminated this time, and 20 still remained.

At this point there were still four number one seeds, four number two seeds, three number three seeds, four number four seeds, one five, one six, one seven, one nine and one 10. Because the games have been played, it can also be seen that there are only five teams remaining teams that lost in the first round.

The third elimination technique was to eliminate all teams with a ratings percentage index (RPI) greater than 15. This eliminated seven more teams. With only 13 title contenders left, the fourth and final elimination got rid of any team that averaged less than four blocks per game. Five more teams were sent home.

Comparing the elimination game to the results in the tournament, in the eight remaining

teams, one can find both teams that made the finals, all four Final Four participants, six of the Elite Eight teams and seven of the Sweet Sixteen.

Through four basic statistical eliminations, it was concluded that only eight teams had a legitimate shot of winning the whole tournament. Those teams were Kansas, Memphis, North Carolina, UCLA, Texas, Louisville, Stanford and Georgetown.

For the first time in history, this year featured four number one seeds in the Final Four. There was a lot of history from those teams as well. The Kansas Jayhawks, the North Carolina Tarheels and the UCLA Bruins rank in the top six of almost every historical category: all-time appearances, games, wins and national championships.

Memphis is the odd one out here as it doesn't have the storied pasts that these other schools can boast. They have only been to the Final Four three times. The 2008 NCAA March Madness tournament came down Memphis and Kansas. In the title game, statistics did play a crucial role. Kansas shot 52 percent from the field and 93 percent from the line to win another national title.

Memphis shot 63 percent from the line but with 2:12 left in the game, they were up nine. From that point, in the remaining time and overtime, Memphis only made one of its last 10 shots. Add that to the fact that Memphis coach John Calipari did not call a time out at the end of regulation and his players did not commit a foul, and it is no surprise they lost to Rock Chalk Jayhawk. But, in the defense of Memphis, they probably aren't in these situations too often in the Conference USA.

The ultimate answer to why some teams succeed and others fail can never be known. On any given night, Cinderella can come strolling into the ball.

Every year teams change, seeding changes and overwhelming data changes. No matter how impressive the data is, the words and numbers can never account for how the ball will bounce off the rim, if the defender will be able to fight through the screen or whether the shooter will keep his elbow in on the three point shot at the buzzer.



Photo from sports-ak.espn.go.com/ncb/index

Mario Chalmers of Kansas blasts a three-pointer with three seconds left to send the National Championship match-up into overtime at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, on Monday night

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sion these projects necessitate. She also hopes to enlighten the students, as well as the general population, on the lives of those labeled the "homeless."

"I hope students in my classes understand how, in creating such a category, we've also created accompanying stigmas, stereotyping and discrimination that may feed our need to behave charitably but do not address the underlying causes of large numbers of U.S. citizens surviving outside," Howard said.

She went on to say that she

hoped students will have gained an appreciation for the way documentaries are "changing the way we see and behave in the world."

The schedule follows:

-- 7 p.m., April 11 -- "Death on Sunday Creek," filmed and edited by Samantha Kentner '09 this 35-minute documentary focuses on Ohio's worst mining disaster in November 1930.

-- 7:40 p.m., April 11 -- "'No Mas, No More!'" This 20-minute film, directed by Philip Rade-meyer '08 and Melanie Bren-

neman '09, follows a group of 40 students, faculty and staff from OWU as they protested the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Ga.

-- 8 p.m., April 11 -- "Sweet Out," is a 73-minute film produced by Professor Mary Howard. It takes viewers into several tent and shanty communities in downtown Columbus during 2006.

-- 1:30 p.m., April 12 -- "El Otro Lado," a film exploring the controversial issue of Latino immigration to the United States

was initiated in 2007 by Amanda London '08 and Amy Schweizer '09. The film was completed by Conor Close '10, Chioke Barkari '08 and Carolyn Wilkins '09 and runs 22 minutes.

-- 2 p.m. April 12 -- "Ghana: The Gateway to Better Education and Health Care," is a 15-minute film focusing on the struggles of Ghanaian citizens working to acquire adequate services. The film was created by Rhett Rybarczyk '09 and Chad Claussen '10.

-- 2:20 p.m., April 12 -- "Food

for Thought" is a 12-minute film created by Kelly Neff '09 and Beth Griffith '08. It focuses on student opinions of OWU's food service and suggests possible changes.

-- 2:40 p.m., April 12 -- "Yellow Card" is a film created by Caitlin Dugre '08 takes an inside look at OWU's athletic offerings and their educational value as perceived by athletes, faculty and coaches. It runs 20 minutes.

-- 3:05 p.m., April 12 -- "The Bishops of S.T.A.N.D." is a 22-minute film directed by Mark

Dubovec '10. It follows OWU students involved in the group Students Taking Action Now: Darfur who address the genocide and human rights violations in Darfur and around the world.

-- 3:30 p.m., April 12 -- "Delaware: The Unknown Drug Problem" was created by William Ruzek '11 and Andrew Morinaga '10. In 17 minutes, the filmmakers used interviews with drug users as well as officials in Delaware to show how drugs are damaging but essential to the city's development.



Bishops Sports

Six Bishops named NCAC Players of the Week

From OWU Online

Ohio Wesleyan University sophomore David Burke (Hudson), senior Alexa Deaton (Eden, Md./Mercersburg Academy), junior Ryan Ellis (Columbus/Dublin Scioto), senior Joey McDaniel (Dublin/Scioto), sophomore Casey Ridgeway (Fredericktown) and sophomore Rachel Seibel (Johnstown/Johnstown-Monroe) have been named North Coast Athletic Conference Athletes of the Week for the week of April 7, it was announced by the NCAC.

Burke, a member of the Battling Bishop men's track & field team, was named NCAC Men's Field Event Performer of the Week.

He won the long jump and the triple jump and finished second in the high jump to help the Bishops win the team title at the Marv Frye Invitational on Saturday.

Deaton, a midfielder on the Bishop women's lacrosse team, was named NCAC Player of the Week. She racked up a team-high 5 goals to lead the Bishops to a 20-9 win over Oberlin in their only action of the week.

Ellis, a member of the Bishop men's track & field team, was named NCAC Men's Sprinter/Hurdler of the Week. He won the 100-meter dash and finished second in the 200-meter dash and was a member of Ohio Wesleyan's first-place 400-meter relay team to help the Bishops win the team title at the Marv Frye Invitational on Saturday.

McDaniel, an outfielder-pitcher on the Bishop baseball team, was named NCAC Player of the Week. He was 7-for-15 (.467) with 4 doubles and 6 runs scored, and he drove in 5 runs from the leadoff spot in the batting order. He plated the game-winning run in the fourth game of Ohio Wesleyan's 4-game sweep of Earlham, and fired a



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Sophomore David Burke, senior Joey McDaniel and senior Alexa Deaton.

5-hit shutout in the third game, helping his own cause with 2 hits and a run scored.

Ridgeway, a member of the Bishop women's track & field team, was named NCAC Women's Sprinter/Hurdler of the Week. She finished second in the 200-meter dash and third in the 100-meter dash in helping the Bishops win the team title at the Marv Frye Invitational on Saturday.

Seibel, a pitcher-outfielder on the Bishop softball team,

was named NCAC Pitcher of the Week. She fired a 1-hitter against Oberlin on Sunday, striking out the first 5 batters she faced as well as the last 5 batters she faced.

Seibel finished with 14 strikeouts, just one off the school record she set earlier this season. Seibel opened the week with a 5-hit, complete-game win against Kenyon. On the week, she fanned 18 batters in 13.0 innings, allowing 1 run for an earned run average of 0.54.

Firedogs Ultimate Frisbee finish top 10 in tournament



Photos by Willy Yoder

The Firedogs tied for ninth place out of 25 teams in a tournament over the weekend but failed to reach the Great Lake Regional Tournament in Detroit. ABOVE: Top row from left to right, senior Dan Krofcheck, freshman Ted Youngling, senior Conor Browne, sophomore Jake Barnett, freshman Dan Ott, senior Jay Farro, junior Alex Paya; bottom row from left to right, freshman Will Condit, junior Willy Yoder, senior Andrew Au. LEFT: Junior Alex Paya throws the disc up field against Wooster. BOTTOM: Senior Dan Krofcheck passes it to junior Alex Paya against Wooster.



Women's tennis strong with youth movement

By Clay Davis
Transcript Correspondent

Despite the loss of five seniors, OWU women's tennis continues to take to the court, and while the team has struggled record-wise, it has not deterred the players from seeing success.

Included in that success is freshman Pam Quigney, who helped the Bishops in both singles and doubles in their win over Case Western last week.

Quigney has enjoyed success in her first year at OWU, which includes a win in her OWU tennis debut in a match against Denison. Quigney hopes to carry her success throughout the rest of the season.

"My personal goal is to play my best and compete at all my matches," Quigney said. "I really like singles because everything is on me. I cannot blame anybody for losing because I have to get it done."

Senior Kristen Carney sees the youth as a potential bright spot on the team, even though the team currently has a losing record.

"I feel this team has a lot of potential, which definitely can be reached," Carney said.

Carney believes that the

"The goal for the rest of the season is to finish top three in the conference,"
Kristen Carney said.

potential can be reached by taking it one match at a time, and "not looking too far ahead in the future."

Kirsten Pfund, who is also a senior, sees the upcoming matches against in-house rivals as a key test for the young Bishops.

"Our team will really have to step it up during these next two weeks," Pfund said. "We have Kenyon, Wooster, and Wittenberg left before conference at the end of April. I really think we could walk away with two more wins, which would put us in a pretty good spot for conference."

Those two wins could come down to who is mentally tougher. According to Pfund, there is a lot more of a mental side to the game than many people would anticipate.

"Eventually tennis becomes 10 percent physical and 90 percent mental," Pfund said. "Once you learn the strokes it comes down to mentally overcoming your opponent."

Pfund, who has seen a turn-

around in her season with a win against Ashland at number three singles, sees the mental aspect of the game as one of her biggest challenges.

"My biggest struggle is overcoming my mental game," Pfund said. "I begin to question my shots and my abilities during the match and then I begin to downplay my strengths."

While many aspects of tennis are individualized, there are team aspects too, and Carney sees chemistry as a reason to feel optimistic about what lies ahead.

"A highlight of the season was taking the team to Hilton Head for spring break, where our record was 2-1," Carney said. "It was a big bonding trip, especially because we have a lot of new players on the team."

Despite what many may see as a rebuilding year for the Bishops, the bar is still high, and the team hopes to finish on a strong note.

"The goal for the rest of the season is to finish top three in the conference," Carney said.

OWU men's club lacrosse seeks national recognition from win

By Micah Klugman
Transcript Correspondent

The Ohio Wesleyan club Lacrosse team is seeking to become a member of the National Club Lacrosse League (NCLL) for the spring 2009 season. With its victory over Ohio State club lacrosse, the team feels like they are ready to join the league and compete on the national level.

The team, which is managed by Foster Thalheimer, has no coach and relies on the efforts of students and school funding to keep going.

"I enjoy running the team," Thalheimer said. "Even though we don't have a coach, everyone helps out in their own way to keep the team going."

Thalheimer also said that some players know more about lacrosse than others, and they help out with some of the coaching aspects of the team.

The team has been gaining in popularity and size since the 2007 spring season. Now with the roster boasting over 25 players, some of whom are former OWU varsity lacrosse players,

the team is able to compete on a more competitive level. Most recently the team beat the nationally ranked Ohio State club lacrosse in a stunning 7 to 6 overtime victory this past Sunday at Ohio State.

"Beating Ohio State just goes to show how much talent we have on this team," freshman Tim Goodman said. "Now that we have beaten a team like that, people will see that we are ready to play on the NCLL level."

Goodman said that he enjoys playing for the team because it is all about the sport and it's more focused on having fun. The team consists of players who are all on different skill levels from freshman to seniors. "We have students who have been playing lax since they were young, and we have some players who joined early this semester after hearing that it was a fun sport," Thalheimer said. "Everyone gets a chance to play because it's all about fun and learning about the game."

As a member of the NCLL the team will be able to schedule more games against better teams than ever before. This year they

were only able to schedule two games. The two games were against Denison and Ohio State, both members of the NCLL in the Midwest North division.

"Becoming a member of the NCLL is important because it will open up the playing field and allow us to play teams from all over the nation," said senior Andy Hicks, former team manager. "Once we are a part of the league, we will be able to play more teams and our program will begin to expand and grow well into the future."

Currently, the only thing that is keeping the team from becoming a member is the funding they receive. WCSA funding only allows the club to spend its money on practice gear for the whole team, which includes items such as cones, balls and goal nets; however, the NCLL only allows teams who have matching uniforms and gear to participate.

Hicks said that with the way that the team is expanding, the team should be able to get the gear and uniforms that they need in order to play in the league in the near future.

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Bishops sweep double double-headers

By Brian Test
Transcript Reporter

Senior Joey McDaniel, left-handed pitcher for the baseball team, threw a five-hit shutout in the opener against Earlham on Sunday.

He also drove in the game-winning run in support of sophomore Matthew Struble in the nightcap as Ohio Wesleyan swept a North Coast Athletic Conference West Division doubleheader from Earlham at Lit-tick Field.

The Bishops took the lead in the second inning of the opener as senior A.J. Dote singled and moved to second when Quaker Corey Murray mishandled a grounder off the bat of senior Brent Wilkins. Sophomore Steve Ruygrok followed with a double down the right field line that scored Dote. Then Wilkins and Ruygrok scored on a throwing error by Earlham's second baseman.

Junior Logan Hronis hit a home run to lead off the third inning and then plated another run in the fifth with an infield out. Freshman Scott Wise finished off the Bishops scoring with an RBI in the sixth.

McDaniel held Earlham to only five hits, stranding runners at third base twice. He had six strikeouts, three walks, and supported his own cause with two hits and a run scored. Adam Painter scattered seven hits in working the complete game for Earlham.

In the second game, Struble and Earlham's Randy Kerns were in a pitchers' duel. The Bishops were able to get two runs to come out with the win. OWU took a 1-0 lead in the third when senior second base-man Jerrell Johnson led off with a single, stole second and scored on McDaniel's single through the right side.

The Bishops added a run after two were out in the fourth. Wilkins singled, Ruygrok fol-lowed with a single and Johnson walked to load the bases. Wise then came up and followed with a grounder to Murray at first base, but Kerns could not han-dle Murray's throw at the bag leaving everyone safe. Wilkins scored on the play to make it 2-0.

That was a big enough cush-ion for Struble as he allowed only two Quaker runners to reach second base. He allowed four singles while striking out 10 and walking three. Kerns, who also did not allow an extra-base hit in the game, absorbed the mound decision for Earlham.

McDaniel said both pitchers on Sunday pitched really well and they played great defense as a team.

"Earlham is an inferior team but wins in the NCAC are tough to come by so we had to be careful not to play down to their level," McDaniel said. "They tried to save their better pitcher and pitch him in the final game thinking our pitcher wouldn't



LEFT: Senior Brent Wilkins takes a home-run trot around third base after blasting a tater during Saturday's double header. Wilkins went 2 for 3 with three RBI and two runs. RIGHT: Senior Xander Jones throws a pitch during his sixth inning. Jones struck out five Earlham hitters while only walking one.



be as good as theirs. However, our number four would be a lot of team's aces so it did not work out for them."

He said OWU just stuck to their game with Eric McComas playing great defense, Matt Struble pitching well and Logan Hronis hitting well.

"Pitching won the games all weekend as well as our great fielding," McDaniel said.

"Everyone in the field is an out-standing fielder."

Hronis said the pitchers gave two ideal performances along with solid hitting.

"We hit the ball enough that they could relax and pitch with a lead," Hronis said. "We played solid defense, and manufactured runs when we needed to."

He said they are a better team, but Earlham is a team on

the rise. that they can play according to

Photos by Cliff Williams

Men's lax extends win streak to four

By Alex Humbert
Sports Editor

The men's lacrosse team con-tinued their dominate play last week with two lopsided wins against Oberlin and St. Vincent.

The Bishops put a hurting on the Yeomen of Oberlin on Wednesday 26-6 led by senior Harrison Iuliano who unleashed a beastly performance with six goals and one assist.

The Bishops jumped on the Yeomen early and often and amassed a 12-4 lead at the half that they never looked back from.

Sophomores Chris Ehlinger and Rob Young joined in on all the fun with Iuliano, with Young scoring three goals and four assists and Ehlinger chipping in with four goals of his own.

Saturday's game was no dif-ferent for the Bishops as they rolled over St. Vincent on their way to 17-2 thumping of the Bearcats. After the Bishops took a 4-0 lead early in the first quar-ter, the Bearcats attempted to make the game interesting by scoring a goal with a little under 6:00 remaining in the first quar-ter.

However, the dream was short lived as the Bishops smashed all hopes of a close game, scoring five unanswered goals led by senior Trevor Jones who scored three of those.

When the dust settled the Bishops had nine players with one or more goals led by Ehlinger with four, while Young and Jones each had three of their own.

Jones said that four blowouts in a row has been the product of both inferior opponents and improved play from the Bish-ops. "The opponents we have been facing as of late have not been the quality that we faced earlier in the season," Jones said.

"However, we have been playing much better lacrosse and it has showed in our domi-nance over these past oppo-nents. There is no doubt we are hitting our stride entering Wooster this week."

"If we take care of business until Deni-son, it will be for the conference champi-onship and a playoff spot," Trevor Jones said.

Senior defenseman Brian Test, who scored the first goal of his career in the game against St. Vincent, said the team is clicking all over the field on offense and defense.

"We have really picked it up defensively with our commu-nication and aggressiveness," Test said.

"We lacked that against Mer-chant Marine and Adrian, and it showed with the amount of goals we gave up. Offensively the guys are stepping up and taking care of business, and when you are able to score at will against these teams it's easy to relax."

Test isn't the only defense-man getting in on the scoring action this season. Sophomore Alex Razzolini scored two goals in the pummeling of the Yeomen, tying the OWU single-game record for most goals by a defenseman in a game

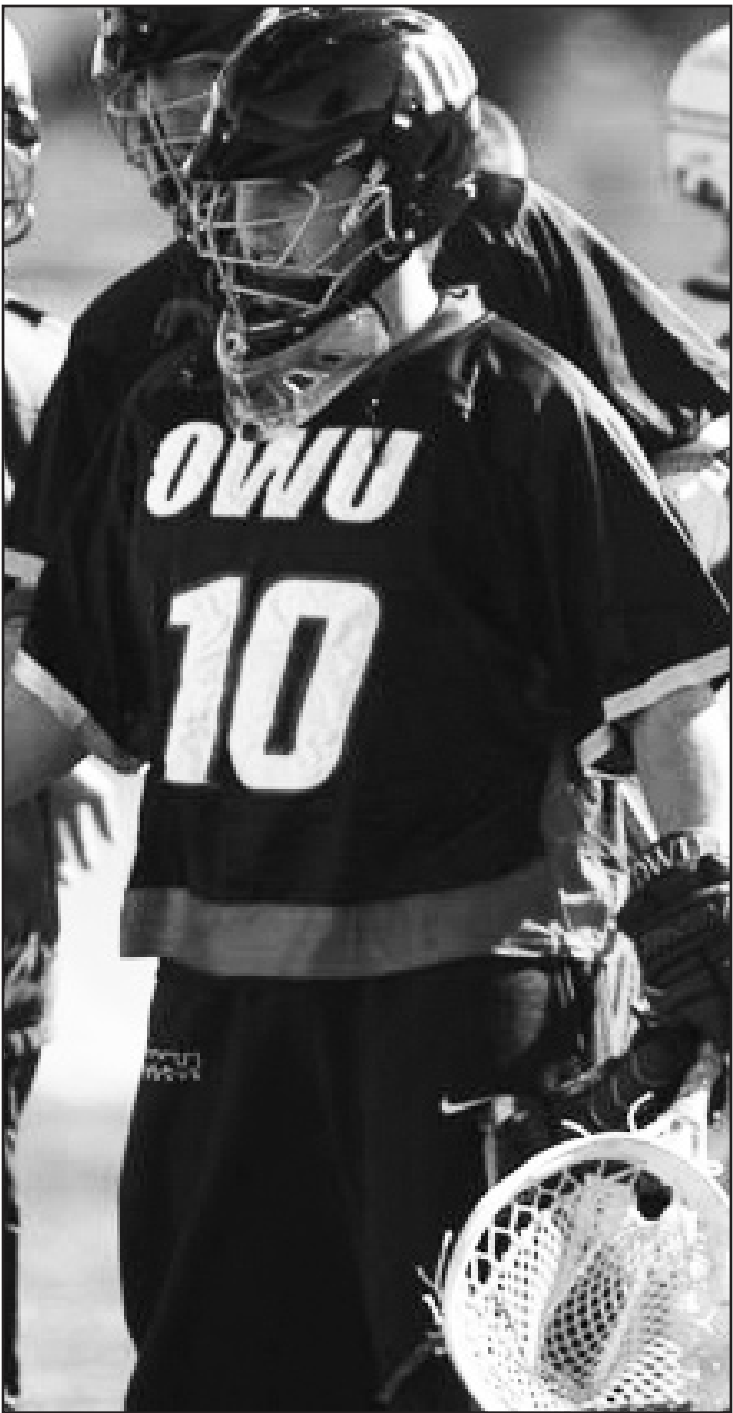
Test said since he has been here he has never seen this many people getting in on the action.

"It should be noted the past few games we have had defen-semen carry the ball up the field and get goals and assists," Test said. "I think five defensmen have points on the team, includ-ing long stick middies, and I don't remember a team having that much here at OWU."

Jones said, as usual, Denison will be the game that the team will look to in the future, but before reaching that game they must concentrate on each game.

"It's going to come down to Denison, but we can't overlook any team," Jones said.

"We are everyone's biggest game for the rest of the year and



Senior goalie Ryan Perone has led the Bishops between the pipes all season and has 69 saves on the season.

we need to prepare like every game is a playoff game. If we take care of business until Deni-son, it will be for the conference championship and a playoff spot."

During the four game win-streak, the Bishops have out-scored their opponents by a ridiculous 79-12 margin. Much of this success can be attributed to improved defense, starting with senior goaltender Ryan Perone.

The Bishops have only five games remaining in their regu-lar season schedule and, if they win out, Test says it should spell an NCAA playoff berth.

"We don't want to look too far down the road because one loss and we are probably out of the tournament," Test said.

"The Denison game is always a great game and, as a senior, I have never been on a team that defeated them in Granville at their place."

Men's Track wins third straight meet



Photo by Cliff Williams

Junior Nathan Osborn has been a key part of the track team's success this year on several relay teams. The Bishops have dominated all season and Saturday was no different as they notched another first place win in their belt, taking the top spot in all three meets this spring.