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Remnants of Ike strike campus

By Mark Dubovec
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Much of the campus community was left frustrated following a massive wind storm on Sunday that left downed power lines and countless tree branches lining the streets.

Students awoke Monday morning to a message from Public Safety informing them that classes at Haycock Hall were cancelled. Most of the academic side emerged with minimal damage; all other academic buildings were open, and classes remained scheduled.

On Sept. 14, the remnants of Hurricane Ike reached central Ohio and met a cold front, creating winds as high as 75 mph, the highest ever recorded by the National Weather Service for this region. Throughout the country, 31,020 households were left without power, and Delaware City schools were closed. Gov. Ted Strickland declared a state of emergency for the damage throughout central Ohio.

Over 1 million homes in the greater Columbus area were left without electricity as emergency crews scrambled to clear fallen trees and make sure traffic lights were operational.

In addition to losing access to Haycock, Ohio Wesleyan saw several Small Living Units (SLU), fraternities and sororities lose electricity for several hours. Even though the lights flickered occasionally, the residence halls remained operational.

Meanwhile, Oak Hill Ave. currently remains in the dark. It's been estimated restoring power to the street of the House of Black Culture, I-House, Tree House and Inter-Faith House could take until Monday, Sept. 22.

Marlon Frisby, who resides at the I-House, said he witnessed a tree catch fire across the street from a downed power line.

The Chi Phi fraternity lost its electricity around 4 p.m. Sunday and did not get it back on until 11 a.m. Monday.

"Our trouble alarm kept beeping throughout [the outage]," said senior Adam Dworetsky, president of Chi Phi.

"It was annoying," Dworetsky added, "We kind of enjoyed having the power out. The brothers were just hanging out in each others' rooms. We're glad nobody got hurt and nothing was damaged."

The SLUs on Rowland Ave. did not lose power, although branches and trees fell down nearby.

"CAH brick house had a near miss," said House of Thought resident Jessica Ferguson. "Some branches almost went through the windows."

CAH resident Andy Coder said, "We went to Thomson around noon. We came back at 12:15 p.m., and half of one of our trees was in the sidewalk. It was kind of weird."

Not everyone seemed bothered by the wind. "We had people in our house come out with sheets and garbage bags," Ferguson added. "They were on long boards and tried to use them as sails."

Sophomore Tammy Luevano said the force of the wind was nerve-racking.

"It was crazy," she said. "It really made me feel for the people who went through the hurricanes."

Many off-campus students were left with few options after the power went out just after 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Junior Aidar Orukhanov, who resides on Liberty street, said his property escaped unscathed. His neighbors were not as lucky.

"I saw two cars with trees going through the windshield," he said. "My house and car were spotless, but my neighbors got the worst of it. I guess I'm a lucky guy."

Orukhanov did not escape entirely, as he lost power at his home and had to throw out a week's worth of groceries.

"I don't buy a lot of non-perishable items, but that might change," he said.

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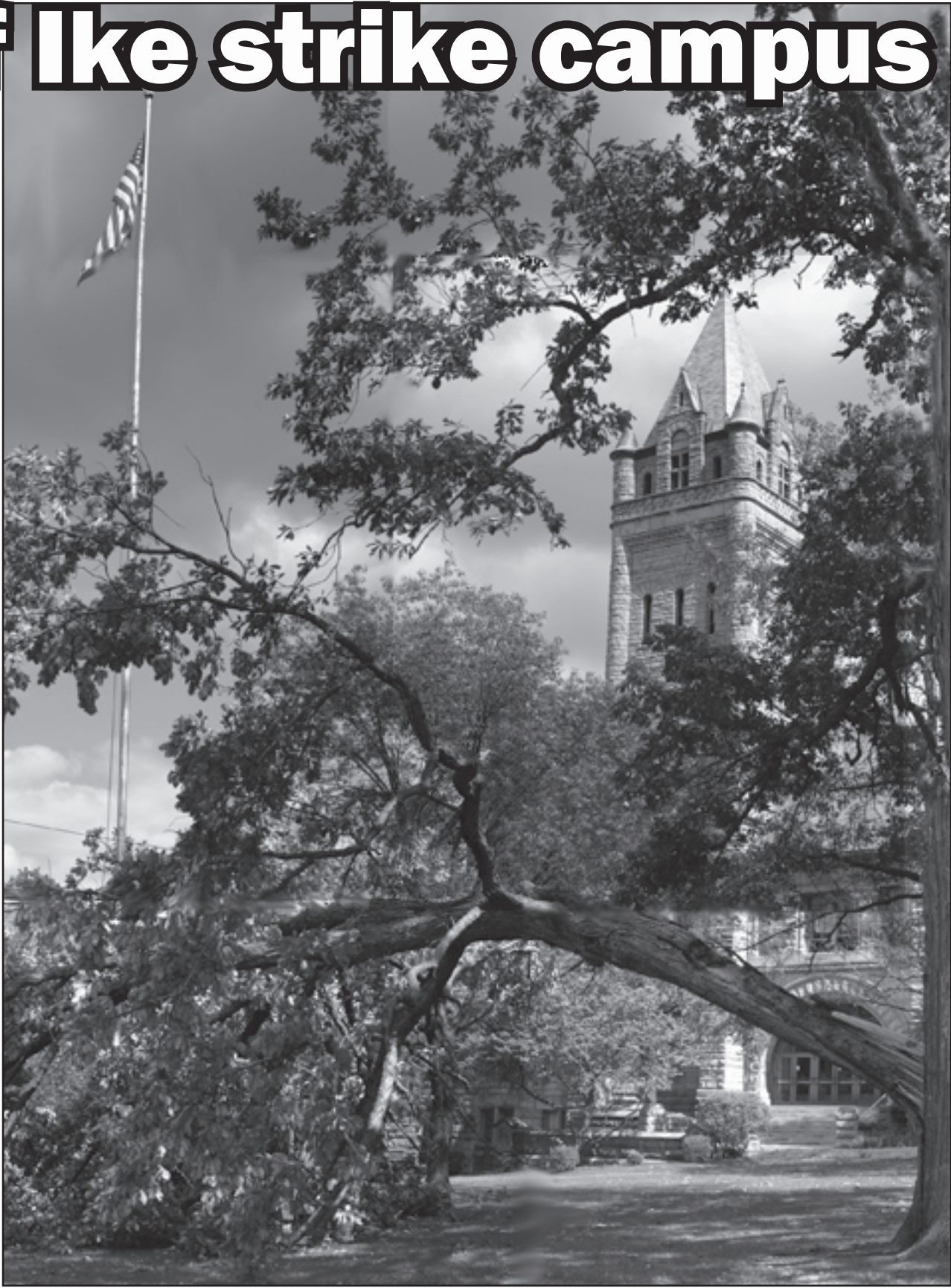


Photo by Jack Stenger

The large white oak tree outside Gray Chapel succumbed to high winds Sunday. Many downed trees caused power outages and damage across campus. Four SLUs are remain powerless.

McKibben alternatively energizes colloquium

By Danny Eldredge
Managing Editor

Author and environmentalist Bill McKibben kicked off this year's Sagan National Colloquium (SNC) fittingly by stressing the importance of students becoming involved in environmental activism.

McKibben spent the majority of his speech talking about his recent activism, the current state of our climate, and how students could get involved in their communities as well as more broadly with his new web site, 350.org. In September 2006, McKibben organized a five-day march from Ripton, Vt., to Burlington, Vt., to raise public awareness of global warming.

"Over 1,000 people gathered in Burlington, and it was not just the liberal democrats, which we have plenty of. Even the GOP candidate for governor

signed [a pledge to take action on climate change]. It was good to see the political process work," McKibben said. "The depressing thing was that the paper said it might have been the biggest demonstration for global warming in the United States ever. We have the science, but we didn't have the movement."

McKibben then helped organize "Step it up 2007," in which community activists all over the country rallied on April 14 and held signs that read, "Step it up Congress! Cut carbon 80% by 2050."

"It was not only good fun, but it actually kind of worked," McKibben said. "Four days after that, Clinton and Obama adopted the 'cut carbon by 80% by 2050' as part of the policy goals."

"I really like how he and Middlebury students organized the Step it up program. It would be great if students here would be that motivated to change the world around them," said senior Erin Dezell. "We have a great Environment and Wildlife club that does a lot, but it seems to mirror all of the students who are involved anyway... It's the battle to involve those who are passively standing by... and need to step it up."

There will certainly be some environmental activism on cam-

pus this year because of the expanded SNC course. While one section of the colloquium is like the previous courses, which involves writing papers on the various speakers, the other section requires students to engage in a campus activity. Environmental Studies Professor John Krygier's environmental geography class also requires students to be involved in a similar activity. These activities include implementing solar power on campus, growing a community organic garden and expanding campus recycling, among other projects. More activities can be found on the SNC web site, snc.owu.edu.

SNC Coordinator Paula Travis said there are about 150 students in the activity section of the course.

"They have to look at budgeting, resources, and make sure the projects are sustainable," Travis said. "We don't want it to be something that happens only this year. We want it to continue. That's our goal."

Travis said those taking the colloquium course had to present their ideas last semester.

"They wanted to see the campus doing something different-

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New goals and policies discussed at faculty meeting

By Mike DiBiasio
Transcript Lead Reporter

At Monday's faculty meeting, President Rock Jones and Dean of Students Craig Ullom, presented future initiatives to bolster OWU's retention and graduation rates, which Jones said were "in the basement."

Among the initiatives was a

residential-life task force, presented by Ullom, which would examine students' quality of life outside the classroom – in the dorms in particular.

Jones proposed an increase in faculty size to further personalize the learning environment by improving the student/faculty ratio.

The announcement was

also made for the first meeting of the Greek Life Study Group – a comprehensive inspection of Greek Life hoping to result in a road map for continued success. Jones asked the faculty to consider additional solutions for improving retention and graduation rates in the future.

After Jones and Ullom out-

lined their goals, Mark Shippy, vice president for university relations, recapped OWU's fundraising success for the '07-'08 fiscal year and proudly announced over \$35 million in total gifts to the university.

"Last year was an amazing year. Everything happened that could have happened positively. We're at our stride now,

and even in a tough economy we should be able to hold our own," Shippy said in a later interview.

While he is optimistic, Shippy isn't expecting the same success this year.

"We're probably not going to set any records this year, that's my prediction. No matter whether people want to

give or not, they're going to be constrained. We may see an increase in the number of donors, but they may be smaller gifts."

Last year's Annual Fund exceeded its goal for the second year in a row with a total of \$3,982,000.

This year's goal is set at \$4,000,000.



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Professors discuss the Georgia-Russia crisis

by **Alexandra Panait**
Transcript Reporter

In order to enhance the campus’s understanding of the rising international Georgian crisis in early August 2008, the history and international studies departments hosted a joint talk on Sept. 2.

“The Russian/Georgia Crisis: Implication for American National Security” provided audiences with both historical and political perspectives on the matter as presented by Dr. Mark Gingerich and Dr. Sean Kay respectively.

Gingerich stressed the importance and the historical context of the Cold War leading up to the current crisis. The comparison between the Cold War and contemporary politics emphasized the old ideological clashes and the today’s struggle for the access to resources.

The historical period analogous to the tensions between contemporary Russia and Georgia is the 19th century rivalry between the British and Russian empires for the strategic control of the same area. Historically, Georgia emerged as a kingdom.

Despite its geographic proximity to and ties with Russia, Georgia is characterized as a non-Slavic country, united by orthodox religion.

Nevertheless, Russia remained an important player from the 19th century onwards, with Georgia at the periphery of its empire. Russia was more interested in Poland and the Ukraine.

It was the tsar rule that helped Georgia become an independent republic. The immediate result was an authoritarian Georgia that lacked the aggressiveness of the Bolshevik regime.

In 1921, Georgia was absorbed into the Soviet Union with most favored nation status. The domestic communist



Mark Gingerich listens intently as Sean Kay elaborates on political tensions in the Georgia-Russia conflict.

Photo by Alexandra Panait

regime kept Russia at a distance, offering to Georgia a sense of independence. It was the 1990s Soviet Union collapse that gave Georgia true independence.

This decade was dismal for Russia, which faced an economic collapse and, later, the Chechen problem.

According to Gingerich, Russia did not pay much attention to Georgia until 1999, when Putin came into power.

The Putin era marked numerous changes in Russian politics. Among the policies implemented was the firm belief Russia could be made strong and develop hydrocarbon energy in the Caspian Sea. In the 1990s, foreign assistance, particularly from the U.S. for building

the BTS pipeline connecting Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey, increased tension in the area. The pipeline that became operative in 2006 bypassed the Russian control and challenged Russian hegemony.

Georgia’s reasons for allowing the U.S. to develop the pipeline were related to NATO membership. Part of the deal between them was a military trade involving the access to Georgia’s airspace and the presence of the Israeli contractors.

Based on movement in the breakaway regions, fighters have been financed by Russia to create a strike. It is well known that South Ossetia is granting Russian passports.

Overall, the West seemed careful in addressing the crisis.

While Russia is resurging, and acting to preserve its national interests, the U.S. is overstretched militarily-speaking in Iraq. In addition, an Israeli strike against Iran would demand the use of the two Georgian land bases, making Georgia even more vital to the region.

Complementing the historical insight on Georgia, Kay concentrated on describing the strategic forces present in Caucasus. Georgia represents a “minor tactical piece of land,” Kay said. “The actual interest is in energy.”

Compared to 15 years ago, when Russia was experiencing a -20% economic growth, the present energy sales led to a foreign trade surplus -- in deep contrast with the American

trade deficit.

Russia is now asserting its influence, drawing a line the West cannot cross. In the recent NATO Summit in Bucharest, Russia opposed the process of opening negotiations with Ukraine and Georgia, stressing its preparation to advance its own interests. Isolating Russia would come at a cost. Germany gets 50 percent of its energy supplies from Russia, and Poland gets 75 percent. According to Kay, the question is “How far to go to isolate Russia?”

In his analysis, Kay identified another dynamic that complicates the tension in the region: the positive U.S.-Georgia relations developed over time based on the strategic interest in the region.

Nevertheless, the U.S. needs Russia as it faces North Korea and deals with climate change.

“Nothing justifies Russian invasion,” Kay said. “The cost is clear and widely felt in Europe: the basic willingness to trust Russia is gone and it will be hard to get it back.”

From a theoretical perspective, Russia is behaving like a realist, in contrast with the West’s belief in integrating Europe.

The ripple effect in the region is sensed by the Baltic States and Polish, both of which are uneasy. It is also seen in further consideration of Finnish membership in NATO. And despite its current weak military capability, over the next 10 years Russia will strengthen. Overall the U.S. viewed Russia from a biased Western perspective. Although its present actions in the Caucasus are unjustifiable and will be costly, Russia has been compliant with the Baltic countries’ adherence to NATO.

The U.S. has developed a commitment to the region’s countries due to its focus on Iraq. As a response, there are several policy options, Kay said.

1) The NATO membership position needs to be kept open for both Ukraine and Georgia. Georgia needs to begin the process of negotiations and further resolve its internal territorial disputes.

2) Diplomatic channels need to reach the Ukraine given the internal political crisis and the Crimea tension.

3) The U.S. can reassess the way in which it approaches the Russians given the current lack of engagement between the two nations. There is an acute need for developing a Russian policy.

Kay concluded that the real solution is to be firm with Russia, exert the leverage the West has and work the problem inside out by looking for energy alternative sources.

WCSA hopes to fund STD testing through lottery

By **Christine Hurley**
Transcript Correspondent

Spring semester may include free STD testing funded by WCSA. Seniors Rory McHale and Benjamin Goodrum were elected student body president and vice president respectively last semester.

During their campaign the duo promised the free testing. “We are hoping to fulfill all of our campaign promises,” said Goodrum.

Free testing would be offered to students who do not have health insurance. Chlamydia, human papilloma virus (HPV), syphilis, herpes and gonorrhea would be tested for.

Marsha Tilden C.N.P., director of Student Health Services, said HPV and Chlamydia are the most prevalent infections on campus.

Sophomore Kody Law said he believes this testing should happen.

“If someone has an STD they would be less likely to have sex and spread it,” said Law.

Chlamydia can be treated with an anti-biotic, but HPV is a virus and cannot be cured.

Goodrum said there would be a self-screening survey uninsured students would take. The students who were considered high risk would be placed in a lottery system.

The plan is to randomly select 18 to 20 students for the testing per semester. It has not yet been decided whether the testing would take place on one day or be spread out on multiple days.

These tests combined would cost \$170 to \$200.

WCSA would use activity

fund money and trustees to cover the costs.

Junior Kyle Faris said he thinks the money could be spent elsewhere.

“Many school groups don’t get enough money and it could be used to fund those groups,” said Faris.

Total cost of the proposed idea would be about \$3,500.

Gary Brenneman said preventing the spread of STDs is good, but he’s not sure it’s the best use of the money.

“But it definitely is not a waste,” said Brenneman.

Junior Casey Ridgeway said personally he doesn’t think the school should be involved, and getting tested is the individual’s responsibility.

“The school hands out condoms and that’s good enough on the school’s part,” said Ridgeway.

String quartet presents inaugural quartet featuring classical music

Carpe Diem String Quartet, Ohio Wesleyan’s new faculty ensemble in residence, will present its inaugural quartet series recital at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, in Jemison Auditorium of Sanborn Hall.

This program will feature Haydn’s String Quartet Op. 76, No. 4 “Sunrise” in B-flat major, Beethoven’s String Quartet Op. 59, No. 3 “Razumovsky” in C major and Ravel’s String Quartet in F major.

Carpe Diem has earned critical acclaim with innovative programs, electrifying performances, and a passion for audience engagement.

This season, Carpe Diem will continue recording the complete cycle of string quartets by Sergey Taneyev on the Naxos label. The first CD was released in fall 2007 to critical acclaim, and the second and third CD will be released in 2009. The quartet continues its collaboration with Columbus Dance Theater, and their joint project “The String Machine,” was aired by WOSU-PBS television through 2007-2008.

The quartet is committed to changing the concert experience of chamber music. Using innovative programming, thematic concerts, and popular

music for younger generations, cameras and video to assist in the visual presentation, as well as speaking from the stage to better engage the audience, Carpe Diem brings new audiences into the concert hall and revitalizes chamber music.

The quartet, violinists Charles Wetherbee and John Ewing, violist Korine Fujiwara and cellist Diego Fainguersch, is dedicated to music education and outreach, and regularly performs educational programs specifically designed to relate to students of all ages and establish classical music’s relevance to their lives.



Submitted photo

OWU Circle K Club members Caitlin Morpew, left, and Caitlin Klueber filled their canoe with old tires during the Scioto River Sweep litter cleanup on Saturday morning, Sept. 6.

Circle K helps pull 100 tires during Scioto cleanup

Volunteers pulled more than 100 tires out of the Scioto River in northwestern Delaware County Saturday.

Keep Delaware County Beautiful’s annual Scioto River Sweep litter cleanup also yielded a sunken canoe, a basketball goal, two water tanks and a toilet bowl.

More than 50 volunteers toiled for four hours on the cleanup of three miles of the Scioto River and its banks between Curren and Radnor roads in Radnor and Thompson townships. It was the first organized cleanup ever conducted on that stretch of the river, according to Keep Delaware County Beautiful

Coordinator Jenifer Way-Young.

Ohio Wesleyan University students in Circle K, the Environment and Wildlife Club and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity accounted for most of the volunteers. After wrestling the water- and mud-filled tires and other junk into canoes and paddling downstream, they formed human chains to roll and drag the items up the muddy riverbanks to the side of River Road. Many of the tires were from trucks. The day’s haul totaled about 2,500 pounds of tires and 1,320 pounds of other trash and junk.

The Scioto River Valley

Federation served lunch to the volunteers at the Radnor Community Center picnic shelter and Camp Lazarus provided canoes. Also assisting with personnel, vehicles, or other support were Radnor Township, Preservation Parks of Delaware County, the Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Delaware General Health District, Central Ohio Contractors, and the DKMM Solid Waste District. The cleanup was organized by Keep Delaware County Beautiful, the Delaware General Health District’s recycling and litter prevention program.

New business helps students save time

By Kaisha Oliver
Transcript Correspondent

“I was tired of walking into the laundry room and worrying about people taking my things out,” said junior Farooq Busari, CEO of *eaZZyClean* LLC. “I was thinking like a college student, first, and a businessman, second.”

According to a few students, *eaZZyClean* is a new laundry service on campus bringing nothing but relief and possibilities since its launch.

“It saves me some time do something else during the weekend instead of laundry,” said sophomore Eunice Golloh, customer of *eaZZyClean*.

“As a college student, I am already stressed for time, so I thought, why not have someone else do [our laundry] for us?” Busari said.

He suggested the need created an underlying problem for college students—time. “So, rather than thinking about the problem, I’d solve the problem,” Busari said.

According to its flyer, *eaZZyClean* is a laundry service which “gets your clothes professionally washed, dried, folded and delivered in

24 hours.” It promises not only OWU students but college students everywhere the free-time to study, hangout or even blog on the official website, www.eaZZyClean.com.

Before starting *eaZZyClean*, Busari had to do his homework. He began with a “test market” in fall ‘07 for *eaZZyClean* which was called *Busy Bishops* at the time.

Busari said for a month, he’d wake up at 6 a.m. and do a few students’ laundry in the residential halls for only \$13.

He did so to see if this service had any potential on OWU’s campus, and according to him it did.

Busari wrote out his business plan and spoke to various investors, one of whom, Troy Manos, is the sole financial reason for *eaZZyClean*’s start.

Overall, he said it took the company “exactly a year” to get ready.

Although, this service it not offered in conjunction with the university, it is supported by it through the entrepreneurship club.

The entrepreneurship club is group on campus sponsored by the Department of Economics for economic management majors and minors, and

aspiring entrepreneurs.

Busari said the entrepreneurship club allows students the freedom to create by forming ideas and actually implementing them.

Through the entrepreneurship club, the laundry service has become an internship opportunity for potential entrepreneurs. Economics and economic management majors and minors are more than welcome to take advantage of this internship, Busari said.

“I believe this business will succeed because it involves students, who are trying to pursue their education and career, helping them learn what they will be doing, which provides for a great ‘real-world’ experience,” Golloh said.

In their advertisements, *eaZZyClean* offers to pick up laundry at a specific time and location from a dorm or apartment and deliver it the next day.

EaZZyClean has three weekly laundry plans: light, regular and heavy.

According to the flyer, the light plan takes up to 15 pounds of laundry is done for \$25.95 per week. The regular plan, takes up to 20 pounds of

laundry for \$32.95 per week, and the heavy plan up to 30 pounds of laundry for \$39.95 per week.

According to the flyer, each plan comes with a personal *eaZZyClean* “durable heavy duty” laundry bag delivered to a dorm or apartment. Each bag is personalized by plan, dorm, and room number. Based on the dorm the students live in, they’d get a certain color for their bag, Busari said.

Last Wednesday, during a charity soccer game, sophomore Joanne Neugebauer kicked a goal for her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma and won a free week of *eaZZyClean* service.

“I really liked the service. It’s really convenient and it saved me a trip,” Neugebauer said.

“I think it’s a great idea, but only if you don’t have the time,” Neugebauer said. “It’s a great service but it’s something you don’t necessarily need, but it’s a luxury to have—for those who can afford it. The only problem I have is when people use it as a way of getting out of doing or learning how to do their own laundry.”

Neugebauer and Golloh said they are uncomfortable

with the idea of the plan being placed on the tuition plan, because of the fear of it increasing the tuition.

“It will be great, but then again you’ll have to look at both sides,” Golloh said. “On one side, it’s going to increase your tuition, and the other side, you wouldn’t have to think about paying for laundry the whole year or semester.”

Ohio Wesleyan is unacquainted with idea, and has not suggested the addition of this service on student’s tuition.

Busari, however, said he is not opposed to the idea of being in full cooperation with the university.

In fact, he would like his business to be the main laundry service for OWU students, but doesn’t want to limit it to just the university. He would like to branch off and set it up so that other smaller universities can get the service.

“It has potential to be expanded,” Chaplain Jon Powers said.

“It could be a great success,” said Sally Leber, director of the Columbus Initiative.

“Many college students are so busy with academics and extracurricular activities,”

Leber said. “This may be a good way to give students some extra time they need. I had a similar service when I was in college, but it was a linen only service.”

Powers said he, too, had a similar service available to him when he was in college, but couldn’t afford it.

“Whenever I can get someone to do my laundry it makes my life easier,” Powers said.

Busari said *eaZZyClean* isn’t his first business. He said his first business was Real Entertainment LLC., a group that booked artists from the U.S. to perform in London, England to promote their music.

“I learned when to back out of a deal when you know it’s not going to work out,” Busari said.

Though Busari said Real Entertainment wasn’t successful, he believes *eaZZyClean* will succeed and grow.

“I don’t see failure as loss,” Busari said.

“To me, failure is the first step to success, because if one way doesn’t work then you just have to find another way that can make it work.”

Greek Life increases numbers

By Katharine Mannix
Transcript Correspondent

This is the time of year upperclassman women decide whether or not to go Greek.

At midnight on Sept. 15, bid night took place for fall recruitment, formally known as informal recruitment.

The past three weeks, the Ohio Wesleyan sororities have dedicated their time to figuring out what upperclassman women to give bids to.

At Ohio Wesleyan there are five sororities: Delta Delta Delta founded in 1888 at Boston University, Delta Gamma founded in 1873 at Lewis School, Delta Zeta founded in 1902 at Miami University, Kappa Alpha Theta founded in 1870 at Monmouth College and Kappa Kappa Gamma founded in 1870 at DePauw University.

Fall recruitment is the process sophomore, junior, and senior women go through in order to become a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Greek community.

A main requirement for students, set by the student governing body of all sororities, includes having a solid grade point average of a 2.5 or higher. Each sorority has a maximum number of 53 women in the sorority, so the number of bids depends on how many spots until 53 is met.

The students have a week to accept the bid, which is significantly less time than the year freshman are given to decided to take their bid or not, when formal recruitment roles around.

Junior Leanna Bucceri, of Delta Gamma said it’s a very important time for all the houses.

“I know we all get very excited for girls who decide to go Greek.”

Each sorority has up to four events in order to get to know their potential new members.

Senior Maureen Cearfoss, a member of Delta Delta Delta, said her favorite event for fall recruitment was, Dance Dance Revolution [DDR].

“It was more relaxed and fun than the other events, allowing us to get to know each potential new member a little better,” said Cearfoss.

There are many reasons why students do not go through formal recruitment their freshman year.

“The individual could have fallen short of the GPA requirement, financial reasons or may not have liked the system of formal recruitment and felt informal recruitment was more relaxed,” said Senior Hilary Holmes, of Kappa Alpha Theta. “It is also possible their interest in sororities recently developed.”

Many students think informal recruitment is much more relaxed than formal recruitment, and they have a better idea of what each sorority is about.

Senior Katherine Feinberg a new member to Delta Delta Delta, said all of my friends have been in Tri-Delt [Delta Delta Delta]. “I liked the relaxed atmosphere of informal recruitment,” she said.

“I knew I wanted to join Tri-Delt so I didn’t need to go through the process of formal recruitment. The formality is dropped, and it is much more of an individual experience.”

Summer interns earn credit and face life challenges

By Keith Zabel
Marketing Assistant
Chicago Center

OWU junior Christopher Kelly and senior John Moriarty participated in the off-campus Chicago Center program. They spent eight weeks earning credit by learning about the city of Chicago while participating in professional internships

Kelly interned at Teen Living Programs, an organization which gives homeless children a place to live and offers programs in their support.

Moriarty interned at Designs for Change, an organization dedicated to improving Chicago Public Schools through research and reform.

In addition to working as interns four days a week, these students participated in a Chicago Center seminar called “Chicago Communities and Cultures.” They visited different neighborhoods and met with important local leaders.

“In two brief months, I’ve taken in and been challenged about as much as I have been in 20 years,” said Kelly. “Without this program, I could see myself floating and drifting for many years. It has given me an opportunity to find direction and hear perspectives that have gone unmentioned.”

“Chicago Center provided a base for getting to know life in Chicago,” said Moriarty. “The overall experience enhanced my perspective of

America, the ways we choose to live, and what we choose to put up with. It cannot be summarized.”

Students live in one of Chicago’s most diverse and beautiful neighborhoods – Hyde Park – in furnished apartments with typically two to three other students. All utilities and a grocery charge account are provided as part of the program.

The Chicago Center program operates during the academic semesters, as well as the eight-week Summer Session these OWU students participated in. For more information, contact Chicago Center Campus Liaison, Dr. Akbar Mahdi, at aamahdi@owu.edu. Students may also learn more at www.chicagocenter.org.

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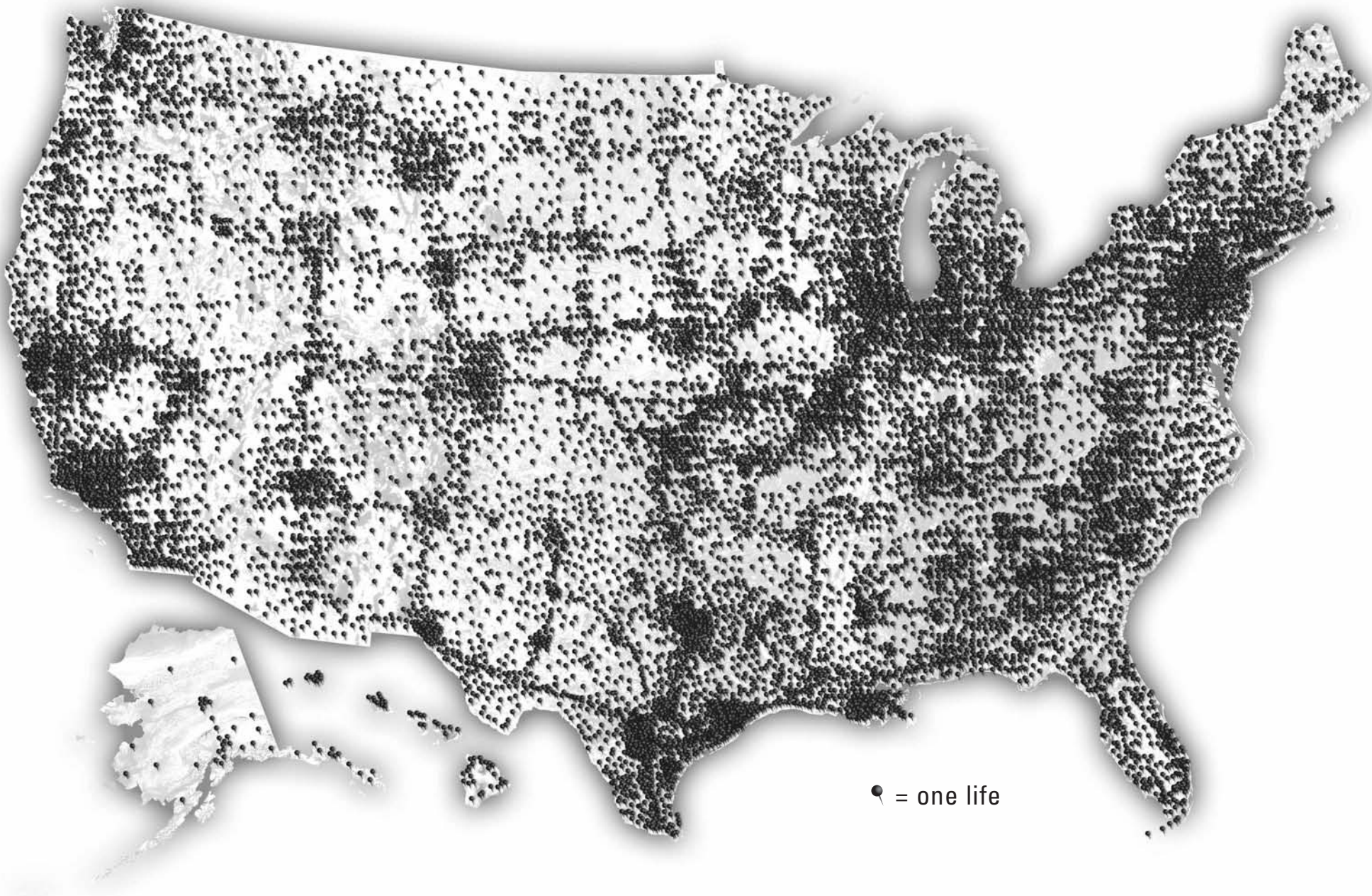
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Opinion

Transcript an open forum

Though this week’s opinion page shows a left-leaning slant, this does not mean *The Transcript* is necessarily a left-leaning paper. *The Transcript* aims to express the viewpoints of, or serve as a platform for, all the different views held on campus.

The two letters to the editor published below are both critical of the McCain-Palin campaign.

They were not differentially selected -- they just happened to be the two letters submitted this week, and, coincidentally,

they just happen to be about a similar topic.

Whether they reflect a widely held campus sentiment about these political figures or just the beliefs of a few individuals, we’re not sure. We publish the letters we receive, be they liberal, moderate or conservative.

With that said, it is up to you -- students, faculty and staff -- to further communicate your feelings regarding such issues. If you disagree with these submissions, feel free to write a letter to the editor challenging these viewpoints.

If you agree with them, please write us a letter saying so.

Regarding Rory McHale’s column, though sharply critical, it is strongly written, and offers a passionate appeal for genuine political liberalism.

We encourage you to read it -- and react. Either let it inspire you or let it repulse you. If you agree with his views, don’t wither into complacency.

And if you disagree with Rory’s polemic, write us a letter as passionate as his in favor of a conservative ideology.

Border fence violates nature

By Jack Stenger
Environmental Columnist

The impossibility of detecting where a social issue ends and environmental issue begins is ironically illustrated in an issue defined by a border; more specifically, the United States-Mexico border. The building of a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border is an insult to humanity and the environment -- and it costs \$49 billion.

Three hundred forty-four miles of fence are already built, with a goal of 670 more miles by the year’s end. Construction was initiated after Congress approved The Secure Fence Act of 2006, which says, “The Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all actions the Secretary determines necessary and appropriate to achieve and maintain operational control over the entire international and maritime borders of the United States.”

Because of this dictatorial authority the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has “le-

gally” violated 36 federal laws, starring: Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Solid Waste Disposal Act, American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Archeological and Historic Preservation Act, and the Farmland Protection Policy Act. For a “foreign policy” issue the fence is painfully domestic.

Three separate Native American Nations will be bisected by the fence. What about their homeland security? In Texas the fence will be built two miles from the border, thus entrapping American citizens and their businesses, farms and homes on the Mexican side.

The Borderlands are also some of the most ecologically diverse and sensitive areas in the country. The border fence has a larger impact on the environment than the immediate habitat destruction. It inhibits migration and water access by animals, limits gene flow amongst populations and fragments threatened habitats. Write your congressman to give them your thoughts.

Letters to the editor:

Dear Editor:

Many Christian social conservatives previously lukewarm toward John McCain’s candidacy (with good reason) now may feel obliged to give him their support, reassured of his pro-life credentials by his selection of Sarah Palin as running mate.

That may or may not be a good reason to support the McCain ticket, depending upon one’s values.

However, I would like to urge all citizens, and the Christian community in particular, to speak out forcefully against the outright lies and dishonesty that are increasingly characterizing the McCain-Palin campaign.

All political campaigns feature misleading ads which exaggerate the accomplishments of the one candidate and exaggerate the flaws of the other. However, even by the most Karl Rovean stan-

dards, McCain’s campaign has stooped to new and deplorable lows. It has been repeatedly documented that Republican ads approved by McCain are untrue and in some cases deliberately fabricated out of whole cloth.

Among the worst have been the endlessly repeated accusations that Senator Obama has called Governor Palin a pig and that he wants to teach comprehensive sex education to kindergarten children before they can read. As of this writing, McCain brazenly refuses to do everything in his power to stop promulgating these falsehoods.

This should of course give pause to anyone who values truth over falsehood—including all of us involved in higher education. But quite apart from this, for Christians, lying is a sin. The book of Revelation says that all liars are destined

for the lake of fire (21:8). In Romans 1:28-32, Paul writes that slanderers and people full of deceit are worthy of death (and he places them in the same company as “haters of God” and murderers).

I understand the desire of pro-life conservatives, who want McCain in the White House. But no political end, including the pro-life cause, should be sought through lies and hypocrisy, and it is a sad commentary on the suddenly euphoric Christian right that—judging by their silence on the issue—they don’t seem to care how McCain wins, so long as he emerges victorious.

The end does not justify the means. Or, as Saint Paul also put it, those who say, “Let us do evil that good may come,” are justly condemned (Romans 3:8).

Scott Calef
Department of Philosophy

Dear Editor:

Gov. Sarah Palin wants to deny women their right to choose in matters of abortion.

Palin has an extreme anti-choice stance; she is against abortion for almost any reason. Her opinion would not have as much weight to me if she were not a serious contender for the vice-presidency.

For example, say Palin did become president – due to an increasingly probable series of unfortunate events – and she was given the opportunity to appoint judges to the U.S. Supreme Court. It is not too farfetched to believe that the judges she appoints would be in favor of overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision and practically eliminate a woman’s right to choose to keep her fetus or not.

I could not disagree more with Palin’s attitude about the legality of a woman’s choice to terminate her pregnancy. The right to choose is a milestone in the human journey towards gender justice. In eliminating that right, the U.S. would

be a taking a huge step backwards. People who support Palin and her anti-choice attitude are often quick to point out that Palin chose to have her son Trig. Trig was born with Down-Syndrome, and Palin knew early in her pregnancy that he would have the debilitating genetic disorder. I respect Palin’s choice to have Trig. I am more concerned, however, that she had the opportunity to choose.

Palin is privileged socially and financially. I would also have to assume that she and her family are emotionally prepared to help raise Trig. (There is no gain in pretending that children born with Down-Syndrome and their families do not face particularly tough challenges).

By appearances, Palin has more than enough resources to responsibly raise a child that will live with Down-Syndrome for the rest of his life. I am glad that Palin is privileged enough to give Trig the life that he deserves.

What Palin ostensibly does not appreciate is that not all women come from such

fortunate circumstances when having to make decisions about their pregnancy. Palin does not even condone abortion in instances of rape or incest -- or both. I can scarcely imagine a more depressing circumstance then being raped, and then told by the law that I must have a child if I became pregnant.

It is fine that Palin believes that a woman’s right to choose is morally deplorable. I find that it is morally unacceptable of her to threaten to impose her religion-based beliefs on millions of citizens.

She benefited, whether she recognizes it or not, from having the right to choose – all women in the U.S. do. In having the right to choose preserved, women are given a level of dignity that society had long denied them.

Women still are not treated as they should be, nonetheless, having the right to choose about this deeply personal matter is a triumph for humanity.

Benjamin Goodrum,
President of Amnesty International OWU Chapter

Young Republicans have twisted ideology

By Rory McHale
Transcript Columnist

“If you’re not a liberal when you’re 20, you have no heart. If you’re not a conservative by the time you’re 40, you have no brain.”

This quote, often misattributed to Winston Churchill, (I do not care enough for my readers to look up the actual source), and the sentiment it describes has for years been a scourge to my existence. The possibility was presented that I, Rory Leftist, would some day, for unknown reasons, become the conservative I’ve always disagreed with, if not despised.

How haunting. Older folks and younger robots have been spouting the horseshit that when one grows older the hassles of work and life make them economically conservative and that world-views become stagnant, causing one to become socially conservative.

I now realize that any old fart who tells me, “Oh, I used to be that way in college, you’ll grow out of it,” never actually believed or felt what I believe and feel.

Some of these are the people who ruined past movements of the 1960s and ’70s by adopting the clothes and styles of activists for the purposes of social acceptance while ignoring any of the substance. They’re terrible losers whose stupidity and uninformed beliefs allowed the media and the larger society to cast the whole movement as foolishness and violence based on the characteristics of people who

were never truly a part of it.

And even that is a generous description of the weak, repressed and repressive, modern conservatives who make the fallacy-ridden argument that one’s age is a disqualification of one’s views.

“Oh, what do you know? Typical college student!” Yes sir, college student indeed, but my dislike of Guantanamo Bay and understanding of an unequal tax cut priority remain entirely valid.

But enough talk of older conservatives. Surely none would begrudge me the fact that they are an evil coalition of rich corporatists and poorly educated social conservatives that have very little in common other than their voting pattern. A much more interesting person is the young conservative.

Here at OWU you see them every day at lunch in Ham-will, handing out John McCain material. Even the source of the terrible quote at the beginning of this article acknowledges young people, for good reason, tend to lean left.

Well these tight-khaki-pants, don’t-let-gays-marry, how-the-hell-do-I-support-Iraq, young men and women are bucking that trend. They proudly announce on the Facebook group *OWU Student for John McCain* that “It’s easy to choose your political candidate based on the status quo, just to fit in with the college-aged community.”

Well god bless these students. Hopefully we can have more war, no abortion, drill everywhere, tax cuts for rich, screw the poor, fewer social

services, growing interest rates for college loans, strict prison sentences, wiretapping, constitutional amendments against gay marriage, guns everywhere, Pledge of Allegiance and prayer in schools, a big border fence, and a Cadillac in every garage (just kidding -- I meant a reduction in federal subsidies for low-income housing).

Also, as a note to these young Republicans: I’ve noticed many of you have this “Oh, isn’t it funny that you’re liberal and I’m conservative in college and, gee, I hope my guy wins but, hey, it’s funny, our differences that is, and, gosh, best of luck!” attitude.

Well, much like the attitude that George Bush is an idiot we can all laugh at, I strongly disagree with that demeanor. George Bush is no one to laugh at. The man has gotten away with murder, of millions of Iraqis and Afghanis, as well as more American troops than civilians that died on 9/11.

He’s taken part in the butchering of the environment and enabled corporations to run wild across the U.S. at the expense of the working-person. Civil liberties have been downgraded, and the American reputation abroad has been irreparably harmed.

I don’t find this funny, and I don’t find our political differences funny. There are serious consequences to them, and you shouldn’t laugh away your support for an anti-gay candidate or your encouragement of the rape and pillaging going on in Iraq.

Columbus denounces roadways, goes green

By Tavish Miller
Humor Columnist

This week Columbus officials worked around the clock, at the bequest of the federal government to solve the gas problem. After three days of intense negotiations, it was decided that Columbus would convert to a system of rivers and canals.

The office of Mayor Coleman issued the following statement: “In light of this national gas crises, our ‘green city’ will take the first initiative

towards a new era by immediately digging up all roads and replacing them with canals, and turning all alleyways into slip ’n slides. Any freeway will be replaced by either a large canal or a river. The airport will be demolished, and Zoombezi Bay will be pulled by donkey to the site. The city will be exchanging canoes and gondola’s for cars on Nov. 4, Nov. 27, and Dec.25.”

The change is estimated to take approximately 3 months.

“How hard could it be? All we have to do is dig up some

stuff and then dump a shit-ton of water in here,” stated Bruce Debber, city planner.

A pipeline is to be constructed from Lake Erie to the outer belt, and the entire lake will be depleted to give Columbus the water it needs to complete the project; Lake Erie will be used as a mud farm, with sales to benefit the state.

If the system works well for Columbus, all roads nationwide may be converted to canals. It is advised that during freezing temperatures people stay off of the canals.

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Arts & Entertainment

Show kicks off school year for Babbling Bishops



Photo by Sara Mays

OWU's student improv group performed in the Stuyvesant Smoker on Thursday, Sept. 11. The group is holding workshops for interested students, and will begin auditioning for new members in the near future. Pictured left to right are current members Becky Brinkman, Mike Frye, Tavish Miller, Brett Riffle, Stacey Venzel, Jessica Ferguson, Jake Barnett, and Fred Copeman.

Music continues despite power loss

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Reporter

It was a flashlight finish. When strong winds knocked out power in Sanborn Hall on Sept. 14, Dr. Mariko Kaneda and husband David Niwa just kept playing.

"Suddenly there is a connection," Kaneda said. "It's not just audience and performer anymore. That [the power outage] is what happens in life, not on a CD."

Kaneda invited Niwa to play the guest faculty recital.

"He's played on campus before but we've never played together and this was a chance to do that," Kaneda said.

A guest faculty recital involves a current faculty member inviting someone outside the campus to play with him/her.

Kaneda is a classical piano instructor at OWU and gives individual piano lessons. Niwa is a violinist who had appeared with the Chicago Symphony

Orchestra and the Columbus Symphony.

"It's important for us to perform," Kaneda said. "A concert is different than listening to a CD."

The first five pieces were performed solo by Kaneda on piano. This was followed by a short intermission.

Niwa then joined her for the last four pieces. The power went out in the middle of the last piece, a Spanish flamenco composed by Kreisler. Kaneda and Niwa restarted the piece using flashlights to illuminate their music. The concert ended in wild applause and screams of encore.

"This will be a little harder,"

Niwa said before the encore piece. It, too, was performed in the dark. The audience gave them a standing ovation.

"I'm doing what I teach," Kaneda said. "It's important for students to see that and to experience a real concert."

The guest faculty recital lasted about two hours.

Theatre department brings comedy show "Fashion!" to OWU

Ohio Wesleyan University's Department of Theatre & Dance will open its 2008-09 season with the 19th century American comedy "Fashion!" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3, 2 p.m. Oct. 4, 8 p.m. Oct. 10 and 11, and 2 p.m. Oct. 12. All performances will take place on the Main Stage inside Chappellear Drama Center.

Written in 1845 by Anna

Cora Mowatt, the comedy follows the newly wealthy Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany and daughter, Seraphina, as they attempt to buy their way into the social "ee-light" of New York City with fashion advice from their French maid, Millinette.

Honest country farmer Adam Trueman intervenes to return his old friends to simpler American virtues, but

intrigue and tomfoolery persist in the meantime.

"Audiences can expect to experience a blend of 'Project Runway' and 'Yankee Doodle'," said Bonnie Milne Gardner, professor of theatre and dance and an alumna of the university, who will adapt and direct the performance.

Among the students starring in the production are

Joanna Van Sickle (Delaware, Ohio) as Mrs. Tiffany, Forrest Rilling (Bethesda, Md.) as Mr. Tiffany, Will Pierce (Park Ridge, Ill.) as Adam Trueman, and Tavish Miller (Columbus, Ohio) as Count Jolimaitre.

Ohio Wesleyan's version of "Fashion!" will include more contemporary dialogue and grand runways for the show's ballroom scene.

Teresa Snider-Stein, a New York and regional theatre designer and a 1980 Ohio Wesleyan alumna, will create the costumes. Scenery will be designed by D. Glen Vanderbilt, professor of theatre and dance, and Ohio Wesleyan student Andrew Doll (Cleveland, Ohio) will design the lighting.

Kicking off with "Fashion!"

on Oct. 3, Ohio Wesleyan's Department of Theatre & Dance dedicates this season to Robert R. Crosby, Ph.D., a 1939 graduate of the university and a former chair of the department, who died last year. To commemorate the occasion, a different theatre alumnus will perform the show's opening prologue each night.

"Remembering Delaware" celebrates 200 years of history



The Ross Art Museum's current exhibit features maps, artwork and photographs of both the city of Delaware and Ohio Wesleyan University.

Photos by Sara Mays

By Cliff Williams
Transcript Reporter

The Richard M. Ross Art Museum has been showcasing the 200-year history of Delaware County in a new exhibit, "Remembering Delaware."

According to the Delaware County Historical Society, Delaware County was formed in 1808 by Colonial Moses Byxbe who was a Revolutionary War veteran from Massachusetts. Appointed by President Andrew Jackson, Byxbe

and Henry Baldwin made the City of Delaware a hub for progress in the new state of Ohio.

The exhibit gives a view of how the city was in earlier times. Featured at the museum are photos of downtown Delaware showing horse and buggies and a trolley system that used to run down Sandusky Street. These photos are dated back to the early 1900s.

"The exhibit gives us insights of the community that we would not get if we

weren't from Delaware," said Assistant Curator Steve Perakis.

Also in the exhibit are one of a kind quilts from the Polly Horn and Connie Hoffman collections that show intricate stylistic patterns. Along with the quilts, there are paintings and drawings from Linda Wesner depicting landmarks in their original forms that can still be seen in Delaware.

"It is nice to see these beautiful landmarks in Delaware that are still being recognized

by the community through these paintings," said Perakis.

Tragic events in Delaware can also be seen at the exhibit. There are photos of the flood of 1913. The flood that hit Delaware was the largest disaster ever faced by the city, reaching 23 feet over the Olentangy River flood stage and a depth of 32 feet in some areas of Delaware. It destroyed 31 bridges, swept away many homes, and it caused several businesses to be shut down.

"The pictures of the floods

were amazing," said senior Pat Coakley. "Imagine having water at the second set of windows of Clancey's."

Another disaster depicted was the fire that destroyed the Opera House on the corner of Williams Street and Sandusky. Ironically, the Opera House was then housing the City Fire Department when it caught on fire.

The exhibit also included large maps that featured Ohio Wesleyan and photos of the school's involvement in city

events.

"I wish I went to school here back in these days," Coakley said. "It seemed as if the town and university were more together. Now it seems as if the town hates all of the college students."

The exhibit provides the students of OWU an opportunity to gain a better feel for the history of the city of Delaware. The "Remembering Delaware" exhibit has been running since Aug. 21 and will continue until Sept. 21.

Ten favorite movies from adolescence inspire nostalgic review

By Kaitlin Thomas
Entertainment Columnist

I was in the middle of writing a column about the new television show "Fringe" starring Joshua Jackson when I found myself digressing from the show and obsessing instead about Jackson and how I have harbored a crush on him since he played Charlie Conway in "The Mighty Ducks" trilogy.

I thus found myself reminiscing about other movies I had enjoyed as a child.

So instead of finishing my original column, I have opted to form a top 10 list of movies from our adolescence.

They may not have been favorites of mine, but I defi-

nately watched them enough.

10. "Field of Dreams" (1989): If you build it, he will come.

09. "Toy Story" (1995): I really don't think this one needs to be explained. It changed the way we all viewed animation.

08. "10 Things I Hate About You" (1999): It is the most recent movie on my list and it introduced us to Heath Ledger, the ostensible meaning of black panties and that updated adaptations of Shakespeare can be pretty awesome.

07. "Home Alone" (1990): This film is the reason everyone knows the name Macaulay Culkin. And everyone knows the scene where he put the

after shave on his face and he screams. You can't say this movie does not belong on this list; everyone from our generation has seen this movie at least once.

06. "D2: The Mighty Ducks" (1994): I already said I was obsessed with the character Charlie Conway, so it was a given one of the "Ducks" movies would appear on this list. But I chose this one because it gave us the Bash Brothers, Louis Mendoza and the Iceland team. This was by far the best of the trilogy.

05. "The Lion King" (1994): If you didn't cry when Mufasa died, you have no heart.

04. "Clueless" (1995): As

if (heh, heh) I need to say anything about this movie. I will say this though, I think this was the beginning of my infatuation with Paul Rudd (Cher's step-brother Josh).

03. "The Sandlot" (1993): I know you wanted to go out and buy a pair of PF Flyers and hop that fence like Benny "The Jet" Rodriguez. Every kid did. I loved this movie, watched this movie, quoted this movie ("You're killing me, Smalls!") for years on end. Meaning I still do it today.

02. "Tommy Boy" (1995) I wanted to put this as number one simply because it is my favorite movie ever created (I even named my dog after this

movie back in 1997), but I felt that if this was truly a list of movies from adolescence, it could not be first. It was not marketed towards kids our age when it was released. Even the members of the senior class were only 8 and 9 years old at the time. But it would be hard to find someone today who did not love this movie. Chris Farley and David Spade were a comedy dream team.

01. "The Goonies" (1985): My best friend from home attended a wedding in Astoria, Ore., last year. I am still jealous she saw the place from which the pirate ship sailed away. I have not met someone who did not love this movie as a child, or who does not love

it now. It had prime material -- the "Truffle Shuffle," pirates and hidden treasure, Sloth, Corey Feldman and booby traps. And like I said, the pirate ship sailed away in the end. It is hard to hate a movie like this one.

Purposely not mentioned: "Titanic," because Rose was selfish and totally could have let Jack on that board at the end instead of letting him freeze to death in the water.

Honorable mentions: "Now and Then," "Ghostbusters II," "Last Action Hero," "The Big Green," "Jurassic Park," "Bring It On," "Cool Runnings" and "A League of Their Own." Because there's no crying in baseball.



Bishops Sports

Men’s soccer suffers first loss



By Colin Magruder
and Josh Powers
Transcript Reporters

Photos by Cliff Williams

ABOVE: Phil Serfaty protects the ball against Capital.
BELOW: Matt Bonfini fighting for the ball against a Capital defender.

The men’s soccer team suffered their first defeat of the year as they lost 2-1 to Capital University on Wednesday night. The overtime loss dropped their record to 5-1 on the young season.

The Bishops had many great opportunities in the first half, including a miss from the penalty spot which took a great stop by Capital goalie John Snyder to keep it out of the back of the net.

With time almost out in the first half, Bishop junior defender Matt Giannetti hit the mark with his first goal of the season to give the lead to OWU going into the locker rooms.

The second half also saw a number of good opportunities for OWU, but none were able to be converted as a result of the stellar goalkeeping from Capital.

With just over 11 minutes left in regulation, Capital was able to tie the game on a goal by Josh Thaboune from just inside the six-yard box.

The teams finished in a draw at the end of regulation, leading to sudden death overtime.

Overtime did not last long, as just four minutes into the period Capital converted on a free kick from 25 yards out.

The Crusaders got their second goal of the match from Thaboune, hitting the ball into the upper 90 of the net, dealing the Bishops their first loss of the year.

On Saturday the Bishops traveled to Indiana to take on DePauw University as they looked to recover from their crushing loss at home. The team was able to do just that.

After playing a scoreless first half, the Bishops were able to take the lead with just over 17 minutes left in the game, when freshmen Travis Wall headed home a corner kick to tally his fifth goal of the season to give the Bishops a 1-0 lead.

Less than 10 minutes later, junior Will Murawski recorded his first goal of the season to give the team a 2-0 lead. DePauw was able to get one back, but OWU held on for a 2-1 victory.

“We are able to keep focus because Jay, our coach, reminds us of the potential that we have and if we take it one game at a time we will be fine,” junior Jordan Halloran said in response to the rebound victory.

The Bishops also got help from the return of junior goaltender Richard Ott, who earned his first win while racking up five saves.



“It was a good win,” Ott said. “The team was able to get back on track.”

The team improved their record to 5-1, and put themselves in good form going into the NCAC conference games.

They look to stay hot as they play Otterbein in front of a home crowd this Wednesday.

“The fans give me extra motivation and remind me that I’m not just playing for everyone with the OWU jersey around me, but for everyone in the school and everyone who comes out to support us from Delaware,” said sophomore Brian Greene.

“You never want to lose at home, and with the fans we have, you never want to let them down.”

Field hockey opens season with young team

By Clay Davis
Transcript Reporter

Despite being a young team, OWU field hockey hopes to match last year’s strong season that saw the Bishops win 10 games, the most wins since 1999.

Senior Ruthie Goodell says that the team is still young and learning, but believes that could benefit the team in the future.

“The fact is that there are only three upperclassmen to help provide some insight,” Goodell said. “But our team is taking steps to come together as a family and work hard to set in motion success for years to come.”

Even Goodell is relatively inexperienced, as she entered OWU as a soccer player before joining field hockey. However, for Goodell, that has allowed her to take skills that she learned from another sport and work them into field hockey.

“Being a soccer player until freshman year in college, field hockey continues to open my eyes about defensive and offensive aspects I never considered before,” Goodell said. “My goal this year is to put all of my experience from other sports and my acquired knowledge and efforts from the last two years into motion.”

Even with a successful 2007 season, the Bishops still were learning to play with one another and develop strong teamwork. This year, the team has gotten a better sense of what works well on the field as far as rotations go, according to sophomore Hannah Coughlin.

“We had a lot of new freshmen, and it took us pretty much the entire season to see who worked where on the field,” Coughlin said. “This year, I think we have some great duos on the field together. We have found players that work well together, and they are placed accordingly on the field.”

While the team has started to gel on the field, Coughlin hopes that they can still be flexible too, allowing the coaching staff, led by Marge Redmond, to mix and match.

“Players need to be willing to move around on the field to find who works best together,” Coughlin said. “This is hard because it takes us out of our comfort levels, but it will help us in the long run.”

While the Bishops have only played three games so far, currently sitting at a 2-1 mark, they have had positive points including the overtime win against Wittenberg last Wednesday.

Sophomore Christa Cocumelli saw the victory as a key test for the team.

“Wittenberg is a great team and they came out very strong in the game on Wednesday,” Cocumelli said. “We were successful when we stepped up our game and played together as a team, utilizing quick passing and moving the ball up the right side.”

Goodell believes the win over Wittenberg was more than just a test of the team’s talent; it was a test of the team being able to develop a strong sense of team unity.

“I would contribute the win to our strong sense of trust and family, that we work for one another,” Goodell said. “We want everyone to be able to experience how great it feels to walk off the field from such a win and know that all of our hard work paid off, and that we pushed it for each other.”

While the Bishops challenged for a spot in the NCAC tournament last year, the team is hoping that the strides they have made over the past year will carry them further.

“There are always high goals of the NCAA (tournament) that come to mind in any team’s hopes and dreams, but as a team we hope to come together, play our hardest and win one game at a time,” Goodell said. “Eventually it will lead us to the NCAC tournament, and then on to bigger and better things.”

Being familiar with each other is what Cocumelli sees as the pivotal point for the team to go from contending for a spot in the NCAC tournament to a serious playoff contender.

“Being a young team, I think we just need to get comfortable playing with each other,” Cocumelli said. “The more we play together the better sense we will get of where everyone is on the field. The more we grow as a team, both on and off the field, the better off we will be.”

The Bishops will continue their push for tournament play when they travel to Denison on Thursday.

Cross country finishes 5th at Oberlin on Saurday

By Steve Ruygrok
Transcript Reporter

The Men’s Cross Country team placed fifth in an eight school field at Oberlin University Saturday.

Hope College won the day with a two-point edge over Denison.

Junior Christian Schlachbach led the way for OWU, finishing in fifth place among individual runners. He ran the 8000-meter trip in 26 minutes and 42 seconds.

“It was raining and muddy the whole time, so for the first 8k of the season it made adjusting to the course a little more difficult,” Schlachbach said. “I rate our team as one of the top teams in the NCAC, and I feel we have a realistic shot of winning the title at the end of the season.”

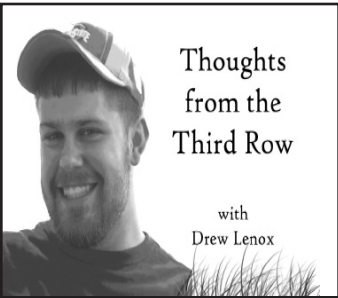
“In cross country, you

want to come on strong at the end of the season and we have a history of doing that,” Schlachbach added. “So for some of our runners to post big times at the beginning of the year makes me that much more confident about our team’s chances in the conference.”

Shlachbach said the key to success for the team this year is to work together and be consistent.

“We need to be consistent in workouts and we’ll have success at the end of the semester,” Schlachbach said. “We have to keep our heads up and work together like we have been doing, and we’ll have a great chance of running well at the conference meet and regionals.”

Men’s Cross Country’s next meet will be on Sept. 27 at Otterbein.



Thoughts
from the
Third Row

with
Drew Lenox

Last Saturday USC proved that there should be no doubt they are the best team in the country as they demolished the Ohio State Buckeyes.

While the officiating was not at all in favor of OSU, it was not important to the overall outcome of the game, and even though Ohio State’s best player did not suit up, Beanie Wells would probably not have delivered a Buckeye victory.

The number one team in the country will likely now go on to play in the national championship game for two reasons. The first is because they are very good and the second is that they play in the Pac 10.

The Pacific 10 conference is overrated and it is surprising

to say that not enough of the sports media is pointing this fact out.

After three weeks of college football, it is easy to see that nobody in that conference will come close to challenging the Trojans. At this point in the season, the ACC is the only other BCS conference that has any teams that are winless.

Of the six BCS conferences, the Pac 10 is the only one that can not currently boast a winning percentage above .500. They are 14-14 while the Big East is 10-9, the ACC is 20-11, the Big 10 is 25-6, the SEC is 26-6 and the Big 12 as a conference is 28-4.

Of the 14 wins the Pac 10 has accumulated, USC’s win over the Buckeyes is the only one where they beat a ranked opponent.

The records of the teams in the conference show the Pac 10’s mediocrity and it is also evident in the number of those teams that appear in the Associated Press Top 25 poll. USC

is obviously number 1, but the only other team is number 17 Oregon who had to rally from being down 17 points to Purdue last week.

Arizona, Arizona State and California all fell out of the poll. Other than the Big East, every other conference has three or more representatives in the standings.

With the other teams in their conference being suspect, it is no wonder USC always is in the title picture at the end of the season. USC has been either the out right or a co-champion of the Pac 10 for the last six seasons.

Even if one team is a clear favorite to win their conference every year, no other team has it decided before the season begins. There is at least one team that people would not be shocked about if they overtook the favorite in any one of the other conferences.

In the history of the BCS, which started in 1998, USC is the only Pac 10 team to make more than one appearance in

any BCS bowl game. And if USC can win the Pac 10, they will either go to the Rose Bowl or the National Championship.

That will do wonders for recruiting on the West coast. USC and Pete Carroll are great at getting the best players from around the country, but what other school out west can promise a high school star the chance to play for a championship on the national stage?

There isn’t one and if USC desires, they can have a monopoly on the best players in the west. But even though their opponents are not the best, USC is still one of the perennial powers in college football.

This year, however, they are like the Patriots of last year. They will go undefeated beating up on teams like the Dolphins, Jets and Bills of 2007.

I just hope that when the Trojans go to the national championship, there will be a “Giant-like” team ready to take them down.