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Winners don't take all

By Mike DiBlasio
Lead Reporter

WCSA announced a run-off in the presidential election last night, but not without a little confusion.

After originally announcing a run-off between the Adam Koorn/Eric Wise ticket and the Syed Usman Javaid/Kyle Herman ticket, WCSA discovered, upon double checking, that Javaid and Herman had not submitted advertising receipts for their campaign. WCSA was forced to disqualify their ticket and replace it with the Drew Farrell/John Moriarty ticket – the next runner-up in an election where 35.5 percent of the student body voted.

According to WCSA, candidates are required to submit campaign receipts to ensure that candidates

don't exceed their campaign budgets, which are capped at \$100.

Javaid and Herman, who received 36.07 percent of the vote – the highest percentage – say they spent no money on their campaign flyers and advertisements; however, according to WCSA, in such cases candidates are required to submit projected expenses before the election as if they were actual receipts, which Javaid and Herman failed to do.

As of last night, Javaid/Herman's campaign planned to appeal their disqualification in a meeting with WCSA today.

"Rules are rules, but no matter what happens we will continue to work on behalf of the student body because we love OWU," Herman said. "Usman wants to appeal WCSA to see if they could do anything to

make the election fairer, if not for us for future elections."

Current WCSA Vice President Ben Goodrum said he suspects the appeal will fail.

"I wish them luck with the appeal efforts. It's really unlikely that it will be overturned, but they will never know until they try," Goodrum said.

Between now and the run-off next Wednesday, Koorn said that he and Wise, who received 28.48 percent of the vote, will reiterate their five years of combined WCSA experience to clear up any misunderstanding about their environmental platform.

"We are not trying to steal ideas or take away recycling; we are just trying to help get these projects accomplished and that's been our goal all along. We are not trying to take credit, but ensure funding and a

voice for these projects," Koorn said.

For Farrell and Moriarty, who received 25.2 percent, improvements to environmentalism on campus and student life will remain the focus of their campaign. "We have either made progress ourselves in these areas or have talked to people who have aided progress," Farrell said. "We want to talk with the Reeves and Javaid campaigns to see if they have anything that they would like to see if we win. They both had really good ideas. Lots of students voted for them and we don't want to see them go unrepresented."

A run-off was also announced in the treasurer election between sophomores Megan Evens, who received 45 percent of the vote, and Yashika Shah, who received 30.3 percent.

Photo by Sara Mays
WCSA presidential
candidate Drew Farrell



RUN OFF

Photo by Sara Mays
WCSA presidential
candidate
Adam Koorn



Colloquium group strives for local foods on campus

By Greg Stull
Editor-in-Chief

In an effort to boost the local economy and improve personal and environmental health, the Co-op Local Food Project, a colloquium student group, is developing plans for a campus co-op that would sell locally grown food to students and Delaware residents.

Though still in the early stages, the group's members say the co-op would be more than just a farmers market, as it would offer meals as well as fresh produce.

The members say they would like to put the co-op on the residential side of campus to allow for greater student access, though they have yet to consider specific locations.

Compared to much of the imported food now offered on campus, "the quality of the food would be far better in terms of freshness and flavor," said sophomore group leader Matthew Jordan.

Gene Castelli, senior director of Dining Services, said some local food is already served in Smith Dining Hall, but that the amount of local food served depends on seasonal availability, such that, when fewer local crops are available in the winter, less local food is offered.

Senior Sara Nienaber, a leader of the group, said although it might be more expensive to buy local food in some cases, with rising fuels costs, buying locally might ultimately be more cost effective.

"Even if we only purchase local food for a few months, it would save a lot in fossil fuels," Nienaber said.

Castelli said Chartwells, Ohio Wesleyan's food service provider, is mindful of such transportation costs.

"If I can get my squash from 50 miles away or 200 miles away, just in transportation costs it would be cheaper to go local," Castelli said.

But even if buying imported food might cost less economically in some cases, Jordan said, it costs much more environmentally.

"When we purchase items, we don't take the environmental costs into account," he said.

Environmental costs of importing food long-distance from large-scale farms include increased emissions of carbon dioxide, one of the main greenhouse gases contributing to global warming, and the disruption of natural ecosystems from the intensive use of fertilizers and pesticides.

Buying locally allows consumers to be more in control of how their food is produced, Nienaber said, and whether such chemicals as pesticides are involved in the process.

Nienaber said that colleges similar to Ohio Wesleyan, such as Kenyon College and Oberlin College, have integrated local foods to a much greater extent it has.

According to *Oberlin Alumni Magazine*, since 2001, when Oberlin switched its food provider from Chartwells to Bon Appétit Management Company, the percentage of locally produced food served on campus has increased from 5 to 35 percent.

This increase in local food offered at Oberlin was fueled in part by the construction of a greenhouse to grow organic foods on its campus, for which Bon Appétit donated \$6,200.

Nienaber said there are several obstacles to starting a co-op on campus. For one, she said, the group has had a hard time getting through the bureaucracy of Chartwells' parent company, Compass Group.

Also, she said due to length of the growing season in Ohio, it would be hard to get enough food from local produces in the winter, forcing Chartwells to again seek out food from non-local suppliers. This would be complicated from a business perspective, she said.

But environmental and economic considerations aside, sophomore Brittany Stojasavljevic, a member of the group, said buying food locally can positively affect the community.

In buying local food, she said, "you get more interaction with whoever is growing it."

The group members said they encourage any students interested in getting more local food on campus to join their group (see side bar). They also said students should express their views about campus food through surveys being offered by Castelli and Chartwells. If a number of students were to show interest in incorporating more local food into campus dining, this would

likely help their cause, they said.

But both Jordan and Nienaber said they are unsure about how supportive students currently are of incorporating more local foods into campus dining.

"I think it's a matter of how the issue is framed," Jordan said. "It's a matter of how important they perceive this to be. I think once people understand the benefits [of eating locally] they will be more supportive."

These benefits include increasing personal and environmental health, boosting the local economy, and strengthening community connections, according to the group members.

Nienaber said for the co-op to be realized, it will ultimately require coordination with and cooperation from the administration and Chartwells, which she said she is at least somewhat optimistic about.

"Rock Jones seems very receptive to these grass-roots student ideas," she said.

CAN'T 'BEET' LOCAL FOODS

For
information on
attending Co-op Local Food
Project meetings or field trips,
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Field trips will include visits to
local food producers, such as
Startford Ecological Center.



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Foreign policy hits close to home

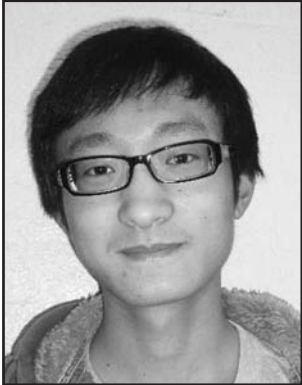
CHANGE PERVADES THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE ELECTION OF BARACK OBAMA AS THE 44TH PRESIDENT, BUT THIS CHANGE IS ALSO BEING FELT GLOBALLY. NINE PERCENT OF OWU STUDENTS ARE INTERNATIONAL, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES. WHAT EFFECT DOES THE OBAMA'S ELECTION HAVE ON THEIR HOME COUNTRIES? LET'S FIND OUT...




Sophomore Carlo Biagioni (Italy): I'm pretty excited Obama's been elected president. We need more extra-national voting. He has good ties with Italy, and I hope they get better. Hopefully Obama will strengthen bonds with Italy even further.




Freshman Saleeha Shah (Pakistan): Barack Obama will probably screw Pakistan. When he was asked what measures he would take against Islamic militants in the northern areas of Pakistan, he said, "I would hesitate to bomb if need be," or something along those lines. I don't want American interference in Pakistan anymore.




Freshman Hengzhi Chen (China): Obama is a Democrat, which may be tougher on the Chinese government compared to the Republicans.




Junior Eunice Golloh (Ghana): Obama's foreign policy will affect immigration back home. His policies will probably turn out to be positive as he seems promising for Americans. I expect him to be promising for Africa, too.




Sophomore Aki Sato (Japan): Hopefully Obama will be good for Japan. We're in a struggle with North Korea, so hopefully he'll help Japanese people (regarding) the North Koreans.




Junior Bushra Sheikh (Saudi Arabia): I think Obama will make better relations with the Middle East. Middle Easterners are very happy with Obama's election and will embrace him, unless, of course, he pulls a Bush. However, Iraq is still a mess.



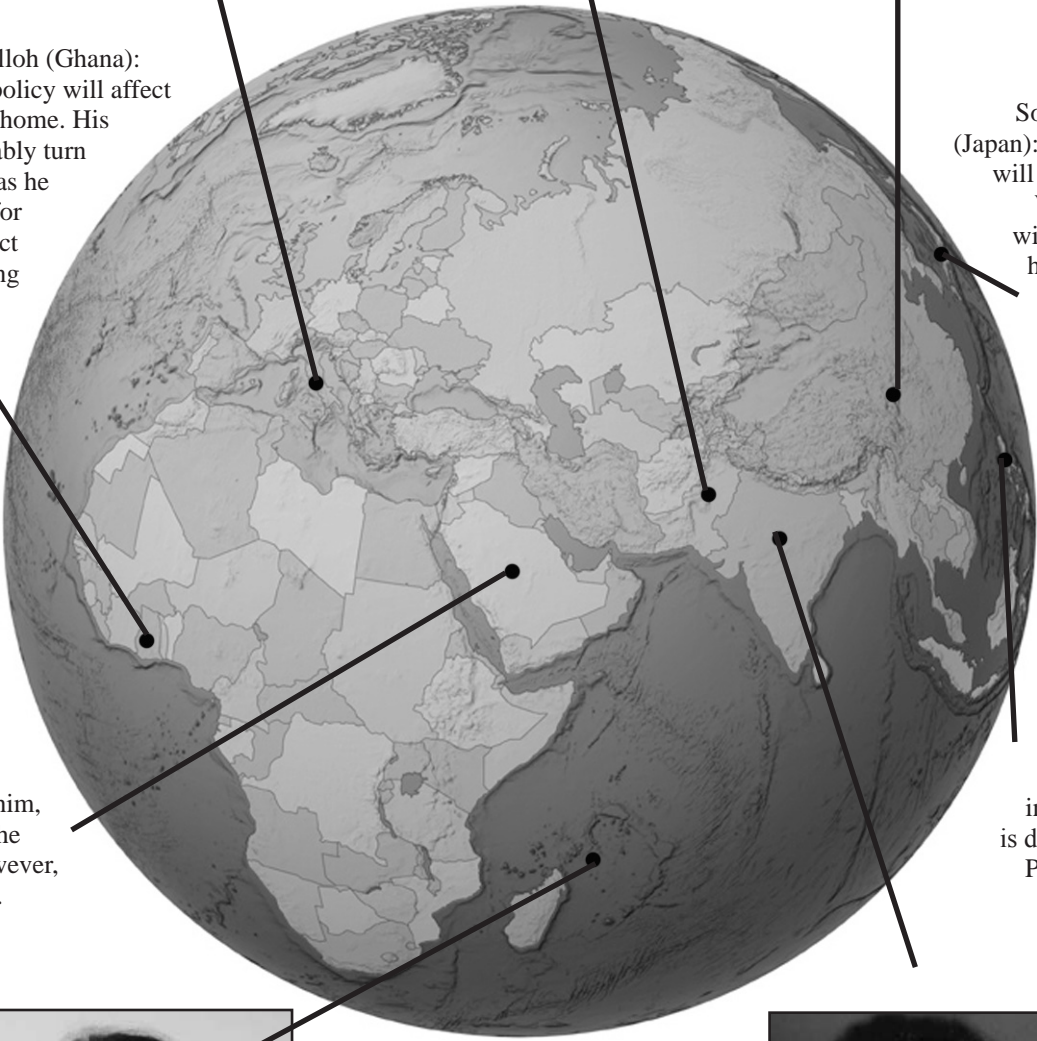
Junior Bea Pantoja (Philippines): Apparently, Obama's policies will affect jobs in the Philippines, but I don't really see that happening. The economic crisis is affecting everyone in different ways, so it is difficult to say that the Philippines will suffer.




Sophomore Vanisha Bisnath (Mauritius): Mauritius is part of the African Union as well as other African organizations. Obama's policies are concrete, and I'm very hopeful at the idea that he's going to help strengthen the AGOA (Africa Growth and Opportunity Act). This has relieved us of the fear of not being able to renew such a main source of revenue for African countries.



Junior Karan Dave (India): The Indian people have embraced Obama with open arms. India is one of the fastest growing economies in the world, and we will need all the help we can from the United States to help us reach that point of economic stability. I hope he doesn't let us down. I hope he doesn't screw India fiscally.





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‘Jesus Camp’: a controversial documentary following the dedication to “God’s Army”

By Kaisha Oliver
Transcript Correspondent

“What about the Children?” is a famous song by gospel singer Yolanda Adams that lyrically expresses care for children who are just innocent bystanders choosing the wrong path in today’s world. Children are “so easy” to ignore, according to the song’s lyrics.

However, this is not the case in the documentary *Jesus Camp*, shown by the Religion Student Board and followed with a discussion Sunday and Monday in the Benes Rooms.

Jesus Camp is a 2006 documentary film directed by Heidi Ewing and Rachael Grady about “a growing number of Evangelical Christians who believe there is a revival underway in America that requires Christian youths to assume leadership roles in advocating the causes of their religious movements,” according to the film’s official site.

The film follows several characters, including a group of children, parents and Pastor Becky Fischer. Fischer heads the summer camp “Kids on Fire,” where children as young as 6 years old are taught to become dedicated Christian soldiers in “God’s Army.”

In the film, 8-year-old Rachael said she believes God goes to certain churches and may not enter other churches, depending upon how they praise God.

“There are certain churches, they’re called ‘dead churches,’ and the people there, they sit there, like this,” she said, with a blank stare, before saying in monotone, “We worship you God, we worship you God...”

“The churches that God likes to go to are churches where they’re jumping up and down, shouting his name, and just praising him, they’re not acting -- they’re not quiet,” she

said with a frown.

Rachael wanted to show how excited she and her church are to praise God, as opposed to the ‘dead churches.’ So she began jumping and shouting.

“We worship you. ... ‘Hallelujah God!’ And depending on how they invite him, he’ll be there, or not,” she said.

Like Rachael, Kids-on-Fire camper Levi said he too has been passionate about God since a young age.

“At five, I got saved,” he said, after being asked why he feels he is different from children his age. He continued, “Because, I just wanted more of life.”

During the Q&A session after the screening, several students said they were a little upset about the ways in which the children were treated. They were concerned that, instead of teaching, Fischer forced the children to adapt to their religious and even political views.

One student said, “When [Rachael] said that there are ‘dead churches,’ it made me think Mass, and how their services are calm, quiet, and reserved...and so that made me think of my grandmother, who is Catholic...and I just want people to know that just because they’re not shouting or anything like that at her church doesn’t mean that she isn’t as ‘heated’ as [Rachael’s church]...because she is just as ‘heated’ but she may [praise God differently].

After this comment, more students began to draw toward the idea that tolerance is the number one issue on both sides in the internal and external communities.

One student said although the ways in which Fischer is “training” these kids are wrong to most of us, it is a part of their tradition and we should be respectful of that.

Another student said she

finds it hard to be tolerant of those in the film who mocked the scientific spectrum of the world by laughing at the potential life-changing political and ecological issue of global warming.

“A growing number of Evangelical Christians believe there is a revival underway in America that requires Christian youths to assume leadership roles in advocating the causes of their religious movements.”

“If our body temperature goes up five degrees we’d die; if it goes down five degrees we’d die,” she said.

Senior Sam Chesser, head of the Religion Student Board, said showing *Jesus Camp* was not only new for students who attended but for the board as well.

“This was the first time we ever did a film screening,” he said. “Typically, the religion department has two annual events. The Merrick lecture, held in the spring, and a picnic at the end of the year.”

Chesser said this event started out as a fun idea, then turned into a small gathering

and later grew into campus-wide event for the religion department.

Like Chesser, junior Matthew Mackenzie, a member of the Religion Student Board, said he also believed that the event would be fun, but also educational and beneficial to students and the department.

“We want the Religion department to have a greater presence on campus,” Mackenzie said.

“We wanted to show a movie that would invoke discussion yet at the same time have relevance to the issues that currently impact young Americans.”

However, Chesser said the reason the board showed *Jesus Camp* was because they have been talking about doing a series of films on different faiths. Yet, he also said that this idea for a series is “still in development.”

Both Mackenzie and Chesser said the turnout to the screening exceeded their expectations and helped show other students a religious community outside some of their own.

“We had much greater attendance than expected, which I think shows how much this kind of dialogue and discussion means to students,” Chesser said.

“The discussion was more one-sided than we expected, but, overall, it was a calm, thorough discussion, which was just what we were hoping for all along.”

“I think people have a tendency to make generalizations about cultures different from their own. This gave people a window through which they could see specifics, and then discuss them with other people seeing things for the first time. Honestly, I’d say having as many people for the discussion as we did went even further in broadening outlooks.”

Sagan National Colloquium spotlights an issue of global significance.

This year’s theme is “Cultivating a Green Campus: Promoting Sustainability and Environmental Understanding on the OWU Campus and in the Delaware Community.”

Past National Colloquium speakers include President Gerald Ford, Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams and author Kurt Vonnegut.

Speaker calls for ecological view of Bible

By Mark Dubovec
Transcript Reporter

Paul’s “Letter to the Romans, Chapter 8: Verse 22” describes a woman in labor and all the world trembling in pain with her, and from that, Anne Clifford got the title for her Sagan National Colloquium lecture, *All Creation is Groaning: Is a New Theological Understandig of Ourselves as Earth Creatures Needed?*

Clifford, a professor of theology at Duquesne University and the author of more than 20 articles about theology and science, believes such a reinterpretation is needed. Otherwise, the entire planet suffers.

Current thinking, she said, has caused harm to the planet, and for that, all of life groans.

“Most Christians don’t realize that Christianity is deeply embedded in the Western capitalistic society contributing to the harming of the planet,” Clifford said. “Species suddenly lost are often the result of human interference, usually for economic gain.”

Traditional Christian teaching, Franklin said, views “nature as the stage on which the drama of human salvation is played out.”

This narrow focus contributes to mankind’s neglect of other animal species and has lead to mass extinctions and harmful climate change.

“Economic calculations tend to give little thought to long-term consequences, especially in the name of profit,” Clifford said. “We ignore Jesus’ words ‘Blessed are the poor,’ striving for more and more at the expense of others.”

Clifford said that this thinking stems from views of Genesis, from which it is interpreted that man has dominion over the planet and animals.

Clifford added that this traces man’s traditional images

of God.

“God has been distinctly construed in terms of human activity,” Clifford said. “This needs to be reexamined.”

She identified two distinct human viewpoints of God: the God of Deism and the Interventionist.

The God of Deism is “a sovereign and aloof landlord, removed from too close a brush with the world.”

This is a God far removed from human affairs, leaving humans free to conduct their own plans.

The Interventionist is “being in absolute control, even to the point of micromanagement.” This view makes human the stewards of the planet, exercising God’s power in his absence.

Clifford called for a more ecological view of God and the Bible.

“It is time for more emphasis on a biblically-rooted relational image to God,” she said. “Humans are part of an interconnected web of life.”

Clifford said the needs of the earth cannot be addressed by the traditional, market-driven mentality.

“What is needed is a kinship solidarity with Earth’s creatures, with advocacy for ecological justice,” she added.

Citing text from the Bible, Clifford asserted that humans and animals share a common ancestry, and that both were formed from the same clay of the earth.

“Every aspect of God’s creation has been made fundamentally good,” she said.

Clifford concluded her speech with a quote from Albert Einstein.

“Our task ‘must be to free ourselves from the prison of self-interest by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures.’” she said.

“Our lives and those of our creaturely kin are at stake.”

Nobel Peace Prize winner, Ohio Wesleyan graduate to discuss global warming, creating a green campus

Woodrow “Woody” Clark II, Ph.D., a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and Ohio Wesleyan University graduate, will speak on campus Nov. 19 as part of the university’s 2008-09 Sagan National Colloquium.

Clark was a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize along other scientists on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore for the film “An Inconvenient

Truth.” The documentary discusses the potentially catastrophic effects of global warming.

Clark will discuss “Cultivating a ‘Green’ Campus: The Third Industrial Revolution” at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19 in Gray Chapel.

The event is free and open to the public. It also will be available live online at stream.owu.edu.

Clark is a senior fellow at the

Milken Institute and a lecturer in sustainable development at the University of California, Riverside.

He also serves as executive director of the Alternative Energy Center at the Heckmann International Center for Entrepreneurial Management in Palm Desert, Calif., and is co-author of “Agile Energy Systems: Global Lessons from the California Energy Crisis.”

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Unlike traditional numeric-based college guidebooks, this book recognizes and appeals to students’ unique interests, realizing what may be “the best” college for one student, may be vastly different than the best for another.

Approximately 40 colleges in each of the six geographical regions in the U.S. were selected as meeting four key criteria that make a college truly exceptional: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities, and successful outcomes.

These are the “hidden gems” of higher education institutions as determined by a review board of academicians, guidance counselors and parents.

“Ohio Wesleyan University strives to provide students with an exceptional liberal arts education that prepares them to think critically and to adapt to a constantly changing world,” said Rock Jones, president of OWU. “We are honored to have our success recognized in the 2008-09 Colleges of Distinction guide.”

Karen Condeni, ONU’s vice president and dean of enrollment said, “The *Colleges of Distinction, 2008-09* publication can be a valuable resource for our students looking for the distinctive mix of opportunities offered at ONU. It presents students valuable insight into the excellent programs and reputation Ohio Northern University has maintained.”

Ohio Northern University and OWU were required to go through an application process to be considered, be nationally recognized by education professionals, employ outstanding teachers who provide innovative learning experiences, have an active campus and community that allows for personal development, and be highly valued by employers for its outstanding preparation.

Colleges of Distinction also recognized an impressive number of colleges in the state including Baldwin-Wallace College, Hiram College, Mount Union College, Lake Erie College, University of Dayton, University of Findlay and Defiance College.

College seekers can also visit the *Colleges of Distinction* website to learn more about featured schools.

Furthermore, visitors can read tips from high school guidance counselors and essays from college students, president and other members of different campus communities.

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Alumni welcome president elect, Barack Obama at Chicago’s Grant Park election night

By Katharine Mannix
Transcript Reporter

Tuesday, Nov. 4, Barack Obama won the 2008 election for president. He is the first black president the United States of America has ever seen and his speech in Chicago is one that will always be remembered.

According to the *Boston Globe*, an estimated 240,000 people attended Obama’s election night speech in Grant Park. The people waited for hours as the polls came in.

Sam Salk (‘08), who has worked with the Obama campaign over the last two years, attended the speech in Grant Park, Chicago.

“It was solemn, with no music, but the energy could be felt throughout the audience. It was really exciting and such a historical moment,” said Salk, who graduated Ohio Wesleyan with a major in politics and government.



Photo by Sam Salk

Chicago’s Blue Cross Blue Shield building lit up with the letters “USA” for Obama’s speech in Grant Park.

“I really feel that the young voters in this election were a huge part of Obama’s success. He was able to reach out to the college audience and get young voters to the polls.”

Obama came on stage with his wife, Michelle Obama, just before 11 p.m. after CNN made the projection that Senator Obama would be the next president of the United States.

“America, we have come so far, we have seen so much,” Obama said to the thousands of people packed into Grant Park. “But there is so much more to do.”

Alumni Matthew Rissell attended the event in Grant Park as well. Rissell said he was unsure of for whom to vote, but when he went to the voting booth on Nov. 4 it was obvious that Obama was the one.

“Grant Park was amazing. It was completely surreal. Friends from home who watched it on television said that his speech was inspiring.”

Junior Haleigh Rohr said this has opened up a new era, especially with race.

“I voted for McCain, but I think that this is good; Obama will bring change especially to the racial division that our country still faces.”

Sophomore Lucy Warren watched the speech on television and said it was amazing.

“I celebrated my 21st birthday the night Obama was elected president. It was the best present I received. I think that this country will be so much better



Photo by Sam Salk

Obama speaks to over 250,000 people in Grant Park, Chicago.

off now that a Democrat is in office.”

According to Salk, the Blue Cross building was lit up with “USA” in white lights, and the crowd was chanting, “Yes, we can,” during Obama’s speech. Obama finished his speech with what Salk called inspiring words.

We will “reclaim the American dream and reaffirm that fundamental truth that out of many, we are one; that while we breathe, we hope; and where we are met with cynicism and doubt and those who tell us that we can’t, we will respond with that timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people: Yes, we can,” Obama said.

Students encouraged to green up community and use resources

By Tori Morris
Transcript Correspondent

“It was difficult explaining to my parents that I would major in Leisure Studies,” said Darren Hurley, Parks and Recreation director for the city of Delaware and University of Illinois graduate.

It was his love of parks and recreation that brought him to the Benes Room recently to speak on the topic, “Green Spaces in Local Development” as part of the Sagan National Colloquium.

After a brief background and introduction, Hurley explained that Parks and Recreation create a “better, richer and happier” community.

Unfortunately, in tough economic times it is hard to receive sufficient funds from the City Council for park development over policemen and firemen, he said.

“We have a little self esteem issue in my field,” said Hurley, describing how parks should be considered a “vital” part of the community in addition to the protection of policemen and firemen.

Hurley continued to show a slide show of Delaware’s community parks, including Mingo Park, Blue Limestone Park and Smith Park, as well as neighborhood parks and the bikeway plan.

It was announced that the now 14 miles of bikeway are to increase to a 110-mile citywide network by 2020.

He then gave 10 reasons why parks are necessary for a better community, including the encouragement of physical activity, economic benefits, vital green space, wildlife preservation, social interactions, wellness impacts, providing activities, alternate activities for youth, therapeutic

recreation and the preservation of public lands.

Hurley also said that parks increase property value.

“We need to make an effort to reduce health care costs,” added Hurley, suggesting parks as a key solution.

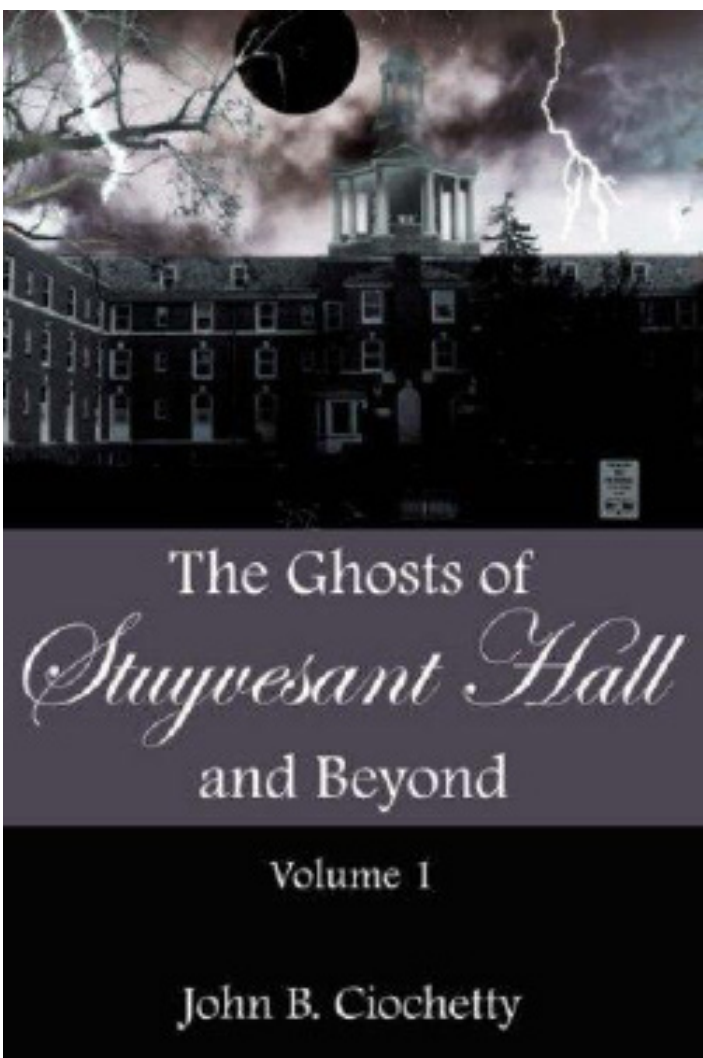
Hurley encouraged students to “get involved,” and announced that there will be various openings for summer jobs in addition to the countless community service opportunities.

These volunteer options include clean up, playground installation and research.

In addition, Hurley advised students to participate in their government by attending City Council Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings.

“We’d like to make a good system great,” said Hurley to the audience.

“This can be done with your help.”



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Arts & Entertainment

Opera scenes provide range of humorous to serious story lines

By **Samantha Beany**
Transcript Reporter

The word “opera” usually evokes the image of a woman with braided blonde pigtails, a horned helmet and an armored breast plate.

The Department of Music’s *An Evening at the Opera* didn’t have any armored breast plates, but it did have a fairy queen, a snow man, a medium and *Cendrillion*.

“The diversity of the scenes is dramatic,” said freshman Keith Tankersley, a performer in the show.

The scenes ranged from eerie, with the unseen “sea” of women’s voices of *Riders to the Sea*, to light-hearted, with two children playing in the snow in *A Childhood Memory*.

“The song about the medium was creepy,” said junior Dwight Parsons. “It was well done because it put you in the mood. You could feel what she was feeling. It really drew your attention in; it was like, ‘Wow’.”

“It’s different than a musical,” Tankersley said. “In a musical, you go and sing, and then you leave; but in the opera, you pretty much do everything. You learn the inside stuff of performing.”

Tankersley had two lead parts, was part of the chorus and worked the light board.

Sophomore Chantel Deane also performed in the opera.

“I’m the fairy queen again,” Deane said about her part in *A Midsummer’s Night Dream*.

She also played Emma in *A Childhood Memory* and was part of the chorus.

“It’s important that students of other majors come to support us, because performers need someone to perform to,” said Deane. “I am so glad so many people came to support us.”

“Everyone is working for the same goals,” Tankersley said. “It gets tedious, but when you see the show, it comes alive.”

The performers utilized the entire performing space by having singers on stage, on the floor and in the balcony.

“I was sitting right there when the chorus was on the balcony,” said Parsons. “It was really cool.”

“I think [the performances] went well,” Deane said. “Usually performance level is a little down by the second show, but we kept it up and got through it.”

Parsons said watching the show was impressive.

“Everybody did a really good job,” he said. “There were several people that I knew, so to watch them was great.”

Despite the show’s success, Deane said there were mixed emotions at the end.

“It’s a bittersweet moment,” Deane said. “It’s finally over for the year, and this was the seniors’ last opera. We will definitely miss them. They’ve taught us so much and we’ll always think of them when we’re on that stage.”

An Evening at the Opera was held in Jemison Auditorium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Students work hard on stage, behind scenes to create dances

Ohio Wesleyan University’s Department of Theatre & Dance will stage “Orchesis 2009,” its annual dance concert, at 8 p.m. Nov. 14 and 15 on the Main Stage inside Chappellear Drama Center.

This year’s concert will combine both serious and playful pieces, including a political dance reflecting upon the genocide in Darfur, along with more lighthearted dances, including those inspired by hip hop-style movements.

“Orchesis 2009” will also feature a gentle spoof on married life, created by Jill Becker, Ohio Wesleyan’s assistant professor of dance and artistic director of this year’s show.

The performance includes 10 student-choreographed dances by seniors Molly Mehl of St. Louis, Lydia Spitalny of Silver Spring, Md., and Jesika Keener of Perry, Ohio; juniors Kate Alexander of Cincinnati and Katie Edgar of Phoenix; sophomores Allison Ross of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Aryn Taylor of Athens, Ohio; and freshmen Delaney Drew of Marion, Ohio, Cassie Easter of NAS Glenview, Ill., and Frieda Trovela of Morton Grove, Ill.

Overall, the company includes 30 Ohio Wesleyan students.



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Choreographers for Ohio Wesleyan’s ‘Orchesis 2009’ dance concert include, clockwise from left, Jesika Keener ’09, Kate Alexander ’10, Frieda Trovela ’12, Molly Mehl ’09, and Allison Ross ’11.

Ohio Wesleyan’s Department of Theatre & Dance has dedicated its 2008-09 season to Robert R. Crosby, Ph.D., a 1939 graduate of the university and a former chair of the department, who died in 2007.

General admission for all Ohio Wesleyan’s Theatre & Dance productions is \$7. Admission is free for OWU students.

Obama’s victory celebrated by media around the world

By **Kaitlin Thomas**
Entertainment Columnist

Note: I generally try to keep politics out of my writing, but just this once, I am going to break that rule. Have no fear; this all relates to entertainment, or at least the media, in some way.

The most surprising thing about the morning of Nov. 5 was not the election of Illinois Sen. Barack Obama to the White House. It was the response from the rest of the world.

As I scanned Google news that morning, I was astounded to see Obama had taken over the newspapers and blogs of countries like Kenya, South Africa, England and even Pakistan. A British newspaper headline from Wednesday morning read “Obama’s Win Eclipses National News in Britain.”

Growing up in the United States, I

never thought much about the effects our politics have on the rest of the world. In school, we were taught how the U.S. became a world power during World War I, and that we fight the good fight for democracy across the globe, but the past eight years under President George W. Bush made many of us forget why other countries of the world looked to us for support and leadership. I was thoroughly disappointed in our unilateral view of the world.

But when the entire world (save for those five angry Republicans) exploded with enthusiasm and graciousness about the election of Barack Obama, I was truly astounded.

Obviously, his election is a milestone for the U.S. One hundred and fifty years ago (or maybe even five years ago), no one would have considered an African-American could be elected to the presidency, and I can say I am truly proud of

how far we have come. But to have his election be a cause for celebration where people could not even vote for him is still overwhelming.

Nicolaas Erasmus, a white South African man based out of London, England, was quoted in an MSNBC.com article as saying, “The biggest change will be to see that it doesn’t really matter what color your skin is, or what your name is, or where you’re from.”

This is a milestone, not only for the United States, but for the world as well. Because as Evans Olekanma, another man quoted in the London article put it, “Everyone knows that whatever America faces, the world faces.”

As a history major, I know the importance of the U.S. in world politics. In fact, I could probably make a list right now documenting the milestones we have been a part of. But I won’t. We all know the extent to which we have been a

key player in international relations. Still, knowing all the history we have created, isn’t it astounding to see the response Obama’s election has caused?

I am not talking about the congratulations from other world leaders, though those did pour in during the early morning hours of Nov. 5. I mean the international newspapers and news sites, personal blogs, popular political blogs; all were littered with congratulations and exclamations of thanks for electing a leader of change.

A blog written by a young Portuguese woman said, “I’m no politics expert, but I believe. And this may not even be the president of my country, but we all know the president of the United States is the world’s biggest leader. Yes, I believe we can, because he can. I’ve watched interviews and speeches and read his biography, and I am proud to say I cried when I saw him making a

change last night. Hopefully, this will be a new beginning. And hopefully, he will inspire not just Americans, but the rest of the world.”

So while it will undoubtedly be hard to forget this momentous occasion anytime soon, I just wanted to do my part to remind everyone: if you voted for Barack Obama or not, he is your leader for the next four years.

He will lead the United States, and he will do his part to change the world and inspire everyone he can.

Let us set aside our political differences and realize this is bigger than all of us at OWU. It is even bigger than Ohio and the United States of America.

This is a momentous occasion for the world. And if you still do not believe me, go look back through the newspapers across the globe from Nov. 5 and witness for yourself the outpouring of thanks and congratulations.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 14 & 15, 8 p.m.: “Orchesis 2009”. Artistic director Jill Becker and talented students will present the annual contemporary dance concert. Lively, energetic, thought-provoking, and always entertaining! The shows will be held on Chappellear Main Stage.

Nov. 16, 3:15 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble with Dr. Larry Griffin, director. The performance will take place in Gray Chapel.

Nov. 18, 8 p.m.: Ohio Wesleyan’s Park Avenue Jazz Ensemble, directed by Larry Griffin. This will be held in University Hall’s Gray Chapel.



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Opinion

Human trafficking a rising problem in the Ohio area

Dear Students,

I am writing to inform you about an issue of great importance: Human trafficking. Human trafficking according to the United Nations is:

The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

You may think of human trafficking, or modern day slavery, as an issue of the Third World, far removed from your everyday life. In fact, it is a growing problem here in Ohio. The state of Ohio has been identified by the Rescue and Restore Coalition (a coalition between the Department of Health and other nongovernmental organizations) as “a significant hub for human sex trafficking.”

This problem of human trafficking – while based in Ohio due to its geography and lack of laws on the subject – extends far beyond the borders of Ohio. Just recently, a sex trafficking ring based out of Springdale and servicing greater Ohio, as well as Kentucky and Indiana, was found and shut down.

This single ring, however, is only the tip of the iceberg. As mentioned above, Ohio has been classified as a hub for trafficking specifically in Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation claims

that Toledo is “one of the top recruiting centers in the country for underage prostitution”-- known as Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, or DMST.

One reason human trafficking is such an issue locally is that Ohio has no laws prohibiting it though it is surrounded by states that do, and also because it borders another country. The first step in remedying this issue is to support efforts to spread awareness about the existence of human trafficking in Ohio. By passing legislation outlawing the trafficking of human beings, as well as spreading awareness about the issue as a whole, it would be far more difficult for existing human trafficking rings to operate.

Here in Ohio, we have a unique opportunity and a moral obligation to take action to put an end to the exploitation of other human beings. This is not a cause that is beyond our abilities. This is a problem that occurs in the state we live in, and it may happen in our town.

As a community at OWU and as residents of Ohio we can, and should, try to make a difference.

To get involved on campus please contact me at maxfieldbrown@gmail.com. For more information about stopping human trafficking, please go to the following web pages:

- www.salvationarmyusa.org/trafficking
- <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/>

Sincerely,

Sophomore Maxfield Brown
Stop Human Trafficking Campaign
Amnesty International, OWU Chapter

Participation thrives at OWU

The *Transcript* would like to commend the student body for its high interest and participation in this year’s historic presidential election. Groups such as Students for Barack Obama and College Republicans were highly visible on campus, and undoubtedly played a large role in raising political awareness and participation by registering new voters, organizing events such as debate-watching parties, and encouraging students to par-

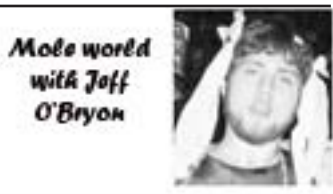
ticipate in canvassing activities and working in phone banks. These activities were effective in not only engaging the campus community, but the Delaware community as a whole.

We also appreciate the letters we have received from students and faculty regarding this presidential election. Your participation in this regard substantially supplemented the work of our editors, columnists, and reporters. We hope students and faculty will

continue to send letters to the *Transcript* concerning pertinent national, state and local political issues.

We realize the majority of our coverage during this election season has tended to lean to the left on the opinion page and cover events in favor of Democratic candidates. The *Transcript* does not endorse a particular political view; all points of view are accepted and all political events worthy of coverage.

Columnist courts female mole



Editors note: Last week, in all the commotion of a switch in columns, we used the layout for Mad Money with Tavish Miller instead of Jeff O’Bryon’s column heading. We sincerely apologize for the confusion.

Hi there! Jeff O’Bryon here again to give you an update on Mole City; but first, what is the deal with my last name?! I just do not get it, is it supposed to be short for Jeff Of Bryon? Is that a place? Is my dad’s name Bryon? My mom? I’m from New Orleans for goodness sake! Sometimes I feel like a big dummy. Speaking of which my mom Bryon always told me that everyone is a little dumb, so I guess I shouldn’t feel so bad!

Mole City gets better and

better every day. I have begun to court a female mole, her name is Mole, although I think she is apprehensive towards the relationship due to my appearance (although I am pretty hairy already!).

I have cut some hair off of my head and glued it to my chest with some mole glue that smells very bad, and unfortunately, the smell is not going away. I have tried to perform intercourse numerous times as she is very attractive but I am just not sure how these moles do it, obviously my approach is not working. I assumed moles just charged at each other once achieving an erection but my good friend Mole informed me that that is not the case. I tried to tell her that I am a naked mole rat but that proved nearly disastrous as the moles and naked mole rats hate each other. Apparently they used to live together, but there was some terrible thing, and now they don’t live together anymore. I promise to investigate further faithful

readers!

A big challenge for me has been walking around on all fours, because obviously, that is how moles walk, I have gone back and forth between being on my knees, and extending my legs fully to be on my feet and hands. Neither is very comfortable, but there are advantages and disadvantages to both as you can imagine.

I have inadvertently widened many of the tunnels while going from place to place (I believe I have also killed a stray mole here and there with my knees, but no one seems to notice, and more mole skin for my mole suit!), but it has introduced the Moles to the idea of a super highway, so many moles have (unfortunately) moved away from the city.

But I applied for a job at The Mollington and if I get my own column I will preach the benefits of city living! Wish me luck! Until next week, I love you all!

All students urged to sign “Environmental Responsibility” petition

By Jack Stenger
Environmental Columnist

If Ohio Wesleyan University received five cents every time a student said, “Let’s go green,” we would have solar panels lining every roof and recycling bins in every hallway.

Sadly, the world doesn’t work like that and we have to labor for these goals. To begin the exploration of OWU’s future handling of environmental issues, we must understand our current position.

With respect to environmental responsibility OWU continues to lag behind other prestigious colleges. OWU received a D- on the College Sustainability Report Card -- “*The only independent sustainability evaluation of campus operations and endowment investments*,” according to the Sustainable Endowments Institute, the group responsible for this assessment.

Only four schools were ranked worse than us. Our grade is the lowest in our conference, which hosts Oberlin, the proud recipient of an A-.

We can either dismiss this as an incomplete survey, as people have, or pick up the gauntlet it throws down. It is our duty as an influential institution to set an example for our country and world with regard to unfathomably important issues.

Accepting our negative past allows us to move forward to create a positive future. Complete collaboration between students, faculty, and administration is necessary for environmental policy to be implemented. Student groups can only progress so far without financial and moral backing from the school, and administrative efforts fall flat without student support.

Because students are only at OWU for four years it is difficult for student initiatives to last without assistance from the school. Passionate

students frequently initiate programs, graduate, and leave no legacy.

Then, one year later, another group of devoted students begins a similar project from scratch. Staff and administration could offer a permanence to continue student initiatives, which allows them to flourish and expand. Considering this, OWU’s priority should be the creation of a staff position dedicated solely to campus-wide environmental change. Ideas like this are not revolutionary or unfeasible. A majority of the schools in our conference have already implemented these policies with complete success.

How do we do this? Environment and Wildlife Club has drafted a student petition that calls on the administration and Board of Trustees to initiate outlined policies and programs. To read the petition, go to the Facebook group “OWU Students for Environmental Responsibility.”

You will find more information about proposed changes, but it is by no means a comprehensive manifesto. To sign the petition keep an eye out in your daily routine for canvassing environmentalists or email eandw.owu@gmail.com.

To speak of the support of the petition, it received about 500 student signatures on its first day of circulation.

Remember that the petition is a tool to help supportive administrators, like Rock Jones, make these changes.

With a formal encouragement from students, environmentally sound policies will have no reason not to be created.

To further your understanding of campus environmentalism, come to Environment and Wildlife Club meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Tree House (104 Oak Hill).

All are encouraged to come. Quietly supporting a cause is as good as not supporting it at all.

Ukraine weighs the EU over NATO

By Alexandra Panait
Transcript Columnist

Deviating from the course established by Central and Eastern Europe to integrate militarily and economically into the Western structure, Ukraine has chosen an economic organization at the expense of the U.S. security guarantee.

Ukraine is, thus, responding to the harsh internal and external pressures given the political and economical turmoil the country is experiencing and the geopolitical reality of bordering an aggressive Russia.

Would such a daring move prove pragmatic and accelerate the country’s European Union (EU) membership process?

Ukraine’s turn in politics comes as a result of both outside and inside forces. With a public acceptance of NATO membership mounting to only 20-25 percent, and rising Russian imperialistic moves as proven in the Caucasus, the sole alternative Ukraine is left with is the EU.

An economic reconstruction of the country will stabilize both the politics and security of the country. Major setbacks Ukraine needs to consider in its equation is the EU’s slowing expansion into the West, the rising economic inequality and democratic institutions between the EU members and the countries outside the EU borders.

Without the pre-EU step seen in the NATO inclusion, Ukraine will not have a political and security umbrella that will allow it to concentrate on its domestic policies. In the short run, Ukraine’s political move seems daring and ambitious.

Nevertheless, in the long run it seems to affiliate and subordinate Russian foreign policies. Therefore, Ukraine is indirectly turning to the East, despite the Western-oriented rhetoric

that has prevailed.

Such a change in its foreign policy equates Yulia Timoshenko’s recent alignment with Russian politics.

When supporting her explanation for her new political priorities, the Ukrainian prime minister underlines the changing attitudes as a result of the NATO Bucharest summit where both Georgian and Ukrainian aspirations were subdued.

Despite signing a MAP treaty in February, Ukraine seems to turn away from its previous military commitments and determination at the political level.

Yet, Ukraine fails to realize the major interests and actor in this equation: Russia. The West is becoming particular nervous at the Russian moves in Caucasus, detrimental to any Western presence in its orbit.

Its relatively small saying into the region forces Ukraine to choose a buffer zone in its politics, found in the Russian subordination.

Western Europe and the U.S. have much to learn over the change in the Ukrainian tactics. While Georgia seemed adamant in its Western oriented attitudes, Ukraine is on the opposite pole, turning towards Russia. Such change comes at the expense of EU and NATO credibility of inclusion more Eastern and Caucasian states, a move detrimental to the feeble democracies and politics given the stronger presence of Russia.

Ukraine’s political decision reflects the domestic and geopolitical context the country is embroiled into and a lost patience with a passive West.

These forced changes at the political level can be easily condemned and detrimental in the long run, but they are in fact portraying the powerful force of Russia in a region where Western presence lost the battle.

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Bishops Sports

Track and Field seeks back-to-back NCAC title

By Josh Powers
Transcript Reporter

Coming off an NCAC championship season, the indoor track team hopes to go back-to-back as they start their season on Dec. 6 at the Capital Invitational.

“This year, we expect more out of ourselves,” senior Brandon Hunter said.

“Of course, the conference title is a big deal, along with the NCAC relays. Another goal is to send as many athletes from our team to Nationals as possible, and with the amount of talent that we have, sending numerous athletes to Nationals would not be a surprise to our team.”

Sophomore Kyle Herman said, “I think that even without (last year’s) seniors, we will do better than last year because the freshman class coming in is very talented and has the potential to score more points than the class that just graduated.”

While the team is relatively young, head coach Kris Boey said they have an exceptional group of seniors who will lead.

“Everyone in the program has a role, and many of last year’s freshmen contributed greatly and gained experience in big meet situations,” Boey said. “This will allow the current freshmen to grow and compete with less pressure placed on them.”

“We graduated 12 points from a total of 236 points scored at last year’s outdoor championships. That was the second highest point total in NCAC history.

“I believe we can add to that total in a significant way this year, with contributions from freshmen to seniors.”

Though young, the team is focused on winning the NCAC championship for the second year in a row.

“Last year, our team won

the NCAC, and I think that we are just as good, if not better this year,” sophomore Cody Morrison said. “So, to set a goal of anything less than an NCAC championship would be selling ourselves short.”

Senior Clay Davis agrees with Morrison and said that the team is more than capable of winning the NCAC title again.

“We have the talent to do it, but we have to be mentally tough and compete throughout the entire race or event,” Davis said.

“We cannot let our guards down; otherwise, a team like Allegheny or Wabash may sneak up and get us. We all have our own different gifts and abilities, but in order to repeat, we all have to contribute. Track is definitely a team sport.”

The track team may have a target on their back after last season, but they fully embrace the challenge.

“We are now the team to beat in the conference, and the rest of the teams are going to throw everything they’ve got at us,” senior Brandon Hunter said.

“We are now the team to beat in the conference, and the rest of the teams are going to throw everything they’ve got at us to try to take our title,” Hunter said. “I think if the team keeps working as hard as we have the past couple of years, we are going to be a pretty tough team to beat.”

With every match being important in knowing where the team stands, the All-Ohio Invitational on February 14th is a meet on everyone’s mind.

“There are a few big meets that everyone is looking forward to, such as the conference and the NCAC relays,” Hunter said. “But I think the biggest test for our team will be the All-Ohio meet.”

“This gives us the opportunity to show how we stack up against the best D-III teams and athletes in Ohio. An All-Ohio title would be pretty sweet for the team.”



Photo Courtesy of OWU Online

Nathan Osborne races last season.

There’s no doubt that the track team has circled the conference meet and is looking forward to running in this race in particular.

“Conference is arguably our most important indoor meet,” Morrison said. “To have a good showing there would be a huge boost for our team heading into the outdoor season.”

Davis said the conference race is his favorite, as well as the race in which everyone performs their best.

“That is when we really come together as a team, and you can see everyone really excited and ready to run,” he said.

“Everyone is cheering for each other, and it is a great time as a team.”

Kenyon stops Field Hockey’s NCAC title hopes

By Steven Ruygrok
Transcript Reporter

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, the Kenyon Lords defeated the Bishop field hockey team in the opening round of the NCAC tournament.

Reversing the outcome in their regular season match-up, the Lords won with a final score of 2-1.

Kenyon outshot the Bishops 16-7 and had eight more penalty corners.

Ohio Wesleyan jumped to an early lead to start the second half, courtesy of a Macie Miller goal with Lily Jianas credited with the assist. Less than three minutes later, Kenyon answered with a goal by Sasha Grumman. Finally, with less than three minutes left in the game, Sophia Daly put in the game-winner.

“I think the cause for our loss was not realizing that the game against Kenyon really might be our last,” sophomore Hannah Coughlin said.

The Bishops defeated the Lords twice during the regular season, but could not pull off a win when it counted.

“We didn’t go into that game reminding ourselves that if we didn’t step up and win big, we were done,” Coughlin said.



Photo Courtesy of OWU Online

Christa Cocumelli strikes the ball against Kenyon.

lin said. “That’s exactly what happened, and it feels terrible to lose that way.”

The Bishops had a successful season, finishing with a 12-7 overall record. They also earned a 9-3 conference record. They finished only second to Wooster, who had an 11-1 mark.

The loss was the Bishops’ third in a row. It was

an impressive season for the team, who had seen five, four and three game win streaks.

However, the team has great hopes for the future, as its roster is still very young. The Bishops graduate no seniors this season and will return one junior, nine sophomores and 13 freshmen.

The combination of youth and talent certainly give this

team a lot to look forward to next fall.

“Most teams that are made up of mostly sophomores and freshmen should be getting beaten every game,” Coughlin said.

“We had a great season and made it farther than any field hockey team has in 13 years, which is pretty amazing.”

While the team saw many great moments together on the field, such as their big wins over Earlham and Denison, many of the team’s memories were made off the field as well.

“There were a lot of great moments from the season that I’ll never forget, but the best moment by far was when our team went bowling,” Coughlin said. “We dressed up in themed costumes and bowled at Delaware Lanes.”

Coughlin said some dressed up as Spice Girls and others as Native Americans, and that the event was “hilarious, to say the least.”

On the field, Coughlin said beating Wittenberg was an amazing feeling.

“I think we really deserved to win those games, and we played so well as a team in both victories against them,” she said.

Cowboys ask: “Wherefore art thou, Romo?”



Fans of the Dallas Cowboys were optimistic coming into this season. Even though they play in what many consider to be the toughest division in the NFL, people were confident.

Even though the Super Bowl champions sit in the same division, the Cowboys were still favored by some to win it all, which also pleased fans.

These fans were still relishing in the 13-3 season of last year and doing their best to forget the playoff loss at home to the eventual champs. The supporters of the Cowboys were having pleasant dreams of a sixth championship to take with them to the new stadium, knowing that this would be the first year since 1996 that Dallas would win a playoff game.

But this season has not gone as planned for Big D. They had uninspiring victories over teams like Cleveland and Cincinnati, and a demoralizing defeat to St. Louis.

The once pleasant dreams have been replaced by nightmares. There is the nightmare where a fan is in the arcade and no matter how many quarters they put in, the Pac Man always runs into trouble with Inky, Pinky, Blinky and Clyde.

And during the past month, every Cowboys fan has had the recurring dream that they are back in high school and have to perform Shakespeare to the class. But in this dream, they always cry out: “Wherefore art thou, Romo?”

After a mediocre 5-4 start, the Cowboys entered their bye week in last place in the NFC East. The bye week is a time to heal and rest. It is a time to condition and produce a game plan. And it is a time to reflect and forget.

Jerry Jones probably looked at his team this week and cringed at every question that remains unanswered.

Jones is probably wondering why he is paying an offensive coordinator so much to score 14 points a game, while turning the ball over and being the second most penalized team in the league.

Jones is also probably wondering how, under a defensively-minded coach, his team is having trouble

stopping even the poorest of opponents.

Jerry Jones can see that his pro-bowl safety is done for the season, and his punter has a broken foot. He sees that his quarterback has been out too long with a broken pinkie finger, and the rookie running back he drafted has been sidelined for the last four weeks.

And any owner has to lose at least a little bit of hope when the fans are calling for Brooks Bollinger to come into the game.

But Jerry Jones is a confident man, and he feels he has put his team into a position for success. The Cowboys need to hope that the bye week was a time for Tony Romo, Felix Jones and Terence Newman to rest and get back on the field.

In a division where every team is above .500, and with a schedule that is brutal, it will not be an easy road to the playoffs. The Cowboys must go to Washington, to Pittsburgh and to Philadelphia. They must also host the New York Giants and a rapidly emerging Baltimore Ravens team.

Dallas does get to play San Francisco and Seattle, but so far this season, they are 0-2 against the NFC West. They probably need to win five of their last seven if they hope to make the playoffs at 10-6.

The weapons are in place to be successful. If the Cowboys can get a little more pressure on the quarterback from DeMarcus Ware, and Newman can help the secondary stop people, they could win games.

The bye week was a time for new Cowboy Roy Williams to learn the offense. Romo could return with Marion Barber, Felix Jones, Terrell Owens, Jason Witten and Roy Williams to use at his disposal. As long as the offensive line decides to block somebody, there is potential for a lot of scoring.

The schedule is tough, but it can also help the Cowboys. With three divisional games left, they can in part control their own destiny. They already hold wins over fellow wildcard contenders like Tampa Bay, Green Bay and Philadelphia.

The Cowboys could come out of the bye week and make the doubters rethink their criticisms by showing how a week of rest can really benefit a struggling team. This would allow those lofty dreams to return to the hearts of the Dallas faithful.

Or, if the pieces aren’t all back together and the team didn’t gel and grow in the bye week, the problems in Big D could continue, leading the fans of America’s team to many more sleepless nights.

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Bishops Sports

Men's soccer wins NCAC championship



Photo by Cliff Williams

The Bishops pose after beating Wittenberg Saturday for the NCAC championship title. The team will host NCAA Division III first- and second-round games this weekend.

By Colin Magruder
Transcript Reporter

After taking the regular season title in the NCAC, the Bishops had high hopes going into the conference tournament. Friday night, they knocked off Kenyon 4-0 in a semifinal match-up.

It did not take long for the Bishops to convert on a good opportunity. Tyler Wall crossed the ball into the box, and freshman Matt Bonfini got a hold of it, knocking the ball off the post and into the net to give the Bishops a 1-0 lead just 13 minutes into the game.

Kenyon was almost able to tie the game behind the foot of Felix Hoffman, who had two great opportunities but sent the first just over the crossbar. Junior keeper Richard Ott was able to stop the other attempt off of a free kick.

With a little less than five minutes left in the first half, Ohio Wesleyan was awarded a free kick about 20 yards out, at the top of the box.

Senior back T.J. Trigg stepped up just as he has done all season, sending the ball rifling into the back of the net to give the Bishops a 2-0 lead going into the break.

The second half opened with another good opportunity from Kenyon's Hoffman, but he was again stopped, and Kenyon was not able to cut into the lead.

Less than 10 minutes had passed in the second half when the Bishops were awarded another free kick. Sophomore Eric Laipple sent the ball in, finding the head of junior Matt Giannetti, who converted to give the Bishops a controlling 3-0 lead.

The OWU defense was able to stifle the Kenyon attack for the rest of the game.

"The team played well and was able to control the majority of play," junior captain Kevin McGowan said. "We did not allow them too many close chances on goal."

In the closing minutes, Ott punted the ball into Kenyon's half, where Bonfini outraced his defender and found himself on a breakaway. He slid the ball past the overmatched Kenyon goalie, increasing the Bishop lead to four, which would prove to be the final score.

"The game was closer than the score indicates," head coach Jay Martin said. "We were able to finish about every good chance we had."

Saturday night was a rematch of the game held just a week ago at Wittenberg, but the stage was much bigger this time, with an NCAC tournament championship on the

Wittenberg who took the lead first when Matt Borland hit a twenty yard shot that got away from Ott, giving the Tigers a 1-0 lead with 11 minutes left in the half.



Photo by Cliff Williams

The Bishops celebrate after senior T.J. Trigg's first half goal, which tied the game 1-1.

line and the Bishops enjoying home field advantage. As usual, it was an extremely physical game, with both teams going back and forth.

The Bishops had a number of early chances, but it was

It took the Bishops about 30 minutes to get the equalizer. Once again, Trigg set up for the free kick from 25 yards out and was able to hit it into the back of the net to tie the game at one.

Just three minutes later, the Tigers answered back with a goal from former Ohio Wesleyan student Ryan Ruef. Things were not looking too good for the Bishops until, with seven minutes left, leading scorer Tyler Wall received a pass from sophomore Ryan Harmanis in front of the goal and put it home to make the score 2-2, sending the game into overtime.

Neither team was able to get the golden-goal in overtime, and the thrilling game went into penalty kicks.

Ohio Wesleyan was up first, and Tyler Wall had his shot saved by the goalie. Borland, the early scorer for the Tigers, capitalized on his penalty kick, putting the visitors up 1-0.

Junior Jordan Halloran stepped up next and converted his shot, and Wittenberg was able to do the same, putting them up 2-1 after two rounds.

Trigg was up next and put his away, drawing it even momentarily until the Tigers converted their next one, too. Harmanis came up next and made his, drawing the teams even at 3.

With the pressure mounting, Justin Jenkins of the Tigers put his attempt high

over the bar. Will Murawski was up next for the Bishops and put his shot into the back of the net, giving Ohio Wesleyan their first lead.

The pressure then came on former Battling Bishop and current Wittenberg Tiger Ryan Ruef to convert to keep his new team alive. With the crowd hushed, he stepped up and clanked the ball off the post, missing and securing the win for the Bishops, much to the delight of the overjoyed home crowd.

"Coming from behind twice showed the team what they were capable of," coach Martin said. "We played well, and it was an overall good night."

"We capitalized on our chances," added Ott.

The win secured the Bishops a berth in the NCAA tournament and also put them in a position to host. They will take on first-timers Susquehanna on Friday at Roy Rike Field.

"We are going to play the best that we can," Martin said. "We are deep and relatively healthy."

A win on Friday would see the Bishops playing the winner of the match between Calvin and Carnegie Mellon on Saturday.

Ott bounces back after injury

By Clay Davis
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Injuries have become all too familiar to college sports teams. OWU men's soccer is no different; they suffered early season injuries to their goalies, junior Richard Ott and senior Ben Boynton.

Ott, who was penciled in as starter going into the season, went down with a broken finger on the first day of classes.

That gave Boynton the chance to start. However, Boynton was injured as well when he went down on Aug. 29 against Olivet with a broken leg. Boynton is out for the season.

Boynton's injury was especially unsettling for the team, considering the magnitude of the collision he was involved in and the

questions about how severe his injury was.

"An injury like Ben's has a major impact on the game and the team," senior Tommy Crabill said. "EMS [Emergency Medical Services] came onto the field, and we didn't know how our teammate was doing or if he was going to be O.K. Our players got together, maintained their focus and stayed in the game mentally to go on and win 3-0."

Luckily, Ott was able to recover from his finger injury and played his first game of the season against DePauw on Sept. 13.

Now, the team has been able to not only enjoy continuity at the goalie position with Ott's return, but they have received strong play from a position that was a question early on.

"Richard had played out of his mind," senior back T.J. Trigg said.

"He is getting better every day and is playing his best at the right time. He has done the

job, and I feel safe with him behind me in the net."

While Ott has the full support of his teammates, the goalie himself was not sure what would happen once he recovered from his injury.

"At first, I had some difficulties getting back into the swing of things, especially on high balls and crosses," Ott said.

"So the injury set me back, but what it really comes down to is knowing that you are a good player and building yourself back up to the level you know you are capable of."

For Ott, it was those first couple of games, starting with DePauw, that were tough. But now, the early season jitters are gone.

"I had a rocky start back at things," he said. "I started out well at DePauw, but after that game I had a few that did not go so well. But I got over the hump and have started playing like my old self again."

A reason for the Bishops' yearly success is the strong

chemistry on the team. No further proof is needed than when Ott came back from his injury.

Teammates like Trigg continued to offer sound advice, especially to players just coming back to the game.

"I just tell Rich to be aggressive because that is when he is at his best," Trigg said. "Mistakes happen. We just tell him to worry about the next play and not dwell on the past."

The Bishops are currently 16-4-1 and undefeated in the NCAC. In order to keep their winning ways alive, there is a need for strong goalie play. Crabill believes the Bishops have their man.

"[Richard] is a tremendous athlete and has it in him to be a great goalie," Crabill said.

"He comes out with confidence and performs well. He is ready to play and he does his job. He still has things to work on, but he continues to work hard to correct them every day."

OWU sports soon free to the public

Initiative makes campus more accessible, provides affordable entertainment

Score one for fans of Battling Bishop basketball. For the 2008-09 season, admission to all regular home games will be free, Ohio Wesleyan University announced.

"We recognize that many families are seeking to tighten their financial belts, which means cutting back on entertainment expenses," said Roger Ingles, athletic director. "But it's still important for parents and children to get out and have fun together. Cheering on our Battling Bishops is a wonderful, affordable way to spend a day."

This year's men's basketball home season will kick off Saturday, Nov. 29, with the OWU/Kenyon Classic. The doubleheader will begin at 2 p.m., with the Albion Britons taking on the Kenyon Lords. At 4 p.m., OWU's Battling

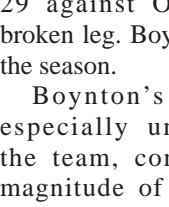
Bishops will face off against the Marietta Pioneers.

The OWU women's home season will begin Saturday, Dec. 6, when the Bishops battle the Hiram Terriers at 2 p.m.

OWU President Rock Jones said the university is committed to being a gathering spot for the community, offering many no-cost or low-cost events for people to enjoy.

"We want people to share in the wonderful opportunities that exist here," Jones said. "If you have a passion for sports, fine arts or lifelong learning, Ohio Wesleyan has events and other resources to nurture those interests."

And, of course, in addition to free basketball games, Bishop fans also are invited to cheer on OWU track and field and swimming teams this winter at no charge.



Richard Ott