

## Readership Program resurrected

By Thomas Lawrence  
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The Readership Program, a service that offered free newspapers to students, is set to return as early as Oct. 5.

Discontinued earlier this year because of budgetary concerns, the program will be resuscitated by a joint effort from WCSA and President Rock Jones’ office fund.

Seniors Usman Javaid and Kyle Herman, president and vice president of WCSA respectively, worked with Jones and a representative of *USA Today*, the newspaper that heads the program, to discuss lower costs and a 50/50 split in payment between WCSA and the university, and Javaid and Herman were successful in securing both.

To accommodate the smaller budgets of WCSA and the president’s fund, the program has been scaled back significantly.

The program will feature only 50 copies each of *The New York Times* and *USA Today* per day. This is a change from last year, which featured a total of 322 daily papers and included *The Columbus Dispatch*. Copies of *The Delaware Gazette* will be purchased solely through the President’s office fund.

With these cutbacks, the program will cost around \$5,000, much less than the over \$18,000 it would have cost this year.

This price reduction, along with the split cost and the fact payments will now be monthly, made the cost more feasible for WCSA.

Because of the fewer number of newspapers, Javari said it is important for students to share the papers.

Originally, concerns had been raised about the cost of such a program considering WCSA’s budget issues. WCSA has around \$16,500 less than it did last year because of lower enrollment. WCSA gets \$220 from every student through the student activity fee.

Previously, the program had been funded by the University, but shrinking budgets necessitated the discontinuation of the program.

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# Prof questions OWU, PD tactics

**PS, DPD chiefs point to protocol to explain why an MFL faculty member faced a gun and K9 Unit during recent police response to possible breaking and entering at University Hall**

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A Delaware Police Department response to a report of a breaking and entering at University Hall has a professor claiming the need for the city and OWU to address problems of security, discrimination and racial profiling.

Juan Armando Rojas Joo was briefly handcuffed before he was identified as a professor working late in his office. DPD officers were investigating a report of a suspicious person in a second floor window of University at 11:35 p.m. on Sept. 19.

DPD was on campus at the request of Public Safety. PS called for back-up because of two previous B&Es in which PS officers were assaulted, said Bob Wood, director of Public Safety. PS has made the request after receiving a report of suspicious activity from two student Safe Walkers.

One of the Walkers caught only a glimpse of the person through the window, enough to assume the person was likely male, Wood said. In a written statement given to The Transcript, Rojas said his lights were on and his blinds were down and closed except for the bottom 12-14 inches of the window. He also remembered making eye contact with a couple of students between University and Slocum Halls and thinking nothing of it.

Before DPD was notified, PS checked a university parking lot for cars with employee stickers that might indicate an employee was working late.

Finding no employee vehicles, PS Sgt. Chris Mickens approached the front door of University and found one of the front doors unlocked, with no sign of forced entry. He called DPD for assistance.

When the DPD officers arrived on scene, Mickens told them that he had received no calls from employees stating they would be in the building after hours. Faculty and staff are not required to notify PS that they are working in their offices after normal work hours, Wood said.

DPD Sgt. Rob Penrod and Mickens said they grew suspicious of the subject when they saw someone “peeking from the corners of the room, attempting to conceal the fact [they were] looking out of the window.” Both officers conceded there was still a possibility the person in question

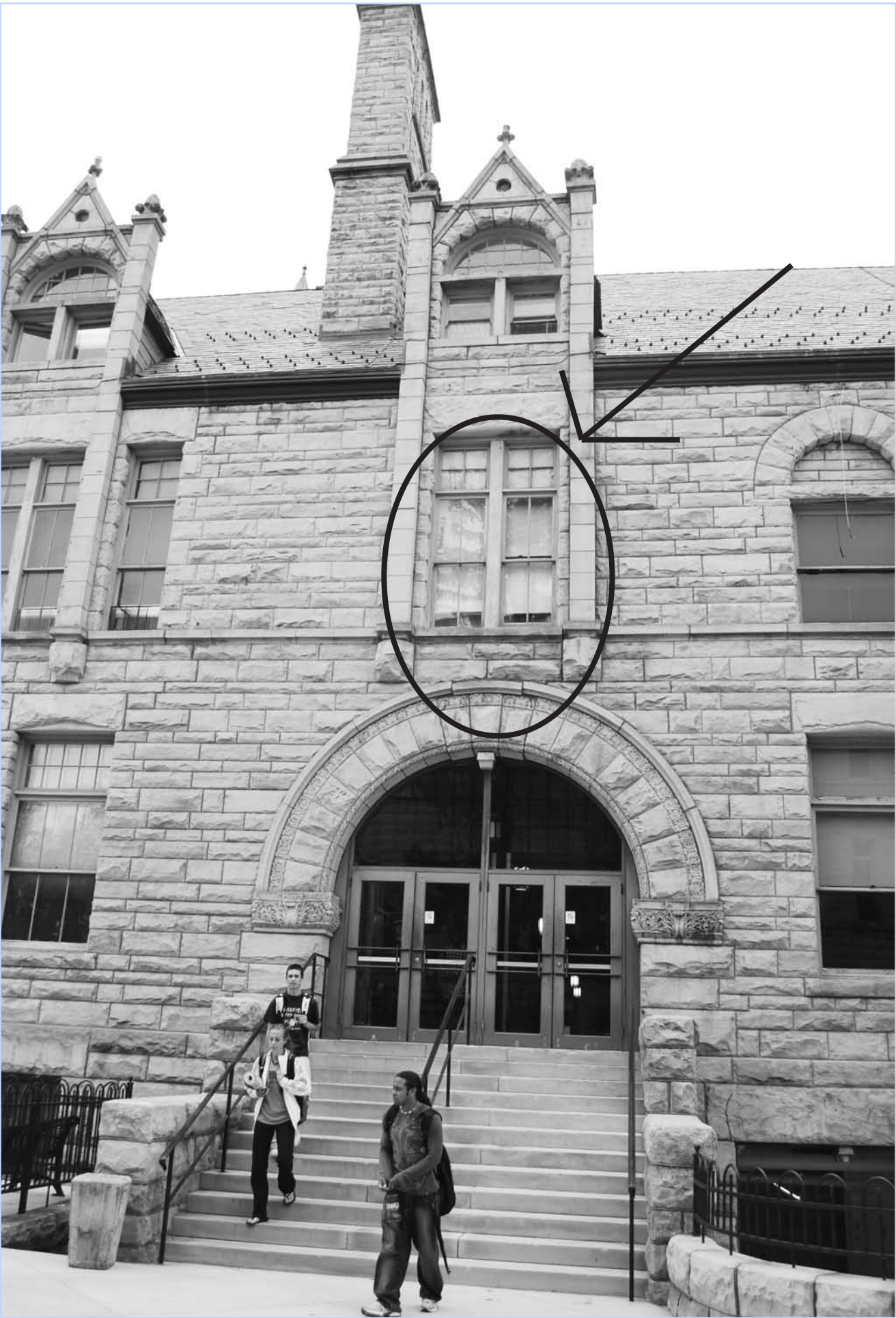


Photo by Sara Mays

The circled windows belong to Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Juan Armando Rojas Joo’s office. Rojas said his blinds were down and closed leaving 12-14 inches of his window showing , roughly same way in this picture.

was a university employee, according to Penrod’s report.

A police perimeter was put around the building and five DPD officers, including Penrod and K9 Officer David Sturman and Mickens, entered

the building to conduct a search.

Following police protocol, Sturman and his K9 entered first, announcing the officers’ presence and intentions with verbal warnings between barks by the K9.

After hearing no response on the first floor, Sturman said he moved to the second floor and repeated the announcements, ordering anyone in

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# Amid budget cuts, faculty insurance debate continues

By Mark Dubovec  
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Last week, four open sessions were held for employees by the University Insurance Committee to discuss the proposed changes to health insurance. Under the current proposal, co-payments, deductibles and out-of-pocket maximum will rise for all Ohio Wesleyan employees.

Bart Martin, chairperson and professor of the Geology and Geography departments and member of the Insurance and Governance Committees, has worked on the proposals since the Board of Trustees voted to ask the administration to seek increased contributions from employees back in May.

“Nothing has been finalized,” Martin said. “The insurance committee is meeting again probably sometime next week, and we’re going to look at all the comments were made during the open sessions last week, and there maybe some revisions that come out of that.”

Human Resource Director Troy Washington said the insurance committee - which is made up of faculty, staff and administrators - benchmarked Ohio Wesleyan’s insurance against fellow institutions in the Great Lakes College Association (GLCA) and hundreds of other higher education institutions and over 18,000 regional, state, industry and national employers.

“The benchmarking results show that OWU has a very high quality plan, and on average, at a cost far less than other universities, as well as employers on a

regional, state, and national level,” Washington said.

Martin said the proposed changes will see higher costs for all employees.

“The proposal that is being considered involves changes in co-pays, changes in deductibles, changes in out-of-pocket maximums as well as for many employees the institution of a premium, an employee contribution, for the first time, and for others, an increase in contributions,” Martin said.

Martin said the university health insurance divides employees into two categories: hourly and salary. Each group is further divided based on whether an employee is single or has a family. Within each group, the premium is based on how much an employee makes, Martin said.

The lowest tier includes employees making less than \$36,000, the next group making between \$36,000 and \$60,000 and the highest group earning over \$60,000, Martin said. Employees within a group pay a flat amount.

“In the proposal we’re looking at, the incoming tiering is kept,” Martin said. The proposal would see each group pay higher premiums and single employees paying a premium for the first time. Currently, single employees do not pay health care premiums.

“This blended approach would still see OWU’s health care plan remain the overall lowest cost plan for employees among GLCA institutions, and would require an increase in monthly contributions that is less than half of the raise that was provided to all employees in July,” Washington said. “In fact, for

most employees, the insurance increase would equate to less than five dollars per week.”

Benefits would also be adjusted. One proposed change will be co-payment for a visit to a primary care physician. The current co-pay is \$15, but that cost will go up by \$5, Martin said. Martin added there will be increased costs for prescription drug coverage, particularly for the more expensive drugs.

Martin said the last time the university adjusted employee contributions was eight years ago, but now he believes it might become more common.

“We may have to start doing annual adjustments,” Martin said.

The proposal was spurred by the necessity to balance OWU’s budget, President Rock Jones said. Down enrollment has left Ohio Wesleyan with \$1.5 million less in net tuition revenue than it did last year. Endowment draws are also less this year. Although the health care company Anthem handles claims, Martin said Ohio Wesleyan is self-insured.

“The university is in fact paying the claims,” Martin said.

Kim Dolgin, professor of Psychology and chairperson of the Governance Committee, which has been working on the proposal with the Insurance Committee, said the Insurance Committee will make a recommendation to Jones, and he will decide.

Jones said the adjustments are needed to balance the budget.

“Even with these changes, we will have one of the most generous health care plans available at a place like OWU,” Jones said.



# Anchor Bowl tackles the competition



Photo by Mark Schmitter

Top photo: Members of Delta Gamma sorority pose with members of the Women's Basketball team, winner of women's flag football for the second year in a row.



Photo by Sara Mays

Left photo: Sophomore Nathan Eckersley of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity reaches for the flag of sophomore Hunter Carman, a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Each fall semester, members of Delta Gamma Sorority hold Anchor Bowl, which raises money and awareness for their philanthropy, Service for Sight. Delta Gamma also hosts Anchor Splash in the spring, another fundraiser for Service for Sight. The winners of Anchor Bowl this year were members of the women's basketball team and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

# Sound-off OWU:

What is your opinion of OWU dining services?



"I feel like they need more food variety, but the people who work there are very friendly."

-- Rachel Roman '11



"I think some of the places are good, but the prices, besides Smith, are ridiculous. For example, I know my dinner tonight will be around nine food-points"

-- Don Strippoli '12



"I think they could use more variety. There are particular dishes that are good, and some that I want to stay away from."

-- Olivia Duffy '11



"There's not enough variety in Ham-Will. There is variety in Smith. However, the tastes tend to blend."

-- Tom Hellmuth '11



"I generally like the Chartwells food. It would be cool if we had more organic and healthy choices, though."

-- Ann Merrell '12



"They're O.K. for the most part. I would like some healthier stuff, but I know that's expensive to do, and OWU may not allocate the money for that."

-- Austin LeVert '12



"It's not bad, but it could be better. It wouldn't be my first choice to eat."

- Carie Clark '11

# Speaker warns America losing power

By **Jae Blackmon and Kate Miller**  
*Transcript Reporters*

Students have been warned. The world is changing, and the United States will no longer be the dominant superpower.

"The world of unipolarity—that is, a world having a sole superpower—is shifting," said Robert Pape, Ph.D., professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago and a specialist in international security affairs. "Since 2000, the U.S. has lost more strength relative to other nations than ever before."

On Thursday, Sept. 24, Pape's Sagan National Colloquium lecture, "America's Relative Decline and Its Consequences," described various reasons for America's relative decline as the planet's preeminent power.

Pape has studied America's decline since the '80s and in the '90s after the Cold War, and he said the decline will likely deepen within the next couple of years.

The largest reason for this loss of authority, Pape said, is America's near-monopoly on technology has diminished, with China closing the gap. This evolution is mostly because rural Chinese farmers have migrated to cities and found jobs in information technology. China is surpassing the U.S. because of sheer numbers, and America simply cannot compete.

"Even with the expenses of the war in Iraq, the loss in U.S. power can be largely blamed on technology," said Pape.

The U.S. has also experienced a huge decline in its share of the world gross product over the past decade. Pape said,

comparatively, America is economically worse off now than the Soviet Union was prior to its collapse. In 1948, the U.S.'s share of world gross product was 41 percent, and the Soviet Union's was six percent. Since, the U.S. has steadily declined, and in 1986, represented only 27 percent of the total while the Soviet Union made up 15 percent.

Pape also said America's involvement with foreign nations has left it overcommitted. When Russia attacked Georgia last year, America was unable to help defend its ally because the military was unable to move troops from their stations in the Persian Gulf.

However, Pape said there is hope this decline can be slowed or even halted. Preventative action against competing countries like China would prove risky and expensive, and innovative policies would help little to combat the economic decline. But Pape said restructuring overseas commitments and reevaluating the U.S.'s involvement in conflicts would be crucial in the ascent of America.

Pape's lecture did not appeal to everyone.

"It was boring to me," freshman Gene Sludge said. "Most of the things he talked about I couldn't understand because it was geared to people like political science majors who are interested in the field, and not for everyday students like me." Slude added he didn't like the idea of the United States cutting alliances.

"His speech was relevant, and his ideas made sense," sophomore Shahrir Khan from Pakistan said. "But his solutions will be very hard to implement, especially for students."



## INCIDENT REPORT

Sept. 21 - Sept. 27

- On Sept. 21, a staff member reported the theft of a backpack belonging to a student who was utilizing the facilities in Edwards Gymnasium. The backpack was recovered and returned to its owner.
- On Sept. 23, a professor reported several pieces of scrap metal used by the Fine Arts Department missing from an area near the Haycock building. Some property was later recovered.

- On Sept. 24, a student living in Smith Hall reported his bicycle missing and presumed stolen. The bike was last seen at the bike rack near Smith but may not have been secured.
- On Sept. 25, a Bashford resident reported several personal items taken from his vehicle as it was parked near the residence hall. It was reported the vehicle may not have been completely locked.
- On Sept. 26, two students living in Stuyvesant Hall were referred to student judicial for underage pos-

session of illegal alcohol while at the Sigma Chi fraternity.

- On Sept. 26, a Smith Hall resident was referred to student judicial for underage possession of illegal alcohol while at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.
- On Sept. 26, Public Safety and the Delaware Fire Department were called to Welch Hall in response to a full fire alarm. It was determined that careless cooking was the cause of the false alarm.
- On Sept. 27, a student living in Stuyvesant reported her purse missing and believed stolen. The purse had been left unattended in an area near Rowland Avenue.

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# Greeks, B&G team up for Great Cleanup 2009



Photo by Dianne Macasu

Senior Lori Durham, member of Delta Gamma Sorority, helps pick up trash on the lawn in front of Hayes Hall.

By Dianne Cathlyn Macasu  
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For Homecoming weekend, the Greek community teamed with Buildings and Grounds (B&G) to clean up the residential side of the campus on Sept. 26 for the Great Greek Cleanup 2009.

Registration began at 1:30 p.m. and was followed by an address from President Rock Jones. At 2 p.m., teams were organized and sent to pick up garbage and litter in different areas of campus: Fraternity Hill; Smith, Hayes and Stuyvesant Halls; and Roy Rike Field. B&G provided cleaning paraphernalia such as bags, gloves and a dumpster.

Campus cleanup is a Greek trilogy event organized by the Panhellenic Council and the Council of Fraternity Presidents. The goal of the event is to bring the Greek community together in a productive manner.

Assistant Director of Student Involvement for Fraternity & Sorority Life Allisson Bressler said the purpose

of a trilogy event is to raise awareness on different topics of importance to the fraternity and sorority community.

“It’s wonderful,” Bressler said. “They all showed up wearing their spirits and pride.”

Senior Brandon Luttinger, president of Sigma Chi and representative of the Council of Fraternity Presidents, said it’s been several years since Greek life has sponsored this event.

“What we have done is we paired a fraternity with a sorority, creating five groups and have divided the campus into three zones to be cleaned,” Luttinger said. He added that pairing of different chapters would hopefully promote inter-fraternal relationships.

Before the event, Luttinger said he was optimistic for a lot of participation.

“We are expecting at least 75 percent participation from every chapter involved, so we’re hopeful for well over 100 participants,” Luttinger said.

Afterwards, junior and Panhellenic Community Development Chair Alexa

von der Embse said she was excited with the turnout and enthusiasm shown.

“We had around 230 Greek students participate, and in less than two hours, they managed to fill in 1.5 dumpsters (45 cubic yards.),” she said.

Von der Embse said she hopes students develop a sense of responsibility in making the campus clean. “We are focusing on the residential side, especially the Fraternity Hill, because we want people to know that we live here, we are proud of it and we take good care of it,” she said.

Senior Carmen Gray of the Delta Gamma sorority said it was great to clean up the litter on campus.

“It is not hard at all, you can see lots of people cleaning,” Gray said. “We are lucky to have nice weather, too.”

All Greek chapters were present except for Phi Delta Theta, who were excused for an alternative service project. Free pizza was provided by B&G when students gathered back at 4 p.m.

More than cleaning trash, it was an afternoon full of service and comaraderie.

# Media demeans women

Women’s Resource Center screens ‘Killing Us Softly 3’ as means to raise awareness for feminism in print advertising

By Michelle Rotuno-Johnson  
Transcript Correspondent

Advertisers are America’s real pornographers, according to social theorist Jean Kilbourne’s documentary, “Killing Us Softly 3,” which screened at the Women’s House (WoHo) on Monday, Sept. 21.

In the film, directed by Sut Jhally, Kilbourne discusses the ways in which images of women in advertising are demeaning and sexist. She explores the emphasis of female beauty and aestheticism and how those qualities are made paramount to any other characteristics a woman may possess.

The film featured advertisements from the 1970s up until 1999, when the film was made. Those advertisements showed women being portrayed as objects and sexualized to sell products from beer to jeans to cars.

About 30 students, mostly women, gathered in the WoHo living room to watch the film and discuss its significance.

The screening was sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center (WRC). Sophomore Gretchen Curry, who works for the WRC, said she has seen the movie before but still finds it shocking.

“Some of the advertisements are so degrading and surprising

that the shock effect still exists for me,” Curry said.

Junior Meade Conwell, a resident of WoHo, said the movie made him think about how pervasive beauty norms are.

“I consider myself fairly progressive on women’s issues, but I was still amazed at just how insidious and yet blatant these images are in our culture,” Conwell said.

Curry said she thinks it is important for people to see “Killing Us Softly 3” because it causes people to think beyond social norms.

“We’ve been taught to accept advertisements without questioning their intentions, even when they present dehumanizing and vulgar images of people, most of whom are women,” Curry said.

“We at the Women’s Resource Center chose this film because it presents a strong message that needs to be heard. We don’t question the images we see on billboards and magazines nearly enough, and we need to start realizing that the people and lifestyles we see through these advertisements are not real. They just don’t present realistic images of what we should strive to be ourselves.”

Conwell said he thinks it’s especially important for men to see the film.

“They are the ones largely in control of advertising

companies, magazines and other media, which are some of the main sources of all this,” Conwell said.

Senior Brenna Ormiston, another resident of WoHo, said she was pleased with the turnout for the movie and hoped it made people think about the messages in advertising.

“I thought that the film was very thought-provoking and definitely opened the doors for a lot of conversations about women in our society in general,” Ormiston said. “It also made me think a lot more about just how much advertising affects our culture, even though we think that it doesn’t.”

Curry said women’s issues are something both men and women should care about and discuss.

“Women’s issues vary greatly, and we should be in continuous discussion about how to cope with, deal with and fix the difficult issues that women face,” Curry said.

Curry also said the screening would have benefited by having more males present. “The only thing I would have liked to see different is more males present at the event. Guys should care about women’s issues, too. Their support is so greatly needed in fighting for the rights of women. Without them, we won’t make any progress.”

# Lecturer says Alzheimer’s rates could double by 2020

By Mary Slebodnik  
Transcript Correspondent

In his Sept. 21 lecture, John Morris, M.D., director of the Washington University School of Medicine’s Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, said that the number of Americans who have Alzheimer’s disease could double by 2020.

Morris, 1970 OWU alumnus, said researchers expect an increase in Alzheimer’s cases because the baby boomer generation, which consists of people born between 1946 and 1964, is reaching ages that make people vulnerable to the disease.

“Most people are in their 70s or even older when they develop it,” he said. “It is the 85-years-old and older demographic that is the fastest growing demographic in the U.S.” Morris asked baby boomers in the audience to look at the Ohio Wesleyan students in the room. “These are the people who are going to be taking care of us,” he said.

Freshman David Neuman said the projections of Americans with Alzheimer’s surprised him and increased his interest in learning about theories for treatments and cures.

“I was taken aback,” he said.

Morris said in addition to age, risk factors for developing Alzheimer’s include having Down syndrome and genetic predisposition. He said people can reduce their chances of developing the disease by remaining physically active, eating a Mediterranean diet and drinking a moderate amount of red wine on a regular basis.

According to the Cleveland Clinic’s Ask the Dietician webpage, a Mediterranean diet consists of a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, with as many foods from plant sources packed into meals as possible. It is low in red meats and eggs, and replaces butter and other oils with olive oil.

Morris said one of the most debated suggestions for preventing Alzheimer’s is to remain cognitively engaged.

“Use it or lose it,” he said.

“Baby boomers are really interested in this. Possibly, keeping the mind engaged strengthens connections between nerve cells. The other possible explanation is that people who gravitate to those activities, like puzzles and chess, were already born with a larger or better brain. There is no proof in the literature that this prevents Alzheimer’s.”

Morris said one of the biggest misconceptions about Alzheimer’s is the belief that memory deterioration

and dementia are part of the normal aging process.

“The normality is to remain cognitively healthy,” Morris said.

Morris displayed photos of self-portraits the artist William Utermohlen painted while he suffered Alzheimer’s. Morris said psychoanalysis of the portraits reveals the loss of identity and physical and mental deterioration Utermohlen suffered.

“You can see the range of terror affected people go through,” he said.

He said while scientists do not understand what causes Alzheimer’s disease, they know how it progresses in the brain. Nerve cells knot up into tangles, and dead cells and deposits of protein form plaques. Lesions form on the brain, and the brain shrinks as it loses tissue.

Morris said some symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease include repeating questions, stories, and statements; forgetting appointments; and making poor judgment calls in daily activities such as shopping and driving.

“One of the most common problems for [people with Alzheimer’s] is making a left-hand turn,” he said. “Traffic is coming at them from one direction. Traffic is also coming at them from the other

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- **The Transcript** - Ohio Wesleyan Univ.; published Thurs; 1,000 circ; 1,850 campus
- **The Tan & Cardinal** - Otterbein College; published Thurs; 1,500 circ; 3,000 campus
- **The Clarion** - Sinclair Community College (Dayton); published Tues; 5,000 circ; 23,000 campus
- **The Independent Collegian** - Univ. of Toledo; published Mon & Thurs; 10,000 circ; 20,700 campus



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the building to walk out into the hallway with their hands in the air.

In his statement, Rojas said he was listening to a rock n’ roll CD and didn’t hear the police warnings or the dog barking.

“In the hall on the south end, I observed a door with light coming out from underneath,” Penrod reported. “This door was only approx 20 feet from the stairwell where officer Sturman made his announcements for anyone inside the building to come out.”

Outside Rojas’ office, Mickens tried unsuccessfully to unlock the door.

He did not have the proper master key. Wood said that because of the different locks used on campus, not all doors can be accessed with the available master keys.

Rojas remembered when he turned off the music because he wasn’t enjoying it, he heard “noises” outside his office, noticed his door handle moving and heard a dog bark.

“Give me a second, I’ll be there,” Rojas remembered saying.

After his attempt at unlocking the door, Mickens stepped behind Sturman, the K9 and DPD Officer Mark Jackson, who had his hand gun unholstered. Sturman knocked on the door and advised anyone inside to exit the room and keep their hands visible.

“As we approached the door, I heard sounds inside the room, which sounded like a voice; however, we could not hear what was being said,” Penrod reported.

“A soon as I knocked, I heard a dog sound off from inside the room,” Sturman reported. “A moment later the door unlocked and a male Hispanic began to exit.”

Penrod’s report described the subject as “a middle aged white male, with disheveled hair wearing a black tee shirt and jeans. [He] observed the tee shirt to have a picture of a man wearing a mask over his face with an AK-47 and the

words ‘terrorism’ written on it.”

Rojas read Penrod and Sturman’s reports and took exception to the description of his T-shirt. Rojas said he wore a T-shirt of a Mexican cultural movement called Neozapatism. Rojas said the shirt had an image of the movement’s spokesperson, subcomandante Marcos, holding his hand in front of his face and a legend, which translates in English to “for everyone, everything, for us, nothing.”

Sturman said he grabbed the door handle to prevent the man from closing it, and Jackson ordered the man to the ground several times.

Sturman shut the door to prevent the other dog from entering the hallway and Jackson reportedly reholstered his gun to handcuff the person later identified as Rojas. Sturman said Rojas initially refused Jackson’s commands to get on the ground.

Rojas said he saw and recognized Mickens as he was taken out of the room and demanded to know what was going on. He said he repeated himself several times and mentioned that he was a professor. Rojas is a tenured assistant professor of Modern Foreign Languages, and he was working on his self-evaluation report due before his departure to Spain that weekend as he is the director of the Salamanca Program.

“I was very confused and upset about the negative and life-threatening actions and violent procedures taken on my person by the Delaware Police officers,” Rojas wrote.

Mickens’ view of Rojas was blocked by other officers, which delayed making a quicker identification, Penrod reported.

Once Rojas was identified, Penrod ordered Jackson to help Rojas to his feet and remove the handcuffs. As soon as Rojas was on his feet Penrod reported that he began yelling at Mickens in Spanish and English.

“I attempted to calm Rojas and apologized for the inconvenience; however,

Rojas would not listen and continued to berate us,” Penrod reported. “Rojas began twisting around in an attempt to yell at Officer Jackson, who was still attempting to release the second handcuff from Rojas’s right wrist.”

Rojas said he looked around waiting for an apology or explanations for the handcuffs. “None of them really tried to calm me down with an explanation, and that’s when I started to raise my voice even more,”

Rojas wrote.

When Jackson removed the final handcuff, Penrod reported that Rojas immediately turned to Jackson, took and “aggressive step” and started yelling at him, calling him names.

“I told him that I would see him outside on the streets without his badge and gun, not as a threat but as a way of letting him know that without his police uniform he is a citizen like any other and deserves respect,” Rojas wrote.

Penrod said he then turned to Rojas and asked if he was threatening a police officer.

Penrod reported that Rojas also called him a derogatory name in Spanish and told him, “I see you out, too,” after he had ordered Jackson and the other officers out of the area.

“I then informed him that if he made anymore threats to officers, or moved towards us in an aggressive manner again, I would place him under arrest,” Penrod reported.

Mickens moved Rojas back toward his office door, which led Penrod to believe Mickens had Rojas in control.

“It was obvious Rojas was not going to calm down while we were in the area, and since there was no [B&E] in progress, our presence was no longer needed,” Penrod reported.

Delaware Police Chief Russell L. Martin said, “I understand every time you have a weapon drawn on you it’s an alarming experience, and we’re sensitive to that.”

Rojas said he screamed at the officers as they left.

“I screamed at them that I had academic freedom, that a

university is a sanctuary and that they could not simply interrupt into the university and act with such abusive force,” Rojas wrote.

A possible menacing charge was not filed against Rojas, according Penrod’s report.

“[The reports] portray me as a white male wearing terrorist clothes, and a person who, wrongly expressed by the police, ‘has acted similar to officers when they were called to his residence for domestic incidents,’” Rojas wrote, quoting from the police report. “This is called character assassination and needs to be repaired for the sake of our community, faculty and students.”

Martin said police were called to Rojas’ city residence -- once in 2005 and twice in 2007. Martin said two of those calls were in response to spousal arguments. The other incident involved Rojas’ son and a stranger, Martin said. None of the cases required police assistance once officers were on the scene.

“I believe that this institution, Ohio Wesleyan University, and the city of Delaware, have to be responsible enough to face the internal problems that need to be taken care of like security, discrimination and racial profiling,” Rojas further noted.

Martin said the shirt description was simply an observation by his officers.

“We encourage officers to write detailed reports to aid with recollection at a later date and to provide as much information as possible in case of prosecution. I believe the reference to the T-shirt was just an observation,” Martin said.

He also said it was neither excessive nor unsafe for his officer to point his gun at Rojas or to use a K9 Unit.

“I think they handled this situation as efficiently and effectively as they could given the limited information they had and given context of what has happened on campus recently and the fact that this is how we train to do building searches,” Martin said.

To Rojas, the officers’ actions were out of line.

“I interpreted the DPD actions as an abuse of force, and it was obvious that there had been a wrong implementation of security and safety procedures,” Rojas wrote.

Martin said law enforcement forfeits the tactical advantage of stealth for B&E scenarios. They announce their presence loudly and more than once for any potential suspects to hear, but, more importantly, Martin said, police announce their presence for innocent bystanders as well.

“More often than not you may encounter a friendly person in the building. You don’t want them to be alarmed,” Martin said. “Often a situation can be averted if [officers] identify [themselves]. With K9 we have to announce because once the K9 is released he is trained to bite.”

Additionally, Martin said police don’t have different protocols for different types of buildings. Guns are typically drawn and K9 Units utilized if available, whether the B&E happens in at a day care center or an abandoned warehouse.

“You can’t train to a broad spectrum because it makes you ineffective,” Martin said. “It’s unreasonable to think police officers should put themselves at significantly greater, tactical disadvantages simply so they don’t offend the public.

“We understand, as police officers, that a lot of our actions will be, and are scrutinized after the fact by laypeople, attorneys, juries and the media at length.”

Martin said the incident at University Hall was a police response to an unsecured building late at night in an area where there have been violent encounters with suspects after hours on campus property.

“If the situation wasn’t as volatile as it was, the officers would have taken the time to educate Mr. Rojas on why they did what they did, but because he seemed very upset and agitated, I think it was wise that we just walked away instead of posing an argument as to why we did what we did,” Martin said.

Wood said he values the university’s partnership with DPD because there is a difference between PS and DPD officers.

“Our Public Safety officers, while capable and well-trained, are not police officers,” Wood said. “The earlier [B&Es] help to reinforce the need for a strong working relationship with DPD. They are highly trained in handling these situations, and we appreciate their long-standing service to the campus. As professional law enforcement officers, they determine how to approach any such incident.”

University President Rock Jones said senior administration is genuinely concerned about the incident at University, which happened in close proximity to his first-floor office.

“We continue to analyze and evaluate the situation,” Jones said. “Our goal is to verify that we have protocols in place to support the needs of our students, faculty and staff. As we move forward, we will discuss whether changes need to occur.”

After an August B&E at Edwards Gym in which a PS officer was assaulted, Wood sent a campuswide email alerting everyone to the B&E and offered safety advice. The email did not mention the assault. In retrospect, Wood said it wouldn’t have been a bad idea to also strongly encourage faculty, staff and students to notify PS if they were working late in university buildings.

Like Jones, Wood also said this event merits a review of campus safety protocols, but Rojas is still concerned.

“Is this part of our academic freedom and the pursuit of knowledge and professional passions, or is this the new and efficient way of approaching people at OWU?” Rojas asked in his written statement.

“I hope you, dear faculty, students and community, are concerned and will raise your voice in the denouncement of this violent act, abuse of power and terrible implementation of security procedures in order to have a better community and university.”

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direction. They can’t process both. They pick out one, and the other hits them.”

Morris said these symptoms are warning signs only if they mark a change in the individual from how he or she normally functions.

“Would my wife say I have trouble with appliances? Yes,” Morris said. “But I was always that way.”

Morris said scientists want to move beyond treating the disease in late stages to detecting it before symptoms appear. He said

doctors currently cannot diagnose patients with Alzheimer’s until the brain has already suffered significant damage.

Sophomore Simone Vessel said the causes of the disease interested her most. She said she always planned on working in science after graduation, but did not want to do research. Vessel said this lecture made her reconsider.

“I find the topic fascinating,” she said.

More information from Morris and other experts on Alzheimer’s is available on HBO’s series, “The Alzheimer’s Project.”

## C.L.E.A.R. offers drinking alternatives

**By Malika Bryant**  
*Transcript Correspondent*

Members of Choosing Learning Environments with Alcohol Respect (C.L.E.A.R) cheered as the Columbus Crew soccer team took on the Los Angeles Galaxy at Crew Stadium on Saturday Sept. 26.

“I enjoyed the Columbus Crew game very much,” said senior Maria Fullenkamp, president of C.L.E.A.R, a service organization which offers students alcohol-free activities. “Not only was the game itself fun to watch, but the atmosphere was very high energy.”

International soccer star David Beckham was scheduled to play for the Galaxy, but an ankle injury prevented him from playing in the game, according to *USA Today*.

“I think that everyone had fun even though we were a little bit bummed that David

Beckham didn’t make an appearance,” Fullenkamp said.

“Trips like these are definitely important for students who are not from Ohio to experience what Ohio has to offer,” senior Larissa Anderson said. “It is also a fun time and a good way to meet the other students who go to Ohio Wesleyan.” The students did see the Columbus Crew’s #12 Eddie Gaven score the first goal.

Fullenkamp said the group members decided on this trip because it was convenient and comparatively less expensive than a proposed trip to a Cleveland Indians game.

“We hoped to mix it up this year by trying a different sporting event than baseball,” Fullenkamp said. “C.L.E.A.R is for everyone. You don’t have to abstain from drinking to attend events or be a member of the club, as long as you can enjoy yourself in an alcohol-

free setting.”

The group plans to make a trip to King’s Island to attend Fear Fest in October. In November and December, the group will be hosting events such as broomball and bowling, but C.L.E.A.R’s biggest event is scheduled for this spring, when the group white-water raft in West Virginia for a day.

“I am not a regular member of C.L.E.A.R, but seeing how the group was very easygoing and how they are motivated to show students they can have fun without drinking is important,” Anderson said. “It changes the stereotype of college and drinking. Events like this would make me become a regular member.”

C.L.E.A.R currently has 15 regular members, but their events usually attract up to 36 people. The group meets every Wednesday at noon in Crider Lounge.

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From left to right, Adam Koorn, Matt Kaste, Jeremy Franz, Zach Taft and Nate Eckersley at the Alpha Sigma Phi Stromboli Dinner on Monday, Sept. 21.

Photo by Shade Fakunle

# Alpha Sig serves up non-profit contribution

By **Shade Fakunle**  
*Online Editor*

Forks scraped plates, jaws smacked and laughter rang out at Alpha Sigma Phi (Alpha Sig) for the Stromboli Dinner held on Monday, Sept. 21.

Over 70 students sat in the chapter's dining room while the fraternity brothers wore aprons and served stromboli from their kitchen.

Attendees were charged \$6 for admission, and that money will be used to benefit the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Alpha Sig's philanthropy.

Ed Uhlman, the chapter's house adviser, said Alpha Sig chapters from all over the nation collectively raise money

for this effort.

However, this particular fundraising method is unique to the Ohio Wesleyan chapter of Alpha Sig.

"Each Alpha Sigma Phi chapter nationwide hosts various events for our philanthropy," said senior Aaron Soltis, president of Alpha Sig. "We decided that since our stromboli is such a well-liked meal on campus, we would help raise money for our philanthropy by hosting a dinner each semester."

Soltis said this year's dinner raised \$350, almost \$100 more than the last stromboli dinner.

"I loved the stromboli," said senior Jamie Mary The-

resa Castelveter. "I definitely plan to attend next semester."

Sophomore Kaydee Hamer, Delta Zeta sorority member, also attended and said she enjoyed it as well.

Those unable to attend last Monday's dinner will have the opportunity to attend next semester's event. Alpha Sig is also planning a week-long series of events to raise money and awareness for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, including an auction of Alpha Sig members.

"Each brother puts on an act -- anything from lip syncing to poetry reading-- and is then auctioned off to the highest bidder in the crowd," Soltis said.

# Spring mission trips begin planning for 2010

By **Katie Tuttle**  
*Transcript Reporter*

Every year, groups of Ohio Wesleyan students travel around the globe for Spring Break Mission Week trips, a process which begins in the summer.

According to the Chaplain's website, the term mission means "a chance to engage with different cultures," "a chance to offer the work of our hands" and "a chance to humble ourselves."

The trips are built on four main values: restorative justice, transformative reflection, substantive community and leadership development.

Kelly Adamson, the associate chaplain for Mission and Vocation, said the process for a mission trip starts with a proposal in the summer.

Sometimes the missions are renewed several years in a row, but there are also new trips included each spring.

"All teams are student, staff or faculty initiated," Adamson said. "We like to have some ongoing relationships with sites but also like to try new things. Mostly we try to go where students want to serve and learn."

Eight trips are planned for spring 2010: the Belize Mission Immersion; Women in Community; the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, PA; Chicago Urban Plunge; Poverty, Immigration, Religion

and Race; Love and Hope Ministries: Children at the Core of El Salvador; Habitat for Humanity: Collegiate Challenge; Missionaries of Charity: Bronx, NY; Re-New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina Recovery; and Building and Rebuilding: Lakota Nation.

Adamson said although the trips are all unique in their own way, she is most looking forward to working with the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Penn.

"[T]his is the team I will be participating in," she said. "This will be the fifth year we've been to the monastery in Erie. It is a profound experience of living in and with a community that lives and breathes social justice just as it lives and breathes the Psalms."

Each team not only has a faculty adviser but a student team leader and a student reflection leader. These leaders are sometimes chosen because they proposed the trip or were recommended by the leaders of previous trips.

After students apply for a team, Adamson said a committee of staff members goes through the applications and places students on the different teams according to preference, group size and the personal fit of the individual.

"We ask each team's leadership to submit their reflections on what they would look for, both in terms



Britta Buchenroth '09, center, and Emily Turner '09, right, with school children in Limon, Nicaragua, during a spring 2008 medical mission trip.

Photo Courtesy of OWU

of individual characteristics and overall team make-up and diversity issues," Adamson said.

"We try our best to honor student's choices, but because we have fixed team sizes, we can't always send everyone to their first choice teams."

On Oct. 7, the teams will be announced. Then the teams will begin preparing for their trips with weekly meetings.

"During these weekly meetings, they learn about their host agency or agencies, the issues affecting their area of service, etc.," Adamson said.

The teams also begin fundraising to help pay for the costs. According to the Chaplain's website, domestic trips have a deposit of \$50, and international trips have a deposit of \$100.

By Dec. 1, each member will also have to pay a larger deposit, depending on the trip. The trips are also supported by the Lilly Endowment for the Theological Exploration of Vocation and the university.

Adamson said the experience gained from each trip depends on the individual, but overall, it is a moving trip.

"Many students find that their perceptions of the world,

of poverty, of other people and of themselves change," Adamson said.

"They come back with many big questions. The challenge for them is to hang onto these questions, to continue to wrestle with them. Spring break mission teams have the power to change lives, not only of those we serve but also of the students, faculty, and staff who go."

# Smoke, odor at Hayes elevator caused by overheated motor

By **Kelly Gardner**  
*Senior Reporter*

Power outages on campus are believed to have short-circuited the electrical motor of the Hayes Hall elevator on Sept. 13, creating smoke and necessitating an evacuation of the building.

Sophomore Maren Oehl, third floor residential assistant,

first noticed the smoke on the third floor.

"As I looked down the hall, I could almost see a haze making it look clouded," Oehl said. "I would not call it smoke, and I only suspected it was coming from the elevator when I passed it and could smell the smell of electrical smoke."

Oehl and another RA

immediately called Public Safety, and an officer came within one minute.

Public Safety was called at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Julie Blaszk, assistant director of Residential Life, said Public Safety assumed the smoke might have been caused by an electrical fire and activated the alarm.

After investigation, it was

determined the campus power outages caused the elevator motor to overheat.

"Both the Delaware Fire Department and the on-call electrician from OWU Buildings & Grounds responded to assess the situation and rectify the problem," Blaszk said.

"Megan Johnson, the Residential Life coordinator

on-call, also responded to the scene and worked in conjunction with the RAs to keep students informed."

The residents of Hayes Hall remained outside for approximately one hour until the problem was addressed appropriately.

The elevator was turned off and remained inoperative for the remainder of the

afternoon and evening to allow appropriate personnel to assess the problem the following day, and residents on the third floor were asked to open their windows to ventilate the area.

No damage was done to Hayes from the smoke, and the elevator has been inspected, repaired and is in safe working order now.

# Festival lacks funds not success

By **Dianne Cathlyn Macasu**  
*Transcript Correspondent*

The Chinese Culture Club (CCC) shared its celebration of the annual Moon Festival with the campus on Saturday, Sept. 26, in Welch Café, despite a budget shortage.

The Chinese Moon Festival falls on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 8<sup>th</sup> month of Chinese calendar.

Next to Chinese New Year, the Moon Festival is an important tradition of Chinese culture.

Chinese barbecue, dumplings, fish tofu, moon cake, soy bean milk and shrimp crackers were some of the traditional dishes served.

Junior and President of CCC Evan Bai said the club didn't receive enough money from WCSA this year.

"About 100 people came,

but the food is not enough at all," Bai said. "We are under-budgeted,"

Bai said the event was supposed to end at 7:30 p.m. but instead ended at 6 p.m. after food ran out.

The club faced other challenges with its cookout.

Several minutes into the event, smoke came from ground floor kitchen where the members preparing dumplings and fish ball for the festival had set off the fire alarm in Welch Hall.

Despite this disturbance, the fire alarm actually benefited the club once the smoke cleared.

"The fire alarm was sort of an advertisement which drew even more students to the event," Bai said.

Bai said the club spent every penny to its fullest and

expects to request more funds next year to serve the campus well.

Freshman Rebecca Pollard is one of the new members of CCC. Pollard has been taking Chinese classes since high school.

She said this was her first time eating moon cake and making dumplings.

"I am so excited," Pollard said. "We just talked about it in class, but we never celebrate it

Junior Khoa Nguyen said the festival was a good way for Americans to learn about the traditions of international students.

"It is not a normal event where you can just get pizza," said Nguyen. He added that the event was special because the Moon Festival is also celebrated in home country of Vietnam.



Students attend the Chinese Culture Club's Moon Festival on Sept. 26 in Welch Cafe.

Photo by Dianne Macasu



Opinion

**Quote of the Week:** “This is why I ask, ‘Is this part of our academic freedom and the pursuit of knowledge and professional passions, or is this the new and efficient way of approaching people at OWU? Is this how OWU approaches diversity and multiculturalism?’” – **Juan Armando Rojas Joo, assistant professor of Modern Foreign Languages**



Classmates need lecture on lectures

**By Samantha Beany**  
*Guest Columnist*

I attended a recent lecture, and while I found the speaker entertaining, I was more fascinated by my classmates, who apparently checked their manners at the door.

I know we forget things over the summer, so now is the perfect opportunity for a little etiquette review.

First, lectures usually last 60 minutes, plus a Q&A session. Please schedule in the appropriate amount of time. If you absolutely have to leave during the lecture, plan accordingly. Sit in the back of the auditorium, on the end of a row, so you cause the least disturbance possible if you must leave.

I have found myself part of the following scenario numerous times: I’m enjoying a lecture. The person two seats down decides that it is escape time.

He or she closes his or her notebook in a flurry of rustling paper, shoves the notebook in a bag -- an action that sounds like the inside of a blacksmith’s shop, stands up, lets the fold-down chair bang against the seat back and tries to slide by the entire row while saying, “Excuse me,” before finally escaping in squeaky shoes.

Please just sit at the end of row.

Also, those of you with chronic bladder problems, take an end seat, too. You cause even more problems than the before-mentioned escape artist. Not only do we have to accommodate your exit, but we also have to let you back into the row.

When you do escape the lecture, outside the door is an inappropriate time to call your roommate and say how boring

the lecturer is. You might not know this, but people in the lecture hall can still hear you.

So now, instead of focusing on the lecturer, people are focusing on what you had for dinner and what a jerk so-and-so professor is for requiring you to attend. Truthfully, nobody cares, least of all the people still in the lecture hall listening to what the speaker has to say.

In a cramped lecture hall, everyone can hear you whisper. I know some speakers are boring. I know sometimes you are just there for the extra credit. But your boredom gives you no license to ruin the lecture for other people. It’s like talking through a movie at the theatre.

So, I’ve got a few suggestions. First, don’t attend. If you think that the lecture will be hazardous to your health, spare yourself the agony and stay home.

My second suggestion is that you bring something to do. Bring doodle paper, work for another class, a book, something that will keep you quiet. But if the talking bug does bite you, write a note to your neighbor. It might take an extra minute, but at least you’re being respectful to those around you.

We as students have to remember that these lecturers are a student privilege. The university does not have to invite these professionals to campus.

That said, we need to be respectful to them -- both in our behavior during a lecture and in our interactions with said lecturers. Check your ego at the door, turn off you cell phone, be quiet people. There is a reason that the lecturer is on stage and you are in the audience.

From the editor: Citizen journalism and Prof. Rojas

In the same way the late William Safire was a grouchy grammarian, we as journalists strive to be factual sticklers, cringing when we hear misinformation flowing freely as the truth.

In our coverage of the recent incident involving Prof. Juan Armando Rojas Joo, the Delaware Police Department and Public Safety, we encountered one too many examples of flagrant falsities from concerned faculty members, concerned bloggers and others.

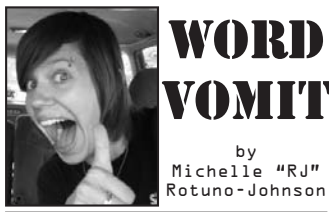
To report, for example, that Prof Rojas was “removed at gunpoint from his office by *university police*” and “arrested” as Dr. H. Palmer Hall did on the blog “Every Poet Needs a Patio,” is not only false, it is a spirited example of the dangers of

citizen journalism and impediments in our pursuit of the truth. Rojas was removed at gunpoint by *DPD officers* and handcuffed, not arrested. The same goes for well-intentioned faculty members who share hearsay with their students.

We will defend the constitutional rights of faculty members, writers and sympathizers like Hall to openly disagree with Delaware Police protocol and their motivations for handcuffing Prof. Rojas. We will defend their rights to disagree with Public Safety’s decision to call DPD and even this newspaper’s coverage of the incident, but, with all due respect, there is no place for fiction in journalism.

-- *Michael DiBiasio*  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Civil disobedience? Moshing in a church? So not high school



**WORD VOMIT**  
by  
Michelle “RJ”  
Rotuno-Johnson

I felt old for the first time in my life last weekend, and I’m only 19.

My memory’s still intact. My knees don’t hurt when it’s raining. I don’t have grey hair or wrinkles or *too* terribly many varicose veins. No. I suppose last weekend was the first time I ever really noticed how detached from the high-school world I really am.

Allow me to explain.

My friend Shane and I went to see Skillet, you know, the Grammy-nominated rock group, at a worship center in Westerville on Friday.

We’re both huge fans and we seen the band before – random trivia: I met my girlfriend at a Skillet concert

my senior year. We were totally stoked to get our faces melted off by pure Jesus-driven rock and get absolutely wrecked in a mosh pit.

We pulled into the center, not quite knowing what to expect. But I can tell you what we *didn’t* expect: hundreds of screaming people jammed in pews and frantically headbanging in front of a stage I could only assume was a pulpit on Sunday mornings. Our \$20 “balcony seats” were pews in the upper part of the worship center (apparently “worship center” means mega-church).

We took our seats amidst the cacophony of power chords and boisterous yelling and waited until Decyfer Down (DD) finished their set.

It didn’t take us long to realize that we were the only people in our general vicinity who weren’t there under the supervision of an adult or a youth pastor.

I felt a bit out of place among the rows and rows of high-school-aged people: the guys were in their t-shirts with ironic slogans and too much hair gel and the girls sported shirts that were as low-cut as Mom would allow and donned too much perfume.

To our disappointment, there was no moshing, just a group of high school kids gathered in front of the stage/pulpit jumping up and down and throwing their rawk fists in the air like there was no tomorrow.

Some were headbanging with their entire bodies. But there was nothing crazy, like we hoped. In fact, after DD finished, a fire fighter came out and asked everyone to step back from the stage and go sit down if they wanted the show to continue. I thought: excused me sir?

I was shocked for the sake of Henry David Thoreau and civil disobedience

when the youngins, amidst some muffled booing, dispassionately moved back to their pews. I mean, really. It’s a rock concert! Fight the power!

When the next band took the stage, I began to wonder if I had come to a rock concert or a Disney Channel movie. They called themselves Hawk Nelson, and to me, they were the musical love child of the Jonas Brothers and some cheerleaders.

The band members all had on skinny jeans, Chucks, and button-down shirts with either a tie or a sweater vest as accoutrement. I could nearly smell their hair spray from the balcony.

Their music seemed to consist of the same three power chords over and over, and the lyrics consisted of a lot of “yeah yeah yeahs” and “throw your hands up” and other call-and-response shouting games.

Those around us were eating it up, jumping around and doing interpretive dance and cheering their lungs out. Shane and I tried to get into it, but after so many “hey hey heys,” I had reached my limit.

There was a couple in their 20s close to us standing with their arms folded and watching the stage dispassionately. I didn’t feel so alone.

After Hawk Nelson finished, Shane and I sat hunched over his phone, trying to figure out which famous song Hawk had swooped down and snatched a guitar riff from. (It was “Are You Gonna Go My Way” by Lenny Kravitz.)

Our high school friends were busy jumping over pews, chasing each other down the aisles, flirting awkwardly, discussing curfews (the latest which was 1 a.m.) and chugging energy drinks.

I found that my back hurt from the limited amount of

bouncing up and down I had done, and marveled at the energy these kids around me had...and just how far away from them I am now.

Where did that go? When did I cross the boundary between fun-loving, energetic, Amp-chugging, authority-minding high schooler who spends weekends at football games and Christian pop concerts to become the cynical college kid who only rocks out “hardcore” and would have stayed up front and started a mosh pit if she had the chance?

One thing I do know for sure: Skillet absolutely melted my face off with an hour and a half of pure adrenaline and screaming guitars and violin solos, and I loved every second of it.

So what if my back hurt afterwards and I needed coffee to get me through the rest of the night? I returned to OWU, my voice not as hoarse as I hoped and my body parts intact and feeling like a rock star.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## ‘Scenes! 2009’ showcases freshmen

By Kelley King and Soloman Ryan  
Transcript Correspondents

On Thursday, Sept. 24, freshmen showcased their acting skills by performing in “Scenes! 2009.” Upperclass students in the theater department directed the scenes.

Scenes were drawn from such works as “Zoo Story,” “Sweet Charity,” “Lunch Hour,” “Arcadia,” “The Odd Couple,” “Back Story,” “Plaza Suite,” “The Heidi Chronicles,” “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” “Absent Friends,” “The Shadow Box” and “Danny and the Deep Blue Sea.”

“I love going to freshman ‘Scenes!’ because you get introduced to the new freshmen, and it’s a great time for them to get to experience

the stage after only a month of being at OWU,” said junior Katelyn Schroeder. “It makes the transition of moving to college easier because they meet other freshmen and the upperclassmen who all have a common interest in theater.”

Schroeder directed “Absent Friends.”

“I think both my actors, Sophie Lewis and Suzanne Samin, looked like they were having fun up there, which is all that really matters,” said Schroeder. “That energy translates to the audience.”

Junior Tom Hellmuth directed a scene from “Alice in Wonderland.” He said he enjoys “Scenes!” because the plays are student directed and acted.

“I believe that it really makes it exciting for other students to see what we in the theatre work on and the things

we create,” Hellmuth said.

For junior Frankie Weschler, “Scenes!” was an opportunity to transition from acting to directing.

“It was really fun to be the one building the scenes with my actors instead of being the actor,” Weschler said. “It really gave me a greater appreciation for what directors do.”

The students involved rehearsed their scenes for roughly three weeks before presenting them. Freshman Danielle Bernert, who performed in a scene from “The Odd Couple,” said that the exercise was hard but fun.

“I usually worked on my scene 20 minutes to an hour every day for a month,” said Bernert. “Although it was time consuming, I had a great time.”

In this version of “The Odd Couple” by Neil Simon, two

women are roommates who never go out. Olive (Bernert) tries to convince Florence (Natalie Aument) to go on a double date. The humor stems from the dates not speaking English and Florence being put off by learning one potential date is named Jesus.

The final scene performed was from “Danny and the Deep Blue Sea” by John Patrick Shanley. Roberta (Natasha Franczyk) tries to seduce Danny (Andrew Rossi). At first, Danny rejects her advances but then tries to respond. He describes what he likes about Roberta. When it is Roberta’s turn to say what she likes about Danny, he tries to stop her. At the end, Roberta expresses her love for Danny, and a few sniffles could be heard from the audience.

“Freshmen aren’t usually able to be part of major theater

productions,” Franczyk said. “I was just happy to have a chance to perform.”

Rossi also was excited about participating in an OWU theater event.

“I loved my scene,” said Rossi. “I really like acting. This was a great opportunity for me.”

Senior and national theater honorary Theta Alpha Phi Vice-President Andrew Houlihan has supported or participated in “Scenes!” since his freshmen involvement.

“It was great to sit in the audience surrounded by many of the members of the directing class, who I directed in my class when they were freshmen,” Houlihan said. “I could feel the same anxiety, anticipation and, finally, relief from them that I also felt when they were involved in ‘Scenes! 2007.’”



*Mistress OWU*  
Questions about college, coitus and culture

### Tweet tweet! Your questions answered in 140 or less

Dear Readers,  
In this week’s *Mistress OWU*, our lady of the night answers pertinent sex and dating-related questions in 140 characters or less. Think of it like a sexier version of Twitter! See you at the bar, then see you at the clinic.

XOXO,  
Mistress OWU

Q: I want to look cute for my boyfriend in bed but don’t want to seem like I’m trying too hard. I’m a girl. Suggestions?

A: Wear a wifebeater and boy shorts. Though when I spoke to our male editors, they had absolutely no opinion on this matter.

Q: I want to look cute for my girlfriend in bed but don’t want to seem like I’m trying too hard. I’m a guy. Suggestions?

A: Shave your back. Though our male editors suggested that no dude would ever try that hard.

Q: What’s the only surefire thing that will get me over my ex?

A: Time.

Q: How do you respond if you receive a mysterious text from someone saying, “Thanks for the clap,” and you don’t know who the sender is?

A: Write back and say this: “Hey, sorry. I got a new phone. Remind me who this is again?” You’re so golden. But go get tested.

Q: Any recommendations on where I can find good sex toys while being discreet?

A: Amazon.com. Seriously.

Q: I’m a guy. What’s an unacceptably short amount of time to achieve orgasm?

A: The amount of time it takes you to read this sentence.

Q: What’s the best dirty site on the web?

A: Pornhub.com. It can be funny, too.

Q: What are some affordable condoms and lube that I can’t find on my RA’s door??

A: In order: Durex Ultrathin, Astroglide.

Q: How can I improve my oral sex technique?

A: Practice coupled with enthusiasm.

Q: How do I meet chicks?

A: If you have to ask, there’s already no hope for you.

Q: Who are the sexiest men at OWU?

A: Professors.

Q: Who’s your daddy?

A: You are.

Editor’s Note:  
Mistress OWU is not a certified relationship counselor. She can only offer the informed advice of an experienced college student.

## Reality 2009, by Keegan Adams and Ross McHale



## Earthdance celebrates peace, diversity

By Rachel Ramey  
Transcript Correspondent

On Sept. 26, attendees of Earthdance were asked to “move like eagles” and join in a global prayer for peace through dance.

Earthdance is a global network with annual events aimed at promoting peace and supporting charitable causes around the world.

David Soliday, Help Desk manger and technology trainer, organized the event. Soliday said he’s wanted to bring Earthdance to central Ohio for a long time because he feels the message is worthwhile.

“It was wonderful for me to be able to bring Earthdance to Ohio Wesleyan and the Delaware community,” Soliday said. “I really like the idea of dancing for peace. Movement, prayer, song, dance and music are all artistic ways of raising awareness for this collective cause.”

People who attended learned the lyrics and dance movements for songs from Christian, Jewish, Lakota, Russian and Tibetan cultures.

Nina Massey, a spiritual dance leader who goes by the name Aatoo, said she was asked to be a part of the Ohio Wesleyan Earthdance because of her involvement in the organization Dances of Universal Peace.

Massey and her associate Pam Spence led students and community members in dances representing the impact spiritual gatherings have on the prominence of peace in the world.

“As a spiritual dance leader, I had to choose dances that



Photo by Sara Mays

Students came together in the Benes Room to learn lyrics and dance movements from Christian, Jewish, Lakota, Russian and Tibetan cultures.

come from at least six separate religions,” Massey said. “One of those had to be a religion I had a personal prejudice against. Wars start when people hate other people’s religions, and so to promote peace, Dances of Universal Peace strives to incorporate all religions.”

Massey said Dances of Universal Peace began when a man named Samuel Louis had a dream in which God told him to “be a teacher of the hippies” and show them the

way to peace through dancing, not drugs. Massey said Dances of Universal Peace was chosen to be incorporated into this year’s Earthdance to spread the similar messages of both organizations.

Soliday said each Earthdance event must give proceeds to a local charity and he, along with Chaplain Jon Powers, chose Family Promise of Delaware. Soliday said Family Promise houses and rehabilitates homeless people, and he hoped to give

the program more funds and exposure through Earthdance.

Senior Mery Kanashiro, resident of the Peace & Justice House (P&J), said she became involved with Earthdance because she felt it had an important connection to P&J. Kanashiro said she helped with the event as a member of not only P&J, but the world.

“This was a fun event to raise awareness for peace,” Kanashiro said. “The goals of Earthdance unite people from around the world through the

common language of dance.”

Kanashiro said she was pleased with the success of this first-time event, with around 40 people present. She said she was excited to see the mix of older people, children and students.

Sophomore Sarah Cunningham said she’d return next year if there were more interactive, upbeat songs incorporated into the program.

“At first, I was hesitant to attend because I wasn’t sure what the event was all about,” Cunningham said. “I thought it would be more energetic than it was. It ended up being much quieter than I thought, more of a group meditation through dance than anything, but it has potential.”

Junior Laura Miske said she attended because she enjoys music and wanted to see how music could promote peace.

“I thought it was very spiritual and relaxing, but I would have liked to have seen a clear connection between the peace inside this room and the greater peace outside of it,” Miske said. “I wanted the peace to extend to the community and the rest of the world.”

Kanashiro said there are only two real requirements for an Earthdance event: the focus of promoting dance through peace and the reading of the *Earthdance Prayer for Peace* at the appointed hour. Every Earthdance event reads the prayer at the same time around the world in a demonstration of love, unity and peace, Kanashiro said.

Kanashiro said she hopes Earthdance will continue for many years in Delaware.

Have a question or a problem that you need Mistress OWU to answer?

Shoot her an e-mail at [owunews@owu.edu](mailto:owunews@owu.edu)



# Bishops Sports

## Experience will prove invaluable for struggling Bishop volleyball

By Ross McHale  
Transcript Reporter

Although the volleyball team is off to a rough start, the team remains optimistic for the season and the future of the program, according to head coach Cynthia Holliday.

“In every game, no matter if you win or lose, you always learn something,” said Holliday.

“This is a young team. We have five juniors and six freshmen. We’re counting on freshmen to play in every set.”

Holliday said this year’s roster has a particularly high number of freshmen playing.

“I can’t recall a lineup where I’ve seen three freshmen in the front row together,” she said.

While an 0-16 start is not

ideal, Holliday said the team has taken away several positives from the experience.

“I’ve seen a lot of [positives,]” she said. “Somebody always steps up. Our hitting percentage is much better, and while we struggle on defense, each player is improving. Last week against Capital, we went to four sets and really played well as a team.”

Holliday saw parallels between this year’s team and the 2002 squad.

“That team [in 2002] had a rough start but always gave 100%. Right now were searching for an identity. This year’s team is much more athletic. We play hard at the beginning of the set, but we don’t finish sets.”

Despite the early setbacks, the team’s goals remain un-

changed.

“Our goal is to finish in the top four in the conference,” said Holliday. “We can still do it. We have to hold our own at home. The loss of our setter (junior Sarah Marshall) had an impact on our team, but our approach hasn’t changed.”

Marshall’s absence has played a significant role in the team’s struggles, as Holliday has been forced to play freshman in the setter position, which is considered the most important on the court.

Holliday said the prevalence of youth will bode well for the future of the team which will develop chemistry.

“We’re working hard on being positive,” she said. “We have one graduating senior so were going to have a lot of experience next year.”

## Opinion

### Uniform trend at OWU bad for women’s sports

By Steph Brill  
Transcript Reporter

Ever since women gained the right to play varsity or professional sports when Title XI was enacted in 1972, women’s uniforms have focused on appearance as much as comfort.

Most men attend women’s athletic events simply because they want to see how beautiful and sexy their favorite female athlete looks in the match or the game.

Sure the uniforms have changed a little bit, but why are women’s uniforms skin tight and why do they feature skirts/skorts that are too short?

It is because skimpier uniforms are used to sell women’s sports to the men. It is sad to think that sexuality is the sure way to save women’s sports.

The women’s uniforms in the big sports are all skin tight, while the men (with the exception of swimmers) are wearing looser gear with more coverage. Their wear is not about faster, higher, stronger, but comfort. Women in sports

are sexualized for ogling; men are promoted as performers

Here at OWU, there are 10 varsity women sports, and, aside from the basketball team, most of their uniforms are skin tight.

Despite the revealing nature of the uniforms, according to one coach, they actually serve a purpose.

Coach Cynthia Holliday describes the tightness of the women’s uniforms in volleyball as being helpful because they are easier to move around in while spiking or diving for a ball.

This season, the field hockey team received new uniforms, which also followed the trend of getting skimpier and skimpier.

Sophomore Jen Doud fails to see the competitive edge the tighter uniforms are supposed to give the team.

“The past couple of years the tops where more lose and more breezy and comfortable to play in,” she said. “It feels like the coaches get to pick, when the players should at least try them on first to give the coaches suggestions on

how it feels.

The women’s soccer team has gotten new uniforms this year, too. According to several women’s soccer players and spectators, their new uniforms are considerably tighter this than last year.

If skin tightness of uniforms is such an advantage, then why do women tennis players still wear skirts? Skirts or bloomers used to be the norm for many women’s sports, including basketball, volleyball, golf and baseball (think *A League of Their Own*).

Kathy Switzer, the first woman ever to officially run the Boston Marathon, ran the 1974 New York Marathon in a dress.

A few amateur women’s sports, such as some college field hockey and women’s lacrosse teams, still wear skirt-uniforms as well.

So who comes up with the ideas of uniforms for women athletes? Is it men or is it women?

Do we stick to the new trend, or can society accept that women play because of their skill, and not their looks?

### Up for grabs



Photo by Sara Mays

Haley Hessler of Kappa Kappa Gamma goes for an interception amidst opposing receivers during a recent intramural sporting event.

## Want to see some *real* athletes compete? Just look around you

By Mike Browning  
Sports Editor

Athletes are a special breed because they both exemplify and reject principles that have become mores of mainstream society.

All successful teams subscribe to the old precepts -- social and physical unity, diligence and dedication to a common cause -- but they must reject others, like equality and compassion, which do not jive with their will to achieve a level above their competition at almost any cost.

This unusual blend of teamwork and taboo is one of the only common links modern man has to our ancient ancestors: competition. Everyone is competitive in one way or another. If you are reading this paper, you competed with other prospective students who applied to Ohio Wesleyan.

Competition is the basis of our economy. Bill Gates went from building computers in his garage to being the richest private citizen on the planet because he was a ruthless competitor.

Competitiveness is hard wired into each and every person through evolution. Our prehistoric ancestors had to compete with each other for every resource.

They competed to survive. Everyone has it, but athletes embody it, and they are all over campus.

I say this because at a Division III school, students aren’t playing sports to fulfill a lifelong dream of playing in the major leagues or hoping to be drafted to defy a childhood of economic adversity. Nor are they relying on a full ride to be the first member of their family to graduate college.

They do it not because they need it, but because they are answering a primal call from within: the need to compete.

There are more of these athletes than you think. By athlete, I don’t just mean someone who is currently playing on an organized team for Ohio Wesleyan. Anyone who competes in an athletic event at any level, in any form, is an athlete. I consider the guy playing Ultimate Frisbee on the hill as much of an athlete as a professional football player strapping up on Sundays (some people are better athletes than others.)

That’s why to see intense competition here at Ohio Wesleyan, you *could* go to Roy Rike, or Selby Stadium to see the Bishops play, or you could just watch an intramural flag football game. Here you will see fierce competitors doing what has been in their blood since

their ancestors were hunting prehistoric beasts.

Many of them are “retired athletes” who came to OWU to play an organized sports but have succumbed to the dual edge sword that is DIII athletics. (Although DIII is an opportunity for less gifted athletes to pursue an amateur career, athletes are faced with time and energy demands similar to that of Division I sports, along with more intense academic requirements.)

Because playing for the team can be considered a luxury, it’s first on the chopping block for students who need to focus more on their studies or those who need to devote more time to other obstacles they are facing in their lives.

They still have the urge to compete even though playing for the Bishops doesn’t coincide with their long-term goals, and they use intramurals as an outlet.

Although the play may be less spectacular than organized teams at times, and the team may not play as prominent a role in a non-student-athlete’s life, when they step on the flag football field, you can see the same look in the eye of a flag football player as that of a professional playing in the NFL or a prehistoric hunter.

## Bishop Notes

### Men’s soccer

The number 3 ranked Bishops have left a path of destruction in their last two games, blanking Ohio Northern 5-0, and opening up conference play with a 4-0 shutout of Earlham.

The offense was led by sophomore forward Matt Bofini who had a goal and two assists in the games.

### Women’s soccer

The Bishops have lost their last two contests, losing a hard-fought 1-0 overtime loss to Otterbein, and 5-1 route by Ohio Dominican, extending a three-game losing streak.

Belle Madison lead the Bishop offense over the two games with two shots on goal, including the only score.

### Football

The Bishops have ex-

tended their three-game losing streak, falling to conference powerhouse Wittenberg 20-0 on Saturday night.

Chad Murawski led the Bishop defense with 10 total tackles

### Golf

The Bishops had another strong showing, finishing second of eight teams at the Hiram Fall Invitational with a 36-hole total of 610, 10 strokes over tournament winner Wittenberg.

Senior Peter Joyce claimed medalist honors by leading Ohio Wesleyan, and defeating Wittenberg’s Craig Osterbrock who tied him atop the leader board at 147, in a playoff.

### Field Hockey

The Bishops have upped their offensive output going 2-1 in the last three games. They

exploded for seven goals in a shutout against Oberlin, but were blanked in their next contest against Conference power Wittenberg. The team regrouped and defeated Kenyon 3-1 in conference play.

Junior attacker Christa Cocumelli and Freshman Middie Mimi Anthony have been prolific scorers in the three games, applying offense pressure while finding the net.

Anthony has logged four goals, while Cocumelli has netted 3.

### Men’s Tennis

The Bishops opened the season with a 9-0 win over Heidelberg.

Sophomore Kevin Kahn was undefeated on the day winning his no. 1 doubles match with partner senior Brandon Luttinger, then blanking his opponent in no. 1 singles 6-0, 6-0.

## Women’s soccer finds silver lining in gritty loss to Otterbein

By Steven Ruygrok  
Transcript reporter

On Sept. 23, the Ohio Wesleyan women’s soccer team was defeated by Otterbein in overtime by a score of 1-0.

Despite the loss, junior player Erica Lowell said that the game was the best the team has played all season.

“They [Otterbein] didn’t have any specific things that gave them the win over us. They just seemed to get more of an attack. They had a couple crafty players in their offense that gave them an edge,” Lowell said. “Their defense kept them in the game, not allowing us to take as many shots as we have in previous games.”

Lowell said the team was happy with their overall

performance, but they definitely could have done things differently.

“There were times when we could’ve attacked with more numbers and maybe pushed up more as a team, but we still created some great opportunities throughout the game,” Lowell said. “I think the most important thing we learned from this game was that we are much more successful when everyone on the field is communicating and working hard off the ball, and that is why we gave Otterbein such a hard time on Wednesday.”

She said the leaders on the field range from the seniors all the way to the freshmen.

Their defending back line, which is made up of most upperclassmen, denied Otterbein shots during the

game. Freshman goal keeper Margot Klepetcko played aggressively and made some great saves during the game.

Senior Megan Goodrich said they have a very talented freshman class and that Jesse Huschart has stood out the most.

“Sophomore Caitlin Zeller has really stepped up defensively to help us with injuries and is playing very well,” Goodrich said.

“Junior Chelsea Keller has also greatly improved from last year and is playing very well up at forward and outside mid.”

Goodrich said their goals for the rest of season are to keep getting better everyday in practice and in games, and to win the NCAC and then go on to the NCAA tournament.