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BishopNet frees students from oppressive wiring

By **Danny Eldredge**
Managing Editor

Students are at last utilizing what they have been demanding for the past few years: a campus-wide wireless network.

Immediately after Provost David Robbins secured the funding for the wireless initiative, the project was set in motion. Ohio Wesleyan selected Aruba Networks as its third party contractor in May, and the venture was completed during the summer, three months ahead of schedule. This allowed students to have full wireless access when classes began this fall.

Jason LaMar, director of Information Services (InfoSys), said the project was finished early because the InfoSys staff and the contractors were extremely dedicated.

“There is no question that our implementation timeline was aggressive, but everyone rose to the challenge,” LaMar said. “Most higher education institutions take years to reach campus-wide wireless coverage, but we did it in one summer.”

“We also had a very supportive advisory committee and Buildings and Grounds staff that brought this system online faster than initially estimated,” Robbins said.

The wireless network stretches across 200 acres of the campus with 450 access points, according to Theresa Byrd, chief information officer and director of libraries.

“This includes access in the

residence halls all the way to the academic buildings and indoor and outdoor athletic facilities,” Byrd said. “You can access the internet pretty much anywhere except the bathrooms.”

In the past, students had only been able to have wireless access through personal wireless routers in their dorms, or if they received a code from InfoSys to have wireless access in the library and the science center. To connect to this wireless network, BishopNet, students can go through the steps online at <http://lis.owu.edu/BishopNet.htm>, have a computer configured by InfoSys, or receive assistance at the student help desk in the library. The help desk is open from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Lamar said the installation process has been remarkably successful overall, but that there also have been some problems.

“We’re aware of isolated, and sometimes seemingly random issues with certain laptops being able to wirelessly connect in one campus location yet not another, as well as with certain laptops not being able to initially connect to the wireless network at all,” LaMar said. “We’re also aware that there have been random outages since classes started, which have been caused by a mix of wireless system issues and maintenance efforts to resolve those issues.”

LaMar said the overarching “kink” in the system is that a comprehensive test of the entire

wireless system was not accomplished.

“The underlying problem there, though, is that it’s not even possible to adequately test something like this; that is, you don’t really know what you’re going to get until everyone actually starts connecting,” LaMar said. “Theoretical simulation is one thing, but having a couple hundred simultaneous wireless users hitting the network with real traffic is something entirely different.”

Despite these issues, senior Michael Cohen said he has heard from almost everybody that the wireless system is working around campus.

“Each SLU/dorm is now hardwired with fiber network cables, which drastically improved speeds and stability. Now, with the addition of the wireless network, the residential side of campus is up-to-date with the technology areas like the science center has had for a few years,” Cohen said. “Most colleges of our size and stature have already implemented wireless networks, so I am glad to see OWU finally fulfill a promise they have been making since my freshman year.”

Residential Life Coordinator Brandon Moss said he has heard from students that the connection went in and out a lot during the first week.

“After that, the general consensus was that it had improved significantly from the first week,” Moss said.

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Break away to the other side



Photo by Jack Stenger

Bicycle enthusiast Dan Negley repairs a bike chain at his store, Breakaway Cycling in downtown Delaware, on Tuesday. Because of his love of bikes and the environment Negley hasn’t driven to work in 20 years. See his story on Page 2.

'08 alum convicted for downloading child pornography

By **Mike DiBlasio**
Lead Reporter

On Aug. 29, Benjamin A. Kohn ('08) was sentenced to 24 months in prison after pleading guilty to 15 counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity oriented material or performance – a fifth-degree felony.

Kohn, who lived off-campus during the '07 – '08 academic year, was using his neighbor's non-encrypted wireless internet connection to download and share files “commonly associated with child pornography,” according to the State of Ohio's Sentencing Memorandum. The neighbor reported Kohn's suspicious activity to the Delaware Police Department (DPD) in October 2007, the same month that the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICACTF) identified Kohn as a person downloading child pornography.

"While our community is safe, it's still not immune to crime. It's incumbent on each of us to be diligent," said Craig Ullom.

ICACTF obtained and executed a search warrant for Kohn's apartment in November 2007 and found 37 movie files and 16 still images containing child pornography on his laptop. Children as young as eight years old were depicted in the content found on Kohn's laptop, which included footage and images of sexual abuse, according to ICACTF's forensic analysis.

“I don’t have the background or the experience to say that he is disturbed, but I do think his crimes are disturbing,” said Alison M. Skinner

Peters, assistant prosecuting attorney for Delaware County. Peters, the author of the state's sentencing memorandum, said she has never heard of a previous case like this involving an OWU student.

Peters did say, however, that the state is satisfied with the court's ruling because in addition to Kohn's prison sentence, extensive parole and probation await him after his release. Shortly after the search warrant was executed on Kohn's apartment, Bob Wood, director of Public Safety, was advised by DPD to make a public information request for that warrant. Wood said that after reading the warrant, he and the former dean of students, Don Omahan, assessed the community risk and decided not to make any announcements to the campus before Kohn, now a tier-one sex offender, was convicted.

“At that point, to my knowledge, he hadn't

been charged and certainly not convicted. Our assessment was deciding whether or not a person represents a community risk, and whether or not we need to step in. There was nothing to indicate that, and additionally the criminal justice system was taking its due course,” Wood said.

Ohio Wesleyan has since released this statement regarding Kohn's sentence: “Ohio Wesleyan is saddened by this case. The person was not living on campus or using university property when these incidents occurred, but his conviction provides a clear message that is it vital for students to take responsibility for their actions and to make good decisions.”

Additionally, Craig Ullom, the new dean of students, encouraged students to be knowledgeable and vigilant of the possibility of crime on campus.

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OWU students encouraged to engage in self study

By **Shade Fakunle**
Transcript Reporter

Student input is valued as OWU prepares for review by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

Every 10 years, Ohio Wesleyan is evaluated for accreditation. The Commission of the North Central Association requires the school to perform a study that must include proof of the following criterion: Mission and Integrity; Preparing for the Future; Stu-

dent Learning and Effective Teaching; Acquisition, Discovery; and Application of Knowledge; and Engagement and Service.

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for Assessment and Accreditation Barbara Andereck recently sent an email to students calling for review of the self-study, as well as comments.

“The most important [reason] is [that the student comments provide] an accurate reflection of the institution and individually [the students] could learn a lot about Ohio Wesleyan by

looking at [the study]. It is a big view of the university,” Andereck said.

“Accreditation is an imprimatur, a kind of seal of approval: it attests that OWU is a responsible and effective college, with a clear purpose and adequate resources to offer students a creditable education. Accreditation helps guarantee that the institution a student attends offers outstanding opportunities for that student to learn and to develop,” said English Professor Joseph Musser, a member of the Steering Committee.

Two years ago, former OWU President Mark Huddleston created the Steering Committee to conduct this study and use “our institutional mission as a measure. You and your fellow committee members are, through an open and objective process, to evaluate and document Ohio Wesleyan's progress, plans, strengths, and challenges as they relate to all of our constituencies, but particularly our students...” notes the study.

“We suggest ways to generate information relevant to the study, consider

how to summarize OWU's performance and qualities most effectively, and review for both content and style various documents and drafts [of the self-study],” said Musser.

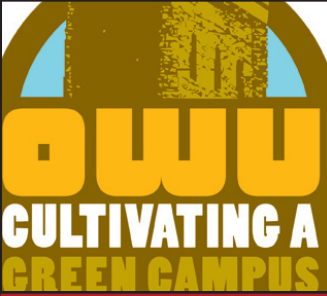
Though the study is driven externally, Andereck believes it is successful because contributors have been able to find ways to document the university's strengths and challenges. The study has to reveal information about the past decade as well as the future of the university.

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Obama delivers familiar speech at Dublin stadium

By Katharine Mannix
Transcript Reporter

Barack Obama delivered a familiar speech on Aug. 30 to over 19,000 people packed into the Dublin Coffman High School Stadium.

The rally in Dublin was part of a two-day campaign swing through Ohio for Obama and Biden, including a forum on the economy in Toledo. The candidates will also make stops in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan.

The stump speech, which he has done for the past 19 months, was given with modifications and slight adjustments.

People began lining up to get into the event as early as 11 a.m., and after hours of waiting in the hot sun, the rally began just after 7 p.m. As the crowd began to build, campaign officials were forced to open a second set of bleachers in the stadium. The crowd also filled a large portion of the football field.

Introducing speakers included Rich Cordray, who is running for Ohio attorney general; John Patrick Carney, who is running for the Ohio House; Mary Jo Kilroy, who is running for U.S. House of Representatives in the 15th District; U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown; Ohio Governor Ted Strickland; and former U.S. Senator John Glenn.

Obama presented his speech casually after introducing his running mate, Joe Biden.

Biden, a six-term state senator from Delaware, made his first appearance in the Buckeye State and only his second rally appearance since becoming the vice-presidential pick.

Obama described Biden as “a man who’s worked in Washington for decades, but who’s never let Washington change him.”

Obama spoke of the American people and how “they recognize over the last eight years this country has gone tragically off course.”

The American people are ready for change, he said. Obama talked about McCain and said he believes, as Americans, people owe him their respect for his military services.

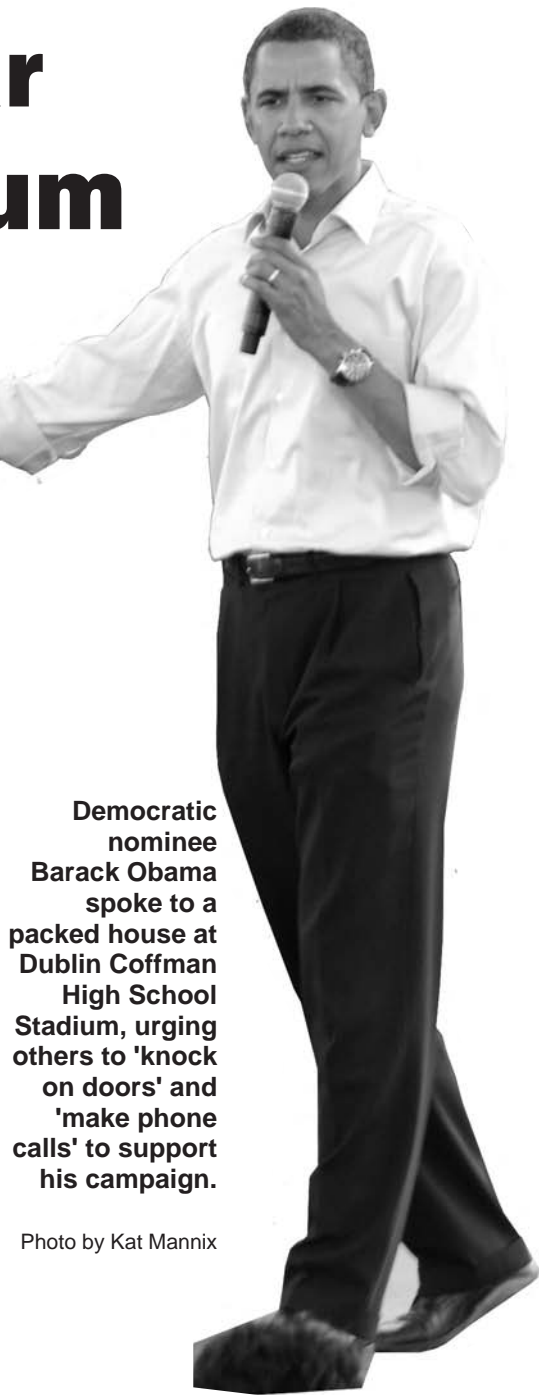
“But we don’t owe him our vote,” Obama continued, “because John McCain has a set of ideas that are identical to George Bush’s.”

Ohio Wesleyan sophomore Lucy Warren and junior Alexander Linde attended the rally and had priority seating. “This was the first political event I have been to during this election, and growing up in D.C., I think Obama will be a great asset to our country,” Warren said.

Linde said, “I also grew up in D.C. and have followed the campaign for the past several months. It was amazing seeing him speak live with so much emotion and passion.”

According to the *Columbus Dispatch*, on the way to the Dublin rally, the motorcade made a brief, unannounced stop at a corn stand in Marengo at the corner of Rts. 61 and 229 run by the Marengo United Methodist Church.

Obama finalized his speech by saying, “If you will knock on doors with me and make phone calls with me; if you’ll talk to your neighbors and your friends with me; if you’ll believe with me, then I promise you this: we will not just win Ohio; we will win this general election, and you, and I, and Joe Biden, we will change this country and change the world.”



Democratic nominee Barack Obama spoke to a packed house at Dublin Coffman High School Stadium, urging others to 'knock on doors' and 'make phone calls' to support his campaign.

Photo by Kat Mannix

Biking benefits the economy, environment and health

By Ross McHale
Transcript Reporter

For at least one man in Delaware, surging gas prices have not had a negative impact on his life. In fact, they may even be a blessing.

“I haven’t driven to work in over 20 years,” said Dan Negley, owner and founder of Breakaway Cycling, 17 W. William St. in downtown Delaware.

Negley, who has been involved in cycling since his senior year of college, started Breakaway in 1991 after a tip from his brother that Delaware would be the ideal location. He packed up and moved from Nebraska, and the rest is history.

Three years after arriving, Negley moved the shop to its current location on William Street, after outgrowing the original location near US-23. Negley noted that the location has always been a transportation hub. It started out as a horse stable, then an auto dealership and finally a bicycle shop.

Negley feels there are countless advantages to owning a bicycle.

“Being bike-friendly is not only good for the economy and the environment, there are also numerous health benefits,” he said.

He noted that the majority of emissions from cars are dispersed within the first two miles of a drive, a distance that could be easily covered on a bicycle.

His own interest in cycling was developed when he started helping a friend in Colorado conduct bike tours, as well as working as a tour director himself after finishing college. He not only rides for recreation but also for transportation. The store is environmentally friendly, as almost all of the employees ride to work.

Breakaway is well known on campus as a friendly environment with top-notch service. Kuang-Ting Hsu, a junior, has been there several times since coming to OWU. “They can always identify the problem within a few seconds, and they try to be as informative as possible,” he said.

Famous customers include Greg Lemond, a three-time winner of the Tour de France. Numerous autographs of other cycling legends adorn the walls of the business.

The majority of his customers remain local; however, there has been an increase in OWU students as of late. “I’ve noticed the bike racks at OWU are a lot more full lately,” Negley noted.

His store is part of a larger mission to encourage cycling as much as possible. He recently partnered with Trek bicycles to promote the “1 World, 2 Wheels” campaign, which advocates the use of bicycles as a way of changing the world environmentally.

Negley was inspired by the fact that less than half of one percent of Americans ride their bikes to the store or to school. However he has been pleased by recent developments. “This summer has been a tipping point,” he said. “I’ve noticed a huge increase in people using bikes for both work and recreation.”

Negley suspects the recent jump in gas prices has had something to do with it.

In addition to being a bike expert, Negley devotes his time to an array of other environmentally friendly causes. In the past he has served as the president of the Central Ohio Bicycle Dealers Association. He is the current president of Main Street Delaware, a community development group, as well as a board member of Delaware County Friends of the Trail, which develops trails for recreation throughout Delaware County.

During the summer he offers his expertise to an OWU sports management course as a guest lecturer. “I never owned a business before Breakaway, so I try to show them that anyone can start one, and you don’t necessarily need a whole lot of training,” he said.

After only speaking with Negley for a few moments one gets the sense that unlike most people, he enjoys his job.

Negley had some words of advice for anyone considering getting a bicycle in the future.

“It’s a great time to do it, its up and coming, especially single speed bikes.”

Given his vast experience, OWU students can take his word for it.

OWU Career Services valuable but under-utilized

By Rafaya Sufi
Transcript Reporter

With the U.S. economy tanking, there is increasing pressure on college students to gain work experience before applying for jobs. Summer internships are one tried and tested method students are seeking to rectify lack of employment after graduation, according to junior Bea Pantoja.

Pantoja, a native of the Philippines, worries about her future after graduation. The summer, according to Pantoja, is “supposed to be basking in the sun, not worrying about post-graduation plans.”

“This summer, I didn’t intern even though I should have,” Pantoja said. “I almost feel guilty. I don’t have much to sugar coat my resume with. Many of my friends who graduated in spring are still looking for employment because they don’t have much work experience on their resumes and that is crucial, seeing how employers are becoming choosy. I blame them and, of course, the economy.”

Pantoja said it’s scary to look beyond graduation as the future doesn’t seem very promising.

“Honestly, I don’t want to end up like one of those people who are living with their parents after graduation,” Pantoja said. “The reason I’m going to college is so I can be gainfully employed.”

According to Pantoja, a summer internship or any work experience at all is crucial to one’s future.

“I didn’t look for an internship for this summer, but I did last summer,” Pantoja said. “I had no luck with that because many of them were either unpaid or not directly related to my area of study — English.”

Pantoja said she also visited career fairs on campus and around the Columbus area, but there weren’t many choices.

“The employers who come to campus aren’t

very impressive,” Pantoja said. “They didn’t have variety and catered to only a segment of the OWU student body.”

Unlike Pantoja, junior Emily Rose worked in New York City over the summer at CollegeHumor.com.

“I didn’t go about applying for the position as an intern at CollegeHumor in the traditional way,” Rose said. “I actually started writing for the website in high school and have been since then.”

Rose said she befriended the editor at CollegeHumor through Instant Messaging.

“I was chatting with him one day when I told him I was interested in an internship, and he hired me on the spot.”

Rose said she completed the process of looking for housing and boarding completely on her own.

“I didn’t use the university services because I didn’t need them so I didn’t consider them,” Rose said. “I actually have no idea whether they could have been of any help or not.”

The internship, according to Rose, taught her the power of collaboration and thriving in a work setting.

“It wasn’t easy at first,” Rose said. “I found myself at a disadvantage in New York for not coming from an Ivy League school, as most students working there were from Ivy Leagues.”

According to Rose, although she values the education she is receiving at OWU, she wishes this school could have at least the services equivalent to those of bigger, better universities.

“When it comes to jobs and gaining work experience, I feel many students have to take an independent initiative.”

Career Services Director Leslie Delorme, who joined the OWU community in July, said there are many opportunities for students both on and off campus to gain work experience with the help of Career Services.

“We play a large role in providing students with the necessary information and guiding them

with internship programs, employers and faculty,” Delorme said. “We will help you with anything from working on resumes to carrying out mock interviews.”

So far the only positive response at the Career Services has been by students interested in applying to grad schools, according to Delorme.

“We have hundreds of books and online links available for students who are seeking employment opportunities,” Delorme said. “We are also expanding our career fairs in terms of employers as we have employers such as Verizon, Target and Teach for America attending.”

Delorme said Career Services is under-utilized and should be taken full advantage of since it is a great way of getting directly in touch with employers.

“Although online links to websites for internships is an easier, faster method, one should exhaust all other ways before going online,” Delorme said. “Students should make use of Career Services because we are there to guide you and guarantee you help. We are also improving our services so students should come in and get a head start with next year’s summer internships as many programs have deadlines in the fall.”

Along with finding graduate schools, an internship and looking for a job post graduation, Career Services offers a helping hand in a number of other opportunities.

The office can help students who still have no idea what they would enjoy majoring or minoring in, help fine tune resumes, cover letters, or personal statements, and they have a number of international resources for both international students and U.S. students. It is also a great place to practice interviewing skills and techniques.

Career services also offers a number of Career Fairs and Graduate/Professional School Expo. The 2008 OWU Career Fair & Graduate/Professional School Expo will be held on Sept. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Career Services for more information.

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Arts & Entertainment

Fall 2008 theatre, dance and music calendar of events

Theater and Dance

8 p.m., Sept. 26: New Student Scenes, featuring scenes staged by this year’s directing class. The event will take place in the Studio Theatre in Chappellear Drama Center, 45 Rowland Ave. There is no admission fee, but seating is limited.

Time/Date TBD: The Red & Black Review, Ohio Wesleyan’s annual talent show, sponsored by the university’s theatre honorary, Theta Alpha Phi. More information about open campus auditions to come. The show is free, but donations are accepted at the door.

7:30 p.m., Oct. 3; 2 p.m., Oct. 4; 8 p.m., Oct. 10 and 11; and 2 p.m. Oct. 12: “Fashion!,” the 19th century American comedy written by Anna Cora Mowatt, on the Main Stage. The piece will be adapted and directed by Bonnie Milne Gardner, professor of theatre and dance, with costumes by New York and regional theatre designer Teresa Snider-Stein, a 1980 Ohio Wesleyan alumna.

8 p.m., Oct. 31 and Nov. 1: “Fifth Planet,” a one-act play by David Auburn, directed by student Michelle Jacobs for her senior project. The event will take place in the Studio Theatre in Chappellear Drama Center, 45 Rowland Ave. There is no admission fee, but seating is limited.

8 p.m., Nov. 14 and 15: Orchesis Dance Concert, Ohio Wesleyan’s annual contemporary dance event, will be performed on the Main Stage. Jill Becker, adjunct theatre and dance faculty member, will serve as artistic director.

8 p.m., Dec. 5-6: One-Act Plays, an annual event featuring original works by student directors and playwrights. There is no admission fee, but seating is limited.

Music

3:15 p.m., Sept. 14: Guest/faculty recital featuring David Niwa, violin; and Mariko Kaneda, piano. The event will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall, 23 Elizabeth St.

8 p.m., Sept. 21: Faculty recital featuring the Carpe Diem String Quartet. The event will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall, 23 Elizabeth St.

3:15 p.m., Oct. 5: Faculty recital featuring Daryl Yoder, baritone; and Robert Nims, piano. The event will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall, 23 Elizabeth St.

5 p.m., Oct. 11: Ohio Wesleyan’s Faculty Gala. The event will take place in University Hall’s Gray Chapel, 61 S. Sandusky St.

8 p.m., Oct. 28: The Ohio Wesleyan University Chamber Orchestra, featuring conductor Kenichiro Matsuda. The event will take place in University Hall’s Gray Chapel, 61 S. Sandusky St.

3:15 p.m., Nov. 2: Senior recital featuring Catherine Sheehan, clarinet; and Matthew Wentzel, saxophone. The event will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall, 23 Elizabeth St.

8 p.m., Nov. 7-; 2 p.m., Nov. 9: Ohio Wesleyan’s annual Opera Theater, directed by Jason Hiester. The event will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall, 23 Elizabeth St. Call (740) 368-3700 for tickets.

8 p.m., Nov. 11: Faculty/guest recital featuring WindWorks Chamber Ensemble. The event will take place in Jemison Auditorium inside Sanborn Hall, 23 Elizabeth St.

Horses draw carriages, crowd in downtown Delaware parade



Photo by Emilie Hanson

Horse-drawn carriages meandered down Winter Street Saturday for the All Horse Parade, recognized as one of the largest non-motorized parades in the U.S. The parade contained over 150 units, including around 500 horses, mules and donkeys. In past years, the parade has drawn over 50,000 spectators. The parade was sponsored by the Hiram Masonic Lodge #18. Community activities will continue next week with the Delaware County Fair, starting on Saturday, and the Little Brown Jug, which will host horse harness races throughout next week. The main race of the Little Brown Jug is held on Jug Day, next Thursday, the last day of the races.

90210 graduates! To new faces but old storylines

By Kaitlin Thomas
Transcript Columnist

“Beverly Hills, 90210” defined a generation. Maybe not my generation, seeing as I was 3 years old when it first premiered in 1990. But don’t worry, as a television connoisseur, I have seen my fair share of episodes. Even if you have not, I know that you all have your own ideas and opinions on the show which ran until 2000.

It was the forerunner for teen angst shows like “Dawson’s Creek,” “The OC” and “Gossip Girl.” Without it, who knows if Marissa Cooper would have plagued us at all? Would we live in a society where people have never heard the names Seth Cohen or Pacey Witter? More importantly, would Katie Holmes have procreated with Tom Cruise?

These are all excellent questions, but when I heard that the CW was remaking “Beverly Hills, 90210,” I wasn’t sure how to feel. It made me wonder what it would be like if we tried to bring back “Friends” in five years, or a new version of “Dawson’s Creek,” focusing on that baby that was born around season four of five.*

Remaking this show was

risky business in my mind. It was by all definitions a bad show. Perhaps time has dulled our collective memories of the show, but there’s no doubt that it was lame. Characters joined cults, had amnesia, were shot, raped, were heavy in to drugs, etc. In fact, I am pretty sure what I just listed happened to only one character on the show. Yet we cannot deny that it was popular with the teens. And hey, it worked for “Degrassi.”

The reincarnation, simply titled “90210,” debuted last week on the CW network.

Trying to tie-in the original show with version 2.0, the creators brought back actresses Jennie Garth and Shannen Doherty to reprise their roles as Kelly Taylor and Brenda Walsh respectively. The former is now the West Beverly High guidance counselor and the latter is the school’s drama teacher.

Tori Spelling was to return as Donna Martin, the dyslexic no-sex-until-marriage (or at least college graduation) character who almost didn’t graduate high school (allowing the slogan “Donna Martin graduates!” to become the stuff of pop culture legend – trust me, I won Trivial Pursuit: ‘90s Edition by knowing this little bit of

information).

Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately) Tori dropped out of the show after she realized her former co-stars were making more money for their appearances. As if her father, the late Aaron Spelling (and producer of the original “90210”), didn’t leave her millions of dollars, enough to plague us with various reality shows starring Tori and her dogs.

After watching the two-hour series premiere of the new version, I have to say that without the famous name it would probably flop after a season. It has the drama and the pretty faces that draw in the junior high and high school crowds, but many will argue that we’ve been there and done that (which we obviously have). There is little done to create a more exciting show. The slogan I have seen with promotional shots reads, “New drama. Same Zip Code.” But it is not new drama. We have seen these storylines in the original version of the show, and in the teen shows that followed in its footsteps.

Despite the boring and familiar storylines, I believe that by name recognition alone, this new show will prevail for a little while. Old fans will return to

judge the new version, and pre-teens and teens alike will tune in hoping for their generation-defining show.

Canadian actress and “Degrassi: The Next Generation” alum Shenae Grimes stars as Annie Wilson, the Kansas born, theatre loving (the obvious Brenda 2.0) daughter of the new school principal Harry Wilson, played by Rob Estes, another Aaron Spelling alum (he starred in the adult “90210” spin-off “Melrose Place.”). Annie’s adopted brother, Dixon Wilson (Tristan Wilds from HBO’s “The Wire”) plays lacrosse and likes journalism (hello Brandon Walsh!) while Lori Laughlin (Rebecca Donaldson of “Full House”) and veteran actress Jessica Walter (Lucille Bluth of “Arrested Development”) round out the family as the mother and grandmother.

Harry was raised in the beautiful palm tree lined streets of Beverly Hills (and apparently dated Kelly during high school though he was never on the original show) but moved to Kansas for unexplained reasons. He is now returning with his wife and kids in tow to care for his aging mother (Walter). In the original incarnation the Walsh family moved to Beverly

Hills from Minnesota.

The show also stars Anna-Lynne McCord (who looks about 24 but is playing 16) as the queen bee Naomi and Dustin Milligan as her lacrosse-playing, heartthrob (and obvious future romantic interest for Annie) boyfriend Ethan.

Jessica Stroup is Erin Silver, the half sister of original characters Kelly Taylor and David Silver (whose parents married in the first incarnation of the show), and the new BFF of Annie. Oh, and she has a video blog in which she mocks her fellow classmates and outs their secrets.

When Ethan cheats on Naomi, Silver (as she prefers to be called) exploits this fact on her blog allowing the entire school to find out. GASP! Whatever happened to word of mouth? Perhaps this is a plot ploy to show that this version of the show is taking place in a new decade and our ways of communicating have gone farther than just whispering in someone’s ear the day’s gossip.

In the first two hours of the show, we have already seen oral sex in the school parking lot, a superfluous character with a drug problem, theft, a hot teacher just begging for an affair with

a student (but also perhaps a love interest for Kelly), a school prank involving pigs, a character who’s father is the nation’s largest producer of pornography, a grandmother with a drinking problem, rich boys flying girls to San Francisco just for dinner, plagiarism, a birthday party that I swear came out of MTV’s “My Super Sweet 16” and an old flame of Harry’s confessing she had their child and gave it up for adoption way back in the day. Did I mention this old girlfriend happens to be Naomi’s mother?

I have no idea how the show will keep the angst and drama up for an entire season if all of this was in the first two episodes, but I guess I will stick around to find out.

Or at least until I find out if Brandon Walsh or Dylan McKay (played by Jason Priestley and Luke Perry respectively) fathered Kelly Taylor’s now four and a half year old son Sammy. Though by the physical appearance, it looks as if Steve Sanders (played by Ian Zeirring in the original) knocked up Kelly. Which if you know the original, is just plain creepy.

* For the record “Friends” was a much better show than “90210” ever was.



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Opinion

Endangered Species Act threatened by federal government

By Jack Stenger
Environmental Columnist

The Serengeti may have its wildebeest and the Arctic may have its caribou, but OWU has its squirrels -- lots of squirrels. Most students scoff at them as they pop out of trash cans or graze in herds upon Welch lawn, but as a passionate observer of nature, I see them as inspiration with fur.

While walking to class last year, I witnessed a squirrel perched in an oak tree eating a plastic lip gloss container. As it gnawed away at the red cap, it dawned on me that nature really needs our help. Our world is going nuts. Because of that determined squirrel, this column will be devoted to all things pertaining to our environment.

This year is an exciting time for a subject that draws relatively little attention. The Sagan National Colloquium theme, "Going Green: Promoting Sustainability and Understanding on the OWU Campus and the Delaware Community," will be bringing many great speakers to Ohio Wesleyan to fuel discussion and progress. Hopefully, this mindset is more than a fad.

Despite the recent surge in environmental interests, many business-minded Americans, including politicians, are going for a different type of "green." This is evident in the current attack on

the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by the Bush Administration. Created in 1973, the act is the last line of defense for organisms and ecosystems facing doom. The ESA has been largely successful in its goal, which can be seen in the return of fauna like the Bald Eagle, which is now thriving.

Currently the ESA is administered by two government agencies, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Scientists from these two groups determine whether proposed government construction projects will harm endangered species or their associated habitats.

These projects are anything funded or approved by the government, like roads, dams, mines, fences or oil fields. The proposed changes to the act would remove the independent review by these two organizations, so any government agency will make its own judgment without consulting USFWS or NOAA.

Translation: the agencies who make the profit from construction will be evaluating their effect on the environment-- horrible idea. Conservation groups across the nation are revolted and have compared it to "letting the fox guard the chicken coop."

This is merely a last ditch effort by the Bush Administration, which has tried desperately for the past 8 years to minimize the ESA.

If accepted, the changes would also remove greenhouse gas emissions from consideration of species decline.

USFWS officials stated, "It is not possible to draw a direct causal link between greenhouse gas emissions and distant observations of impacts affecting species."

This has serious connotations on the polar bear, which are declining due to climate change effects. With the polar bear off the list, there will be fewer obstacles to drilling in the Arctic. How interesting -- McCain/Palin '08!

Much of the worry comes from the fact that this proposal is not going up to vote in Congress. It will be decided within the USFWS, who claim that government agencies should know by now what harms the environment.

The lame ducks are trying to bring down the rest of the flock. However, the USFWS does have a public comment period open until Sept. 15. Go to http://audubonaction.org/campaign/endangeredspecies?qp_source=dc%5fesaweb to send your opinion to the USFWS. Please do this.

PLUG: If you actually made it to the end of this article, you should come to Environment & Wildlife Club meetings every Tuesday, 7 p.m., at the Tree House. You can discuss issues like this and do something about them.

Dear Rock Jones: Help us help you

Dear Rock Jones,

The Transcript staff welcomes you to Ohio Wesleyan. Your enthusiasm in meeting with students and student groups on campus has already been well noted and we're well appreciated, offering students the hope that you will be receptive to their wants, their needs and their ideas for the future of our campus.

In a recent Connect2OWU article, you were quoted as saying, "It is important to engage the entire campus community; we can only go as far as the campus constituency is willing to go in order to create what I hope will be a bold vision for Ohio Wesleyan."

We agree with this statement, and hope that these interactions do indeed serve as the basis for the "bold vision" of which you speak, rather than such superficial interests such as increasing new-student recruitment or enhancing the university's PR image.

The Transcript would like to contribute to this dialogue between you and the campus, with this editorial serving as the first of many articles and editorials communicating what we know about the wants and needs of the student body.

Last year, senior Stan Osei-Bonsu and junior Kristina Fitch surveyed student groups around campus to learn the wants and the concerns of the student body.

They found that, among other things, students were most concerned with the university's waste management system, their general unfamiliarity with how

WCSA operates, the lack of cultural sensitivity on campus, handicap inaccessibility on campus and under-funding of the SLUs.

"The SLUs are one of the main things drawing students to this school, and we're letting them fall apart," Fitch said in a *Transcript* article on the survey, published last semester.

That the current WCSA president and vice president were elected last semester on a campaign addressing many of these very same issues -- namely, environmental sustainability, handicap accessibility and better representation of the student body -- further supports the importance of these matters to the student body.

We hope that you look into these concerns, and continue to work with the student body and groups such as WCSA in order to develop both short- and long-term goals for the university.

And please, don't hesitate to write us regarding issues on campus or issues with *The Transcript*. We gladly accept letters to the editor and any other forms of comments or criticism.

Of course, this applies to the students, faculty and staff as well. We are glad to publish your opinions on campus issues. We strongly encourage you to write us letters to the editor.

It is through such letters, such windows into the attitudes and ideas held on campus, that we, *The Transcript*, may direct our reporting and editorials, thus facilitating the kind of campus dialogue necessary to help realize a "bold vision" for the future Ohio Wesleyan.

NY Times leaks scandalous Pope-intern love affair

By Rory McHale
Humor Columnist

As you are all aware, stunning news from across the globe occupies all of our thoughts and prayers today. I will sacrifice the great opportunity to introduce myself through my usual sports talk in light of this development. Instead I present today's headline story from the 'New York Times' website:

Heartbreak and confusion out of the Vatican today, as details of an improper relationship between Pope Benedict XVI and a young papal intern continue to pour into the media's greasy hands. Young Maria Cattenachio (it is illegal to publish the names of minors in such cases, but we feel it important that this hussy be openly shamed), interning in the Vatican's Department of Defense, came forth last night with allegations that Benedict has engaged in lewd and unbecoming conduct for the better part of a year.

Accusations include: Repeated requests by Benedict that Maria wear that big hat, frequent tackles during a game of

two-hand-touch football on the Vatican front lawn and a single drinking game of "quarters" in which communion wafers were used as the currency and the loser was to take shots of church wine (albeit delicious, bomb-ass Vatican wine, not that vinegar crap your parish priest be serving).

When asked for comment, an anonymous Vatican official had this to say: "I worry because I'm pretty sure Benedict is our God or something, and if this tramp is to be believed, Ol' Benny has been acting no better than the gods of those loser religions (like Paganism, or The Church of England).

Others held a more optimistic view. "Oh, this will blow over quickly. You shoulda been around when John Paul II had that atari video game addiction in the '80s, or during The Hundred Years War when John XXII appointed King Robert of Sicily as the Imperial vicar for Italy. Now that was controversy!" noted another unnamed official.

On the positive side of the story, millions of old Catholic women worldwide, long harboring a crush on the Pope but

fearing he was gay or something, are rejoicing in the hope that this perplexing series of events means he might be open to marriage. Mrs. Agatha O'Reilly, 87, of Dublin, Ireland, expressed such sentiments (spoken very slowly with a poor Irish accent):

"I've always thought he was such a cute little fellow, and he never made a fuss about being left outside during winter." When pressed to clarify whether she was referring to the pope or her neighbor's recently deceased cat, Darrell, Mrs. O'Reilly stared into space for several minutes before falling asleep.

Sympathetic bloggers have already begun an aggressive attack on the character of young Cattenachio, with outlandish claims that she is a non-voter and a coward. Such remarks are outdone only by the more audacious assaults asserting that the young lass has made up the allegations in hopes of gaining some of the gold all Popes are known to hide at the end of rainbows.

This is not without credence, as the girl's father, Bill Catten-

nachio, is a known pickpocket and has made these exact claims against the Pope many times, including several times this month. Regardless, stakes are high.

The Vatican's legal system is unlike that of the U.S. When someone claims impropriety on behalf of another party, the two rivals are brought to court and anyone found lying or guilty is summarily executed. The world holds its breath as this case unfolds.

Thank you all for your patience. In the little column space I have left, I will do my best to cover the remaining relevant world events: Despite losing star tailback Chris "Beanie" Wells to injury, the Ohio State football team managed an impressive 289-6 victory over the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan. OSU coaches credited the win to "incorrect directions to Florida, as well as sadism."

And as you all know, I like to end all my columns with a moral.

This week: don't forget your shovel if you want to go to work.

Local kitten factory incinerates; no kitten survivors

By Tavish Miller
Humor Columnist

It's a sad day when 10,000 kittens are burned alive, but that was the case today when an area kitten factory burned to the ground.

"I just can't believe in God anymore," said Mildredge Murray, 43, of Tulane Rd. Indeed, few can after this.

The fire was said to have started three months ago when factory employees became distracted by one of the adorable little kittens who had jumped off of the conveyor belt and began performing cute "tricks."

Bill Boonman, an employee, reportedly "just couldn't concentrate with that little guy running around like that. First he

tried to attack his tail because he didn't realize it was a part of him. And then he was so tired that he fell asleep while sitting up!"

Well, that kitten soon had to grow up and contribute to society. He got a job working at the kitten factory and eventually found a human wife and had two children by her. And that kitten always remembered in the back of his cute little head how great it was to entertain his fellow employees.

"One day he just came in dressed as a clown and started to do tricks for us! How great!" said fellow employee Terry Stubens. "The foreman was pretty pissed at first, but in truth it seemed like that cat had been dying inside for a while, so it

was nice to see a smile on his face, even if it was painted on."

Things quickly escalated when factory degenerate Randall "Bandall" became involved.

"I guess Bandall was just jealous or something because that damn cat was juggling some bowling pins, and then up comes 'Bandall' and throws a flaming [bowling pin] at him!" stated Terry.

The cat, whose clown suit was made entirely out of synthetic materials, immediately burst into flame. He then ran around and spread the fire to other areas of the factory. The other workers instantly panicked and also started screaming and running around, not following any safety procedures or trying

to help the dying clown cat.

Bandall was able to be reached for comment.

"Listen, that cat told me to throw that flaming [bowling pin] at him, alright?! So I don't need you accusing me! He was my best friend! My best friend."

All workers survived; however, every single kitten died. There are only ruins where the factory once stood.

"You would have reacted the same way if you saw a cat clown go up in flames like that! It was horrible!" sobbed Boonman.

There is now a void in the kitten producing world, as the Columbus plant was the fourth leading producer in the world. The Cat Clown is survived by his human wife and children.

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Sagan National Colloquium goes green

By Mark Dubovec
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Encouraging environmental awareness and protection on Ohio Wesleyan's campus is the goal of this year's National Colloquium: "Going Green: Promoting Sustainability and Environmental Understanding on the OWU Campus and in the Delaware Community."

In addition to listening to guest lecturers and speakers, students will work in groups on different hands-on projects to improve the campus's environment.

According the National Colloquium website, there are 18 student-run

activities planned, ranging from the "Solar OWU Project" to "Exploration of Local Food and Co-Op." Other groups include "Paper-Less Campus," "Rainwater Harvesting" and "Expanded Recycling."

"Geothermal Education" will examine the school's energy usage and attempt to find alternative sources.

Chris Setzer, the director of Physical Plant, said the school spent over \$1 million on electricity last year. Forty percent of that bill is attributed to kilowatt usage, which is between 15 million and 16 million per year.

"[The rest of the cost] depends on what the weather's like, how many students are on campus, when the build-

ings are being used, how many summer programs are in session and the way things are being used," Setzer said.

He added that kilowatt consumption has gone down three years in a row, in part because computer labs in some residence halls have been removed.

Junior Tina Graver, a botany major, is the student leader of the "Flood Plain Restoration Project."

"The goal is a self-sustaining habitat that won't require mowing, maintenance or pesticide," she said.

Graver ordered native understory and herbaceous plants that can survive underneath other plants and won't require as much attention.

"A lot of the problem with land-

scaping is they're using invasive plants such as barberry, vica and privet," Graver said.

She added, "Instead of pulling weeds, they'll use pesticides."

The United States National Arbo-retum estimates the U.S. spends over \$100 million combating invasive plants every year.

But that's not the only environmental oversight on campus.

Blackboard, the web service designed for easier communication between professors and students and for reducing paper waste, is underutilized. According to Libraries and Information Services, 2,212 students and faculty were uploaded into the sys-

tem but only 1,104 are active users. In addition, only 247 courses are active out of 718.

In 2007, 84.17% of Delaware residents drove alone as their primary means of transportation. Only 7.98% carpooled, and less than half of a percent used mass transit. According to Public Safety records, 333 students purchased parking permits this school year.

The first National Colloquium event was held on Sept. 10 in Gray Chapel. Bill McKibben discussed his book, "Deep Economy: The Wealth Communities and the Durable Future," in which he encourages local food and energy production.

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"While our community is safe, it's still not immune to crime. It's incumbent on each of us to be diligent. We need to realize that there are individuals among us and around us that do some things that aren't appropriate, and we've got to watch out," Ullom said.

As a precaution, Peters encourages students to check the list of registered sex offenders in the area, something she wishes she knew about in college. "There's no way to know who is a sex offender until they're caught or convicted, so the first thing I'd do when

moving to a new place is check within a 10-mile radius. I'd want to know who's around," Peters said.

There are 39 registered sex offenders within a two-mile radius of Ham-Will, according to the Delaware County Sheriff's website.

Several of Kohn's close friends and his former academic adviser were either unable or declined to comment on this article.

Kohn's attorney, David C. Stebbins, did not return phone calls made by *The Transcript* and neither did Kohn himself.

However, Kohn made this statement in his pre-sentence report: "I wasn't thinking when I did this. I downloaded illegal sexual material without thinking about the consequences or the pain that had originally been caused to those in the pictures. It also never occurred to me that by downloading and viewing this material, I created a retelling of the pain and therefore recreated the pain. I realize these pictures were not fantasies, but real people just like me and anybody else, and I am therefore pained, sorry, and regretful of my actions."

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"We are constantly changing; they just come to see where we are now," Andereck said.

As the self-study coordinator, Andereck is responsible for gathering information from the Steering Committee.

"I call them my idea group," she said as she explained that the committee members are the working group that guides the self-study process.

Andereck also gathered evidence that the criterion have been met across the campus. She also wrote the 195-page document.

"It's important to be an accurate reflection... a record of the past and where we see [the university] heading," she said.

According to Andereck, when students go to the study, they should be interested in sections three, "Student Learning and Effective Teaching," and four, "Acquisition, Discovery; and Application of Knowledge" of the study.

She said that ultimately, it depends on the interests of the individual students which sections they decided to take a look at and comment on.

The self-study can be seen in its entirety by visiting www.owu.edu/SelfStudyReportReview.html.

There students can also view the much shorter 17-page Executive Summary of the report to gain a quick understanding of the issues.

"We have a lot that we have done as well as what we are doing as an institution. Having it all together [in one document] is compelling. It is not anything we don't know; it is just nice to see it all put together," said Andereck.

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"In general, students seem particularly happy to connect to the network in the residence hall lounges and outside patios."

LaMar said it is important to remember that there is no way to guarantee that this massive, complex system will work perfectly for everybody every time.

"Even so, there's the understandable expectation that OWU

will have a fast, stable, and reliable wireless infrastructure — and we realize and appreciate that," Lamar said. "To that end,

there has been a tremendous amount of ongoing work done by Information Services and by the wireless network manufacturer during the last couple of weeks to ensure that we can resolve all of these short-term

issues and emerge with a robust and optimized long-term campus wireless solution."

"I certainly hope that the campus community enjoys the ability to access the worldwide web anywhere on campus with speed and reliability one would expect through more traditional dial-up or hard-wire connections," Robbins said.

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Bishops Sports

Men's soccer remains undefeated



By Colin Magruder
Transcript Reporter

The men's soccer team hosted the Adidas Invitational this weekend. The team went undefeated after taking down McMurry University 5-0 and shutting out the Wolverines of Grove City by a score of 3-0 to put the Bishops record at 4-0 on the season.

Junior Jordan Halloran began the scoring run for OWU against McMurry in the ninth minute Friday night. On a cross-field pass from defender Eric Laipple, Halloran headed the ball in to give the Bishops a 1-0 lead.

It didn't take long for Halloran to add another score. Just seven minutes later, he dribbled the ball into the box before striking the ball into the right

corner of the net. The Bishops continued their run when 10 minutes later sophomore Tyler Wall was able to convert on a penalty kick after a McMurry defender was penalized with a red card.

Tyler's younger brother, freshman Travis Wall, was able to add another goal for the Bishops before halftime.

The Bishops went into halftime sporting a comfortable 4-0 lead.

The team controlled the pace of play during the second half, playing keep away from McMurry until the Bishops were awarded a free kick at the 35-minute mark.

Laipple and Tyler Wall stepped up to the ball, with Laipple faking the kick, and Wall moving in to send a perfect shot into the upper left cor-

ner to increase the Bishops' lead to 5-0.

Saturday night's game against Grove City featured much of the same success. Less than 20 minutes into the game, freshmen striker Matt Bonfini was able to slide the ball in past the goalie from the right side to put the home team up 1-0 early.

Less than three minutes into the second half, Jordan Halloran, after being denied earlier in the game, hit home to double the Bishops' lead to 2-0.

Grove City was unable to recover from another goal, and the Bishops, much like the previous night, controlled the ball for the remainder of the game.

The Bishops out shot Grove City by a margin of 31-4 and over the course of the weekend were able to out shoot their opponents by a combined total

of 67-9.

The Bishops now enter this week sporting a 4-0 record, and are looking to improve on their number 8 overall NCAA Division III ranking.

The team enters the 2008 season looking to reclaim the title of NCAC champions, after not finishing in that position for the first time in three years last year.

"The team should do well because we have a lot of returning contributors," said Head Coach Jay Martin.

Martin said the incoming freshman class is very talented but that the key to winning this season will be building chemistry and playing together.

"Finding the guys who want to play together and share the ball together (is key)," Martin said.

Brady Bunch loses leader, gambles big



Thoughts from the Third Row

with Drew Lenox

For 57 straight weeks, there was a name on the NFL Injury Report. It was the name of a proven quarterback who many people did not believe was injured.

Although this man did not take a single snap in the pre-season because of speculation about a real injury, in the report for week one of the 2008 regular season, Tom Brady's name was mysteriously absent.

So, Tom Terrific suited up for the first time since losing the Super Bowl, with all the promise of leading his Patriots to another great season and a good chance of returning to the big game.

But while taking on the Kansas City Chiefs, Brady's game and his season were cut short on a low hit by safety Bernard Pollard.

isn't throwing them the ball.

The world will now see if the always confident and often secretive Bill Belichick can win without his star and if he has the same confidence in career backup Matt Cassel.

Cassel was undrafted out of college and has not started a football game since November 24, 1999, in high school. Cassel sat behind Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at USC and then behind Brady in New England. So, fans of the Patriots better hope he learns by watching.

The Patriots are already showing they are not as confident as they might tell the press, as they are working out mediocre free-agent veterans like Chris Simms and Tim Rattay.

Maybe they should call Daunte Culpepper out of retirement. He used to be pretty good when he played with that Randy Moss character in Minnesota.

Whoever it ends up being for the long haul, if it's not Tom Brady, the AFC East could be wide open for the up-and-coming Bills to make a run, or for the New York Jets to step up.

The balance of power could also shift in the AFC, but who is there to claim it? The Colts did not really look good in losing to the Bears in Indianapolis, and the Chargers gave one away to the Panthers at home.

The Jaguars, expected by some to be very good, lost to a Titans team that didn't have Vince Young for the whole game.

The answer could be the Steelers. They looked very good on the ground and through the air in whooping the Texans. And in terms of the whole league, if the Patriots falter, the Cowboys are probably the early favorite to win it all.

But who knows? Maybe Coach Belichick's system and all of their veteran players are still good enough to make a difference. Or maybe without Tom Brady, they will be just another Super Bowl loser to struggle the following year.

Women shut out Case

By Clay Davis
Transcript Reporter

The Ohio Wesleyan women's soccer team opened its season on Saturday, shutting out Case Western Reserve 3-0 at Roy Rike Field.

The Bishops played well throughout the game, going on the offensive early and often, not allowing Case to control the ball for long periods of time. The Lady Bishops scored their first goal less than 10 minutes into the game when senior forward Michelle Corbett made a penalty kick to put the Bishops up 1-0.

Corbett was not done, as she moved the ball down field and past Case defenders 15 minutes later to score another goal, giving the Lady Bishops a 2-0 lead going into the half.

The second half was just as strong, with senior forward Allie Cozzone scoring on a penalty kick, giving OWU a 3-0 lead.

Defensively, the Bishops played tough throughout. Case came within inches of scoring with 30 minutes left, but the Lady Bishops defense

managed to stop the attack.

The win over Case gave Head Coach Bob Barnes and his players something to build on.

"Great effort, we worked on things a little different with formations," Barnes said.

The key to victory was the ability to play as a team, not as individuals said junior Carolyn Tallman.

"We played the full 90 minutes as a team, and we played for each other," Tallman said.

Although the season is early, the Bishops have made it clear their goal is to surpass the nine wins they had last year.

"We want to win the NCAC and go to the NCAA tournament," Coss said. "We want to win every game at home."

Coss said she sees this year's team as strong and physical.

Team unity seems to be a common theme among the players, and that is why they made it a top priority for the upcoming season.

"Our main goal is to play for each other," Tallman said.

Football loses at home to Carnegie Mellon

By Drew Lenox
Transcript Reporter

The Ohio Wesleyan football team opened its 2008 season on Saturday with a 35-7 loss to the visiting Carnegie Mellon Tartans.

The Bishops finished 4-6 last season but six of those games were decided by eight points or less. The team lost key seniors from last year, such as Zach Dennis, Chad Ellis and Patrick Trenor, but is returning this season with a lot of experience and the hopes of winning a NCAC title.

In Saturday's non-conference battle, the Bishops kicked off to Carnegie Mellon to start the game. After stopping the Tartans three straight times to force fourth down, the Bishops gave up a 34-yard touchdown pass from Phil Pantalone to Brendan Howe on 4th and 14.

After the extra point, the Bishops found themselves down 7-0 in the first quarter. Senior defensive end Britan Tolliver said that letting them score on the opening drive was disappointing, and they had to make some adjustments.

"We had to tighten everything up," he said. "It took us that first drive today to tighten up and settle down, and we gave up a score."

Although the Bishops return 20 seniors with game-time experience to their roster this season, the quarterback position on Saturday was rotated between two freshmen, Keegan Varner and R.J. Marsilio.

Senior offensive lineman Paul Hardin said the offense is talented and experienced

"We've got a lot of work to do," Tolliver said. "The defense had a lot of mistakes but we will correct them and will be 0-0 going into conference play."

at the running back position but part of their slow start was due to struggles on the offensive line.

"The offensive line didn't play as well as we could have," Hardin said. "We need to work on lowering our pad level and on having better footwork. We have big, strong guys up front and we have the ability to push some people around. We just couldn't get it going today."

After a roughing the punter penalty on Carnegie Mellon, the Bishops were down 14 points in the second quarter. OWU drove down the field with several good runs by senior running back Jerrell Cephas and Varner, who scored on a 12-yard run to pull his team within seven.

Varner said it was exciting to score his first collegiate touchdown. "The touchdown play was a read play," he said. "In high school, I ran a lot of options and read plays so it wasn't new to me. The linebacker crashed down the line, so I kept the ball and had great down field blocking to get me to the end zone. It made me feel good to celebrate with my teammates."

Ohio Wesleyan went into half time down 21-7. Later in the game, Carnegie Mellon scored after a long 14-play drive to make

the score 28-7 and finished the game by scoring a touchdown on another Marsilio interception, making the final score 35-7.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Tolliver said. "The defense had a lot of mistakes, but we will correct them and will be 0-0 going into conference play."

Varner went 7-11, throwing the ball for 30 yards, and Marsilio completed 4 of his 13 attempts for 37 yards. Cephas was the leading running back with 31 yards rushing. Carnegie Mellon racked up 284 yards on the ground, and Anthony Ruzga led the way with 70 of them.

The Bishops have a bye this week and they will travel to Wooster on Sept. 20 to take on the Scots.

Hardin said the team will learn from its loss and head into the bye week with a determination to improve and will be ready for the next game.

"Going into our bye week, we are going to bust our humps," Hardin said. "Wooster has been on our personal schedules since the winter workouts, and we are looking forward to this game. With 20 returning seniors and a good team, we should be able to accomplish what we want to do this season."