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Seniors cut up with college students at 'Slice'

By Danny Eldredge
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A record number of prospective students visited campus last Sunday and Monday to grab a "Slice of College Life."

Laurie Patton, senior associate director of Admission/events coordinator, said over 225 prospective students were in attendance, and that there were nearly 500 total guests.

The prospective students and their parents were invited to take part in a few new initiatives, as well as traditional Slice events.

New initiatives included being able to create your own tour, receiving a massage and taking a walking tour of downtown Delaware.

Hilary Lowbridge, senior director of Admission/visit coordinator, said when creating a tour, students could visit "ten stations around campus for one hour, and have the opportunity

to talk to three to 10 members of faculty, students and coaches."

The stations ranged from athletics to academics to Greek life.

"We also had two massage therapists in the Zook Nook Café for students and parents," Patton said. "We billed it as something to de-stress from the college search."

Twenty-five downtown businesses were open from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, and guided tours of downtown Delaware were conducted at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. by Francis Jo Hamilton, executive director of Main Street Delaware.

Main Street Delaware is a non-profit organization and its goal is "to beautify, revitalize, and preserve our historic downtown district," according to their web site.

Cole Hatcher, associate director of media relations and member of Main Street Delaware, helped coordinate this

aspect of Slice.

"In large part, the date was chosen because of Slice, but it was open to the entire community," Hatcher said.

"I'm trying to work with them (Main Street Delaware) to make Ohio Wesleyan an even more integral part of the community."

Hatcher said the guided tours were better attended during the last two tours, but the chilly weather reduced the number of those exploring downtown Delaware overall.

Patton said the weather "put a kink in things."

"We wanted to have volleyball, and to have the cookout outside," Patton said. "We had to make a last minute decision to adjust the plans."

Lowbridge said the weather was better than she expected.

"We didn't usually need umbrellas for the tours," Low-

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Photo by Myra Blackburn

Admission Specialist Barbara Cudia (left) and Office Manager Sharon Tom help students register for Slice.

Jobs of top administrators sometimes go unnoticed

By Will Bridgeo and
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Transcript Correspondents

The job responsibilities of administration members at Ohio Wesleyan is sometimes underestimated by students and faculty, even though their job is a very difficult one when it comes to running an effective and efficient university.

David Robbins, interim president of Ohio Wesleyan,

has spent 30-some years as a faculty member in the psychology department and 20-some as chairperson of that department and program of the neuroscience program, before taking his current position.

He has also directed OWU's Summer Science Research Program and served many years as a member of the faculty's University Governance Committee. After that, he agreed to serve as the university's interim provost

and now interim president.

Robbins has many job responsibilities as the CAO-or chief academic officer. Those who report to him include the Dean of Academic Affairs, Director of Libraries and Information Systems, Director of Athletics, Registrar, Dean of Students, and the Director of the university's Upward Bound Program.

One of the biggest jobs he faces as a university president is

fundraising. Right now, approximately 35 percent of alumni are contributing, although 60 percent of all alumni have given over the years. The most recent capital campaign ("The Campaign") exceeded the goal of \$100 million at \$105 million. As of right now, Ohio Wesleyan's endowment stands at around \$133 million.

Ohio Wesleyan Professor Xiaoming Chen said the administrative system is working but

it is hard to rate the job the administration is doing without first comparing its work to similar schools.

One major way of measuring a university's success can be found in its ability to raise money and the size of its endowment. Compared with the other colleges within the conference; Denison stands in the lead with \$430 million, followed by the College of Wooster with \$220 million and Kenyon Col-

lege with \$148 million.

This ranking may or may not be in direct correlation with the compensation that administrators and president receive.

For example, as of 2005, the average salary of the presidents of the Ohio 5 colleges was \$254,225. Former Ohio Wesleyan President Mark Huddleston made \$229,167 in that year. The highest paid Ohio 5 college

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The 1890 Ohio Wesleyan football team (left) and Jim Tressel, head Ohio State football coach.



Photo on left from OWU online; photo on right from collegesportpro.com

Buckeyes' visit on agenda at faculty meeting

By Kaitlin Thomas
Transcript Reporter

Jim Tressel, head football coach of The Ohio State University, and Archie Griffin, former Buckeye running back and two-time Heisman trophy winner, will visit Ohio Wesleyan University's campus May 3 to commemorate the first football game played between the Buckeyes and the Bishops.

David O. Robbins, interim president and provost, made the announcement at the monthly faculty meeting held Monday night. The celebration will begin at 2 p.m. at the Sulfur Spring, the site believed to have been the location of the 1890 game.

It is also believed to be the first Ohio State football game ever played, as well as the Bishops' first contest. Ohio State University president Gordon Gee and the OSU pep band will also attend the celebration.

Robbins also announced that plans are underway for the inauguration of Ohio Wesleyan's 16th president, Rockwell Jones, this fall. The inauguration is set for the Friday of Homecoming weekend.

Mark Shippis, vice president for university relations, announced there were talks in the Ohio House of Representatives to officially name the area of Route 23 that passes through Delaware the "Branch Rickey Memorial Highway". Shippis said there is a good

chance of this passing in the House.

At the meeting, faculty members approved the National Colloquium for the 2008/2009 school year. The proposed topic was "Cultivating a Green Campus: Promotion Sustainability and Environmental Understanding on the OWU Campus and in the Delaware Community."

It will be a year long course in which students will have the option of re-enrolling in the spring section to continue their efforts in making OWU a green campus. Students will be required to attend three of the four lectures, three faculty discussions, two campus events, and participate in one activity in order to pass the course.

Further announcements regarding academic changes were made by Lynette Carpenter. Beginning next fall, students will be able to minor in film studies, an interdisciplinary minor housed in the English department.

In other business during the meeting:

- Margaret Drugovich announced application numbers are still on the rise from both U.S. applicants and international applicants.

- Justin Kronewetter, professor of fine arts, gave the announcement that the Ross Art Museum will hold its open house for the senior art show this Saturday from 6 p.m.

After Virginia Tech, how safe is OWU?

By Mike DiBiasio
Transcript Reporter

When Seung-Hui Cho fatally shot 32 of his classmates, including faculty, at Virginia Tech University a year ago Wednesday (April 16), he left a nation in mourning and colleges and universities nationwide re-evaluating campus safety procedures.

In response to the worst mass school massacre in the nation's history, Ohio Wesleyan University has established safety protocols, such as the Connect-ED emergency contact system, which is designed to notify the campus community of urgent situations via e-mail, voicemails and text-messages.

The system has been tested successfully several times this year and was recently used to notify the campus of a possible power outage.

On the one-year anniversary of the Virginia Tech shootings and with the newly installed OWU safety measures, The Transcript recently polled students and faculty members during a one-week period last month on campus safety concerns at OWU. An attempt to survey 200 students

and 100 faculty members, resulted in 181 students and 18 faculty members responding to a questionnaire on campus safety.

One year after Virginia Tech: Public Safety presence on academic side and the Connect-ED emergency contact system

The 10-question survey asked students and faculty members to rate campus safety on a scale from one to 10 in light of the Virginia Tech shootings and the recent shootings at Northern Illinois University. With one being not safe at all and 10 being completely safe, the students gave an average rating of 6.92.

Bob Wood, director of Public Safety (PS) who leads a force of six other security officers, said he considers the 6.92 average rating to be "pretty good."

"I'm going to attribute part of that to the fact that it is a fairly safe community and we are in a fairly safe environment. The other thing is that there is really an excellent police department here,"

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Bridge said. "I was prepared for the worst, so I was happy."

Patton said the weather probably didn't make much of a difference.

"We can compare this year's Slice to last year's but it probably didn't affect anything because the prospectives can't compare them."

Patton said the weather was a positive in some ways.

"More people stayed in the campus center... when the weather is nice people tend to wander," Patton said. "It caused people to stay together and talk with each other more."

Despite the cold weather, Patton said the Strand was completely packed with students and parents for the "Slice of campus talent" between 9:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Sunday. The event featured the Owtsiders, the Babbling Bishops and Pitch Black. Some of the downtown merchants gave the university gift certificates to hand out to students.

"In between acts we had give-aways and people answered questions to get gift certificates," Patton said.

Lowbridge said it is always a challenge to find enough hosts for Slice.

"We continued the tradition of having the competitions between fraternities, sororities, SLUs and residential hall floors," Lowbridge said. "We tried to use our interns more

than in the past to connect with the student body. They did dorm storms, tabled in Ham-Will, and approached people at lunch."

Senior Admission Intern Meg Flood echoed Lowbridge by saying finding hosts is one of the biggest challenges when preparing for this event.

"It is the biggest visit program the school does and one of the most important components is the overnight part," Flood said. "It was definitely a struggle to encourage current students to host, but we were able to have enough volunteer and I think all of the hosts had a great time."

Lowbridge said matching up hosts with prospective students is probably the most difficult part of the process.

"We had four meetings for hosts - we try to explain what is expected of them, and explain that it (matching people up) is not a fool-proof process," Lowbridge said.

Senior Molly Everett, host and tour guide, said hosting is usually a lot of fun.

"I have some students that have barely spoken a word, but I've also had times where we stayed up talking with my roommates until two in the morning, just hanging out," Everett said. "Many of my friends are usually hosting as well, so we all hang out together, which makes it easier for us, and better for the prospectives, because they can meet more people."

Patton said you never really stop working on Slice and that it is a nearly impossible goal to make everybody happy.

"You work until you're done, then you're really not done," Patton said. "As much energy as you put into this, you want everyone to be happy, but that may not always be the case. There's always going to be people who are upset. You want everyone to love it as much as you love it."

Senior Admission Intern Megan Dillhoff said Slice is a logistical nightmare.

"Because Ohio Wesleyan prides itself on personal attention, the event becomes that much more difficult," Dillhoff said. "We want every guest to have a positive, welcoming experience on campus, and that means that no detail can be ignored or considered insignificant."

Flood said Slice is one of the most important events for prospective students.

"Through Slice they are exposed to so many aspects of the OWU campus and get to meet an extraordinary amount of current students," Flood said. "I think this gives them a great feel for OWU, not only in terms of academics and activities, but for the atmosphere we have on campus. This program was what ultimately made my decision. I chose OWU because when I attended Slice I felt so welcomed to campus."

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president in 2005 was Denison University President Dale T. Knobel at \$280,502, who was followed by Kenyon College President Georgia Nugent.

Chen and some other students believe that the president and other top administrators may be overpaid.

Senior Kelsey Lake said she feels as though members of the administration are extremely overpaid.

"I think that the money that the school receives from tuition and other forms of donations should be going more towards things that affect students directly like school facilities and class room technology, rather than into the pocket of the administration," Lake said.

Chen also said the administrators at the university probably make too much, but only in relation to professors.

"The administration works very hard and long hours but I would say that the faculty does as well," Chen said.

Chen compares the role of the college president to a CEO.

"It seems as though the college model is falling more and more into the category of the big business model," Chen said. "I don't know if this is a good or bad thing because the argument can be made that big money attracts good people."

Robbins said the hardest and most stressful aspect of his job

was being able to adequately support his faculty and non-faculty colleagues as well as provide them with the necessary resources for them to excel.

Senior Katie Jones, class of 2008 young alumni representative for the Board of Trustees, said she believes the job of the president and the administration is to raise money, which can often be an enormous task that often goes unnoticed by other members of the school community, especially students.

"Top administrators are truly vested in the mission of the university and I would argue that there are few other people that have such a vested interest in what they are doing," Jones said. "I would also add that professors are just as vested and I would not say that administrators are overpaid but that professors are underpaid."

Jones also said that often at times administrators are bound by things that students are not aware of. "For example, if a donor wants to donate \$1 million to the art program, the program may not need the money and thus may complain that the money could be used for something else," Jones said. "The administration has to run the university like a business, but at the same time maintain the mission of the liberal art college. There is a lot going on that students are just not exposed to."

Senior Kadi Kuhlenburgh said that she feels as though

the current administration this year is an improvement overall from the administration in the 2006-07 academic year.

"Interim President Robbins is doing a far better job than I think former President Huddleston did," Kuhlenburgh said. "Although I do feel as though we are missing out on a lot of little things we can do to improve the school as a whole. For example, I would like to see the university bring back parents weekend, which is something that we did not have this year."

Kuhlenburgh also said she believes the administration's biggest weakness is the fact that there is little to no consistency. In other words, there is a high turnover rate and too many interim personnel.

Jones added that the administration can probably work on improving its communication with students. "The administration is often not on the same page of the students and faculty," Jones said. "Many students have no clue what the administration even does."

Kuhlenburgh said she thought the administration's biggest strength was the fact that they take time out of their day to meet with students and listen to what they have to say.

"I think Dr. Robbins is doing an excellent job when it comes to going to campus events and being involved in student-run activities," Kuhlenburgh said.

Native plant of the week: Box elder



Photo by Greg Stull

Box elder (*Acer negundo*) is species of maple, native to the US, classified within the family Sapindaceae, which includes buckeyes and the horse-chestnuts. Above, a box elder growing behind Merrick Hall shows its staminate (male or pollen-producing) flowers. Box elder flowers are imperfect, meaning they contain either male or female sex organs, not both, and each individual plant produces only one type of flower, either staminate or pistillate (the female flowers), making box elders a dioecious species. This sexual state prevents self-pollination and necessitates outcrossing, or reproduction with genetically distinct individuals, increasing the genetic diversity of the population and, therefore, its adaptability.

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Sigma Chi takes it "Back in the Derby Days" for the kids



Photos by Micah Klugman

This week, the brothers of Sigma Chi fraternity held their annual week-long philanthropy fundraiser, Derby Days, which benefits the Children's Miracle Network. This year's retro theme was called "Back in the Derby Days." Founded at the University of California at Berkeley in 1934, Derby Days raises money by playing college sororities against each other in friendly competition. Top: Tri-Delta junior Alex Lesser gives Adelino Gomes a pie in the face as part of "Pie a Sig" on the JayWalk. Below left: Senior Andy Hicks enjoys his new pie mask. Bottom right: Tri-Delta serenades the Sigma Chis.

Strange, sickly raccoon on the loose near Thomson

By Rafaya Sufi
Transcript Reporter

On April 9, what seemed like an ordinary Wednesday evening on campus turned out to be an extravaganza involving a large group of students gathered around the Welch lawn, Public Safety (PS) and a rabid raccoon.

First sighted by senior Raza Naqvi from his window in Bashford Hall at approximately 7:35 p.m., the raccoon was climbing a tree next to Thomson Hall.

"I was just looking out my window and I saw what looked like a really big squirrel climbing a tree," Naqvi said. "But I didn't think much of it, even after noticing it was a raccoon. I walked out of my room and walked out to get dinner."

According to Naqvi, at that time a couple of students had already started to gather around the raccoon. Among them, freshman Dave Aaro said he witnessed strange behavior from the raccoon.

"The raccoon fell on the ground from quite a height and started having a seizure," Aaro said. "I think that raised some eyebrows, and then PS was called."

Aaro said it was a strange sight to see a raccoon out during the day time.

"It was obviously dangerous," Aaro said. "A raccoon is a nocturnal animal. When it was having a seizure, it accumulated foam in its mouth and it just looked rabid."

When public safety arrived, at around 8 p.m., it was accompanied by an officer from the Delaware Community Services, according to freshman Dave Loftus, also witness to the raccoon.

"I swear if I had my skateboard on me I would have kicked its ass!" Loftus said. "The animal police or whatever they're called wasn't doing much except run around it. They didn't catch the raccoon."

As Public Safety Officer Jason Johnson chased the raccoon, which by 8:30 p.m. had traveled from Thomson to Welch to the crossing between Welch and Smith, a sizeable crowd had gathered, according to Naqvi.

"Students were shouting stuff like 'Throw something at it!' or 'Is that a monkey or a raccoon?'" Naqvi said. "It was actually pretty funny because the raccoon was climbing all these trees and no one was able to catch it. So the officers kind of just gave up."

By 8:42 p.m. the officers drove off without catching the raccoon.

The raccoon had climbed a tree outside of Welch and residents were warned not to open their windows.

According to freshman Natasha Azar, later that night at around 2 a.m., she witnessed the raccoon outside of Hayes Hall.

"This is just poor law enforcement," Azar said. "I was having a casual cigarette at night and suddenly this big, massive raccoon-like thing ran across the hill and I almost had a heart attack. I heard those things could be dangerous! What happens if it attacks me?"

CEO says business success requires resolve

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Reporter

The most frequent question Dwight D. Carlson said he is asked is: "What is it? What is the single thing that makes a successful entrepreneur?"

On April 10 in Corns 312, Carlson, who has been the Corporate Executive officer (CEO) of three successful companies, answered that question in his presentation "Entrepreneurship—The Great American Sport," sponsored by the Woltemade Center.

"[My father] said to me, 'Son...any blind squirrel can find an acorn if he roots around long enough.' That's what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur: P

perseverance," Carlson said.

Carlson, currently the CEO and founder of Coherix since 2003, founded his first company, Xycom, in 1968 at the age of 24.

It was then that he developed the first minicomputer-based vehicle emission test system that is still used today in self-service gas pumps. In 1981, he founded Perceptron, with which he introduced a laser-based metrology for the production of automobile parts.

"The first [company] was all about learning," Carlson said. "The second was about improving."

Referring to Xycom, Carlson said, "I started, and it was

a struggle. I was a failure for seven years, but I didn't want to admit it. The alternative was to quit."

Carlson identified three issues an entrepreneur must address when starting up a company: creating a high-performance team, marketing and funding.

For the team, Carlson said, "It's all about people; there's a lot to learn, but you have to learn it." Carlson compared leadership to tending a garden. "There were weeds, and I had to learn to garden. Most gardens fail because weeds choke off the vegetables. It took me thirteen years to learn these things."

Carlson also emphasized the importance of marketing. "If

you're going to be an entrepreneur, you got to have marketing, or you will die. You have to match up your company's compatibility with marketing."

There are three aspects to marketing, Carlson said: finding a market niche to go after, learning everything about the people in that niche and not spreading too thin. "The hardest thing an entrepreneur has to decide is not what to do but what not to do," he said.

When it came to funding, Carlson said, "Don't think you're going to go to the bank and get a loan. It won't happen." He instead encouraged raising money for start-up businesses through private investors. "There is an unbelievable

amount of capital out there," he said.

Carlson believes entrepreneurs of small companies will be the future of the business world.

"Any of you who think job security is in a big company, you are brain dead." When speaking of entrepreneurs in India, Carlson said, "They can access the whole global market. They're smart. They're ambitious." He added that this mentality applies to entrepreneurs of small companies all over the world.

Carlson said that being an entrepreneur is not easy and is rapidly evolving. "You go to love this sport. Got to love challenge. It's a struggle."

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EVERYBODY ...

Ohio Wesleyan University awards various need-based and non-need-based programs to students each year. In 2007-2008, the university received nearly \$38 million in financial aid. About 4 percent was from state of Ohio Programs, 22 percent from federal programs, and 72 percent was from university funds.

Lee Harrell, assistant vice president of Admission and Financial Aid, said Ohio Wesleyan awards institutional non-need, merit-based scholarships to over 80 percent of the university’s 1900 students.

“These scholarships range from \$3,000 to full tuition (\$31,510) and are based on high school performance, such as GPA, test scores, and recommendations,” Harrell said.

Merit awards are made through the admission process at OWU, and students receive acknowledgement of their awards at the time of their acceptance to the university.

“These awards are provided to students for four consecutive years of study at the university,” Harrell said. “We also award need-based institutional grants to students who complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrate financial need.”

Harrell said the university awards need-based and non-need-based student loans to students who file the FAFSA and qualify. In total, OWU awards about 52 percent of its students with some form of an institutional, federal and/or state need-based grant.

“We award around \$6.6 million in federal and private loans to student borrowers,” Harrell said. “We also award federal and institutional student employment awards to students who work on campus six to eight hours per week.” These students usually receive the federal or institutional work funds to go toward personal items, books and school expenses.

OWU gives many academic excellence and achievement rewards to students. According to the Financial Aid office and Ohio Wesleyan's website, 96 percent of students receive some sort of scholarship or grant to help offset the average annual cost and payment plans. Students who are in high school and receive an OWU scholarship before attending are placed into the honors program. Financial Aid can still be offered to students that receive merit awards and grants.

The Financial Aid office packages plans developed for each student that qualifies. There are three forms of aid. They are grants or scholarships, which are outright gifts; low-interest loans; and earnings from campus employment. Income is not the only factor that determines financial aid. Other factors that are also considered include assets, family need, family size, medical expenses and other children in college. On average, for the current school year, students were given a financial package of \$25,000, bringing the total cost of school for students to \$16,445.

If students qualify for the Honors Program, they then are eligible to compete for three scholarships. The first

scholarship is the Presidential Scholarship. There are 25 available each year, worth full tuition. Students must achieve a 3.5 GPA by the end of the sophomore year to maintain the scholarship and to renew it each year. Selection for this scholarship is based on the student’s application and essay.

The second scholarship is the Trustee Scholarship, which covers 75 percent of tuition. There are 60 Trustee Scholarships available each year. This award also requires a 3.5 GPA to maintain the scholarship and renew it each year.

The third scholarship is the Faculty Scholarship, which covers 50 percent of the tuition. There are 60 available. A 3.35 GPA is required to maintain the scholarship and to renew it. All three of these scholarships can be lost if a student’s grades are not up to par or if the student is put on academic probation. If a student’s grades go down, the scholarship recipients will receive a Dean’s Award, which is for \$8,000.

The grants and scholarships offered are “gift monies” that do not need to be repaid. The Federal Pell Grant, for example, has a maximum grant of \$4,731 for the 2008-2009 school years. It is a federal entitlement award that students can apply for through FAFSA. There are also Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Stage Grants, Ohio Wesleyan Grants, Ohio Academic Scholarships and Ohio Student Choice Grants.

Besides the grants and federal loans program, Ohio Wesleyan has many other opportunities to help students financially. The Meek Community Service and Leadership Award is valued up to \$10,000 and is given to 30 students with strong service backgrounds.

The Dean’s Award is valued from \$5,000 to \$15,755 and is given to outstanding candidates who do not receive Honors Scholarships. Diversity Awards are valued from \$3,000 to \$19,000 and are given to student to increase cultural diversity. Legacy Grants of \$15,000 are given to students whose families are already a part of the OWU community. Departmental awards also offer merit awards to outstanding candidates in the music, theatre and fine arts programs.

For example, the Music Department awards merit awards to prospective students during their senior year of high school. Scholarships can range from anywhere between \$1,000 to an equivalent of a full tuition to the year applied. Candidates must apply during the fall semester of their senior year of high school. Along with being accepted for the award through their music performance, they must have a GPA of 2.75 within the department at the end of their freshman year and a 3.0 at the end of succeeding years.

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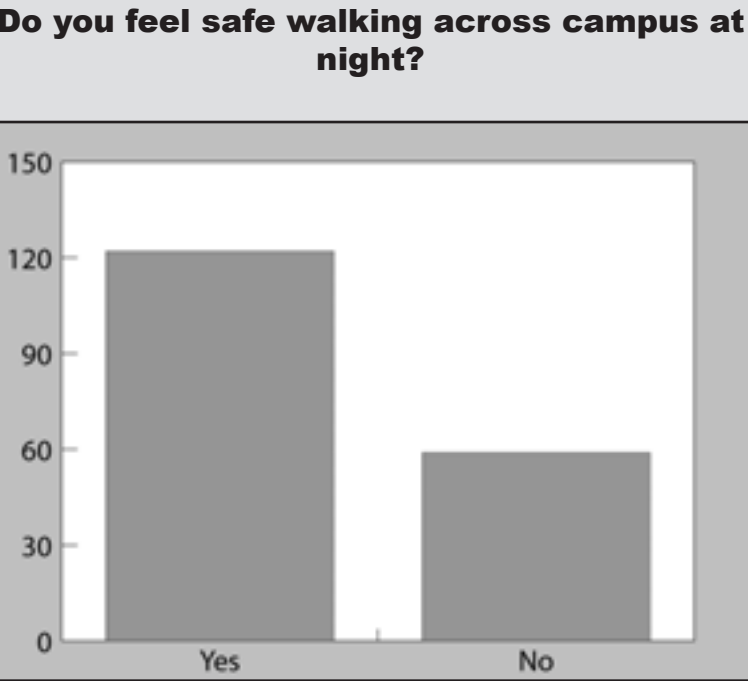
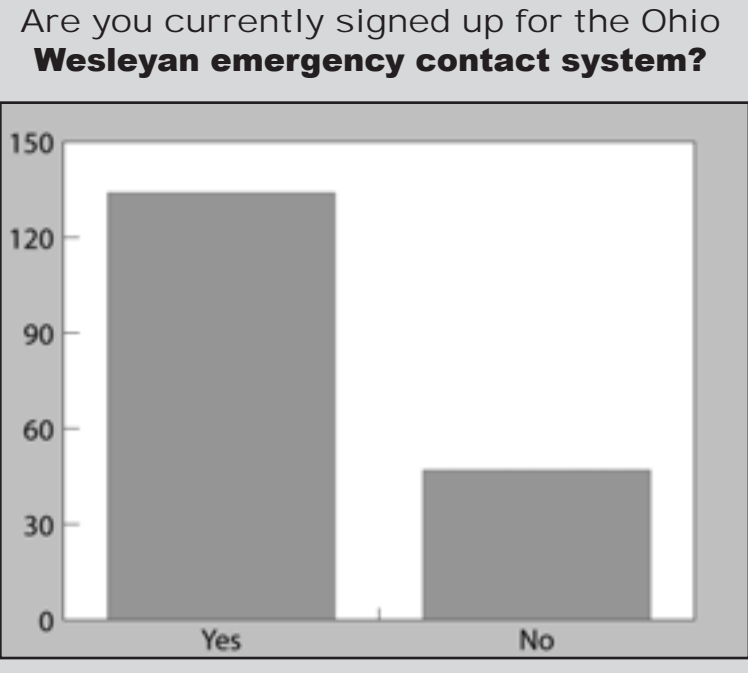
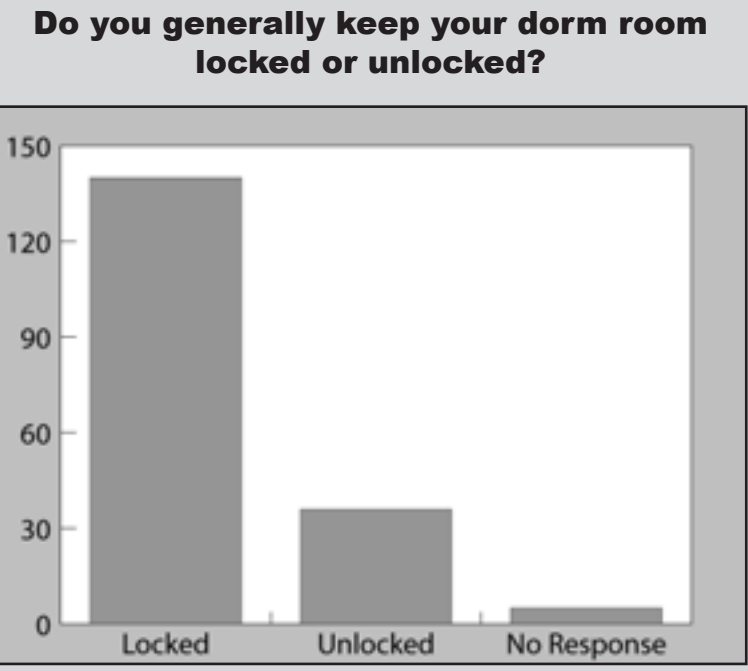
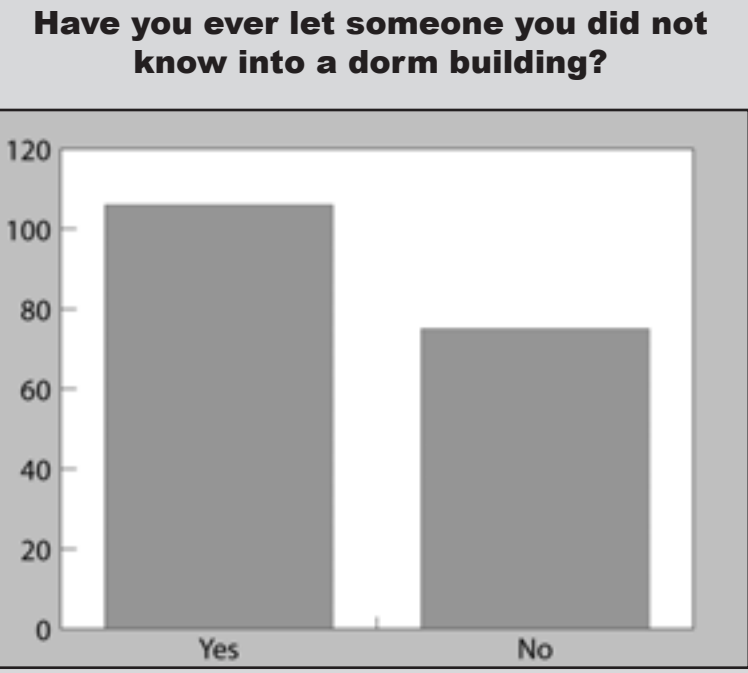
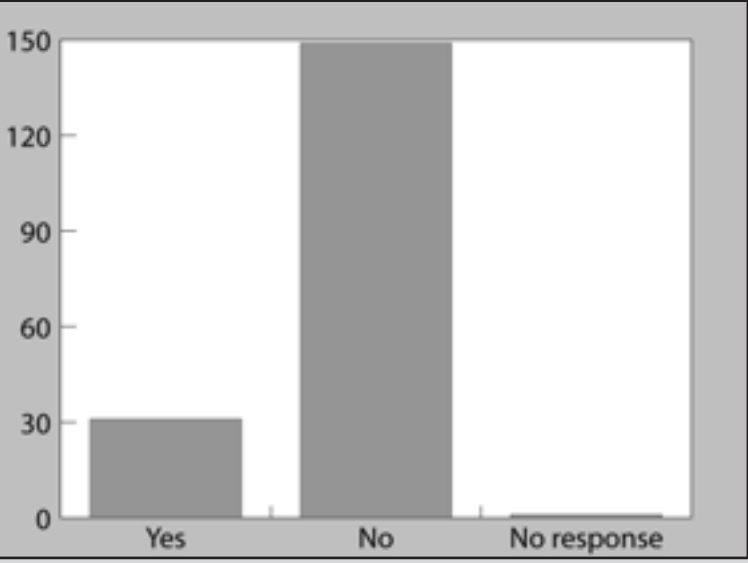


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**STUDENTS SPEAK:
HOW SAFE IS OHIO WESLEYAN?**
180 students surveyed
Should the university allow Public Safety officers to carry firearms?



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Wood said.

Sophomore Sarah Bruno credited the efforts of PS as one of her reasons for giving campus safety a rating of 7.

“I think our school looked at what happened at Virginia Tech and took precautions. I also think Public Safety does a good job at what they do,” Bruno said

Bruno also said that she would have rated campus safety as a 9.5 or 10 had the Delaware Police Department (DPD) been given swipe-card access to dorms.

In light of the Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois shooting incidents, junior Amy Sultzbach said she would rate camps safety between 6 and 7 because she doesn't believe it is completely safe, or that it will ever be.

“I feel the same. I don't really feel that anything different has happened. I know that we have the Connect-ED system, but besides that I feel the same as I have before,” Sultzbach said.

An anonymous faculty member, who gave a rating of 8, noted on his questionnaire that the incidents at Virginia tech and Northern Illinois were “irrelevant to how safe I feel [at OWU].” The faculty members' average rating of campus safety was 7.2.

This year students have had the opportunity to sign up for the Connect-ED emergency contact system when they register for classes. Wood said PS and the university are encouraging all students to sign up unless they absolutely don't want to.

Of students polled, 74 percent said they were signed up for the Connect-ED system.

“I hope those numbers will grow as more students go through registration and get involved,” Wood said. “There's also concern about making sure we just use it for legitimate emergencies so it doesn't end up like junk e-mail.”

Only three of the 18 faculty members polled said they are not signed up for the Connect-ED system.

Junior Mary Grimm has not signed up for the Connect-ED system, but thinks that contacting students on their cell phones would be efficient.

“I don't know how it works because I am not a part of the system, but I know you have to sign up online. I think it would be tough if we only got messages through e-mail because not everyone would be able to check, but the text messaging and phone calls would be helpful,” Grimm said.

Wood said that he and Officer Cathy Hursey are often the only officers on duty during classes.

“We're both buried in administrative work and schedules,” Wood said. “Patrolling [during the day] is something you do when you get your work done. We literally never get our work done, so what we wind up doing is responding to calls.”

Wood said that the way to patrol campus during the day would be to have more officers, but he also said that the starting pay and benefits of a first-year PS officer add up to approximately \$36,000 annually.

Of those polled, 63.5 percent of students and 14 of the faculty members said PS should patrol the academic side of campus during the day; however, some students are unsure what they would do, and others see a greater need for PS to patrol the academic side at night.

“I do not know what could be prevented with public safety on the academic side of campus,” junior Brandon Hunter said.

By Clay Davis and Emily Hastings
Transcript Correspondents

Students coping with a tragedy, such as a school shooting, might not know where to turn to for help.

There are a variety of outlets from which students can receive help on campus, such as Counseling Services, the Chaplain's Office and religious campus organizations.

Counseling services, which are free of cost, serve as one option students have to help them deal with a tragic situation.

“People are all different with how they cope with tragedy, but there are also similarities, such as the sense of loss and the need for support,” said Dr. Colleen Cook, assistant dean of Student Life

Though Hunter is not in favor of PS patrolling the academic side of campus, he was not surprised by the poll results.

“I think people are looking to be as safe as possible,” Hunter said. “If having public safety over there makes them feel safe, that is fine.”

Junior Caitlin Chesnut said she does see the need for public safety on academic side during the night, and not necessarily during the day.

“Honestly, I would never use the Slocum reading room [at night] because you are alone and you have no one to walk back with you,” Chesnut said.

Walking at night and OWU dorm safety

Out of the 181 students polled, 67.4 percent said that they feel safe walking across campus alone at night.

Wood said 80 percent of stranger attacks happen to individuals who are by themselves.

“What we always say is if you're going to walk somewhere, walk with a friend. It doesn't matter what the gender is of the person walking with you, just the fact that there are two or more in the group reduces the chance of a stranger attack by about 80 percent,” Wood said.

Even when students are inside their dorm or in a campus building, they aren't completely safe, Wood said.

“None of our buildings are totally locked down or secure. There are a number of small holes in that system, but I don't see any great big hole,” Wood said. “If we decided to have a building where we can't have any unauthorized access then we would need to fix all those holes.”

Wood said the university's swipe-card system is far from being an absolutely secure system.

“It's a half-way system to kind of help. It's kind of like a lock on a locker: it keeps the honest people out. The only way to really screen it in a college setting is to have to have somebody stationed at the door to check IDs and register people in,” Wood said.

Of those polled, 58.6 percent of the students and three of the 16 faculty members who answered that question said they had let someone they did not know into a campus dorm. Some students aren't bothered by these numbers, but others say they are troubling.

Freshman Caroline Miller was not surprised by these results, and, in fact, would have assumed the percentage to be higher.

“I don't think this is a big issue on campus,” Miller said. “It's hard to know who is actually a student and who isn't.”

Sophomore Jessica Kyler, an RA in Smith East, was disturbed by the poll results for this question. “OWU isn't exempt from things happening to it, and death threats can be real. People also need to stop propping doors open,” Kyler said.

Kyler said the Thompson door is often propped open, and she will always shut it.

“I get some dirty looks, but it scares me when it's open,” Kyler said.

Wood said it is common for students to prop doors open and “piggy-back,” which he described as an instance where one student opens a door with their swipe card and everyone behind them follows or “piggy-backs.” He said that the student who opens the door won't always know if everyone who enters the dorm is authorized.

and coordinator of Counseling, Career, and Health Services. “Establishing a sense of normalcy is one of the hardest things after a tragedy.”

Cook said many times after a tragedy, it is hard for the person to make sense of what happened.

“Often time people want a cookbook recipe for dealing with tragedy, but the reality is there is no quick fix,” Cook said. “You have to give people space to not be okay for awhile.”

There are three full time counselors throughout the year, but extra help may be brought in during a time of tragedy. Counseling Services may also offer extended hours and hold open group meetings in the residence halls.

“Many times people don't know what to expect after a tragedy, and these meetings allow everyone to address their differences in how to cope with

“There's probably not a building here, that if you went around and checked every door and every window, you couldn't find a way to get into. Our systems are probably adequate for our needs at this point in time,” Wood said.

OWU's greatest threats, and Public Safety with firearms?

Wood disagrees with the 80.1 percent of students polled who thought the greatest threat or danger to OWU was external.

“If a university sits in an urban area, the people that do the most crime on the campus are not affiliated with the university. It would be reversed for a rural area,” Wood said, noting arrest statistics and his experience working at Ohio State University and OWU.

However, several students have experienced violence on and off campus from people not affiliated with OWU.

Sophomores Gina Davenport, Saige Bargon and junior Sarah Shkoukani have all been attacked or chased by strangers.

“I didn't take the survey, but I feel like threats to the Ohio Wesleyan campus comes from the external town of Delaware. A major part of what I fear on this campus is the fact that people walk in and out of the campus,” Shkoukani said.

All three students said they called PS or DPD during the incident or immediately after.

When asked if PS would begin carrying any type of firearm within the next four years, Wood said, “At this point in time, I don't see us going in that direction.”

Wood said PS officers carry Mace, handcuffs, flashlights and radios. Only 17.1 percent of students polled said PS officers should carry firearms.

Sophomores Alison Hill and Kendra Vellante feel that DPD should be in charge of carrying and possibly using guns.

“There are always police guys driving around campus. PS should just notify them of a situation and they could be there,” Hill said.

“If PS were to carry guns, they would need to go through some intense training until I would feel safe with them around,” Vellante said.

If a shooting happened at OWU, similar to those at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois, Wood said PS would not be equipped or trained to handle the situation.

“Prepared for us means we would contact a law enforcement agency and then aid or assist them in any way we could. Any life threatening, serious kind of emergency becomes the responsibility of a law enforcement agency,” Wood said.

He said people like convenience and safety, but they often can't exist together.

“The more secure [campus] is, the less convenient it is. The more convenient it is, the less security you have,” he said.

“People put up with more inconvenience if they perceive there is more reason and if there is more danger.

“What you do to take care of your safety is more important than what we do,” Wood said.

Members of Adjunct Instructor Frank Hincey's Journalism 350 class compiled all reports for this campus safety project on the one year anniversary of the Virginia Tech massacre.

tragedy or how to help their friends cope with tragedy,” Cook said.

Confidentiality is important to both the counselors and the students, Cook said.

Another place students may seek help is the Chaplain's Office, which works in conjunction with Counseling Services.

“There are many times I will walk with a student to the counselors' office,” said Lisa Ho, assistant chaplain of Christian Ministries.

The Chaplain's Office offers an interfaith service at Peale Chapel when there is a significant tragedy, Ho said.

Ho believes that working with students involves more than talking; it also involves a lot of listening.

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One Year After Virginia Tech: IS OUR CAMPUS ANY SAFER?

Small town, campus not immune to danger

By Jae Blackmon
Transcript Correspondent

When I came to Ohio Wesleyan last fall, and actually got the chance to walk the streets of sleepy little Delaware, danger was the last thing that crossed my mind.

I mean, sure, my mom and dad warned me about walking around by myself at night, and told me to pay attention to my surroundings, but I always thought they were a little too protective, so I just let the warnings slide.

Even as the fall semester slid into the spring semester, I still didn't listen to those warnings. I had older guy friends who walked me to my dorm earlier in the year, while at the same time giving me those “big brother” talks on how dangerous it was to walk around campus by myself, but I still did the same thing.

Even hearing a girl in my journalism class describe how she had been attacked by townies while walking home from the bar with her friends didn't faze me.

I mean, how could boring, little Delaware be dangerous? It wasn't like I was walking the streets of some major city at four in the morning.

All should be wary walking home at night

By Alexandra Lesser
Transcript Correspondent

My name is Alexandra Lesser and I am a victim of post-bar assault. A 22-year-old female Delaware resident verbally harassed and physically assaulted two of my friends and I as we were walking home on a Saturday night, at the beginning of the school year.

At that time, I had just undergone surgery on my left foot and was walking on crutches.

As I hobbled up Spring Street beside my friends (Juniors Lauren Reed and Caroline DeMambro) we were suddenly stopped by a seemingly drunk and rowdy female who started to aggressively taunt me for being on

State task force assessed campus safety

By Chelsie Pacha and Kaitlin Thomas
Transcript Correspondents

The violent shootings on the Virginia Tech campus last April raised many questions about safety on Ohio's college campuses.

After the shootings, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland ordered the Ohio Board of Regents to form a task force of university officials to assess and review existing campus safety awareness, emergency response and communication plans to reflect on the existing practices.

The task force asked all of Ohio's universities to complete an initial campus security checklist. Of all of the schools that were polled, all of Ohio's public universities responded to the check list, while only 74.3 percent of the private schools responded.

Of the total that returned the checklist, 92.2 percent had a safety and security plan prior to the shootings and 78.3 percent had reviewed and updated their plan since the incident. Although many of the campuses had a plan, only 47 percent of faculty, staff and students

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“I think it is really important to practice active listening skills with students during tragedies and crisis,” Ho said. “It reflects what they are saying back to them.”

Allowing people to express their emotions is the Chaplain's Office's role in helping students to heal from a tragedy, Ho said.

“A person must be able to feel and react in any way,” Ho said. “If they are crying, it is o.k. If they are scared, it is o.k.”

Seriously, you see old people walking their dogs at night and whole families enjoying evening strolls in downtown Delaware. It's not really a place where you think you have to watch your wallet because the kid next to you might steal it while you're tying your shoes or antique shopping.

OWU isn't that much different. Either you know people, or even if you don't know certain people you can still recognize who is a student and who isn't. People pretty much get along, so there really aren't any internal threats to deal with.

It wasn't until I experienced my own brush with what I guess was danger that kind of changed my perspective. Maybe it was the fact that I had never experienced anything like what happened to me, which is why it's so urgent now. Or maybe it's the fact that my friend and I were followed up the Jaywalk, past the SLUs and almost to the dorms in broad daylight is what scares the hell out of me.

An external threat had now become an internal threat.

My sense of feeling secure on the OWU campus had been violated. On that day, I learned no place is truly safe. No matter how

crutches.

Eventually, the woman became combative. The female was with a male friend who gave one of my friends a black eye, while the female attacked my other friend and me.

This whole incident occurred off campus, and the Delaware Police Department (DPD) eventually intervened. The female was arrested, but the male fled and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

Safety on campus is a huge issue on campus. How are we supposed to feel safe if, when walking home, we are taunted? I know many people have had encounters with a stranger who made them feel uncomfortable at night. Because my incident occurred off campus,

Sixty-three and a half percent of schools responded that they had procedures in place to mobilize support required during a crisis, including staff and mental health personnel, while 74.8 percent of schools said they had resources available to address emotional, physical and other human needs following a violent incident.

Eighty-two percent of the schools said they coordinated responses to crises with on- and off-campus safety forces.

Since the Virginia Tech incident, Ohio Wesleyan has initiated a new emergency contact system with Connect-ED. In a recent survey conducted by journalism students here, 74 percent of the 181 students polled said they were signed up for the system.

John Delaney, former Dean of Students, participated in the Ohio task force as a member of the prevention workgroup. Delaney is now the vice chancellor for student development at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga and was unavailable for comment.

All attempts at reaching representatives at the Ohio Board of Regents were unanswered.

Everhart, leader of FCA

Everhart said she believes that FCA can reach students in a different way than other options provided on campus.

“We are all students so we are all on the same level; we have the same questions and the same struggles,” Everhart said. “We can just relate to one another really well. We serve a comforting Lord who brings good out of all situations. We want to continue to be with those families and pray for them.”



Where have all the students gone?



OWU Retention rates lowest in NCAC

Every fall, more than 550 freshmen walk onto Ohio Wesleyan’s campus, full of nervous anticipation as to what college will bring. They spend a year making friends, taking classes and adapting to life away from home. However, only about 78 percent of those same students will return the next fall for their sophomore year. The question is, why are so many people leaving OWU?

To answer this, universities look at several different types of data, with retention rates being one of the most telling. The retention rates are measured as the percentage of students who return to the college the following year. The data can calculate the return rate between any two years, but it is most commonly examined for the re-enrollment between freshmen and sophomore year. Dale Swartzentruber, associate dean for institutional research, said this measurement is what the school usually pays most attention to.

“The most important thing we look at is between freshmen and sophomore year, because that is where we lose the most,” Swartzentruber said. “That’s what the trustees want to know.”

OWU has the lowest retention rate of all 10 colleges in the NCAC. With all of the schools in the conference being similar in size and structure, there is a high distribution of retention rates. Oberlin College has the highest retention rate, at 93 percent, followed by Kenyon at 92 percent. When comparing the schools in the conference, there are few major differences that might explain the 15 percent discrepancy in retention rates. This leaves the university to find out what exactly determines these numbers.

For junior Alex Lesser, the problem begins as early as admission to OWU.

“It’s easy to get into this school, but then the classes are really challenging,” Lesser said. “They should make it more challenging to get in. So many kids fail out.”

The university focuses efforts on undecided admitted students in the spring with the Slice of College Life program, an overnight visit for prospective students. Once students make the decision to attend OWU, there are programs like StART, summer sessions where incoming freshmen can schedule classes and become familiar with the campus. There is also a week-long orientation immediately before the start of classes. However, following these programs, there are no specific programs for helping freshmen adjust to college life. Junior Todd Ufferman agrees it would be more effective if the university provided continuing assistance for freshmen.

“There should be better programs for freshmen once they are actually here,” Ufferman said. “Before you come, the university offers good programs like Slice of Life, but besides the first week of school orientation, there is little for freshmen.”

Over the past five years, the retention rate has improved from 78 percent to 84 percent. The university’s fundraising campaigns, which have included renovations to the softball, baseball

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and football fields, as well as a new dining hall in Smith, are creating more aesthetically pleasing facilities. These updates help broaden the appeal for students, especially those involved in athletics.

“I stayed because of soccer,” sophomore Phil Serfaty said. “The program here is one of the best in Division III. It’s nice to have a facility specifically for soccer, Roy Rike Field.”

For the class of 2010, 84 percent re-enrolled for their sophomore year, a jump of 4.6 percent over the previous year. One possible reason is the university’s increased focus on providing assistance to students through Academic Affairs. Sophomore Lily Strumwasser said there are things that you can do to achieve success at OWU.

“It’s easy to do well if you take advantage of what is offered,” Strumwasser said.

With an increase of required distributions, including the newly required quantitative course, students sometimes struggle to pass their general education courses. To help with this, the school has worked to support students with the Academic Skills Center, which includes the Writing Resource Center and the Quantitative Skills Center. There are other resources that students can take advantage of, such as professors’ office hours and 24 hour access to the library café.

Another incentive for some students to stay is the financial aid provided by OWU. Ninety-five percent of students received some sort of aid, with an average of \$25,000 per student. These large scholarships provide reason enough for students to remain at OWU. With tuition costs increasing at most institutions, students like senior Tim Kirk feel this money is too helpful to leave behind.

“No other private college offered me this kind of money,” Kirk said. “That was a big factor in continuing my education up until graduation here.”

While these factors are helpful, the retention rate can be more dependent on individual investment in the OWU experience.

Although the focus is often on freshmen to sophomore retention rate, the university also monitors the retention between other years. The numbers progressively improve each year, with the retention between junior and senior year around 95 percent. For junior Kate Walker, the effort she has put into the past two and half years keeps her here.

“I’ve invested a lot of time into my classes and time at OWU,” Walker said. “If I transferred, I would feel like it had been a waste.”

There is no clear cut answer as to why the retention rate continues to fluctuate, both here and at other schools in the NCAC. Universities address this problem by looking for students who will be the best fit for their school and improving those students’ experience after admission.



Ohio Wesleyan has made several attempts to improve retention, including the Slice of College Life program for prospective students, renovating athletic facilities such as Selby Field and creating the Wesleyan Student Center as a place for students to gather. Retention is beginning to increase, thanks in part to these efforts.

Funding for mental health: Is there enough?

“It sounds like the Ohio budget for mental health is under funded and needs more funding.”

-- Dr. Steven Stein, chief medical officer of Great Lakes Health Plan

By Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

During the course of one year, more than 54 million Americans are affected by one or more mental disorders, and Ohio’s community health system provides services to more than 300,000 people.

Dr. Mark Gallagher, practicing internal medicine physician, said mental health generally does not receive as much funding as it should.

“Some people who suffer from mental health issues are often completely debilitated,” Gallagher said. “Some of them can’t even work or provide for their families.”

Steve Hedge, executive director of the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Service Board, said many people who suffer from mental illness don’t seek out services because of the stigma that goes along with having a mental illness.

An analysis of Ohio’s budget documents from 2002 to 2009 found that over the last seven years the Department of Mental Health’s budget has increased 4.5 percent, or less than 0.5 percent per year, while the overall state budget for Ohio has increased 25 percent during the same seven year period, or about 3.5 percent per year.

In addition, the Department of Mental Health’s budget has declined as a percentage of the total state budget from 2.5percent to 2.2 percent over a seven year period.

Thus, it can be concluded that, proportionally, the Department of Mental Health is receiving less funding than other state departments in Ohio.

Some of these other state departments include the Department of Job and Family Services and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

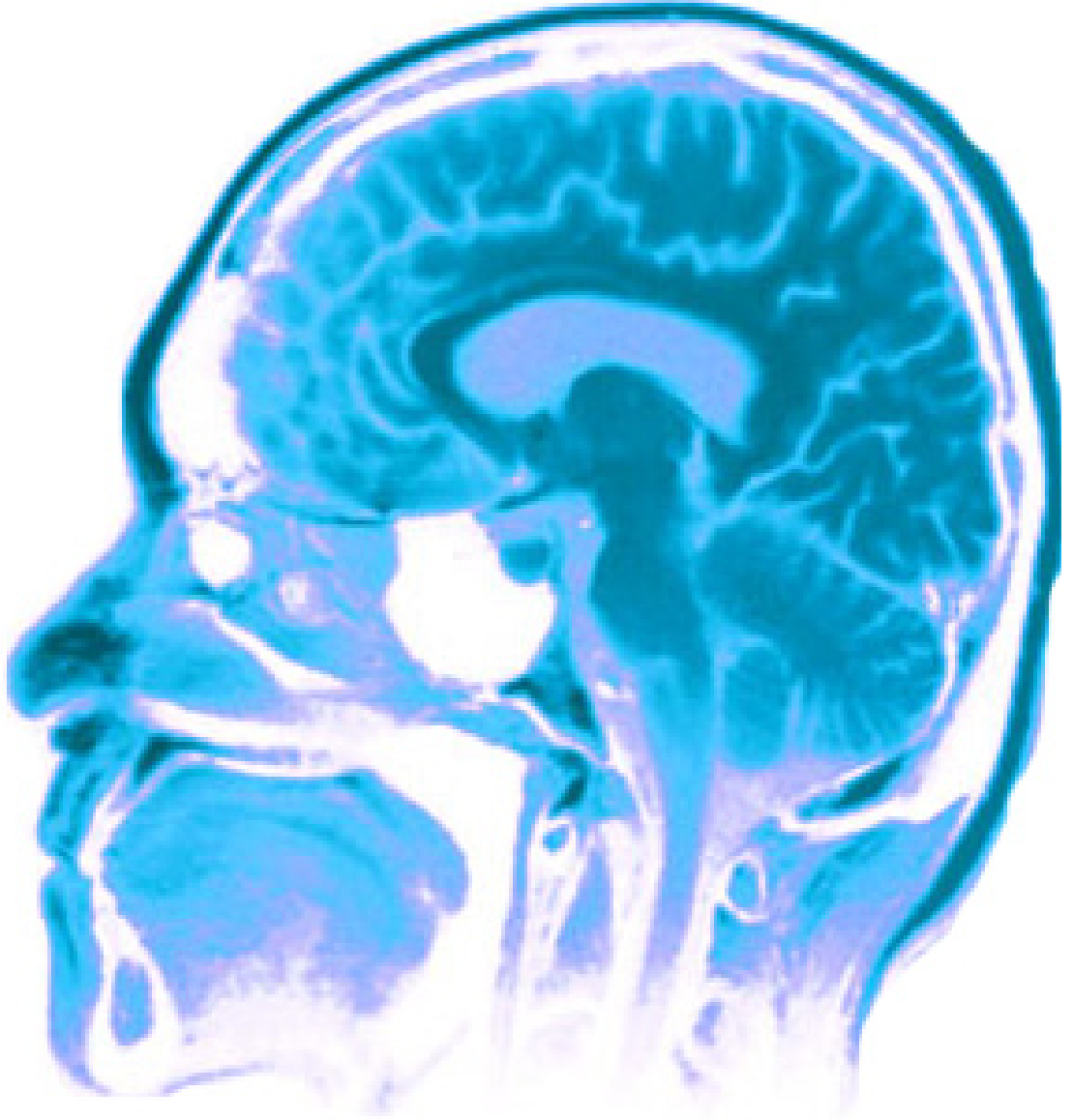
Aimee McCann, family support and education services coordinator for Helpline of Delaware and Morrow counties, said Governor Ted Strickland recently decided to make some cuts in state funding for mental health.

“He is closing two state hospitals in Cambridge and Dayton,” McCann said. “I think this decision is atrocious.”

Hedge said he is not sure if this will be the end of the cuts to the mental health budget.

Dr. Steven Stein, chief medical officer of Great Lakes Health Plan, a United Health Group company, said mental health is important and affects many aspects of society and needs more funding.

“It sounds like the Ohio budget for mental health is under funded and needs more funding and that they



cal issues often worsen, Stein said.

“People with mental health problems are often less likely to seek help for physical problems, which makes their physical condition worsen,” Stein said.

Stein said it is more cost effective to spend money on or treat people with mental health issues because it saves people from spending money on physical issues.

“Few people actually seek out

been diagnosed with a mental health issue, or who have not received needed treatment, treat themselves with alcohol or other drugs,” Stein said.

People who do this might have otherwise not developed a drug or alcohol problem if they received the appropriate mental health treatment, Stein said.

According to Stein, people who commit crimes are often not diagnosed.

“If people who commit crimes receive mental health treatment early, it might lessen the amount of people who commit crimes, which would lessen the amount of funding needed for prisons,” Stein said.

McCann said mental illness can also disrupt employment.

“People who do not receive the right mental health treatment are also less likely to work, which puts a burden on the Department of Jobs and Family Services,” McCann said.

Hedge said people not working or being productive in school because of mental health issues can drain the system.

Amy Cooper, legislative liaison for the Ohio Department of Mental Health, said more funding would help in the area of prevention.

According to Cooper, it is important to prevent or recognize an illness early on, before it becomes more costly to treat.

Cooper said over the last several decades, awareness has increased, and mental illness is not as stigmatized as it was in the past.

Hedge said awareness has increased in part because of the media.

“It’s been a long haul of trying to get [mental health] recognized and accepted,” Hedge said.

“Progress has been made, but we are not where we’d like to be yet.”

Cooper said she thinks generally all departments and agencies would like more funding and she believes the Department of Mental Health will eventually get it.

“Ohio is currently weathering an economic storm, but I expect there will be a bigger increase in funding for mental health when we recover,” Cooper said.

Comparison of Department of Mental Health Budget to Total Ohio State Budget (Dollars in Millions)

	Year 2002	Year 2009	Point of Change from 02-09	% Increase from 02-09
Dept. of Mental Health Budget	\$ 551.5	\$ 576.6	\$ 25.1	4.5 %
Ohio State Total Budget	\$ 21,829.3	\$ 27,221.9	\$ 5,392.6	25%

% Spent on Mental Health Compared to Total Ohio State Budget (2002): 2.5%

% Recommended amount spent on Mental Health Compared to Total Ohio State Budget (2009): 2.2%



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Opinion

NC addresses environmental concerns

Environmental degradation and the unsustainability of our current lifestyles are undoubtedly two of the most glaring issues now being faced by humanity—two issues that demand our full awareness and immediate action if they are to be resolved in any significant manner. To this end, the university deserves praise for addressing these global concerns in its selection of the next Sagan National Colloquium topic, “Cultivating a Green Campus: Promoting sustainability and environmental understanding on the OWU campus and in the Delaware community.”

This theme is apt for several reasons. Firstly, it will increase awareness on campus of important environmental issues. Though the media are seemingly saturated with reports of environmental degradation and dwindling natural resources, for some reason many still don’t realize the gravity of these issues, as is evident in the campus’ general apathy toward recycling. As an academic requirement for incoming freshman and an open forum for campus constituents and Delaware residents, this colloquium theme will inform even those who tend to shy away from environmental subjects, bringing the importance of these issues to full attention.

Secondly, this colloquium will connect the abstraction of awareness with the actuality of direct action, offering student-led activities to compliment the topics addressed in the series. While previous colloquiums have been oriented solely toward awareness and education, through speakers and films, the sustainability-based projects to be offered in this next colloquium will ensure that the student body—if inspired by the colloquium presentations—can materialize their new-found awareness rather than let it run idle, or worse, go forgotten for lack of use.

Lastly, the decision to extend the colloquium from one semester to a full year is a wise one, as it sends the message that the issues to be raised are not ones that can be addressed and then forget after a single semester. They are lasting concerns that demand our attention not just in the next academic year but in every academic year to precede it. The action taken next year to make our campus more sustainable and environmentally compatible must be not only drastic, but permanent.

Affirmative action logical to address status of minorities, women, Iraq

Affirmative action is just reverse racism and I hate it. No, loyal readers, this is not how I feel. I would however like to give a brief commentary on the aforementioned sentiment. “Reverse racism” is a curious little expression.

Although usually employed by those opposed to affirmative action, the phrase actually acknowledges one of the base needs of an affirmative action policy.

Racism is not limited to any one group; it is basically intolerance towards one based on their race. To accuse one of “reverse racism” then is a tacit admittance that racism normally goes only one way (toward everyone except whites).

Of course, most affirmative action policies assist women of any race as well as minorities. They should not be left out. Women have been subjugated and disrespected in civilizations for as far back as I can read. African-American roots in the United States lie literally in slavery.

Minorities and women were systematically denied access to education, work and other opportunities. Opportunities



such as running for office, voting, driving, sharing bathrooms or eateries or having a variety of other civil rights. Minorities disproportionately populate urban centers that have high crime rates and low educational funding rates.

There is a completely sound and valid argument for affirmative action policies. But there is not room for it here.

Certainly approach me with questions or commentary if you disagree. But women and minorities have been and continue to be fucked around in the United States. I wish I didn’t devote so much time here (in my column) to tomfoolery rather than actual matters. But I do.

I once heard a professor (I don’t particularly care for this professor one way or the other, and I’m unsure if he/she will be recognizable by the description of his/her argument) state

a pretty clear case for people shutting the hell up with their affirmative action complaints.

It (the argument) really goes against the notion that affirmative action rewards some people for things unrelated to them as people but, rather, related to them as groups.

For instance, that it rewards African-Americans for wrongs committed to their past relatives.

Inheritance follows the exact same logic. Children inherit the wealth of their parents whether or not they have done anything to "deserve" it.

But wait, Rory! Parents can give their money to whomever they want. Yes, that is privatized affirmative action. Inheritance and affirmative action are not directly analogous, but it is hypocritical for someone to claim their only gripe with affirmative action is that it rewards people who do not warrant it. These people have no problem with undeserving rich children inheriting wealth.

Also, Hillary Clinton and other democrats have asked the question: Why should US taxpayers be covering the cost of Iraqi reconstruction when Iraq

has oil-money pouring into their economy?

Shouldn’t the Iraqis start paying to fix their own country rather than the US covering everything?

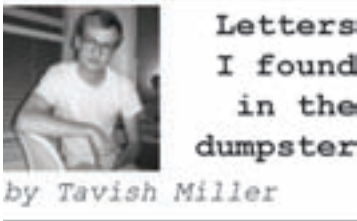
God damn. It was so disappointing for Democrats to have brought this up. Although to be fair, they’ve always been the lesser of two evils and are the same group that supported the war en masse, rejecting it only as an appeal to the discontent among voters.

Anyways, in answer to Hillary’s question: American taxpayers should continue covering the rebuilding of Iraq’s infrastructure because American taxpayers are responsible for the destruction of that country.

It was Americans who disbanded the Iraqi army and police forces, destroyed roads, bridges, etc., and messed up the infrastructure in the first place. It’s normally seen as a little strange if I beat the shit out of you then complain if I have to cover your hospital costs. I should be jailed.

Finally, I feel like this week’s column if awfully long; if too long, please disregard every other paragraph

Uncle upset by nephew's attempt at outreach



Dear Uncle Tudro,

Hi! It’s me Zach, your nephew. It’s been a long time, I know. I just had some free time around here (I’m in college now!) and I thought I’d write you a letter.

I haven’t seen you at the past few family gatherings, and I thought you might like to catch-up and find out a little bit about MY life.

Well, I’m in college! I know I said that, but it’s kind of a big deal for this family. Sure, it’s no M.I.R. or Yalvard, but the way I look at it, they are probably all

about the same!

To tell you the truth I’ve been thinking about transferring and learning something more practical.

Every day I think about going to the oil rig with my dear old dad, but I’m just not sure he would want to see me right now. (Also, he might not be able to with all that oil all over the place! Maybe some got in his eyes?! I don’t know, I would think it’s possible; there’s a lot of oil. That’s just me riffing on ya).

Maybe I should be a stand-up comic huh? They say I have those Avagadja comedy “jeans” (LOL). Do you know if there is a school I can transfer to for stand-up comedy? I guess that’s one of those things you have to learn by doing, like oil rigging. Oil rigging.

Zach

"AND SO HELP ME GOD IF SOMEONE DOESN'T LIKE CATSUP," Uncle Tudro writes to Zach.

Zach,

College, great. I guess that makes you better than me? Is that why you wrote me that letter? To make me feel like a piece of shit?

Let’s write a letter to Old illiterate Tudro so he can go through the embarrassment of having his cellmate read him whatever the hell his stupid nephew had to say.

My cellmate Bubble-Gum can’t write so I had to have Sir Stabbington write this out while I speak.

TUDRO

I don’t go to those family “gatherings” because I’m in jail, didn’t anyone tell you that? I accidentally killed 23 people. I drowned them in catsup.

I was mad, we were at a cookout ,and no one liked catsup. WELL I LOVE IT. AND SO HELP ME GOD IF SOMEONE DOESN’T LIKE CATSUP.

It makes me crazy, Zach. I need to lie down. All this talk about catsup is making me sleepy. Catsup.

Transnistria in limbo with Russia over future political goals

Global View

Alexandra Panait



Near Ukraine and Molodva’s border lies Transnistria, a land proclaiming its independence and unable to break the Russian fetters. The autonomous feelings are there, yet no political action has been implemented. It is a region that has been boiling and put to rest excellently by the its indifference or curbed attempts.

The short-run impasse will certainly be reflected in the long-run result, with Transnistria either acknowledging the futility of its political goals or a final Russian saying undermining everything domestically built. In the mean time, there’s a new Russian president, there’s Georgia to settle and a Europe converging towards its Western core.

Yet, a prime step has been made. Moldova’s president, Vladimir Voronin, and Transnistria’s leader, Igor Smirnov, started an incipient bilateral project. Mostly supported by Transnistria’s efforts to put to rest ani-

mosities, the project marked the meeting of the two political figures in the last seven years. Such a vast gap underlines the invisibility of the conflict and the outside ignorance to a self- determination movement. Nevertheless, Tiraspol still wants the independence and is diligently looking for foreign approbation.

The outcome of the beginning of such diplomatic dialogue? A rational mind will incline toward superficial politics that will not materialize outside paper.

Transnistria would benefit from delving into Moldova’s

political moves. NATO Bucharest Summit ended sharply with no concession on the region’s stability, given Voronin’s limited presence and avoidance of any concessions of the Romanian’s insistence on Transnistrian problem. This is not to doubt the ambitious projects both parties are committed two. Chisinau and Tiraspol highly agreed on the need to reinvest in infrastructure and increase the reciprocal confidence in the region.

The socio-economic as well as the security spheres are the domains sought to further improve and thus contribute to

the cooperation between Moldova and Transnistria. Voronin went as far as pointing toward the EU and US restriction on Transnistrian free movement in the region. In response, Chisinau is expecting a replica of free movement inside the Transnistrian region. A well intended project, hiding Moldova’s self interest. As expected, the dialogue between the two leaders became idealistic in its intention, yet far from being applied in the near future.

Transnistria is a region that is not soon to learn it is facing new Russian influence and resistance from outside. Self-determina-

tion is not to be granted in the new circumstances with powers beginning to revive.

There are overt signs of a strong, intolerant Russian influence and a Europe fearful of any political changes. Nationalism, no longer accepted, is most likely destined to be quenched or tested under years of patience and resistance. When adding the economic hardship of such European peripheries, decades behind the socio-economic level enjoyed in the West, stalemate and turbulence are there to persist. There is no answer and the prospects for resolution are remote.

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Arts & Entertainment

Professor Mary Howard receives award at OWU documentary festival

By Ryan Armstrong
Transcript Reporter

Last Friday and Saturday, the Strand Theatre held OWU's fourth annual Documentary Film Festival which featured a series of nine films created by Mary Howard, sociology/anthropology professor, and student filmmakers.

This event was set up by Chuck Della Lana, audiovisual services manager at Beeghly Library, and the Sociology/Anthropology department. Admission was free and proceeds to benefit the Columbus Open Shelter were accepted.

The films ranged from 12 to 73 minutes focusing on local and global issues such as OWU's food options, Ohio's worst mining disaster and STAND and the Darfur human rights violations. After each film was screened, each filmmaker led discussions about the visions of their pieces.

Howard said all the films were made to reach the audience as narratives.

"I think all of these films have a very humanizing element to them," Howard said. "They have a solid beginning, build up to a climax and then have a

turning point to lead to an ending."

Howard also screened her own film, "Swept Out," highlighting for six months the lives of five different shanty communities living around downtown Columbus.

"Ohio Wesleyan allowed me to go on scholarly leave when I was visiting the campsites to work on the documentary," Howard said. "I wanted to focus on the campsites in terms of the relationships and interactions. I focused on mostly four of the campsites and I originally reached nearly 60 hours of footage."

After Howard's film, Kent Beittel, executive director and CEO of The Open Shelter, honored her with an Annual Achievement Award from the Columbus Coalition for Homeless.

Students in the Ethnographic and Documentary Filmmaking course taught by Howard made their own films and had the movies screened at the festival as a final project.

In the class students are taught about different documentary film styles and about hands-on-skills such as directing, shooting and editing foot-

age.

Junior Mark Dubovec directed the film "The Bishops of S.T.A.N.D." which follows the advocacy of the campus group Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (S.T.A.N.D.). It covers the student organization as they attend rallies and petition government officials. This documentary also had special guest Nick Clooney, human rights activist and the actor George Clooney's father.

Freshman William Ruzek and Sophomore Andrew Morinaga investigated drugs in our local community in the film "Delaware: The Unknown Drug Problem." The pair shot 20 hours of footage which was edited down to 17 minutes.

They interviewed drug dealers, drug abusers and also officials of the Delaware Drug Task Force to get a large picture of the local drug scene.

Della Lana said he helped set up the event and prepared the final cuts of the films.

"I was truly proud of the accomplishments the students made," Della Lana said. "I think their topics were truly ambitious especially for students who had never picked up a camera before they had the class."

'Slice' of orchestreal life



Photo by Myra Blackburn
Senior Peace Twesigye and her colleague played with the OWU Chamber Orchestra on Sunday in Grey Chapel for visiting possible OWU students as a part of the "Slice of Life" program.

GIRLS AND SPORTS

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Recent titles make columnist wish he could go back in time to '97

Real Talk



For the past few weeks I have been listening to numerous albums. Most of these albums have been so disappointing that I can't even review them. It made me wish I was back in 1997, my favorite year of hip-hop. Since I was already down memory lane I decided to listen to a few albums from that year and review them. This is what hip hop should be. Here are my favorite albums from 1997:

Puff Daddy and the Family – No Way Out

This is personally my favorite hip hop/rap album of all time. "Victory" is one the strongest song on the album. It blends creative hip-hop with unique beats. There are other great tracks like "All About the Benjamin's," "Been Around the World" and "Senorita." This album is filled with countless classics.

Jay-Z - In my Lifetime Vol. 1

One of Jay-Z's best albums, with hits such as "City is Mine," "Sunshine," "Friend or Foe,"

and 'Million and One Questions.' This album helped Jay-Z prove he can only get better, these songs are timeless, you could play them in the club now and people will still love it. This was a great follow up to 'Reasonable Doubt' and is a buy well worth it.

Busta Rhymes - When Disaster Strikes

Busta is one of the rawest, original rappers ever. His songs are fast, and aggressive. The first track 'The Whole World

Looking at Me' expresses his hypnotic flow that puts you in a trance.

He speaks of endurance with an immaculate flow on his song "Survival Hungry". The song "Put your Hands Where my Eyes Can See" was a club anthem for months. He then shows his rhyming skills on slick tracks like, "Rhymes Galore" and "Dangerous." This CD is perfectly crafted and puts Busta Rhymes on the map as a creative wordsmith with a style

that cannot be copied. He gets more credit from this CD and is seen as more than a crazy dread screaming "Woo-Ha." If you haven't heard this album yet, you don't know hip-hop.

These three albums remind me of why I started to love hip-hop.

If some of today's rappers would look at this era and try to craft their styles in a similar fashion we would have much better music on the shelves of music stores today.

This weekend, please don't "Forget" me, television or "Sarah Marshall"



Last summer Judd Apatow introduced our immature and dirty minds to the hilariously perverted "Superbad" and the delightful "Knocked Up." This Friday he returns to the big screen with the romantic disaster comedy "Forgetting Sarah Marshall."

The film stars Kristen Bell ("Veronica Mars" and "Heroes") and Jason Segel ("Knocked Up"

and "How I Met Your Mother") as a famous television actress (I bet that took a lot of skills on Bell's part to pull that one off), and the man who stood by and held her purse for the past six years in all those paparazzi shots. No, he was not her personal assistant. Though that would have made the story more complicated; they were engaged.

When Bell's title character breaks up with Segel's Peter Bretter, he takes an impromptu vacation to Hawaii to try to forget her. In true movie fashion, Sarah is vacationing with her new boyfriend, a famous musi-

cian, at the same resort. In the room next door. Can we say movie cliché? However, so was the plot of "Knocked Up," and it turned out to be a good film.

Unfortunately, since I am not a "real" movie critic, I did not have special access to the film prior to its release. All I can say about the film is what I have heard and that is that the movie is another fantastic comedy from Apatow. He has never let me down (though I never did see "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" or the recently released "Drillbit Taylor," so I cannot really attest to all of his work.)

But I must confess, though I love Apatow, the first thing that drew me to this movie, was Kristen Bell. She starred in the cult favorite television show "Veronica Mars." Unfortunately the show was axed at the end of last season due to poor ratings. Its small but devoted fan base could not keep it alive. I loved that show. And I love Bell. I'll watch pretty much anything she does. Except that horror movie "Pulse." I saw Sarah Michelle Gellar in "The Grudge" and I decided American remakes of Japanese horror films are not my thing.

The film itself stars many

Apatow favorites, including Segel, Jonah Hill who was in both "Knocked Up" and "Superbad," as well as Paul Rudd. Rudd was also in "Knocked Up," "Anchorman," "The 40 Year Old Virgin," (all in some way connected to Apatow) and while it is not an Apatow film, who can forget his turn as Josh in 1995's "Clueless?" I mean honestly, who wasn't majorly, totally butt-crazy in love with Josh? I mean besides Cher of course.

While I am on the topic of Paul's resume, I must also mention (and shamelessly plug for the second time in this article)

Paul made a guest appearance on "Veronica Mars."

If you gather only a few things from this column today, know these three: First, "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" comes out this Friday (yes, I mean tomorrow). Check it out. Secondly, I love "Veronica Mars." And third, I think you should join me in watching both "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" as well as "Veronica Mars." Party at my place. I have the complete series on DVD. I also own "Superbad" and "Knocked Up" (special unrated editions of course) if you think that is more your thing.



Bishops Sports

Poor management and planning puts the freeze on club hockey

By Matt Rundo
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan's club hockey team unexpectedly ended its season early this year following issues of mismanagement.

Ohio Wesleyan's club hockey team has long been one of the more popular clubs on campus. Established in 2000, the team has played near-by universities such as Denison, Oberlin and Kenyon. Over the years, the club experienced rapid growth with strong student participation and campus support.

At the beginning of the 2006 school year, the team took a large leap forward and joined the American Collegiate Hockey Association, or ACHA. As members of the ACHA, the team followed NCAA guidelines while competing against other college club teams from the Midwest.

The club was managed by team members, who were responsible for allocating funds received from individual player fees and university funding, while also scheduling practices and games for the team. For the 2007-08 season, sophomores Jerry Maust and Tom Carr volunteered to manage the team.

Players were looking forward to this season with promises of more games, team equipment, and better organization. The addition of several new freshmen players added depth to the young team, which lost only two seniors after last season.

Freshmen Rob Bloasio said, "The beginning of the season sounded great; there was a lot of stuff planned."

However, many of the team's plans began to fade as less and less organization was apparent.

Sophomore Jon Drum remembers a great deal of con-



fusion leading up to the team's first game of the season in September of 2007.

"We just didn't really know what was going on," Drum said. "We didn't know if we still had a game, how many of our guys would show up or how many of their guys would show up."

The team ended up with a roster of 15 players for their first game of the season, while opposing Denison had 13 players. Denison defeated Ohio Wesleyan 8-3 in their first match.

Future games were scheduled almost every other weekend. None of these games was ever played because of cancellation either by Ohio Wesleyan or an opposing team due to lack of players, transportation issues and many other reasons.

The lack of games caused freshmen to express their frustration with the club, with many demanding a refund of the \$400 individual fee paid to be on the team.

Since games were being cancelled, fewer players showed up at practices, which were held once weekly at 11 p.m. in Powell, at the Chiller North ice rink.

Each practice cost around \$250 for an hour of ice time. These practices occurred from November until late February, with the exception of the weeks during winter break. Maust, team manager, did not notify players of practices in any way, according to many team members.

Maust was unavailable for comment, so it is unknown whether these practices were funded by university funds or team fees.

There was a bit of hope in late January as a game series was scheduled against Kenyon College, with one home game and one away game planned for a Friday and Saturday.

However, the games were cancelled Thursday night due to a lack of Kenyon players.

Following the cancellation, senior Will Bridgeo, who man-

aged the team for the 2006-07 season, was able to schedule a last minute game against Denison that Saturday night.

"It's really hard to manage the club hockey team here," Bridgeo said. "You're responsible for a lot. You have to organize everything with your team, your coach, the other team, the refs, and the ice rink, all while still trying to have fun."

Bloasio and Drum agree that the team's issue was mismanagement and said it was pretty much the team's consensus that nothing was done by team managers to help fix the situation, or even fully explain what was going on.

Unfortunately, both Maust and Carr did not respond to questions regarding the club hockey team.

Bloasio, Drum, and many other players were told they would have their \$400 team fee refunded, however WCSA records do not show any funding applications for the hockey team.

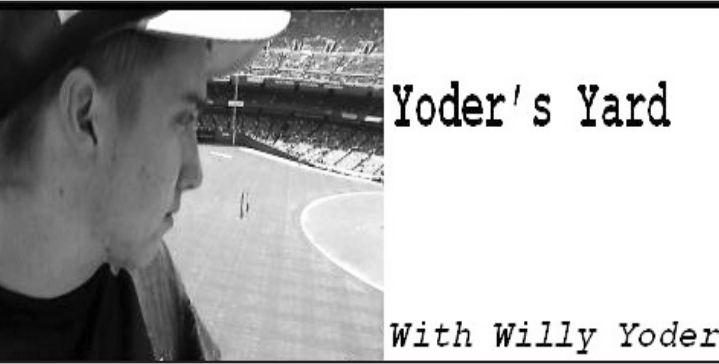
Team alumni and former managers, Jay Lammers ('05) and Chris Guglielmi ('06) expressed their disappointment with the current state of the club hockey team.

"We worked hard to make club hockey a big thing at OWU, and it's too bad what ended up happening recently," Lammers said.

It is unknown whether or not the club hockey team will re-emerge in any form for the fall of 2008. Also, the team was removed from the ACHA in 2007, and will also be forced to pay penalty fees if they ever wish to be reinstated.

Without a WCSA funding request for next fall, it does not appear likely there will be a team.

Delgado still Del-got-it?



Less than a month ago, my father and I sat behind home plate at spring training watching the young Mets get ready for what promised to be another exciting season. Wright and Reyes, two young stars in their own right, looked only to get better. Johan Santana was finally in orange and blue, and Fernando Martinez was getting a taste of what it was like to be on the big league club.

During batting practice we watched a healthy Beltran drive the ball to all fields, saw Peter Gammons rubbing elbows with Willie Randolph and saw Jose Reyes flash that million dollar smile showing that his love of the game remained after a late season slump. The sun was shining; the negative vibe from September was gone; it was a good time to be in Mets Nation.

Then Carlos Delgado came out of the dugout.

He grabbed his bat, tarred it up, put on his helmet and stepped into the cage. Gammons and Willie parted ways, Reyes disappeared into the dugout, and everyone seemed to avert their attention from the field. It got quiet...real quiet. The kind of quiet it would get when your dad tried to fix the kitchen appliance you and your whole family knew he couldn't--the awkward, why is he doing this to himself silence...

Pitch after pitch and swing after swing just resulted in frustration for Delgado.

He couldn't square around the ball; every swing resulted in a dinky dribbler or a Texas-Leaguer to the opposite field. It had been a tough season the year before for Delgado, and it looked to have carried to the spring.

It didn't get much better in the game. In two at bats Del-

gado struck out without even getting as much as a foul ball. My dad turned to me. "Delgado is done," he said.

The rest of the spring didn't get any better for Carlos. In a freak accident, a splinter of a broken bat impaled his arm while he was taking a lead off third. Delgado needed four stitches and a confidence check. He finished the spring batting only .222 with 14 strikeouts.

But something has changed since the season started. Don't ask me what exactly it was; I can't tell you. I can only tell you the results are promising. In this young season, Delgado has flashed his old self to the tune of an over .300 batting average and a close to .400 on base percentage.

In a recent game, he had already drove in a run in the first inning and made a web gem of a pick on a bad David Wright throw. So far this season he has looked like the Delgado of 2006, not 2007, and that is something the Mets desperately need.

Yes, I know it's a small sample size, and yes, I know there are many more games to be played. I know Delgado had good stretches last year and I know it's harder for an older player as the season goes on.

Will this rejuvenation for Delgado continue?

Maybe not. In fact, probably not. He will probably never be the same player he once was, but what he has now is much more important--a positive outlook.

So as the Mets try and get their bearing on this young season, they have a Delgado they can rally around. For now, at least.

For the first time in a while, Delgado Del-got-it.

Bishops sweep Wittenberg in double-header



Photo by Lucy Schmitt

Senior Jerrell Johnson settles under a ball against the Tigers on Monday. Johnson went 2 for 7 with an RBI and three runs in the double-header, helping the Bishops win the first game 8-5 and the second game by a score of 13-11. With the wins, the Bishops improve to 18-12 (10-6 NCAC) on the season.

New cycling club all about fitness and fun

By Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

According to sophomore Zach Barbara, president of the cycling club, students interested in getting in shape, having fun with other cyclists, being environmentally friendly and saving money on transportation should check out the cycling club.

"Cycling is just great fun for any experience level, so I encourage [students] to try it at least once," Barbara said.

Barbara said he and junior Nathaniel Cook, vice president of the cycling club, came up with the idea to start the new club because they are both into riding bicycles and racing them competitively.

"I personally decided to start the club because I love bicycles," Barbara said. "I see a lot of unused bikes around campus that are just sitting chained to the bike racks. So I thought maybe trying to get a group together of these unseen bike riders would be a good idea to get them back on the bike."

The group currently has about 20 members. One of these members is sophomore Trevor Hawley who said he joined the club because he bought a road bike this past summer and enjoys riding it.

"The best part about being a member is having other people to go riding with, because riding alone can be daunting," Hawley

said.

Hawley said he thinks the cycling club is an important addition to Ohio Wesleyan University because "it gives students a way to stay active and fit in a non-competitive environment."

The club tries to meet every Tuesday on the Jay walk at around 6 p.m. for a group ride, Barbara said.

"I communicate with the members regularly via e-mail as well," Barbara said.

In addition to group rides, Barbara said he is planning some trips that will probably take place next semester. For example, Barbara said he would like to go see a bike race in Ohio.

Barbara said he is also planning some workshops that will teach group members things like how to fix a flat, how to change a tire, proper riding technique and group riding etiquette. Barbara said the goal is to "help the club members become better riders."

Hawley said he encourages students to join the cycling club

"Students should join the club because it's a great way to meet people, take a study break and relieve some stress and get off campus to see the greater Columbus area," Hawley said.

The cycling club was created earlier this semester, with a campus-wide email from Barbara asking those interested to join.

Bishops serve up Capital



Photo by Cliff Williams

Sophomore Adrian Barker jumps and smashes a return against Capital on Monday. The Bishops won the match by a score of 6-3.

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Bishops Sports

Men's Track team places first out of 20 at All-Ohio meet

By Alex Humbert
Sports Editor

The Bishops men's track team shocked everyone in Ohio, except for themselves, as they finished first place in the All-Ohio track meet at home on Saturday.

The championship marked only the second time in school history that the team captured a top spot at the highly competitive meet.

The Bishops edged out Mount Union by only two and a half points by winning the final event of the day, the 1600-meter relay, to capture the title with 103 point to the Purple Raiders 100.5.

The 1600-meter relay team, led by twin juniors Nathan and Preston Osborn, junior Ryan Ellis and freshman Sean Patrick, was the only first place finish for the Bishops all day. With a time of 3:20.95, the Bishops edged out Ohio Northern to claim the final 10 points of the meet.

Nathan Osborn said, going into the meet, the team confidence was high but that they were not sure of what their chances were to actually win.

"Our coach scored it up and told us that on paper we were expected to place fourth but he felt that we could place at least in the top three," Osborn said. "Heidelberg, Mount Union and Ohio Northern all have really great teams and they were projected to finish top three."

Sophomore Steve Brown, who was named NCAC player of the week for his second place finish in the 110-meter hurdles, said the sky is the limit for the team.



Photos by Lucy Schmitt

LEFT: Junior Ryan Ellis runs hard with the baton in a relay on Saturday in the All-Ohio meet. Ellis is a member of both 4x400 meter realy team and the 4x100 relay team as well as the 200-meter dash. RIGHT: Freshman Sean Patrick strolls around the infield during the meet preparing for his next race. Patrick helped the 4x400 meter relay team capture a first place finish and win the champiosnhip.

"This team is very good," Brown said. "It is by far the best track team I have ever been on. The potential that we have because we're so young is crazy. We can do alot in the future and have the chance to bring at least 10 people to nationals."

Preston Osborn, who also finished second in the 400-meter dash to go along with his first place finish in the 1600 relay, said the team is improving every week which gives the team confidence going into the NCAC championships.

"Our workouts are designed so that we will peak towards the end of the year," Osborn said. "We also are aware that

Allegheny is gunning for us. We understand that our team is very talented and we have the potential to win the conference and send some guys to nationals."

The scary part about the success of this Bishops team is that there are only four seniors this year, which means that next year the team has the potential to be even better.

Ellis, who also placed third in the 200-meter dash, said this team's strength is it's youth and competitive nature.

"I think our team this year is a very successful team," Ellis said. "We have alot of young guys on our team that have a lot of talent. We also have many

athletes that are extremely competitive to go along with their great ability. That should allow a lot of guys to make nationals."

The Bishops have finished first place in all four meets they have ran in this season, and their personal goals are getting higher and higher.

The Osborns and Ellis all expressed that their personal goals were to get their 1600-meter relay team to the national meet and impress some people along the way.

The Bishops next meet is this Saturday at the Kenyon Invitational at Kenyon College where they will be going for their fifth consecutive first-place finish.

Tiger tamed by Trevor at Masters



When everything was said and done at Augusta National Golf Club this past weekend, a new Masters champion was crowned.

The champion is a man who was born in December in the 1970s. His name starts with a "T" and he wears the Nike swoosh on his hat.

And the green jacket goes to: Trevor Immelman.

The green jacket that every Masters champion is awarded is the official attire of Augusta National. The reigning champion gets to keep his jacket for one year and then must return it to the club.

The winners do not get to keep the jackets they win. All the jackets are kept at the club and any of the past winners can wear their jacket whenever they visit.

Immelman now owns one of those prestigious green jackets as he won this year's first major. In doing so, he became only the second South African to win this tournament, with the first being Gary Player.

But Immelman's journey to eternal recognition was not an easy one.

In December 2007, doctors found a lesion on his diaphragm that they determined to be a calcified fibrosis tumor. It was later found to be benign but caused Immelman to miss the first eight weeks of the 2008 PGA tour season.

But he was at the Masters and took home only his second PGA Tour victory. Although he led after every round, Immelman's weekend was not always impressive. He shot a 75, three

over par, on Sunday but hung on to win by three strokes.

His Sunday score ties the worst ever recorded by a Masters champion in the final round of the tournament. Not since 1982, when it was done by Craig Stadler, has the winner of the Masters shot over par on the final day. It also marks only the eighth time in the tournament's 71 years this has occurred.

But Immelman's poor scoring was not alone. Only 4 out of the 45 remaining players shot under par on Sunday and the top 26 players on the leaderboard after Saturday failed to accomplish this feat.

Immelman played well enough, though, to win his first major and become the Masters champion, who gets all kinds of good stuff.

First, to go along with his green jacket, he won \$1.35 million. He gets a gold medal and gets his name engraved on the silver Masters trophy. He also gets a replica of that trophy.

In winning the Masters, Immelman earns an invitation to the other three majors for the next five years and a lifetime invitation to the Masters.

As the defending champion, next year he will be awarded caddie number one and will be paired with the current U. S. Amateur champion for the first two days of the tournament.

But not all the benefits are golf related.

Every year on the Tuesday evening before the Masters is played, the Champion's dinner is held. All of the past Masters winners are invited along with a few honorary members from the club. As the reigning champion, Immelman will get to serve as host of the dinner and will also get to select the menu for the meal.

And perhaps the most important thing, because Trevor Immelman won the Masters, he is the ONLY player who has a chance to win the Grand Slam this year.

Bishops down Scots in NCAC home opener

From OWU Online

Junior attacker Nick Gallagher (Columbus/Dublin Scioto) scored twice as Ohio Wesleyan opened the second half with a 3-0 run and added a fourth-quarter score as the Bishops held off a Wooster rally to take a North Coast Athletic Conference win on Wednesday at Selby Field.

Senior midfielder Steve Fowler (Wilton, Conn.) put the Bishops on the scoreboard in the third minute of play and senior midfielder Chris Eccles (Secane, Pa./Monsignor Bonner) added a man-up goal shortly thereafter as the Bishops took an early 2-0 lead.

Wooster came back with a score by Mark Weschler, and Gallagher and Wooster's Matt Pullara traded goals as the first quarter ended with Ohio Wesleyan holding a 3-2 lead.

Sophomore attacker Chris Ehlinger (Radnor, Pa.) and Fowler scored to extend the Bishop lead to 5-2 late in the second quarter.

The Fighting Scots closed to within 5-3 on Chris Gatsch's man-up goal with 1:54 left in the half, but Ohio Wesleyan seized the momentum back when Gallagher found sophomore midfielder Chaz Narwicz (Yardley, Pa./Holy Ghost Prep) for a goal with 1:07 to play in the period.

Gallagher scored a pair of goals 90 seconds apart mid-



Photo by Cliff Williams

Sophomore Dylan Brown maneuvers the ball around a Wooster defender in the home win on Monday. The win was the second conference win of the season. Brown has five points on the season with a goal and four assists.

way through the third quarter, and sophomore midfielder Rob Young (Langhorne, Pa./Council Rock South) followed with a goal less than a minute later to give the Bishops a 9-3 lead.

Wooster closed to within 9-4 on a Cole Simmons score, then tallied a pair of man-up goals in the first 90 seconds of the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 9-6, but Gallagher ended that Wooster run with a goal off a feed from Fowler, and the Ohio Wesleyan defense held the Fight-

ing Scots off the scoreboard for nearly 8 minutes in preserving the lead.

Gallagher led the Bishops with 4 goals and an assist, while Fowler finished with 2 goals and 2 assists. Senior Ryan Perone (Fairfield, Conn./Fairfield Prep) went the distance in the Bishop goal, recording 6 saves.

Weschler and Coyne each contributed 2 goals and an assist for Wooster. Matt Biester had 5 saves in the Fighting Scot crease.

Burke beats buzzer for win

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Senior Polly Burke converted a free position shot as time expired to lift Ohio Wesleyan over Kenyon 12-11 in North Coast Athletic Conference action on Tuesday at Roy Rike Field.

The Bishops took an early 2-0 lead with goals from Hannah Mudge and Kadi Kuhlenberg. Kenyon came right back to take a 4-3 lead with a pair of goals by Liz Hancock.

Ohio Wesleyan then came back with 3 goals by senior Julia Fouts, the last with 17 seconds left in the first half, to take a 6-5 lead.

Kenyon opened the second half with a 5-1 run, scoring 3 times in the first 5 minutes and then adding a pair of goals by Caely Melford to take a 10-7 lead with 14:18 left in regulation time.

Fouts scored off a pass from Mudge to make it a 10-8 game with 9:02 left.

Then Fouts scored off an assist by Kuhlenberg with 5:09 left in regulation. Fouts would then find Kuhlenberg for the tying goal with 3:56 left on the clock.

Kuhlenberg gave the Bishops an 11-10 lead with her free position score as the Kenyon goalkeeper Chase Kreuter had the shot hit off her stick and roll in with 1:46 remaining. Melford's goal evened the game for Kenyon, setting up the final frantic seconds.

Melford converted a free

position shot to deadlock the game at 11-11 with 23 seconds left in regulation time.

Ohio Wesleyan won the ensuing draw, consequently setting up the offense. The Bishops drew a foul with 7 seconds left in regulation.

After the restart, Burke got the ball near the 8-meter line and was fouled with one second left. Burke lined up at the 8-meter line and ripped a shot into the back of the net to end the game.

The Bishops had came back from a 10-7 deficit in the final 10 minutes of regulation.

Fouts said OWU played sloppily and made a lot of unforced errors.

"OWU needed to settle the ball on defense and not force unavailable opportunities," Fouts said. "The game shouldn't have been as close as it was because Kenyon was not as talented as our team."

Sophomore Haleigh Rohr plays midfield for the women's team. She said the team did not play to their fullest potential.

"In the last 5-10 minutes we played our game and worked well as a team, which made it possible for the outcome of our game to be a positive one," Rohr said. "We didn't have the best shot selection, but we were pretty successful on ground balls."

She said Kenyon was a good team, but they were not the best the women have played this year.

"I think that they were probably the best defensive team



Photo from OWU Online

Senior Polly Burke scored on a free position shot as time expired to beat conference opponent Kenyon at home on Tuesday night. Burke has eight goals on the season.

that we have played all year, but there offense wasn't very good," Rohr said. "We should have played better as a team since Kenyon wasn't the best team that we have played thus far."

Fouts led the Bishops with 6 goals and 2 assists, while Kuhlenberg finished with 4 goals and 2 assists. Senior Maggie Eichenlaub had 9 saves in the Bishop goal.

Melford finished with 3 goals and an assist to lead the Ladies, while Amanda Drummond finished with 3 goals. Kreuter had 14 saves in the Kenyon goal.