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The amount of food wasted at Smith Dining Hall last week. The previous week's total was 542 lbs. This data is courtesy of Chartwells, OWU's dining service provider. Weekly totals will be published in *The Transcript*. See what you can do to bring the number down.

Terpsicorps

By Kelley King
Transcript
Correspondent

Fifteen dances, including jazz, hi-hop, theatrical, lyrical and ethnic dances will be performed at this year's annual Terpsicorps production on Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Chappellear Drama Center.

Terpsicorps, a student-run organization that produces a dance production each year, held auditions in the winter for the annual spring dance performance, where each dance is performed and choreographed by students.

Sixty students will participate in the show which including many genres of dance.

Terpsicorps treasurer and sophomore Rachel Brumfield will choreograph a '90s pop medley with sophomore Marie Krulewitch. Their dance includes songs from *NSYNC, Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears.

This year, Terpsicorps' different styles of dance are intended to make the show "a little more theatrical and fun," Brumfield said. "There is more of an entertainment value and story behind the dances this year."

The Swingin' Bishops, a swing dance club on campus, will open the show.

Admission for the show is two non-perishable food items per person. The food will be donated to the People In Need, a non-profit social service organization that provides assistance to the resident of Delaware County. Students are tabling in the Hamilton Williams Campus Center for reservations this week.

WCSA Update

From Feb. 23, 2009 meeting

C.L.E.A.R. requested \$2547.5 for a whitewater rafting trip, and received \$2,147.5 instead. WCSA decided that by raising the ticket price of the whitewater rafting trip from \$20 a person to \$25 a person, C.L.E.A.R. could make up the difference in funding and hold the trip as planned. The Rock Climbing Club requested \$1725 for a trip to Kentucky. WCSA allocated \$1,325 for their trip.

WCSA calculated that they would be able to spend \$3,790.99 every week for the rest of the spring semester and break even. Last week WCSA allocated \$750 for students to attend a marketing conference in Chicago. \$0 was allocated to CPB to bring the band Florez to campus.

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Junior Phil Serfaty said:

"I think it's sketchy that PS looked on Facebook to find who we were, and they weren't even there when the 'damage' occurred."

Wall-to-Wall - Write on Phil's Wall

3 of your friends were tagged in an album



Economists project regional, national futures at conference

By Mark Dubovec
News Editor

On Feb. 16, Ohio Wesleyan hosted the 2009 Economic Outlook Conference in the Chappellear Drama Center. Three top economists offered their analyses of the current economy and predictions for the future.

The event was presented by the Economics Department and the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship.

Bill LaFayette, Ph.D., and vice president of Economic Analysis for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, offered a local perspective, focusing on

the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The Columbus MSA, he said, is comprised of Franklin County, Morrow County and the six surrounding counties, including Delaware.

"The Columbus MSA has been doing a whole lot better than elsewhere in this recession, at least in terms of employment," LaFayette said.

In 2008, the area's employment was up 5,800 jobs while Ohio was down 22,400 and the U.S. was down 375,000. "That's really stellar."

However, on Mar. 11, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will release

a comprehensive revision of 2008's figures, and LaFayette believes those numbers won't remain high.

"I'm expecting a decline of 9,000 jobs, or .9 percent. That would be the worst job loss in the Columbus MSA since we lost 2.3 percent in 1982," he said, predicting the outlook for 2009.

In addition, while it was reported the Columbus MSA increased retail employment by 6,600 between September and December, LaFayette said that can be misleading.

He said retail typically increases at year's end. When

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WCSA non-binding referendums support TBM, testing

By Kaisha Oliver
and Patrice Murphy
Transcript Reporters

In WCSA's Feb. 11 non-binding referendum vote, the majority of 471 student voters pledged support for funding The Bike Movement (TBM) and free STI testing at the Student Health Center.

76.92 percent voted to allocate funds to TBM, and 72.96 percent cast votes for free STI testing. Despite TBM's success, 55.86 percent of voters did not support raising the parking permit price – an extra tax designed to help fund TBM.

WCSA president Usman Javaid said it was important to WCSA's executive board to hold a referendum because the funding would come out of the Student Activity Fee. He also acknowledged WCSA's limited budget would have to be considered before making any definite decisions.

"We promised the administrators transparency," Javaid said.

After gauging the results of the three proposals, he said there is no reason that WCSA shouldn't fund TBM and STI testing.

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Javaid said he was personally in favor of both proposals, but it was important for the students to vote on it.

He said TBM's proposal will help the students and the environment, and he believes other WCSA members would agree.

"It will not only make the community more convenient, but it will also be environmentally friendly," Javaid said.

Unlike TBM, Javaid said STI proposals were brought up several times before these referendums took place.

"STI, even during elections, was something that WCSA repeatedly brought up," he said.

Former WCSA vice-president, senior Ben Goodrum said it's up to the student council to take care of the students.

Cyber Snooping?

Director of Public Safety says social networking sites that release public information -- Facebook and MySpace -- are fair game when reporting violations

By Caitlin Goodman
Transcript Reporter

During the week of Feb. 6, Public Safety (PS) officers used Facebook to gather evidence for a report against two students who had purportedly damaged a Smith Hall residence while doing a favor for Tri-Delta's "big-little" week.

Juniors Phil Serfaty and Marco Mercurio were feeding a new member ice cream and chocolate sauce, which they said made a mess as they ran down the hallway. The R.A. demanded that the mess be cleaned, but before the students returned with proper cleaning supplies, the R.A. already reported the violation to PS and the mess was cleaned up.

According to the Student Code of Conduct's residential life policies, students who administer damage "will be expected to assume the cost of repair or replacement." More notably, it also states that "a student may not be assessed a fine for damage he or she accepts responsibility for the cost of repair."

Serfaty said that PS officers were not present at any time, but a report was written and sent out: PS policy allows officers to write reports without witnessing the violation.

"Anybody is allowed to call in and inform PS of something they believe is not right," PS Director Bob Wood said. "We are simply obligated to write a report at first and we'll take it from there, depending on the violation."

In the report, PS claims to have evidence of the incident and the students who were

involved, which they found on Facebook.

PS officers have been using Facebook, for quite a while Wood admitted, as a means of citing students by observing their profiles.

"I think it's sketchy that PS looked on Facebook to find who we were, and they weren't even there when the 'damage' occurred," Serfaty said in defense.

"Any situation that is in the violation of the Code of Conduct will be investigated," Wood said.

Facebook privacy settings allow users to make profiles private to only their friends or open to everyone on their networks including PS officers or other faculty members.

Despite Facebook's privacy settings, many students question the legality of PS finding perpetrators on the social networking site.

Serfaty and Mercurio were upset in hearing that the R.A. on duty was the one that called in about the supposed damage. They believe he didn't acknowledge their attempts to clean up the mess, and both wished the R.A. would have let them off with a warning.

"Aside from Public Safety looking on Facebook to find us, everything was cleaned up and nothing was damaged, as was reported," Serfaty said. "I just don't believe that is right."

Columbus attorney Dennis P. Evans although in agreement with Wood, mentioned the possibility that PS accessed the students' profiles with aid from another student.

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Ryan Jordan

Jordan wins '09 trustee election, responsibility

By Lucas Bezerra
Transcript Correspondent

On Feb. 19 at 11:59 p.m., Ryan Jordan officially joined Marie Rymut, '07 and Katie Jones, '08, as the next graduating trustee.

Jordan met Jones during an October trustee meetings and said he is excited to work with both trustees and other trustee members.

"I have worked with several of the current board members and have very good relationships with them,"

Jordan said.

Having worked with the alumni office all four years at OWU, Jordan said he's up to date with the proceedings at the Board of Trustee meetings.

Jordan, a former house manager for the Sigma Chi Fraternity and current organizer for Sigma Chi's Derby Days, believes he's well prepared for a top spot in expressing the opinion of many students.

"I hope that I can use my experiences in development

"[WCSA] felt it was their responsibility to help and support the health of students," Goodrum said.

WCSA Treasurer Megan Evans and Goodrum were the leaders of the STI movement pushing for free STI testing last semester.

Goodrum said their first step was getting support from the Health and Wellness Center and then from the students.

"STI's are real and the most prevalent on this campus is HPV," Goodrum said.

The human papilloma virus (HPV) is virus that has over 100 different strands that can possibly cause warts or cancer, according to the American Social Health Association website.

"Everyone should be getting tested at least every six months, but most people are scared of the costs," Goodrum said.

The proposal submitted by WCSA states "the [five] most common STI at Ohio Wesleyan are human papillomavirus, Chlamydia, genital herpes, syphilis and gonorrhea."

Director of Health Services Marsha Tilden said the cost of testing in the Health and Wellness Center is currently \$70 to \$100 for a single test.

Unlike Javaid, seniors Aseggedech Shimellis and Kristin Kovach, said they did not know about the two programs, and were a little surprised with the

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KKG karaoke entertains...

Above: Delta Gamma seniors Erica Hamann, Ruthie Goodell, Kaitlin Moran and Michelle Corbett perform their rendition of "YMCA" as part of Kappa Kappa Gamma's annual Kappa Karaoke, while sophomore Megan Evans, Kappa's president, joins in.

Right: Senior Anthony Rosato of Alpha Sigma Phi serenades fellow contestant Katie Corrai of Kappa Alpha Theta. Kappa Karaoke took place in the Benes Rooms on Feb. 19 and supports Kappa's philanthropy, Reading Is Fundamental. Many sororities and fraternities participated in the event, with Delta Delta Delta taking home the grand prize of \$100, which goes to the Karaoke winners' philanthropy.



[OWU] webmail uses 'forklift' to updrade system

By Chelsie Pacha
Transcript Reporter

With an outpouring of complaints and concerns over the campus e-mail system, Director of Information Services Jason LaMar decided to move to a brand new version of the operating system software, known as a "forklift upgrade," on the morning of Feb. 14.

LaMar said the main reasons for the drastic change were the system's recurrent problems.

"Recently, the OWU campus e-mail system was becoming unstable," LaMar said.

"We were starting to experience brief outages, maybe for 15 or 20 minutes at a time, on a fairly regular basis, and usually in the late morning or early afternoon on weekdays.

"Since e-mail is a critical system for OWU students, faculty, staff and alumni, we had to correct the situation."

Some students said they believe the university's e-mail system to have too many ongoing problems.

"Because of all the mail I receive every day regarding events and other things taking place on campus, my email box fills quickly," said sophomore Erin Cohn.

"I receive emails warning me that my account will shut down in 'X' number of days."

Junior Devon Walker said she has also had personal problems with the system.

"Half the time it doesn't work, and it takes forever to delete messages," Walker said.

"But if you don't delete them, the account locks up."

LaMar said the purpose of the new system was to make big changes that would be unnoticeable.

"Our intent throughout this whole process was to make the new system look and feel as similar to the old system as possible to end users," said LaMar.

"So, superficially, most people probably didn't notice any differences after the upgrade on Feb. 14. But under the proverbial 'hood,' behind the scenes, we're running a significantly different e-mail system now - for the better, we

hope."
Cohn said she was unaware of the change, but has some ideas of her own.

"I would want an email system that automatically deletes the emails after a certain number of days," she said.

"It's frustrating to have to go through 20 emails to get to the one email that's of your individual concern. I also would want to get less junk mail."

Walker said she would like the system to be more user-friendly, with an easier e-mail deletion option.

During the change, LaMar said the system was down for a few hours, but when it was finished, there was a decrease in major issues.

"Once the system came back up, everything seemed to be working well on the surface," he said.

"Since then, we've discovered some minor system tweaks that needed to be made, but those sorts of post-upgrade adjustments are practically inevitable in a scenario like this.

"And so far, since the upgrade, the system hasn't had any major stability issues."

LaMar also said it has been a long time since the university's e-mail system has undergone any construction like this.

"Although the e-mail system is incrementally updated on an ongoing basis, it has been a few years since we undertook a major upgrade like this, because it can be a painful and disruptive process for IT folks and end users alike," LaMar said.

"Fortunately, in this case, it was relatively painless and minimally disruptive."

As for finances, LaMar said he is thankful for the campus licensing agreements and server inventory.

"Thanks to our existing campus licensing agreements and server inventory, there were no additional hardware or software costs to OWU to install this new system," said LaMar.

"There was major human resource investment in this project, however, as this move required extensive preparation and technical expertise."



INCIDENT REPORT Feb. 18 to Feb. 22

was later determined these items were taken by two students who may represent a rival fraternity. The property was recovered and returned to Alpha Sigma Phi, and possible judicial charges are pending.

- On Feb. 18 at about 2:30 p.m., Public Safety was advised that a local juvenile was observed by a court official 'tagging' (spray-painting) graffiti on the exterior concrete wall at Selby Stadium. The Delaware Police were also called to the scene.

- On Feb. 21, Public Safety was called to Stuyvesant Hall in response to a dispute between roommates. After speaking with the complaining party, it was determined the residence hall staff is involved in resolving the conflict, and no further action was taken at the time.

- On Feb. 20, members of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity reported the theft of a recent membership composite and a model ship from the house. It

- On Feb. 21 at approximately 1:23 a.m., a student living in Thomson and a Stuyvesant resident were both referred to student judicial after being

found in possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia and illegal alcohol. The Delaware Police were called to a third floor room in Stuyvesant to take possession of the contraband and to advise of further charges through the City of Delaware.

- On Feb. 22 at approximately midnight, a resident of Stuyvesant Hall was found to be in possession of a large amount of illegal alcohol. Further questioning revealed he was also in possession of a fake I.D. The alcohol and false I.D. were confiscated, and the student was referred to student judicial for underage possession and providing false information.

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Public Safety supplies winter boots

By Sarah Shkoukani
Transcript Correspondent

Students have noticed a rise in OWU's parking enforcement, especially since many are finding cars immobilized with tire boots, but Public Safety says it's nothing out of the ordinary.

"February is just one of those busy months for parking enforcement; nothing new compared to any other school year," said Robert Wood, director of Public Safety.

PS immobilized approximately 91 vehicles during the '07-'08 academic year. As of Feb. 16, PS had immobilized 78 this year, Wood said.

"I would speculate the possible increase is due to the fact that there was only one enforcement officer then, compared to two this year," Wood said.

"Further, due to the increased number of vehicles with out-of-state registration, we have had to increase our enforcement, because these vehicles are 'unregistered,' and parking fines issued to these vehicles have increased from past years compared to vehicles with Ohio registrations."

Wood said vehicles with four previous violations are slated for immobilization on the next parking infraction.

What students don't know, Wood added, is any further parking violations will result in immobilization again.

After the seventh ticket, the vehicle will be towed and impounded.

"Once the vehicle owner takes the necessary steps to correct his/her illegal parking patterns, parking fines and immobilization should cease," Wood said.

"Nevertheless, more than a few community members, particularly students, have been 'booted' as many as three times. Fines and/or immobilizations are usually levied



Photo by Mike DiBiasio

Students are noticing an increased number of parking tickets and 'booting' from Public Safety. Head of Public Safety Bob Wood says this is typical of February, not an anomaly.

against vehicle owners who consistently fail to follow proper parking and parking permit policies."

Sophomore Emily Anne Kerchoff said she recently received a tire boot while parking in Hayes, a designated B parking permit area.

Kerchoff, who holds a C parking permit, was unaware she would continue to be booted, despite having paid all her parking tickets. She's been ticketed over four times.

To remove the immobilization device, Kerchoff had to pay \$50.

Wood said any and all parking violations can be taken care of through the Cashier's Office.

"Money collected from parking fines, immobilization and parking fees are credited to the appropriate university accounts," Wood said.

"Public Safety does not retain any fees from parking enforcement efforts."

After her experience, Kerchoff expressed a sense of frustration and anger.

"I think the system is ineffective and should be revised, since it's currently inefficient

and un-logical," she said.

"There are always spots available in the majority of dormitory lots, and although I 'won' my C parking pass in a lottery at the end of last year, freshmen have the same sticker."

Despite the fact that many students feel frustrated, Wood said vehicle violations have decreased since the new parking system was implemented three years ago.

All parking policies and relative fees are established by WCSA and members of the parking committee.

English, Zoology departments to grow by one in fall semester

By Dianne Macasu
Transcript Reporter

In the fall of 2009, OWU will welcome two new professors to the English and Zoology departments as part of President Rock Jones' aim to increase faculty size and improve the faculty-student ratio.

The English department seeks an individual specializing in a postcolonial approach to literature, while the Zoology department is looking for a candidate with training in physiology.

The proposal given by the English department to the Academic Policy Committee, states, "Adding such a position would better enable us to prepare an increasingly multicultural student population to cross the geographical and cultural boundaries they will be expected to cross in their personal and professional lives after graduation."

Professor Lynette Carpenter, chair of the English department, said roughly 100 individuals applied.

Teaching responsibilities awaiting the English department candidate will consist of a variety of content courses from a post-colonial perspective, as well as courses in British and American literature, three sections of ENG 105 and experience in teaching freshman writing.

Senior Julia Blyth, an English major, said a new professor will enable students to see yet another side of the English language.

"Although I'm not on student board, I've attended the teaching demonstrations because I think it's important to hire the candidate who is the most qualified--in other words, who has done interesting research and is capable of teaching in an interesting way," Blyth said.

Blyth said she is pleased

students are a part of the faculty selection process.

"We experience a variety of teaching styles daily and are fairly well-qualified to make judgments about how effective the candidates will be," she said.

While the English department seeks a candidate who can offer a new teaching perspective, the Zoology department seeks a professor who can become devoted to courses the department already offers.

"We had been teaching these courses with part-time help, and so we want to offer these courses for full-time tenure track faculty," said Amy Downing, chair of the Zoology department. "We applied to the Academic Policy Committee with this request, and they agreed."

"Full-time faculty, in addition to teaching courses, can offer students more research opportunities," Downing added.

"They advise students and participate more fully in all aspects of university life."

The candidate in this position is expected to teach two of the department's primary courses: Human Physiology (Zool 325) and Human Structure and Function (Zool 251).

"Both are part of the job, and there are some options on how they might fill up the rest of their time here," Downing said. "It may vary, depending on the expertise of the candidate who is hired."

Downing said the applicant pool is strong, and the department will bring three candidates to campus to interview over the next three weeks.

Freshman Katy Banderet, a Zoology major, said she's happy about an additional faculty member.

"A new professor will mean another person for a student to go to, to have questions answered and receive help on assignments," she said.

Spring Break down continued...

Mission teams prepare for domestic, foreign service over break

By Samantha Beany
Transcript Reporter

TEAM 7: Appalachia Service Project

Team Leader: Junior Shannon Sedgwick
Team Size: 3, plus 2 faculty advisors
Destination: Chavies, KY
Mission: To help better the lifestyles of the families in Appalachia by repairing homes and continuing the progress of projects that are already in motion.
Team Leader Thoughts: "We want to be able to serve the families in Appalachia by providing some basic, emergency home repairs that most of us would take for granted," said Sedgwick.

TEAM 8: Love and Hope Ministries

Team Leader: Senior William Kenny
Team Size: 8
Destination: San Salvador, El Salvador
Mission: Construction and painting at the Love and Hope Children's Home and getting to know the children through games and homework help.
Team Leader Thoughts: "It's always interesting to see team dynamic forming," said Kenny. "Teams are formed out of a very diverse pool of students that want to make a difference in this world, coming together for a common goal. It's been really fun to see the El Salvador team's dynamic grow, and to already see the team members learning from and growing with each other."

TEAM 9: Christian Children's Fund

Spiritual Leader: Freshman Katrina Hansen
Team Size: 9, plus 2 faculty members
Destination: The island of Dominica
Mission: To empower the children of Dominica through the game of soccer by providing two camps, lasting three days each.
Spiritual Leader Thoughts: "Our saying is 'One Heart. One God. One Destiny. One Love Futbol Club,'" says Hansen. "The trip is going to be a once-in-a-lifetime type of experience where we will grow as individuals, as well as leave an impact on the lives of the youth."

TEAM 10: Building and Rebuilding

Team Leader: Senior Renee Colvin
Team Size: 10, plus 3 faculty members
Destination: Todd County, SD; Rosebud Reservation
Mission: To help members of the Lakota Nation build shelters, and to do odd jobs on the reservation.
Team Member Thoughts: Junior Hasani Wheat said, "I want to grow spiritually through the experience, and help those that may or may not have the same resources as the students of OWU."

TEAM 11: Border Servant Corps

Team Leader: Senior Forrest Raub
Team Size: 10
Destination: El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico
Mission: To work with a variety of organizations to gain perspective on border issues and to assist these organizations with their everyday work. A few of these organizations are a domestic violence shelter, an HIV/AIDS treatment facility and the Texas Civil Rights project.
Team Leader Thoughts: "We plan to a) achieve perspective, b) gain a thorough knowledge of the issues surrounding the border, c) aid the organizations in need of help, d) form relationships with the people, their lives, and their environments and e) gain the opportunity to provide dialogue and discussion with fellow students and faculty surrounding the border," Raub said.

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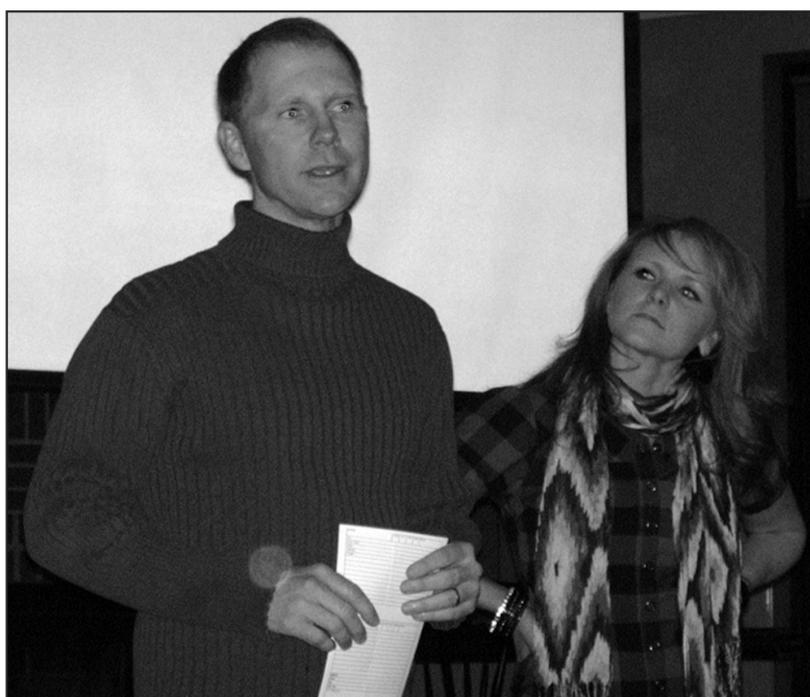


Photo By Shafalika Jackson

Phil Savage, former General Manager of the Cleveland Browns, and his wife, Dorothy Savage, spoke to OWU's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in the Benes Room on Feb. 16. The event was sponsored by FCA.

Space Week sends OWU rocketing into discussion

By Kailey Miller
Transcript Reporter

The Central Ohio Symphony will be "far out" with its tribute to the universe in Gray Chapel this weekend – just one of the ways Ohio Wesleyan is celebrating "Space Week."

The concert is called "Space Like You Have Never Heard It Before!" and will be held Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. The Symphony will perform Gustav Holst's "The Planets." The symphony's performance will include a video from Chicago's Adler Planetarium and will conclude with the "Star Wars Suite" by composer John Williams.

The concert rendition of Star Wars music is a reason sophomore Wesley Hatch said he will attend.

"I probably wouldn't have considered going if they weren't playing the Star Wars song," Hatch said. "It's something I recognize and know that I like.

These [symphonic concerts] are usually lost on me, but this one, I know I'll enjoy."

Junior Chris Meadows gets the rare chance to perform with the Central Ohio Symphony and said he knows what a great opportunity it is.

The symphony asked him to play the organ piece, and he said he was more than happy to accept.

"I'm always excited when I get to perform, but I'm also nervous since it is with such a talented group of musicians, and also quite a large audience," said Meadows.

The nerves are understandable. Meadows rehearsed for the first time on Wednesday, and will rehearse once more on Friday before his performance Saturday. Meadows said he will perform on various movements throughout "The Planets."

Meadows, a self-taught musician, started playing in his freshman year of

high school and didn't take lessons until arriving at Ohio Wesleyan. A music education major, he hopes to teach at the elementary level, but would also like to be an organist and music director of a church.

"Space Week" began with the panel discussion "The Theological and Sociological Implications of Finding Life in the Universe," also known as "Phone Home," on Tuesday. The event involved President Rock Jones and Astronomy and Physics Professor Barbara Andreck. They discussed what it would mean if there were alien life, and what the importance would be.

Tickets for the concert are available at Beehive Books, online at www.centralohiosymphony.org or by calling the Central Ohio Symphony at (740) 362-1799. Ticket prices are \$6 for students.

The Sunday performance is already sold out.

In honor of V-Day: OWU 'Vagina Monologues' educates, humors audiences

By Brittany Stojavljevic
Transcript Correspondent

For two nights, "The Vagina Monologues" evoked laughter and sobriety in crowds of students who filled the Stuy Smoker this past weekend.

The performance was a part of V-Day, an international campaign protesting violence against women and girls.

According to V-Day's website, the purpose of V-Day is to raise awareness and funds for ending violence by performing "The Vagina Monologues" and other artistic performances.

V-Day was founded by Eve Ensler, the author of "The Vagina Monologues."

"The Vagina Monologues" is based on Ensler's interviews with more than 200 women. The play features various women's issues, including rape, sexuality and female genital mutilation.

Senior Julia Singer, a member of the Women's House, saw "The Vagina Monologues" performed her freshman year at Ohio Wesleyan. She said it changed her perception of women's issues.

"I knew then that I wanted

to live in the Women's House," Singer said. "I knew I wanted to do 'The Vagina Monologues' as my house project."

Singer said she felt it was important to bring "The Vagina Monologues" back to OWU because of the variety of women's issues it addresses.

"There's an awareness of women's issues in the United States and on an international level," Singer said. "It's good that it combines both. It's able to address a lot of different topics tastefully."

Senior Katherine Atkinson, who performed in the 2006 version of "The Vagina Monologues," served as assistant director to Singer. She said she enjoyed "The Vagina Monologues" because it made feminism easily accessible.

"The Vagina Monologues" shows the campus that vaginas, women and even feminism as concepts are representative of diverse experiences, but are also unifying in their diversity," Atkinson said.

Singer said she was able to get the rights to "The Vagina Monologues" for free as a part of V-Day. In return, tickets had to be sold and the proceeds do-

nated. Tickets cost \$3.

Ten percent of the proceeds went to the V-Day 2009 Spotlight, Women of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The other 90 percent went to a local beneficiary. Singer said they selected Turning Point, a domestic violence shelter.

Singer said auditions were held early in the fall of 2008. The cast consisted of 17 students. Each worked individually on their monologue before the cast came together a week before the show. Singer said she enjoyed watching the cast evolve.

"It was cool to see the point when each monologues got to be production ready," Singer said. "Seeing the girls make a new discovery and reach their full potential gave me chills as I watched it."

Some of the cast said they were concerned about their ability to portray their monologue because of the content. Freshman Diane Bizzarro performed "My Vagina Was My Village," which depicts a Bosnian woman being raped during war. Bizzarro said she said knew such a graphic monologue would be a challenge.

"I needed to get over my own fears of the intensity of the monologue," Bizzarro said. "I really had to focus and get in touch with how I would feel in her shoes, and how these women have the strength to live their lives day to day. I felt that people really needed to hear the brutality of what happens to these women."

Atkinson said she also had to overcome strong emotions and focus while preparing her monologue.

"It was difficult for me to reign in my anger at the situations described in the monologue," Atkinson said. "They're horrific, and it still really amazes me in a bad way that people are capable of such violent, awful things."

Atkinson performed "The Memory of Her Face." It deals with the disfigurement of three different women from Baghdad, Islamabad and Juarez.

Bizzarro said she would like to see "The Vagina Monologues" done again.

"I think that as long as the word vagina is in it, people will continue to come," Bizzarro said. "People love to hear about vaginas."



Photo by Shafalika Jackson

Junior Ella Claney performs during the 'Vagina Monologues' on Saturday, Feb. 21, in the Stuy Smoker. The Feb. 20 and 21 performances drew large crowds, forcing some patrons to stand and others to sit on the floor or on up-turned trash bins. The 'Vagina Monologues' debuted off-Broadway in New York City in 1996, and has become internationally successful in 11 years of professional and amateur productions.

Despite economy, students plan to jump puddles, study abroad in fall

By Kyle Sjarif
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan students will travel around the world in the fall of 2009, as they have traditionally done each fall, to expand their educational opportunities through the university's various study abroad programs.

Ireland, Spain, England, Italy, France and Japan were among applicants' options, as well as domestic destinations, such as Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D.C.

With the deadline for off-campus applications passed, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of Off-Campus Programs Blake Michaels said he was pleasantly surprised by the increased number of students applying for study abroad programs, considering the current economic situation.

"The numbers are up from last year, and I've seen these trends before," Michaels said. "It's more likely for the economy to have an impact two or three years down the road, since everybody's already made their plans to study abroad next year."

Michaels highlighted the different advantages of foreign and domestic programs. However, the underlying importance for both is the application of theoretical knowledge

in a new setting.

"College education is about expanding horizons," Michaels said.

"There's nothing as dramatic or fulfilling as trying things out firsthand, whether a new language, a historical landmark or a new culture."

Michaels said roughly 20 percent of students participate in study abroad programs. There are also several domestic programs offered, and two of the most popular are the Philadelphia Center Program, which has had several representatives on campus, and the Wesleyan in Washington program.

Senior Ryan Jordan, a fall 2007 participant of the Salamanca, Spain, program, said he was conflicted between choosing the Philadelphia Program to enhance his economics management major, or the Salamanca program for his Spanish major.

"In the end, I decided to go to Spain because I thought I might never have the opportunity to travel there again," Jordan said. "It was definitely a different experience than one I would've gotten in Philadelphia, because I got learn a lot about myself."

Junior Zak Gomes said he is excited to submerge himself in a new culture when he takes part in a study abroad program in Ireland next semester.

"It will definitely be something different compared to anything I've ever done before," said Gomes.

"I'm not really sure what to expect when I get there, but I'm definitely excited for the chance, and just want to make the most of it."

Michaels, who studied abroad in India as a graduate student, said he understands the cultural challenges some of the students will experience.

"There's nothing like that experience of looking around and finding out you're no longer in control, even when it comes to the simplest of tasks, like asking for directions or where to buy bottled water," he said.

However, it's not solely the cultural experiences that are important, but also the social connections made with people who are completely different, insisted Jordan.

"I assumed that because the states and Western Europe have such strong ties, it wouldn't be that much of a change," Jordan said.

"But it's amazing what I learned in six months, and the people I've met and the relationship I created with the family I got to live with."

YEARBOOK NEWS

Hey, OWU seniors!



Don't miss out on appearing in a piece of Ohio Wesleyan history. *Le Bijou*, OWU's yearbook, is undergoing a redesign this year at the hands of editor Kat Mannix.



You are invited to submit the COLOR photo OF YOUR CHOICE (as long as it is appropriate and in good taste) for inclusion in the senior photo section. Instead of the same ol' boring pose, *Le Bijou* will feature the character you are, the essence of your personality, in a vertical frame approximately 1.5 by 2 inches, about the size of the frame to the left, or the right. Wait, he's not a senior. That's O.K., neither is she and this is just for illustration's sake.

You have from this notification until Feb. 27 to submit the photo in two ways:

1. By sending a CD containing ONLY one digital photo file to *Le Bijou*, c/o the OWU Journalism Department. If the photograph was taken by a professional photographer, *Le Bijou* must have on file a release form signed by the photographer, acknowledging permission to reprint the photograph. A hard copy of this release form must accompany the CD. Make sure all photo files are saved using your first and last name.
2. By emailing a copy of the digital file (JPEG or TIFF) to Kat Mannix at ksmannix@owu.edu or ksmannix@gmail.com. All files received will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, resend or contact Mannix.

In addition, staff would be happy to take your photo on Friday, Feb. 6, and 13, at noon in *The Transcript* student newspaper offices, Phillips Hall Room 102. And if you forget to take us up on these options, no worries, we can use your ID or freshman photo instead! (We know you'll want to take us up on these options.)

Have questions, contact, Mannix by email or Prof. Melinda Rhodes, mmrhodes@owu.edu, ext. 3517.

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FACEBOOK

"Students need to assume that whatever is on, what they believe to be their private Facebook profile, is available in some way," Evans said.

Evans speculated how another student, like an R.A., could help PS search for students on Facebook.

"Students need to be warned that anybody is able to see their profiles even if they are not part of Facebook," Evans said. "A

snitch is loose."

Mercurio admitted to having an open privacy setting in which anyone in the limits of his network can see his profile, and he realized that he put himself in danger.

"It makes me realize that I need to change my settings and be cautious of what pictures I put up," Mercurio said.

Evans believes that everyone let alone students "[have] absolutely no

privacy on the internet, no matter what you may think."

According to Wood PS is not the only department using Facebook to their advantage.

"Even DPD (Delaware Police Department) do it where they will look on Facebook first before they check their crime investigation records to find someone," Wood said.

"I say any site that lets out public information is open to us."

ECONOMY

those figures are seasonally-adjusted, retail employment is actually down 2,500 jobs than would normally be expected.

"Retail employment in Delaware County is 33 percent greater than what you would expect in an economy this size. The problem is retail is expected to do horribly this year," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see Delaware County to have something of a bumpy year."

Kenneth Beauchemin, senior research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, spoke about the national economy and the efforts of the Fed to stem the recession, which according to the National Bureau of Economic Research began in the fourth quarter 2007.

"The consensus forecast thinks we're going to have a couple more quarters of negative growth before we start to experience positive growth," he said.

Beauchemin also discussed net job loss – the difference between the number jobs gained versus the number lost. "We're losing, on net, about 600,000 jobs per month. That's really remarkable," he said.

While past recessions have had greater losses in real GDP, Beauchemin said the speed at which the nation is losing jobs and foreclosing homes is amazing.

"The Fed has done everything it can with the Federal Funds Rate," Beauchemin said, referring to the interest rate banks charge each other for overnight loans. It's considered the primary tool of the Fed to promote price stability and stable economic growth. He said it couldn't be lowered anymore.

According to Beauchemin, the Fed will be offering loans under the Financial Stability Plan to institutions to buy asset-backed securities, which will hopefully get the credit market moving.

JORDAN

to encourage young alumni participation in the Annual Fund as well as other Young Alumni events," he said.

Jordan wishes to improve the amount that graduates of the past 10 years participate in alumni matters.

"Denison's recent grads contribute twice as much as ours do," he said.

He would like to contribute to financial management because he believes his strong passion for fundraising and development would be a

positive contribution.

Jordan will also participate in the Fraternity Housing Proposal. Jordan said the houses need some careful renovation but added he will "provide insights and make decisions with a neutral and unbiased mindset."

Jordan also said assuring the sustainability of the OWU campus is another issue he would like to face.

Jordan said he has little knowledge of research and opportunities to achieve such a goal but plans to

"There's a lot of uncertainty and lot of risk aversion in the economy."

The key to the Fed's plan, Beauchemin said, will be to restore confidence in financial institutions. Too many banks are stuck with toxic assets no one will buy, many of them related to the mortgage foreclosure crisis.

The final speaker was critical of President Obama's bailout stimulus package.

"I have a real issue with this plan, and it's really dangerous from a number of standpoints," said Andrew Busch, Global FX market strategist for BMO Capital Markets' Investment Banking Division in Chicago and a 1983 alumnus of OWU.

"I'm still not sure how \$10 billion to the National Institute of Health stimulates job growth other than in the government sector," he said, referring to one aspect of the bill. "That's really called income preservation, not income creation... We want jobs created. We don't necessarily want to create a nanny state."

Apart from his concerns of government intrusion in the free market, Busch said his biggest objection is to the accumulating debt. The deficit for this year, according to the Congressional Budget Office, is expected to be \$1.2 trillion, but with the stimulus package, Busch said it will be between \$1.75 trillion and \$2 trillion.

"That is a lot of money the government doesn't have," Busch said. "That money's got to come from some place, and for you students in this room, my condolences."

Busch said one thing the U.S. needs is much different regulatory, saying the current system is not coordinated or efficient enough. "That's something for sure we'll have."

"Ultimately, the tax payer – everyone in this room – is going to pay for what's going on," Busch said.

commit time by attending the WCSA Environmental Committee.

When he became a candidate, Jordan agreed to be present for the next three years at the Trustee meetings

"I'm excited to stay involved with OWU through a formal medium. I now have the opportunity to help influence the future of the University in many ways," he said.

"OWU has done so much for me, and this is the only way for me to honor OWU."

WCSA

referendum outcomes, mostly TBM's.

"I read [TBM's] proposal and I feel like [TBM] could go both ways, because it could be a good thing, but I just feel like it is a lot of money to go to one place," Kovach said. "[The] people I know drive cars and are off-campus. So, raising the parking permit price may cause people to just walk or park their cars on the street."

Senior Chris Kelley, co-proposer of the TBM is aware of concerns regarding TBM.

"We are sensitive to the financial constraints of WCSA. We are seeking funding from alumni and local businesses to fund the bulk of TBM," Kelley said. "We plan to request money from WCSA merely to supplement these funds. We are also planning to request funding for the next school year, not this one."

Shimellis said she was more surprised with the TBM outcome because she was not aware of the movement.

"I didn't see a lot of interest or even awareness about the movement," she said.

Shimellis also said she feels that students would have to go through a lot in order to make TBM work for the community.

"There are just so many logistics to

go through to make it worth your while," Shimellis said.

Kovach believes STI's on a small campus it is a big issue, therefore, it is important for people to know about their health.

"I've heard a lot of people complaining about our Wellness Center not providing enough services. "So, STI is just expanding our health resources," Shimellis said.

Shimellis said STI would help raise awareness which would allow people to make smarter decisions.

Although, Shimellis and Kovach see the importance of STI and TBM, they said it will cut back on other group activities.

With student support, the STI proposal will fund 18 students during the first trial run next fall. She said free testing for the five common STI's will be allocated with a maximum cost of \$180 for each student.

Javaid said he wasn't surprised by the referendum's outcome but added there was no way of knowing student opinion without one. He said the main concern for WCSA would be the budget.

"WCSA's primary concern is the budgetary constraint," he said. "Due to this constraint, it makes it difficult for WCSA to allocate funds."

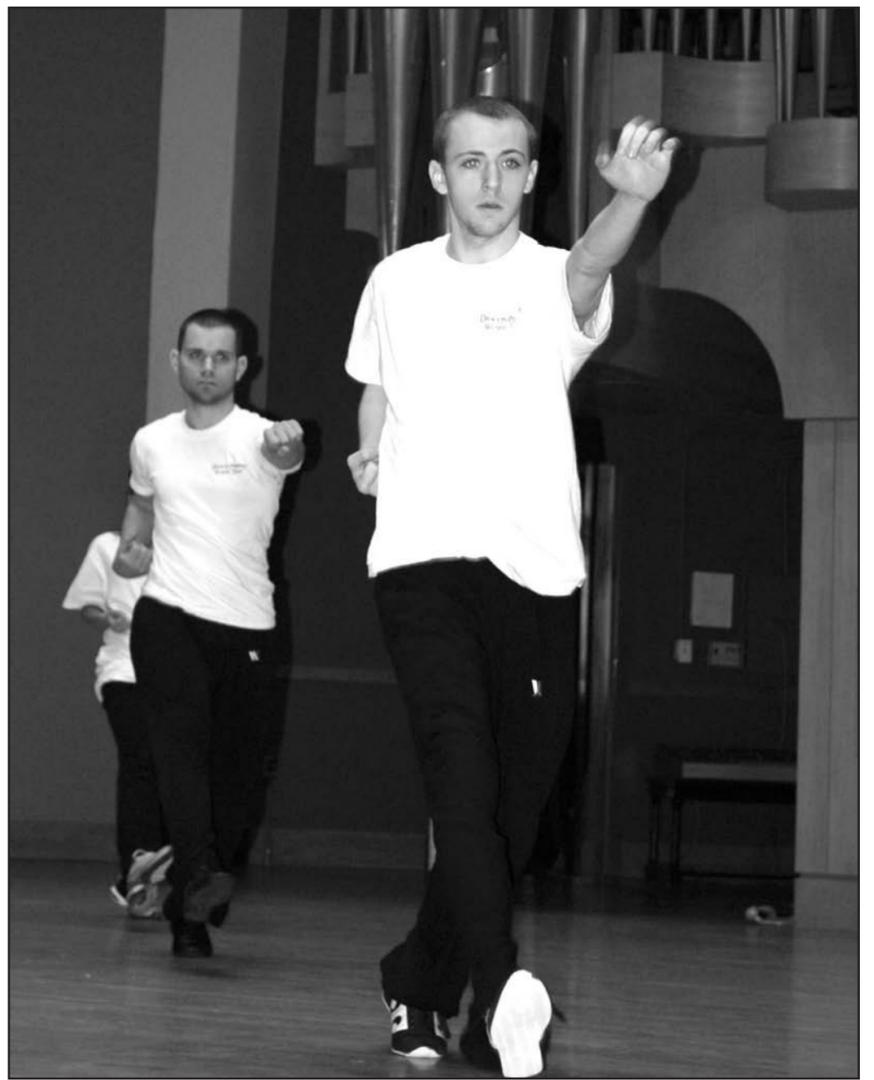


Photo by Sara Mays

Members from the Dragon Phoenix Wushu Team demonstrate their martial arts in Gray Chapel in celebration of the Chinese New Year on Feb. 15.

WELCOME TO THE YEAR OF THE OX

Chinese Culture Club celebrates Chinese New Year

By Kimberly St. Louis
Transcript Reporter

This year, OWU's Chinese Culture Club is 25 members strong, and with renewed student and faculty support, the club incorporated more interactive activities into its second annual China Week celebration, Feb. 15-20.

"More people interacting is a better way for people to know about China," senior and President of the Chinese Culture Club Carly Yang said. She said the event took a lot of people and organizations to plan.

Chinese New Year Celebration in Gray Chapel on Feb. 15 marked the beginning of the week long event and drew an estimated crowd of approximately 250-300 people.

It was hosted by Yang and Robert Harmon, chairperson and professor of physics and astronomy.

It was sponsored by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago and the Provost's office.

The celebration started off with the singing of "Gong-Xi, Gong-Xi" (Congratulations, Happy New Year!) sung by the Chinese 111 and 490 classes – both new to OWU this year – and the Chinese Culture Club.

Instructor of Modern Foreign Languages Arjene Chen, new to OWU this year, taught Chinese 110 last fall and is currently teaching Chinese 111 and 490, an independent study course.

Chen said the 490 course is for students who took Chinese

in high school and are at higher level than students taking introductory courses.

The MFL Department is in the process of seeking approval for advanced Chinese courses.

"I feel honored to be the first Chinese teacher here," Chen said.

At the New Year Celebration, there were dances by the Columbus Chinese Academy, Columbus Water Lily Oriental Dance Group and Chang Jiang Nan, the beauty of southern China.

Chinese martial arts were demonstrated as was the playing of traditional Chinese string instruments such as the Erhu and the Guqin. The evening concluded with a Chinese Yo-Yo demonstration and a fashion show, in which the hosts gave an open invitation to anyone who was wearing Chinese clothing.

Both Yang and Harmon agreed Chen was instrumental in bringing in the various groups from Columbus. Chen said there is a large Chinese population in Columbus that celebrates the Chinese New Year. She said she knew most of the performers and had seen them perform before.

"I wanted them to bring the Chinese New Year to Ohio Wesleyan so that students could enjoy it and have fun, give them a more visualized experience, not just the knowledge learned from a book," Chen said.

"To learn Chinese you need to be exposed to the culture," Chen said that Linda O' Horo, the assistant director of Media & Community Relations and Rita Boham, the secretary

in the MFL office, helped with spreading the word of the event to the campus community. She said the Delaware Chamber of Commerce helped to spread the word to the Delaware community.

The rest of the events following the New Year celebration were a photo exhibition in Ham-Will, two movie viewings, a China Experience Open Class that featured guest speaker Professor Chen Ji and a Chinese Folk Carnival in Benes A. Yang said the events covered many aspects of Chinese culture.

The movies shown were "Three Times," a Taiwanese movie, and "Hero."

Yang said that "Hero" was well-made and demonstrated philosophies and ideas about Chinese culture.

Freshman Edward Meng, a member of the Chinese Culture Club, said he felt the celebration was a success and a good way to expose people to Chinese culture.

Both Yang and Meng said they hope that this event is some they continue to do in future years.

Meng said he hopes they can increase funding to bring in professionals, add more activities, reflect more about China and "focus more on letting people know about our history, establish a closer relationship between American and Chinese people because if not there will be a lot of misunderstandings because of cultural differences."

"In general, it was a success, and we will continue these activities," Meng said.

Story ideas? Questions? Comments? Please send to owunews@owu.edu. And don't forget to check out The Transcript's new website at www.owutranscript.com.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: "Even DPD [Delaware Police Department] does it where they will look on Facebook first before they check their crime investigation records to find someone. I say any site that lets out public information is open to us."

-- Bob Wood, Director of Public Safety



From the editor's desk

Over the course of the semester, it has been gratifying to see members of the campus community use The Transcript's opinion pages for discussion and criticism. The columns and letters regarding the Gaza crisis, environmental issues and criticism of The Transcript have been educational, and well received.

It is in this educational spirit that I wish explain a recent editorial and ethical decision that left several on campus wondering, "Why?" and/or "Was it inappropriate?"

The issue involves a certain four letter word – shit – which appeared in quotes on the front page story "Former SAE members still disappointed over housing" in the Feb. 19 issue.

There were three reasons why the expletive wasn't omitted:

First, considering the slew of pejoratives the former SAE could have used, it was an editorial consensus that "shit" didn't have the potential to shake the moral foundations of a liberal arts university. The editors and I felt that students, faculty and staff may even be accustomed to hearing or reading "shit" outside and inside the classroom, so we assumed the same for the pages of The Transcript.

There are, however, other four-letter combinations, derogatory words and racial slurs that will never appear in The Transcript, but if they must, they will be appropriately asterisked – f*** – and most likely attributed to a prominent public figure, official or compelling source.

Second, only 40 of the 1,000 Transcripts that are printed are delivered to the Delaware community. According to recent circulation records, the 40 copies delivered to community businesses – potentially available to minors and others in Delaware – are rarely picked up. This limited Delaware circulation also eased our decision.

Third, it was the opinion of the editors that retaining "shit" expressed the strong disappointment of certain SAEs with their housing situation.

It takes a good reporter to stick to her angle, ask the right questions and establish comfortable relationships with sources that result in good, on-the-record quotes, which is why I complimented Haleigh Rohr before and do so again.

More importantly, The Transcript followed up on a story that was written over a year ago – a practice we have historically ignored. Follow-up stories, especially this one, present new information, renewed sources or sustained opinion.

I hope the university community understands why Sigma Alpha Epsilon no longer has a chapter on this campus and, equally as important, how the former members feel about that loss.

I look forward to explaining future editorial decisions. It not only clarifies decision-making for our audience, it allows members of The Transcript staff to revisit our own ethics and make more informed decisions in future issues.

Here's to continued communication and transparency.

Michael DiBiasio
Editor-in-Chief

P.S.: I'm also pleased that owutranscript.com has become another forum for discussion and critique. While recent debate has been constructive, it has been largely anonymous as well. To keep the online discussion informed, credible and respectable, the ability to post anonymously will not be available in the future.



'Lean' food bank deserves food points

Tackle Football

with Rory McHale



I feel like I have been wasting time and columns. No more.

The Mid-Ohio Food Bank (MOFB) is, in their own words, "dedicated to feeding hungry people by collecting and distributing food and grocery products, advocating for hunger-relief programs and collaborating with others who address basic human needs" (<http://www.midohiofoodbank.org>).

The website further explains the type of information that might cause many of you to stop reading if I continued with it right here. However, their quote explains that of most importance.

Today, I had a bowl of

Cherrios for breakfast. I went to the Ham-Will bakery and had a muffin and a cup of coffee before lunch.

At lunch, I had sushi and noodles. By this time, it was half-past noon, and I had comfortably eaten enough food to feed a hungry family for a day. What have you eaten today? What will you eat this week?

The MOFB is a directly relevant organization that feeds hungry people in central Ohio, including Delaware and all over greater Columbus. These are people choosing between food and shelter, between food and medicine, between food for parents or food for children.

But wait! We students are aware of statistics and problems and complaining and what can we do?!?!.

Well, there is a simple, easy effort waiting to be made. Either you have seen it, or it is

sitting in your HWCC mailbox right now. Chartwells has generously agreed to a proposal in which students may donate a portion of the food points remaining in their accounts at the end of a semester to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

To complete the form, simply print your name, check the box, sign your initials and YOU CAN HAND IN YOUR FORM IN THE MAIL ROOM. We have taped a box, right above the recycling bins, for you to place this little slip of paper in. Really, it might be easier to turn it in than throw it out.

And for the specifics, this program will do no harm to you. If you choose to participate, at the end of a semester, IF food points remain in your account, 6 will be taken out and donated to the MOFB.

That means 12 food points per year per student. Not a lot (maybe we can make it more

in the future? eh? eh?) but enough to feed a lot of people. At best, 12 food points, times 1,850 students, at \$1 per food point, EQUALS \$22,200 to MOFB.

If you're worried about supporting a group of which you know little, know this: MOFB is non-partisan (its only issue is eliminating the hunger in our backyard). MOFB is super-efficient. They receive lots of grants and are a "lean" spender, meaning they turn a \$1 donation into \$8 worth of food. MEANING OUR 22 grand can become \$177,600 worth of food for the poor of central Ohio. Isn't that magical?

Please, if you have not already, fill out the slip in your mailbox and place it in the box in the mail room. For next year and all years, we plan on having this option listed on the housing forms so students can much more easily opt in.

Self-interested leadership plagues EU, public

Alexandra Panait
Transcript Columnist

Freedom of capital, labor, democracy and ideas do not correspond to the rigid territorial and cultural borders among the European countries. A small continent where the emblem of the EU seems to match the diversity and common goals of equitable economic and political prosperity actually faces a rather self-interested European leadership and a manipulated public.

What served as a unifying cultural factor among the various populations is a rather centrifugal factor. Culture and nation states' objectives are priorities that might serve as an engine for the economic crisis Europe already faces.

At one level, Europe is facing a discrepancy between state power veiled in institutions and true followers of a larger idea of cooperation and market economies. France and Germany particularly emphasize the longing for overt recognition of continental supremacy, running the

founding institution, the EU. Their crafted diplomacy, employed by Sarkozy throughout the six-month EU presidency in the latter half of 2008, indicates the need to exert, in a traditional and indirect way, the Western political dominance and interests on European behalf – excluding Central and Eastern European interests.

Under such rigidity and narrowed perspectives, Turkish membership in the EU was caught in the religious and cultural identity struggle Western Europe fairly promoted.

In contrast, the Central European powers, such as the Czech Republic or Poland, faced a stark disappointment in their leverage.

The gas crisis in early January 2009 stands as an epitome for the growing gap between Western Europe's self interest and political alternatives outside the EU, while Central and Eastern Europe face isolation in their broader European perspective, locked in a disadvantageous position in the EU.

Such power and resource differences drive the antagonism between the Eastern and Western European components of the EU that do nothing more than curb the efficiency and unity of what was designed as the EU.

On a secondary level, Europe is divided between a Western-oriented leadership, mostly dominated by national interests and a wide European public supporting the exact ideas the EU stands for: freedom of movement of goods and services.

Only a narrow approach would indicate the existent cultural difference between various regions of Europe. The growing individual interactions through professional and tourist exchanges make the European borders fluid, thus promoting diversity. As reiterated by the current EU rotating presidency, the Czech Republic is voicing the widening gap between citizens and the bureaucratic leadership that does not reflect the large interests of 27 European nations.

The Czech president, Vaclav Klaus, emphasized the

priority of a unitary Europe, achieved through better-designed and representative European leadership for the overall public.

Under the umbrella of sticky institutions, colliding interests and the prevalence of major continental powers, the European countries seem to expand the traditional rigid cultural and geographical borders.

Europe has locked itself into the grand strategy of Western European nations forming the EU as a driving economical and political engine, where alterations such as Central and Eastern European expansions were treated with low consideration, seen mainly as a vehicle to further stabilize and promote Western interests.

On an economic crisis background, vociferated opposition from the newly entered EU members and the growing destabilizing factors such as Ukraine and Russia, the EU, particularly its Western component, needs to redesign its true priorities and approach towards a Europe developing outside the traditional borders.

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Arts & Entertainment

Artist's legacy exhibited on campus

By Katie Tuttle
Transcript Correspondent

At a reception on Feb. 19 in the Ross Art Museum, the artwork of the late Paul-Henri Bourguignon was presented to the public. Some of his paintings have never been seen at an art exhibit.

Bourguignon began painting in the 1920s but didn't start exhibiting his work until the 1960s.

Since his passing in 1988, his wife, Erica Bourguignon, has kept his collection, continuing to exhibit his work at places such as Capital University's Schumacher Gallery, the Ohio Governor's Mansion and Island Weiss Gallery in New York City.

However, Bourguignon said the exhibit here at OWU has been a great experience.

"It's just a terrific show, and

I'm really quite overwhelmed by it," Bourguignon said. "I have worked on shows before, but nothing of this extent. I'm just thrilled with this."

Bourguignon said getting the chance to do the exhibit was also special to her in a personal sense.

"It's been unbelievable spending time with Paul's work," she said.

Along with Bourguignon, Jane Hoffelt also helped in putting together the exhibit. Her job was to help pick the pictures, catalogue them, take photographs of them and frame them. She expressed pleasure with the OWU exhibit.

"The one thing spectacular about this museum is that it has the room to show five decades of an artist's work," Hoffelt said.

She also said 75 percent the artwork on display has previ-

ously been displayed in Columbus.

Ann Bremner, an art historian from Columbus, also worked with Bourguignon and Hoffelt.

Bremner wrote an essay on the work, which is available to all viewers. She called the exhibit a group project and thanked the museum workers for their part in putting the exhibit together.

Bremner said her favorite artwork was number 78, titled "The Red Sail."

"You can really feel the humid air," she said.

"You've got this very, very independent individual who's been looking and thinking about the artwork of the early 20th century. You'll see how he finds his own voice [through the art]," she said.

Sophomore Morgan Dickson is contemplating a major

in art and said she really enjoyed Paul-Henri's artwork.

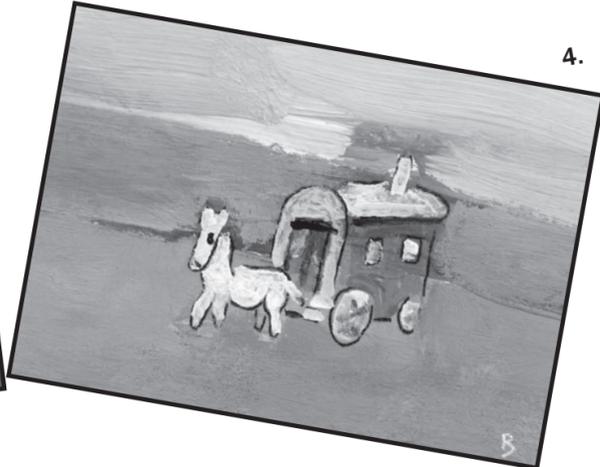
"It's very much like my style, and I like the emotion it portrays," Dickson said. "I think everyone interprets pieces differently, but if it's going to cause an emotion in someone, it will."

Chairperson and professor of sociology-anthropology Mary Howard also attended the reception.

Howard said she received one of Paul-Henri's paintings from Bourguignon as a birthday present.

A good friend of Bourguignon who calls her a mentor and model, Howard said she really enjoyed the exhibit, calling it a "love story."

"Once he died, she put everything into keeping his legacy alive," she said. "It's kept him alive in Columbus, and it's kept her alive."



Photos by Shade Fakunle

1. "Italian Peasant"
2. "The Red Sail"
3. "Street in Morocco, 1980"
4. "Rêve eve pour un cheval de bois, 1951"

Usual suspects come out of woodwork for Oscar night; few laughs, few surprises



That's What She Said
BY
Kaitlin Thomas

With an inspired musical number by host Hugh Jackman and a touching speech by the family of the late Heath Ledger for his win as best supporting actor in "The Dark Knight," the 81st annual Academy Awards on Feb. 22 brought laughter and tears.

Jackman, who has a background in stage musicals as well as film, has hosted the Tony Awards – the Oscars of the theater world – three times. But many critics were afraid he would fall flat as this year's own Oscar host.

As the first non-comedian to host in more than two decades, Jackman told those critics where to shove it as he succeeded in bringing a little "razzle dazzle" to the usually boring ceremony by singing and dancing a la Billy Crystal in the mid 1990s.

The opening number, a spoof of the five movies nominated for the year's best picture, included a cameo from lead actress nominee Anne Hathaway as President Richard Nixon, the words "pubic hair" and a shameless plug for Jackman's own upcoming movie, "Wolverine."

The number received a standing ovation from the audience, probably because they were just happy not to be subjected to another terrible opening like the one from this past year's Emmy Awards when the five reality show hosts blabbered on about not preparing anything, thus making it "truly reality."

Jackman then continued to add life to the ceremony with a few well-placed jokes aimed at Mickey Rourke and Meryl Streep.

After the hosts at E! acted as if the arrival of Brad Pitt

and Angelina Jolie to the red carpet was the second coming of Jesus Christ himself, Jackman made the only funny joke about the couple.

"I actually don't have a joke for them. I'm just contractually obligated to mention them at least five times during the show," he said.

The pairing of Emmy-award winning actress and writer Tina Fey with comedian Steve Martin was the only scripted banter that worked and was funny. The Academy would be stupid to not ask them to host next year.

Ben Stiller's perfect impersonation of Joaquin Phoenix's recent appearance on "The Late Show with David Letterman" was a crowd pleaser as well.

Phoenix, a two-time Oscar winner who recently retired from acting to take a crack at becoming a rapper, appeared disinterested, rude and quite possibly on drugs. The day after the show aired, the video of his appearance had more than two million hits on YouTube.

Stiller played it quite well as Natalie Portman, his co-presenter, played the perfect straight woman. "You look like you work at a Hasidic meth lab," she said after Stiller, wearing a fake beard similar to the real one Phoenix has been sporting, placed his gum on the podium as he gazed stage right and said, "I want to retire from being the funny guy." (If you haven't seen the original interview, check it out now.)

Unfortunately, for all the hits the award show made, there were inevitably some misses.

Instead of clips from the best picture nominees, there were video yearbooks. From animation to romance and action, the montages only served to waste time.

Clips from "High School Musical 3" were placed in the romance category, and as much as I love the film (I'm not ashamed), there is no rea-

son it should be placed in an Oscar montage.

And speaking of "HSM 3," the inclusion of Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens (as well as Amanda Seyfried and Dominic Cooper of "Mamma Mia!") in the mid-broadcast musical number was unnecessary.

In fact, Jackman's second attempt at a musical number failed altogether. He proclaimed the musical was back, as "Mamma Mia!" had outsold "Titanic" in the United Kingdom, but the entire medley of songs from musicals went on too long and was not well prepared. The only thing the number served was to continue Beyoncé's tradition of pant-less public appearances.

During the In Memoriam part of the night, the cameraman apparently turned the camera over to his three-year-old nephew, or he had had been doing a little too much schmoozing at the bar with Brad Pitt. The zooming in and out and swooping camera motion meant half of the names of the recently departed were indiscernible.

The worst part of the entire ceremony, however, was the presentation of the acting awards.

Five previous award winners were called out on stage, each one to speak about one of the nominees.

This took up time and, as a friend of mine said, was "very sorority initiation." Hearing Marion Cotillard, last year's lead actress winner, gushing about Kate Winslet and her remarkable range as an actress made me cringe. And I love Kate Winslet!

While the show wasn't perfect, it was a step up from the awards ceremonies of recent years.

Hopefully, they'll take my advice and let Tina Fey host and forget the annoying personal love letters to actors and actresses.

They already have big enough egos as it is.

1. Splash right in!

This is an annual event that splashes in right on time! Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash is an evening full of crazy fun that raises money for a cause. Come and watch teams get together for swimming races, synchronized swimming and even be a whale race. What is a whale race you ask? Well, come and find out for yourself. All you have to do is bring in \$3, three Campbell's soups labels or one pair of glasses. All of the proceeds will be going towards service for Sight, Delta Gamma's philanthropy. Friday night from 7-9 p.m. at Pheipher Natatorium. Be there or be square!



2. Relax your eyes

Have you passed through the library lately and stopped to look at the new photos featured in Gallery 2001? If not, I would advise you to do so! Mohsen Shirzadian, the photographer currently being featured, will be visiting today at 4 p.m. to talk about his pieces. Didn't I already tell you that art is good for the soul? Feed your soul! These pieces are really nice. The collection is titled "REVISITING MY BIRTHPLACE: A Journey through the Camera Lens."

There's just something about a good photo that catches your eye and makes you wonder what it would be like to be right there when the photo was snapped. So drop by the library at 3:45 p.m. and take a look at those pieces. When you are done, walk upstairs to the Bayley room and meet the artist himself. How convenient is that?



3. Space out!

O.K., so I know that not many are thrilled when they hear the words "symphony orchestra." Well, I know I'm not. But, I can say my interest was sparked when I heard about the Central Ohio Symphony visiting OWU. They are coming for Space Week. (Yes, I said Space Week, and it has been going on all week!) They will be performing, but it's going to be a treat as there will not only be music, but some visual effects as well.

And get this, the orchestra will be larger than usual, so the sound will be booming! There is even going to be a guest from NASA. Hold on, Houston; we don't have a problem!

The 501st Legion of Star Wars re-enactors will be attending the concert in costume. We have music, visual effects and people in costumes! Yea, I'm going to be there! Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m., Gray Chapel.



SHADE'S TOP3

Never know what to do because "there's just too much going on" or "there's never anything going on"?

This weekly column will point you to the top three things to do at OWU and beyond the Delaware city limits, because we know how much you love to leave.

Entertainment doesn't even have to go beyond your bedroom limits, as future columns will also feature books and movies in this "Top3."

If you have any suggestions for what to include in next week's Top3 (maybe an event your organization is sponsoring or in which you're performing), shoot an email to owunews@owu.edu w/subj Top3

Bishops Sports



Photo by Ben Boynton

Junior Robb Shrader evades a Fontbonne defender during Sunday's 17-3 home victory, where seniors Karl Zimmerman and Nick Gallagher led the team with three goals each. On Friday, the team started with a 7-0 run in a 26-1 win over Hendrix.

Men's LAX starts season strong

By Colin Magruder
Transcript Reporter

This year's men's lacrosse team is looking to fill big shoes after losing several strong players last spring.

The first line midfield of Chris Eccles, Trevor Jones and Steve Fowler has been lost, along with Harrison Iuliano in attack, and Grant Ditty and Andres McAllister.

The Bishops also lost strong defensive players in goalie Ryan Perone and defenseman Brian Test and Andy Coutts.

However, the team is confident that they return with enough impact players from last year's squad to contend.

Nick Gallagher returns in attack after missing last year, and Rob Young, Chris Ehlinger and Karl Zimmerman will be on the front line.

Kevin McMahan and Dylan Brown will hold the midfield, and in the back, senior Matt

Frizzo anchors the defense after contributing to the team for the last three seasons.

Coach Sean Ryan said he has high aspirations for the season.

"Everyone has a unique role in achieving our overall goal, which is to compete game in and game out," Ryan said.

"Practices are getting intense with people vying for spots, and this is good for the team."

With the number of players who were lost to graduation last year, Ryan said he was looking to bring in more new talent to the team, and he pointed out a few who have made immediate contributions.

Nathan Barnett, a long stick midfielder, was able to record a goal in his first game against Hendrix on Friday.

Ryan said he also expects much from David Walter and AJ Pellis, who recorded two goals during the first weekend

of the season.

"We do not dwell on the past," Ryan said.

"We take from it to be better players and coaches. Guys need to work hard to identify that we are a team and we play as one."

"We win as a team," Ryan added. "In the past, there were more individuals, and that took away from the team attitude."

Junior midfielder Chaz Narwicz is also looking for a big year, and said the team has high hopes and expectations.

"We want to win the NCAC, and go deep into the NCAA playoffs and win at least two games," Narwicz said.

The team is even more excited after hosting President Rock Jones's alma mater, Hendrix College, in the season opener, as well as the yearly visit from Fontbonne this past weekend.

Facing a new Hendrix program, OWU came out

strong on Friday, jumping to an early lead that saw the Bishops up 7-0 by the end of the first quarter, behind goals from Gallagher and Zimmerman.

To open the second half, the team scored six goals in the first four minutes of play, and the Warriors were unable to score until it was 26-0.

The final score was 26-1. Sunday's game proved to be more of the same, as the Bishops started off strong against Fontbonne, taking a 10-0 lead into the half behind three goals from Zimmerman and two each from Gallagher and Narwicz.

Fontbonne finally scored in the fourth period, but it was too late. OWU cruised to a 17-3 win and a 2-0 record.

"These two games allowed us to see different combinations," Ryan said.

"The younger guys got to play quite a bit, and we were able to play to a high level."

Rickey Campaign: goodbye, Pfeiffer; hello, Meek Center

By Steven Ruygrok
Transcript Reporter

In May, OWU will break ground at the tennis courts and rugby field for a new swimming and recreation center.

Athletic Director Roger Ingles said the project, with an estimated budget of \$6.5 million, will take 12 to 15 months to complete.

"We have the funding; however, we are still actively seeking additional funds," Ingles said.

"We have several other major projects in the pipeline, and all funds raised for this project will help us use undesignated funding for other needed projects."

Ingles said Pfeiffer Natatorium will still be used for classes and faculty offices after the new facility is built, but, eventually, the facility will be torn down when a new arena with those spaces is built.

President Rock Jones said this will be a multi-purpose facility with universal access for students.

"We anticipate that it will be used for the varsity swimming and diving teams, by individuals for personal fitness programs and for intramural and recreational programs," Jones said.

"This facility will be available to the entire campus every day. I can even imagine student recreational activities such as a 'dive-in movie,' or an intramural competition for inner-tube water polo."

Freshman Becca Madison said she is thrilled about having a new place to work out and hang out with classmates.

"I think the addition of the new facility will really bring the school together," Madison said. "I'm glad we'll have

something new that we can be proud of as a university."

Jones said the pool is designed for 10 lanes of swimming, with a diving well included at one end.

"A portion of the pool will be more shallow water, and this area will be able to accommodate water aerobics, fitness classes and recreational activities such as water volleyball," Jones said.

Drawings of the facility are available for viewing inside the main entrance of Edwards.

A pond with a fountain in the middle will complement the outside of the building, and on the inside, the new pool will have the ability to host a variety of activities, rather than simply swimming events alone.

Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Eric Algoe said there have been many generous donors supporting this project.

Nancy La Porte Meek, '59 and Phil Meek, '59 have contributed the majority of the donations, and the facility will be named in their honor.

Algoe said there are ideas circulating about other projects, but nothing specific has been mentioned at the same level of scale as the new swimming building.

Junior Kevin Fahey, a swimmer, said the new pool will help with the absence of pool malfunctions and give the team more space and more depth with which to practice.

"The extra pool space will make OWU's pool more enticing for U.S. meets, high school and college invitationals and other training opportunities," Fahey said.

Fahey also said he believes the facility will make the campus look more attractive.

Women's basketball joins with WBCA to create 'Pink Zone'

By Stephanie Brill
Transcript Reporter

Sandra Kay Yow lost her 20-year battle with breast cancer on Jan. 24, and on Feb. 18, the women's basketball team took part in the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund project to help raise money in her honor.

Yow was the head coach for the North Carolina State women's basketball team, and also served on the board of directors for the V Foundation for Cancer Research.

Together with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association

(WBCA), the V Foundation instituted the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

Last year, the WBCA raised over \$9 million in a three-month period, \$1,000 of which came from fundraising at OWU, said women's basketball Head Coach Nan Carney-DeBord.

This year's theme, WBCA Pink Zone, called for everyone in attendance to display their dedication and passion to finding a cure by wearing pink.

Before the game against Oberlin, the team showed their support for patients and survivors by forming

a pink ribbon with the shirts they were wearing. Oberlin showed their respect, too, by wearing pink uniforms throughout the game.

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), one out of eight women will battle breast cancer in their lifetime.

The ACS projected last year about 182,460 women in the United States were found to have invasive breast cancer.

About 40,480 women will die from the disease this year. There are currently about two-and-a-half million breast cancer survivors in the

United States.

"I admire their battle and those who have had the courage to be public and share, even though being that ill has to be private and challenging," Carney-DeBord said.

"They display and show us what we never really knew about, like their treatments. I just assumed it was one ugly beast, because there are so many different types."

"This just brings attention to all women's health issues," she added. "I can use this as our platform to promote these issues, and for that I am very grateful."

Senior Katie Hamilton described the game and fundraiser as very positive, and said she is proud to be a part of it.

"I think what our league and all of women's basketball does for breast cancer is wonderful," Hamilton said. "It not only helps raise funding, but it also promotes awareness about the issue itself."

"It's really great to be a part of something that teams up with the WBCA, where we can do our part. Coach takes our 'think pink' days very seriously, and loves doing all she can to support a good cause."

Track and Field hosts pentathlon to prepare for spring campaign

By Chris Lathem
Transcript Reporter

With a successful start to the winter season, the track and field teams looks to capture the indoor NCAC title.

Track and field, unlike some other sports, is a rare commodity, because it is a blend of individual events that promote the benefit of the team. But a thriving team has athletes who compete for themselves and for the team.

"It is great to be a part of a team that is capable of winning every time we're involved in a meet," said sophomore Sean Patrick. "We have a great deal of team unity, which helps us find success in all areas of competition, from field events to running events."

Both the men's and women's teams have been successful so far during the winter season.

The men's team has a current record of 3-0, and 1-0 in conference. Similarly, the women's team is 2-1, and 1-0 in conference.

"We have a high standard for each individual to follow each time we compete, which allows us to come into every meet with the attitude that we are going to better our times and improve our performances," added Patrick.

Lately, the teams have been participating in tune-ups and other meets to prepare for the NCAC's and the NCAA Division III meet. One of these meets was the OWU pentathlon.

The pentathlon, which comprises five events,

featured four OWU athletes and athletes from various other schools. The men's pentathlon consists of the 55-meter hurdles, the long jump, the shot put, the high jump and the 1000-meter run. The women's meet had the same events with the exception of the 800-meter run, which replaced the 1000-meter run.

The pentathlon brings a different feel to ordinary track meets.

"Multi-events are fun to do, and they are more laid-back than normal meets," sophomore Lainey Kekic said. "You really get to talk to and get to know the people you're competing with. However, sometimes it's hard for it to feel like a real meet because of the laid-back atmosphere."

The early achievements have the teams looking forward to a productive end of the winter season and the start of the spring season. They hope to repeat their performance from last year, which saw them take first place in the conference indoor and outdoor meets as well as the All-Ohio outdoor meet.

"The team's ultimate goal is always to win indoor conference and get people qualified for the national meet," Kekic said. "It's the same for the outdoor season."

Even freshmen teammates realize that this team could accomplish something special.

"I think we want to leave the legacy of being the best team to go through OWU as of yet," said freshman Kale Booher.

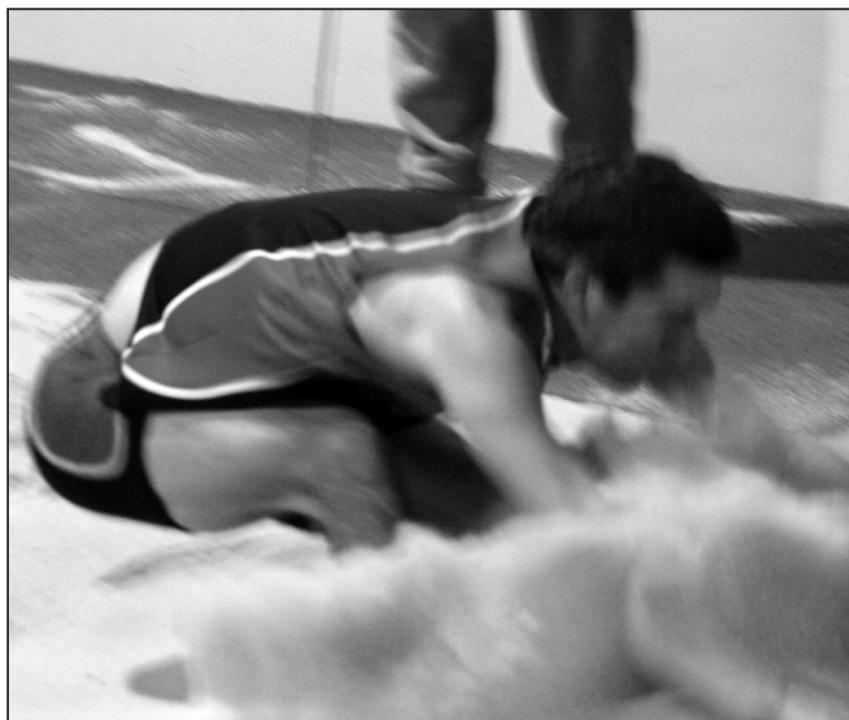


Photo by Ben Boynton

Junior Nate Goodall stretches for distance in Friday's pentathlon, where he recorded a distance of 5.66 meters. The pentathlon featured athletes from universities all over Ohio. Senior Andrew Bloom finished fourth among the collegiate competitors with 3091 points, while sophomore Lainey Kekic finished fourth for the women with 2496 points and senior Jessica Merrill took fifth with 2443 points. Both teams will go to the Denison Last Chance meet on Friday and will start the NCAC Championship meet on Friday, March 6. The spring season begins on Saturday, March 23, at the Rose-Hulman Early Bird.