

Guy Fawkes’ Day inspires vandalism

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Welch, Bashford and Thomson residents woke up on the morning of Nov. 5 to a surprise: slogans from the movie “V for Vendetta” written on the whiteboards and doors around the halls.

Nov. 5 was the day Guy Fawkes attempted to blow up the British House of Parliament in 1605, and this plan is called the Gunpowder Plot. The movie, set in 2034, features a character named V attempting to blow up Parliament as an action against Britain’s repressive government, and V sets his plan in motion on Nov. 5.

V’s symbol, an encircled letter “V,” was drawn on doors and windows around the residential side of campus. V’s slogan was also written in Welch and down the hallways of Bashford and Thomson.

“Remember; remember the fifth of November, the gunpowder treason and plot. I know of no reason why the gunpowder treason should ever be forgot,” the slogan read. And so it was written-- word by word -- on dorm door whiteboards and on the windows of the Welch basement doors.

Freshman Macauley O’Connor, a Bashford resident, said he thought the movie-inspired propaganda was creative but short-sighted because the people who did it had no cleaning strategy.

“It was an interesting take on Guy Fawkes Day,” O’Connor said. “The whiteboard bit was clever, writing a different word

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Food, environment dominate WCSA debate

Kyle Herman and Sharif Kronemer



By Mary Slebodnik
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Students heard presidential and vice-presidential candidates for Wesleyan Council on Students Affairs (WCSA) debate Monday over how to improve food service, student transportation and communication systems.

Sophomore Spencer Meads, current WCSA Fraternity Representative, is running for president against junior Kyle Herman, current WCSA vice president.

Meads said he would work with his running-mate, sophomore Tim Carney, and Chartwells representatives to improve food choices for students, especially vegetarians.

“I think food is the biggest issue on campus,” Meads said. “That and environmental concerns are neck and neck.”

Carney said their administration would ask President Rock Jones to sign the Climate Commitment, a document in which university presidents pledge to reduce their institutions’

greenhouse emissions. He said they would improve the environmental efficiency of campus.

“We’ll make sure we’re using compact fluorescent bulbs wherever we can,” Carney said.

Herman said his administration would improve Ohio Wesleyan’s environmental efficiency and food service by continuing programs WCSA already has in place, such as WCSA Residential Life Committee’s Task Force on Food and the OWU Sustainability Task Force for environmental

concerns.

“We created the environmental committee and helped the bike movement become a reality,” he said. “We want to replicate what we did with [current WCSA president] Usman [Javaid].”

All four candidates said they wanted to provide more transportation options so students without cars can go to Columbus and other cities.

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Photo by Sara Mays

Students, faculty and community members marched last week in support of social justice.

Delaware march for diversity aims to spread light of solidarity

By Danny Eldredge
Transcript Reporter

Students, faculty and members of the Delaware community gathered in front of the R. W. Corns building a week ago to march on Delaware for diversity and social justice.

The march was inspired by a Sept. 16 incident when Delaware Police officers, responding to a possible breaking-and-entering in University Hall, handcuffed and drew weapons on Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Juan Rojas. Rojas was released when it was discovered he was faculty

The march was organized by senior Shade Fakunle and junior Maria DelToro.

“A threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” DelToro said before the march. “We’re here to create cohesion among all groups on campus.”

After some initial remarks from Fakunle, DelToro and David Walker, assistant professor of Geography and Geology, and roughly 100 people in marched from Corns down Sandusky St. until they reached W. Central Ave. They turned around and walked down the other side of the street to University Hall, chanting “united diversity for social justice” during

“A threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,”
- Junior Maria DelToro

the march.

Microphones were set up on the steps of University Hall. Chaplain Jon Powers was the first to speak, and said neither Rojas, the Delaware Police, nor any group or person in the Delaware community is the “other.”

“Dr. Juan Rojas is not the other. Rather, he is us in every way. Dr. Juan Armando Rojas is a resident of Delaware, pays taxes and is a prolific scholar,” Powers said. “I am also here to give witness that the Delaware Police Department is not the other. They, too, are residents of Delaware, homeowners in Delaware, taxpayers in Delaware. They protected us tonight, ironically you may think, against people who think we do not have the constitutional right to do this.

“We are all in this together. We are all neighbors,

colleagues and friends. We have to find a way to face this together.”

The next speaker was a friend of Rojas and a former student at OWU, Jen Villanueva-Henkle. She talked about her time at Ohio Wesleyan and her friendship with Rojas and encouraged the crowd to create social change.

“I have felt a deep connection to Ohio Wesleyan and this community. What happened to Juan Armando has shaken me, and it should shake everyone,” Villanueva-Henkle said. “The walk on Delaware is a start. Ignoring any social injustice and pretending it didn’t happen means it can happen again to anyone. This is not the ultimate step. It is the first step. What happened that night is something we need to remember, but we must not stay there.”

Villanueva-Henkle said while these problems are universal, the solution starts with people making things better in their own community.

“We can’t wait for our leaders to make these changes for us. We must change this world. Every action you make is a vote,” Villanueva-Henkle said.

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Review group reports poor PS communication, availability

Constituted by President Rock Jones, review group of faculty and administrators investigates Sept. 19 incident

By Mark Dubovec
News Editor

A university review group of professors and administrators has concluded the Sept 16 incident involving Juan Rojas, tenured assistant professor of Modern Foreign Languages, escalated due to misunderstanding and poor communication between Public Safety (PS) and the Delaware Police Department (DPD).

While investigating a possible breaking-and-entering in University Hall after hours, DPD officers handcuffed Rojas and aimed

their guns at him before he was identified as faculty.

The report made a number of observations about PS’s communication and availability, including the fact that the PS office does not have floor plans of buildings or readily available faculty phone numbers.

“The University has no policy requiring or even requesting employees or students who are working late in offices, classrooms or laboratories to call PS and report their presence on campus,” according to the group’s report.

The review group was

constituted by President Rock Jones and Provost David Robbins to review the incident and propose recommendations to prevent future incidents like this from occurring and consisted of Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Barbara Andereck, Associate Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Julian Arribas, History Professor Jeremy Baskes, Chief Information Officer and Director of Libraries Theresa Byrd, Dean of Students Kimberlie Goldsberry, Chairperson of Sociology-Anthropology Mary Howard, Chairperson of Education Amy McClure and Associate

Professor of Education Paula White.

The report interviewed Rojas, PS Sergeant Christopher Mickens, the Safe Walk students who notified PS on Sept. 16, Delaware Police Chief Russ Martin and Director of PS Bob Wood. It also referred to reports written by the officers on the scene and indicated the DPD followed standard operating procedure for dealing with a potential breaking-and-entering.

“We heard nothing from Safe Walk students, PS or the police that would suggest that the initial police response was related to Rojas’ ethnic-

ity,” according to the report. “Chief Martin and Director Wood advised that the police will respond in the same manner if called to campus for a similar situation in the future.”

The group report stated the police reports were very detailed, but it also concluded that some details, like the description of Rojas’s shirt during the incident and the absence of mention that guns were drawn, were selected to place the officers in the best light.

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Movember



Photos by Sara Mays

Each day this week, fraternity members were matched up head to head. Students came by and voted using spare change for the brother they wanted to see with a mohawk. The brother who raised the most money had to get a mohawk haircut. On Friday, winners will compete for the best mohawk, with the student body again deciding using spare change. All the money collected will be donated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Picture: Senior Jeremy Franz of Alpha Sig received a mohawk after winning the faceoff between fellow brother Aaron Soltis.

Sound-off OWU:

What was the most interesting thing you learned this week?



“I learned that almost all of the matter in the universe is dark matter and we know basically nothing about it. I LOVE astronomy!”

– Haley Hessler ‘12



“I learned that American poet Ezra Pound was captured as a traitor in Italy during WWII and wrote some of his most famous poems while in captivity.”

– Will Pierce ‘12



“I learned that there’s a murder-mystery novel based on the OWU campus. It’s called ‘The Spire’ by Richard North Patterson.”

– Larissa Anderson ‘10



“I learned that during the period of impressionism, photography was regarded as the highest form of realism.”

–Jon McBride ‘11



“I learned about the economic history of the Czech Republic since the dissolution of the Soviet Union. They are a more equal society than I thought, and they also had strong economic growth.”

– Maria Fullencamp ‘10



“I learned that OWU is a member of the Yellow Ribbon program, which extends the G.I. bill to private colleges, so veterans can attend OWU for free.”

– Adam Koorn ‘10



“THE Washington D.C. sniper got executed the other day. He’s finally gone.”

- Frankie Weschler ‘11

International mission trips raise dough

By Katie Tuttle
Transcript Reporter

The Spring Break Missions Trip teams have been chosen, but now comes the next step in the process: raising money for expenses, a task a little more difficult for international trips.

This academic year, two mission teams will be travelling abroad, with one team going to El Salvador and another to Belize. Each team is made up of eight students and two faculty advisors.

A major part of preparation for the trips is fundraising. Each team receives Lilly Grant money through the Chaplain’s office proportional to their trip’s budget. Because of this, the international trips receive more grant money since they cost more in general. However, they also require more fundraising to raise the rest of the cost.

Associate Chaplain Chad Johns said that, along with the team’s cost, each team member is required to pay a deposit for the trip.

“This year student deposits were set at approximately 40% of the total cost for a student to go on a particular team,” Johns said.

The team members of each team will have to provide this money on their own. However, the teams work together to fundraise and raise most of the money together.

Senior Kaleigh Felisberto is the Spiritual Guide for the El Salvador team. She said they plan on doing a lot of fundraising before they leave in March.

“We are going to dorm storm, have a luncheon, undertake a major letter-writing campaign, possibly sell pupusas [the official food of El Salvador] and have a fundraiser night at Pizza Hut, among other ideas,” she said. “It will be a lot of work to raise the money, but I think that the international team students are especially dedicated and willing to work extra hard to gather the necessary funds. We are all so motivated that we are happy to put in the work necessary to make the trip happen.”

Sophomore Dani Bonner is the Team Leader for the Belize trip. She said her team also plans on doing a lot of fundraising.

“Individually, each member is responsible for \$600,” she said. “The other part, [which is] roughly two-thirds, should come from outside fundraising and funding from OWU. We have already started leaf raking for a couple of local residents and cleaning houses. Also, we plan to shovel snow in the winter, write letters to friends and family enlisting support, host pancake breakfasts at local churches [and] do a luncheon in Benes.”

Both teams plan to request additional funding from WCSA.

Along with fundraising, the teams also

have meetings from now until they leave in the spring.


“We will be preparing by meeting weekly to form a cohesive team and to get to know each other before we leave,” Felisberto said. “We will also learn about El Salvador and the children’s home together.”

The team to El Salvador will stay and work at an orphanage which is part of Love and Hope Ministries.

“We spend the mornings and early afternoon doing whatever jobs the home has for us,” Felisberto said. “[L]ast year we moved dirt to lay a foundation for a new driveway. Past teams have painted and built walls. Then, we get to hang out and play with the kids until they go to bed just after dinner. We also go into a community one day to serve food and assist with a church service.”

According to the chaplain’s website, the trip to Belize is geared toward Christian students and involves asking the questions: “why do we *do* mission?” and “what does it *mean* to do mission?”

“We really are there to love the community, helping in any way possible to further the mission of spreading the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ,” Bonner said. “We are going to make it our effort to give all of our time and service for the week that we’re there to put action onto our desire for justice of developing nations because of our love for Christ.”



INCIDENT REPORT

Nov. 2 - Nov. 8

- On Nov. 2, a student living in Welch Hall reported damage to her vehicle while it was parked in the Welch parking lot. The damage appeared to be the result of a hit-skip accident.
- On Nov. 2, a Stuyvesant Hall resident reported her purse and contents stolen from an off-campus location. Total loss was placed at approximately \$1250.00. The Delaware Police were also contacted.
- On Nov. 3, three non-students were observed entering Edwards Gymnasium without authorization. These individuals were identified and asked to leave the premises and not to return.

- On Nov. 3, a student living in Stuyvesant reported his student i.d. card and drivers license missing from an off-campus location and presumed lost. A short time later, it was discovered that someone has twice used his i.d. card to purchase food on campus. The Delaware Police were also contacted.
- On Nov. 3, Public Safety was notified by a member of the residence hall staff of possible, illegal drug use in a first floor room in Stuyvesant Hall. Upon entering the room, the odor of burnt marijuana was apparent. Residents of the room were questioned and a room search revealed marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and cash. One resident was taken into custody by the Delaware Police.
- On Nov. 5, a student reported

her lap top computer taken while studying on the third floor in Beeghly Library. It was reported the computer was left unattended for a short time.

- On Nov. 5, damage to a third floor exit sign was reported from Stuyvesant Hall.
- On Nov. 7, a student living in Stuyvesant Hall reported his book bag and contents, last seen when placed by the owner near the Thomson Hall store, missing and presumed stolen.
- On Nov. 7, a fully-charged fire extinguisher was found in a trash bin on the first floor in Smith Hall. It is not known how or why the extinguisher was located in this area. It was returned to its proper port.
- On Nov. 8, a student studying in the library on the third floor reported his external hard drive taken from his book bag. The book bag was reported left unattended for a short time.

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Do you have an interesting question you would like answered by the Ohio Wesleyan community? Then email the *Transcript* at owunews@owu.edu and send us *your* ‘Sound-off OWU’ questions.

This one goes out to all the ladies



Newly signed Myspace Records artist Mateo serenades senior Leanna Bucceri during his concert in the Bishop café on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 5.

Photo by Sara Mays

Multicultural Student Weekend in jeopardy

By Jae Blackmon
Transcript Reporter

Multicultural Student Weekend, a popular recruiting event for multicultural students, could undergo changes in the coming weeks, causing some students to fear cancellation.

Many multicultural students said they were outraged at the possible cancellation of the event

“It’s hypocritical to cancel Multicultural Student Weekend because then the university as a whole is not represented,” junior Kylie Summers said. “The weekend is vital to younger minority students to see how we live on a campus where we are not the majority.”

The event normally brings in 20 to 40 potential students from around the country. Senior Associate Director of Admissions Laurie Patton said students should not worry too much.

“The reason it was not on the calendar this year is because we had to evaluate factors such as the drop in students that actually attended the university this year, and also, we had to look at what the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs had planned as well,” Patton said.

While Patton said the event is not in jeopardy just yet, she also said the Admissions Office and Office of Multicultural Student Affairs is looking at several different ways to revamp the program, such as how much time will be required from the student hosts or how much money is spent on the event itself.

Both Patton and Assistant Vice President of Admissions and Financial Aid Carol DelPropost said they want assure everyone they understand the value and importance of Multicultural Weekend.

Junior Josie Woodall said she is waiting to see what the outcome will be.

“It sucks because Multicultural Weekend was how I decided to come here,” Woodall said. “It just might make people who care about these things fight a little harder to keep them around on campus.”

Creating an online presence poses new challenges

By Dianne Cathlyn B. Macasu
Transcript Correspondent

“How many of you have Googled yourselves recently?” was a question Lara Kretler asked students on Nov. 3. An overwhelming number of students raised their hands .

Kretler, associate vice president and social media lead at Fahlgren Mortine Public Relations, led the presentation “The Impact of Social Media on Advertising, Marketing and Everything We Know,” which was hosted by the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business and Entrepreneurship. Kretler laid out the benefits, approaches and strategies of social media and talked about on how companies, organizations and individuals should take personal branding seriously.

She said Google is the home base. “When people first meet you, that’s what they do,” Kretler said. “They Google your name, and whatever comes back, good bad or ugly, that’s your personal brand.”

She said people can accept, manage or ignore the results, but everyone will be Googled. The best plan, she said, is overload Google with a long trail of positive content such as photos, videos and blogs.

Sophomore Tiffany Saultz said she didn’t realize people can be tracked so easily and have access to personal information.

“You’ll never know who might be looking for your

information,” Saultz said. “I haven’t Googled myself recently, but after the lecture, I tried looking for myself, and luckily, I haven’t found any negative stuff about me.”

Saultz recently set up a blog and a Google profile. She said putting up a blog will help her final project for a class. In addition, she said she thinks she can use her blog for future use or attracting future employers.

Kretler also outlined the bottom line formula for success with social media, which she called the 70/20/10 approach. She said 70 percent of content must be about the audience, and it includes sharing files and links, giving away tips or simply telling people what to do.

Twenty percent of the content should be the spontaneous back-and-forth interaction with the audience, such as answering questions, Kretler said. Companies and individuals should respond and engage in a human manner.

The last 10 percent of the content can be blatantly self-promotional, Kretler said.

She said it is important to define social media roles personally and professionally.

“Anyone’s who’s in business, even individuals like college students, should think how much you’re connecting online,” Kretler said. “Think about how much of that is visible on Google and how much is too much. How much is not enough? But above all, know that what you say online to one person one time, you could be saying to all people for all time because things live

forever on the web.”

Sophomore Arsen Chan, said the lecture helped him understand the concept of social media discussed in class.

“I like the idea of personal branding because I haven’t heard of something like that,” Chan said. Chan works for Phonathon, and he said the formula 70/20/10 applies to his job.

“The formula is true,” he said. “When we call people, we try to talk more about their own stuff. We focus on our customer and not us.”

Kretler said effective social media strategy for personal branding involves keeping a consistent, positive image on social sites, whether on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

“Basically, to be in business today, our most important job is to be the head marketer for the brand called you,” she said. “Social media today has made personal branding even more important. When we talked about personal brand, we are talking about your personal niche where you fit in and what sets you apart as a student, as a company and as an organization.”

Kretler also warned the audience to be smart and not over share personally identifiable information. In addition, some people have the tendency to be addicted to social media, and Kretler said it’s important to live a well-rounded life.

Kretler said social media works best when it combines with real life.

“The business doesn’t happen on social media,” she said. “The business happens in real life.”

STRIDE honors Lakota people

By Gwen Husak
Transcript Correspondent

In honor of Native American History Month, the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs held an event to discuss Lakota culture and challenges they faced.

Karen Poremski, assistant professor of English, presented Native American/American Indian ideologies and depicted how they contrasted with European ideologies.

The presentation was organized by Standing Together to Reduce Intolerance and Develop Equality (S.T.R.I.D.E.), the brown bag lunch series hosted by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. The title of the presentation was “Thoughts to Think About: Native American/American Indian History Month.”

Celebrated every November, Native American History Month is dedicated to representing the culture and contributions Native Americans / American Indians have made to the U.S. This year’s theme is “Pride in Our Heritage, Honor to Our Ancestors.”

This tone carried throughout Poremski’s presentation. She talked about early differences between Europeans and Native Americans / American Indians and described her experiences studying at a reservation college last semester.

Opinions about human’s place in nature was the key difference in ideologies, according to Poremski.

After the Renaissance, the theory of “The Great Chain of Being” was popular. In it, there is a hierarchy among living things, highest is God, then angels and saints, then humans, then animals and then plants.

Native American/American Indian beliefs, however, didn’t adhere to this heirarchy, which put them at odds with the Europeans travelling to North America.

While there were several different ideologies among the many different tribes, Poremski said they did share a common theme of a circular nature and interconnectedness.

“In the Lakota philosophy, everything is related,” said Poremski.

When the Europeans arrived in the United States, they tried to put Native Americans onto reservations to help them, Poremski said, but many different actions of the Europeans disrespected Native American / American Indian fundamental values and harmed their lifestyles.

“In the 1800’s, the white man recognized the reliance Indian tribes had on the buffalo,” according to the group’s website.

«Thus began the systematic destruction of the buffalo to try to subjugate the western

tribal nations. The slaughter of over 60 million buffalo left only a few thousand buffalo remaining.”

Poremski also discussed the importance of the concept of the Lakota word “tiospaye,” which means “extended family.”

«It goes beyond that, though,» Poremski said. The word “tiospaye” includes the outside nation, the community and the ecosystem.

Included in the concept of the “tiospaye” is a sense of responsibility and to look at the success of your “tiospaye” and not just individual achievement.


Members of the Lakota “want to use [their] abilities to help [their] tiospaye,” Poremski said.

Poremski said she learned much of what she learned about the Lakota from studying at the Rosebud reservation is South Dakota.

Tonda Lazofsom, assistant director of International and Off Campus Programs, said she finds the S.T.R.I.D.E. discussions and presentations interesting.

“I don’t know why more people don’t attend,” Lazofsom said.

The next S.T.R.I.D.E. event is on Tuesday, Dec. 1. The discussion will be on World AIDs Day and focus on prevention and education. The event is co-sponsored by Sisters United.



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- **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

Cole Hatcher : An integral part of the OWU and Delaware communities

By Brad Russell
A&E Editor

Most students know him through the campus-wide emails he sends about upcoming campus events, but Cole Hatcher also plays a heavy role in the Delaware community.

Hatcher is the associate director of Media and Community Relations at Ohio Wesleyan. Along with his official role at OWU, he is also involved in the community group Main Street Delaware, where he serves as a board member.

Main Street Delaware is an association of merchants and community volunteers. Its goals are to revitalize, beautify and preserve the historic downtown business district. Some of its events include the annual lighting of the Christmas tree, hanging flower baskets and holiday flags and the Brickscape, which allows people to purchase a personalized and engraved brick to be placed around downtown.

After starting in his position at OWU in November 2006, Hatcher joined Main Street Delaware

with the intentions of opening a dialogue between OWU and downtown, he said.

Since Hatcher’s arrival in the organization, there has been more interaction between the city and university. The Wine Tasting event, for example, is sponsored by Main Street and now held at the Ross Art Museum.

Hatcher said he also wanted to show prospective students and their families what downtown Delaware has to offer, which is why he helped create the Browse

and Brunch program that occurs on a Sunday during the Slice of Life event.

“Some of the businesses were closed on Sundays,” Hatcher said. So after working with the downturn merchants, Hatcher was able to convince them to open so more of Delaware could be seen than just the campus.

Main Street’s Executive Director Frances Jo Hamilton said she likes how attitudes and relationships have changed and continue to evolve between the community and the university.

“It’s like there used to be an invisible wall at Spring Street that divided the town and the campus,” Hamilton said. “That’s changed because of the Mean Bean and other businesses.”

Both Hatcher and Hamilton said that they agreed that the Mean Bean’s wireless internet capabilities helped break down the wall because OWU was not completely wireless prior to last year.

Currently, Main Street and Hamilton have been working with OWU and Chaplain John Powers to include

students in the tree lighting ceremony this year. There are currently plans for a candlelight procession from area churches to the corner of Sandusky and Williams, where the tree stands.

OWU has been invited to join the procession; it would start from the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

Beyond just working with the administration of OWU, student groups also have been in contact with Main Street Delaware.

Most recently, Circle K cleaned and organized the posters at the Strand.

Admissions revamps hosting process

By Kelly Gardner
Transcript Reporter

The Office of Admissions has changed its policy to only allow admitted students overnight stays to motivate prospective students to submit their Applications for Admission earlier and generate an overall better experience.

“We’d like to generate even greater excitement around the overnight experience,” said Laurie Patton, senior associate director of admissions and events coordinator. “The overnight on campus is a perk to being admitted, and earlier admission means a longer period of time for us all to woo the student to choose OWU.”

One key reason the admission’s office changed its policy is to give the student hosts more opportunities to host at the end of the semester, rather than feel overwhelmed hosting during multiple events.

“Our office is always interested in providing the best visit experience possible,” Patton said. “We want to allow enough time at the beginning of an academic year to recruit and adequately prepare the group of students who serve as overnight hosts.”

Patton said this will benefit hosts because those who are selected to be part of an Overnight Hosting Team will be asked to host only five or six overnight programs, rather than 10 or 15 times a year.

The major issue is that current students were expending a great amount of time and energy with some prospective students whose level of interest in OWU wasn’t especially high or who might not have been admissible.

Patton said many OWU students love to host and do a great job, but they’re burned out come April, when admissions is looking for 250 hosts for Slice of College Life.

“We do expect to see a great team of well-prepared OWU students hosting admitted students on Dec. 7, and are currently in the process of gathering recommendations and selecting and training hosts so that they will be ready for that program,” Patton said.

Assistant Director of Admissions and Admissions Counselor Ariel Haytas said she believes this new change will benefit the experiences of prospective students and families because it brings a nice balance to both the individual and the group.

“It is also important to note that with our most recent program, including and celebrating legacy students, we did offer overnights to legacy students who have not yet been admitted,” Haytas said. “This new policy really is a nice transition and will benefit prospective families and our office alike.”

The admissions office is willing to make exceptions to accommodate students with busy schedules.

“Just a few weeks ago, we had a student visiting from California, and this was the only time he could visit, so we made an exception and hosted him overnight before he had been admitted,” Patton said.

The office will evaluate the new policy before deciding to continue it. According to admissions staff, the practice has received positive feedback from students and parents and encouraged prospective students to submit applications sooner.

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Herman said he would discuss using Zipcar to solve transportation problems with university officials.

Zipcar is a community car-sharing program much like the bike movement program. Other universities, such as the University of Southern California, use Zipcar. Herman also said WCSA would also work with DATA Bus to expand its hours in the evening and on weekends.

Carney said the biggest transportation problem to solve is helping students find rides to the airport.

“It’s a \$75 cab ride to the airport,” Carney said. “If we want to attract students from all over the world, we need weekend transportation to the airport so students don’t have to pay or ask their friends.”

The candidates also answered questions about improving student awareness of WCSA’s efforts and communication between students and organizations in general.

Meads said his administration would create a committee devoted to updating a Facebook page for WCSA.

“We feel many students aren’t aware of WCSA,” he said. “We’ve been campaigning and students ask us what we’re running for. We tell them it’s for WCSA, and they ask, ‘What’s that?’”

Carney also said he and Meads want to find ways for all groups to communicate with

students that don’t involve sending campus wide e-mails.

“OWU e-mails aren’t read,” Carney said. “Organizations are having trouble reaching the campus at large.”

Herman said WCSA reaches out to students regularly with meetings open to the students, its existing Facebook page, pamphlets and e-mails. Kronemer added that WCSA’s primary goal was not to be the most popular organization.

“The goal is to be an important, effective part of this campus,” he said.

Kronemer said Herman’s year of working closely with the current WCSA president would help their administration solve problems faster.

“There’s no manual for WCSA,” he said. “[Having experience] allows us to begin immediately without clumsiness.”

Spencer said his time as WCSA fraternity representative has prepared him well for the presidential office and that his running mate’s involvement in other groups on campus, such as the President’s Club, lacrosse and the Entrepreneur Club, has kept him in touch with student needs.

“We are definitely not outsiders,” Spencer said.

**Editor’s note – The results of yesterday’s WCSA Executive elections were not available at deadline.*

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Senior Jaimito Fuentes also spoke and said we should not take the diversity we have on campus for granted.

“Sometimes I get comfortable with the fact that OWU is a diverse institution,” Fuentes said. “When we say Ohio Wesleyan has to do something, that means we have to do something. We are Ohio Wesleyan. It’s not just the buildings it’s the people.”

Dr. Rojas was the final speaker, and he focused on the need for everyone in the community to work together.

“We are not here to start a war, the world

changes every day and that is why we are here. We are different, but we are the same. Let’s hope this is the beginning of a dialogue,” Rojas said.

“We are here because we love this place. We have proven tonight that we are history, not just a piece of an article in a newspaper. Ohio Wesleyan can be the example that the world needs today.”

The event ended as the people in attendance lit candles.

“This light is but a symbol of the light we need to bring to this world,” Powers said.

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“These inaccurate details make the document incomplete and biased for a ‘public audience,’” according to the group report. “We cannot discount the idea that ethnic biases as well as justification of their actions may have played a role in what the officers chose to include in their reports.”

The five-page group report was sent out in a campus-wide e-mail by Jones on Nov. 3.

“It is my intention to work with the appropriate individuals and departments to implement, in the most timely manner, each of the recommendations by the group,” Jones said.

Among the recommendations, the group advised improving communications between PS and the DPD, obtaining online floor plans of all academic buildings for PS to access, ensuring every attempt has been made by PS to call the room where an unidentified person is observed, educating staff and faculty about

police procedures and inviting DPD officers to university functions.

Sophomore Benjamin Thomas, a WCSA fraternity representative, said he agreed with the general findings of the group.

“I think they did a fine job of identifying where the problem lies,” Thomas said. “Having the police familiarize themselves with the campus is beneficial on a number of levels.”

Senior Sarah Teigen said she thought the study was thorough and believed it was good professors were included. She also said she agreed with the need for increased communication.

“That’s something that’s been a concern since I was a freshman,” Teigen said.

Teigen also said she was surprised to learn professors are not required to notify PS when they will be working after hours. “That seems like a basic thing to have in place,” she said.

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each board. It was kind of funny, but I know some people were upset by it.”

O’Connor said he saw the “V” symbol on the outside doors of Bashford Thursday.

“I assumed they worked the freshman dorms and Welch more than Smith, Stuy and Hayes,” he said.

Megan Johnson, the Residential Life Coordinator (RLC) or Bashford and Thomson, was out of town and could not be reached. Andrew Peterson, RLC of Welch, did not answer several phone calls or an email for an interview.

Junior Ben Wood, resident assistant (RA) in Thomson, said he doesn’t know who wrote the slogans.

“I saw it Thursday morning and thought, ‘what’s this?’” Wood said. “After awhile, I realized it was from ‘V for Vendetta.’ As long as they didn’t vandalize anything, I thought it was interesting.”

Senior Kelsie Patton, RA in Thomson, said she woke up Thursday to find the “V” symbol on almost every window in Thomson.

“The windows had to be cleaned by housekeeping, and I am almost sure that they will be charging that as community damage,” Patton said. “However innovative, it was still an annoyance for the housekeeping staff, although I can’t truly speak on their behalf.”

O’Connor said he went to Peterson and offered to help clean. He said he spent some time Friday afternoon cleaning off doors in the basement of Welch, particularly around the kitchen and the lounge.

“It just looks like window paint, like you’d put on your car,” O’Connor said. “It comes off pretty easily so I don’t mind (cleaning it).”

O’Connor said he cleaned the slogans from the Welch basement. He said as far as he knows, housekeeping and other students took care of most of the other slogans.



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STANDing up against genocide

The Pledge2Protect Conference was held last weekend at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Members of the Ohio Wesleyan chapter of STAND, a student anti-genocide network, were among over 1,000 students and activists fighting to stop genocide and human rights atrocities in Darfur, Congo and Burma.



Above, citizens of Darfur speak at a workshop about the different political groups in their country and the effort of the government to stop resistance.



Above left, Representative Jim McGovern, D-Mass., was arrested in April along with several other representatives during a protest in front of the Sudanese embassy in Washington, D.C. He addressed the conference on the importance of individual efforts to stop genocide. “Everyone in this hall is essential to peace,” he said. “You are the engine, the energy.”

Left, John Prendergast, co-founder of the Enough Project, Sylvie Muanga, a lawyer from the Congo and Omekongo Dibinga, a motivational speaker and rapper, led discussion on atrocities being committed in the Congo.



Above art is used as an advocacy tool to promote awareness of genocide. Posters inspired by pictures of Darfuri people were auctioned off at the conference.

Murdered nun’s story inspires groups

By Malika Bryant

Transcript Correspondent

Students gathered on Thursday, Nov. 5, for the viewing of the award-winning documentary “They Killed Sister Dorothy,” which highlights the life, work and final days of American Sister Dorothy Stang, a Catholic nun of Notre Dame de Namur.

The documentary opened with words from Sister Dorothy Stang’s close friend, Sister Elizabeth Bowyer.

“We don’t talk about her being murdered. We talk about her being martyred,” said Bowyer. “A victim of murder has no choice, Dorothy Stang had a choice. All her life, she’d been giving her life.”

On Feb. 12, 2005, Sister Dorothy was gunned down by Raifran das Neves Sales and Clodoaldo Carlos Batista. The documentary follows the trial of the two men and Vitalmiro Bastos de Moura and Regivaldo Pereira Galvão Taradão, two landowners

charged with ordering and paying for her murder.

Sister Dorothy had been in Brazil since 1966 and worked with the country’s poor up until her murder. In the 1980’s, the Brazilian government encouraged people to settle in the Amazon rainforest to populate an area called Lot 55 in the town of Anapú.

The area’s rich resources also attracted loggers and ranchers who cleared the land to create grazing areas for cattle.

To prevent the complete destruction of this area of virgin rainforest, Sister Dorothy, in collaboration with the Brazilian government, created the Project for Sustainable Development (PDS).

This project placed poor families on plots of land where they could create prosperity for themselves without harming the rainforest.

However, PDS faced resistance from loggers and

ranchers.

Sister Dorothy began receiving death threats for her involvement with PDS, but she continued working toward preventing the deforestation of the rainforest.

“She had courage,” Bowyer said. “That courage came from taking one step after another. That courage came from the people.”

Kelly Adamson, Associate Chaplain and Director of Catholic Campus Ministry, said the decision to bring the documentary to Ohio Wesleyan was made last spring with the intention of showing it during a talk scheduled for National Colloquium. At the time, the documentary had been recently released and was circulating through various film festivals. This made it difficult to get the documentary.

“We didn’t get it in time and were able to get it this year,” Adamson said.

Adamson said the

documentary’s broad appeal reaches the categories of environmentalism, faith, peace and justice.

Various student groups cosponsored the screening including the Chaplain’s office, Amnesty International, OWU Faith and Justice, the Newman Club, United Methodist Student Movement, Peace and Justice House (P&J) and Interfaith House (IFH).

Sophomore Blair Connelly, a resident of IFH, said she knew she wanted to get involved with the event early on.

“Kelly Adamson approached my house moderator, Betsy, to see if anyone was interested in taking this on as a house project,” Connelly said. “I watched the trailer online and found it interesting, so I decided to participate as my project.”

Sophomore DeLaine Mayer, a resident of P&J, said she believed the documentary

would be significant to the campus because of its broad appeal.

“I thought it was really important to get involved with a project that would address social justice, environmental and political issues,” Mayer said. “As a member of the Peace and Justice House, it was also very important to me that I work with other groups on campus who have similar interests and objectives as my own.”

Adamson believes showing the documentary will inspire those who view it.

“[‘They Killed Sister Dorothy’] has the potential to really impact people because people will see Sister Dorothy’s passion for justice, and it will inspire them to ask what they are passionate about,” Adamson said.

Connelly said she saw the documentary as an inspiration.

“I felt that it should be an inspiration,” Connelly said. “This woman did what

she believed was right even in the face of opposition. Often, people don’t have the courage to do the same in their everyday lives.”

Mayer said the film reminds students that education goes far beyond the classroom.

“The ideas and critical thinking that are addressed in a classroom setting should definitely be applied to life and how our society works and our impact on our world,” Mayer said.

“From the documentary, I think people were presented with problems fundamentally different than our own as students at a university in Ohio living in the United States. It’s so critical that we keep in mind that we are members of a bigger picture and that problems exist outside our immediate day-to-day lives.”

Bowyer said people must plant seeds for life to grow, and she believes a seed is planted everywhere Sister Dorothy’s story is told.

Off-campus study programs attract students to fair

By Kate Miller

Transcript Reporter

Students interested in studying off-campus converged last Wednesday on the Ohio Wesleyan Off-Campus Fair, where representatives from both domestic and international programs attracted potential travelers.

Representatives from Ohio Wesleyan’s numerous domestic off-campus programs included the New York Arts Program, Wesleyan on Washington and The Philadelphia Center.

The New York Arts Program, which allows students the opportunity to intern for a semester in their field of study in New York City, attracted sophomore Katie Jenks to the fair..

“Being a theater major, I might want to live and work there when I graduate,” Jenks said.

“It would be really valuable to get some experience and get to know the city, as well as meet some people and make connections for post-graduation.”

Jenks said she wouldn’t mind working with whoever she interns for.

“It would be great if whoever I intern with is willing to give me a real job opportunity once I graduate,” Jenks said.

The Off-Campus Fair also featured international study opportunities including programs in Japan, France, Ireland and Germany.

Sophomore Ben Andrews, a Sociology and Black World Studies double major, plans to study in Tanzania during his junior year.

“Understanding how limited education can be inside a classroom, it only makes sense to go outside and experience the ‘real world’ in the context of learning,” Andrews said. “It’s the difference between discussing theory and actuality.”

The study abroad application process can be daunting for some.

“Foremost on your mind should be your major and minor,” said Darrell Albon, Director of International Student Services at Ohio Wesleyan.

“You don’t want to have to wait an extra semester to graduate because your classes abroad didn’t transfer or because you didn’t plan it well. Be cognizant of what needs to be done, but don’t be discouraged.”

Jenks said the application process doesn’t intimidate her.

“It’s a process that takes work and understanding,” she said. “I’m sure that upon learning more about what needs to happen, it will all work out.”

Andrews also said he

wasn’t too concerned about the process.

“I was actually surprised at how simple parts of the application were in relation to this idea of going overseas,” he said.

“I’m not too worried about it.”

Albon said interested students need to begin the process immediately.

“Your study abroad experience starts now,” Albon said. “Our staff is here to help you decide if and where you want to go.”

Opinion

Quote of the Week: “We heard nothing from Safe Walk students, PS or the police that would suggest that the initial police response was related to Rojas’ ethnicity. Chief Martin and Director Wood advised that the police will respond in the same manner if called to campus for a similar situation in the future.”

-- The group report that investigated the Sept. 16 incident in University Hall

From the editor:

Phillips Hall, Transcript Office,
5:16 p.m. Wednesday

Uh....Dear Diary,

I know I’m past deadline, but did you know Hank Williams died at the age of 29? Yes siree, he died in the back seat of a Cadillac on the way to play a show in Canton, Ohio - too much booze and pills, I hear.

Before his death, his life was falling apart all around him. His contracts were disappearing, he was divorced, remarried and had another child on the way with a women who wasn’t his first or second wife. Now, if that doesn’t give you the blues and put a yodel in your voice I don’t know what will.

Now Diary, you may be wondering why I’m giving you a country music lesson. Well, don’t think about it like that, I just want to talk about the blues.

I go to college Diary. I go to college with a lot of different people from different places. Sometimes when we all get really stressed we start singing our own versions of the blues: the Beeghly Library Blues, the O. Chem Blues, the House Project Blues, the My Girlfriend Left Me Blues, and of course, the I Hate Ham-Will Food Blues.

But sometimes my fellow students and I get these songs stuck in our heads. We forget that it’s is a privilege to be at OWU, to walk 100 ft. and by a Caramel Macchiato - whatever that is - with “food points” - whatever those are - as we finish a three page paper in our warm library with wireless internet.

We forget to put our “blues” in perspective. Now Diary, I’m just as guilty as the next student. There was a night last year when I swore my darkest hour was going to come in the library at 3:46 a.m. studying for an exam. But then I put on some Hank.

You listen to the man sing “Lovesick Blues” or “Cold, Cold Heart” - yes, that song did exist before Norah Jones - and his blues starts stealing you away, back to reality. All the sudden the food doesn’t taste so bad, and Beeghly doesn’t seem like a dungeon.

So with eight days to go before Thanksgiving Break, a time when everyone really wants to sing the blues, I hope we all remember to leave the blues to Hank, Robert Johnson, Son House, Howlin’ Wolf, Janis Joplin, John Lee Hooker and many, many more - unless someone’s got something to write a song about.

In all honesty though, I do wish everyone luck with the rest of their work this semester.

Michael DiBiasio
Editor-in-Chief

PS,
If you don’t recognize the names afformentioned, or have never heard them sing, then you truley do have the blues and don’t know it. Make a Pandora station, now.



By Keegan Adams and Ross McHale

What do Ohio Wesleyan students STAND for?



WORD VOMIT
by
Michelle "RJ"
Rotuno-Johnson

I was in D.C. this weekend for the Pledge2Protect conference – six members of the OWU STAND chapter and about 1,000 other people gathered on Capitol Hill to raise awareness about, and stop genocide – the slaughter of certain groups of people, like in Hitler’s Germany and in Rwanda fifteen years ago. It’s still going on.

I met and heard from so many people devoted to this cause this weekend. It was amazing. And it made me think about OWU – particularly, the student body and our role as human rights advocates. Scratch that, our role as *human beings*.

We have so many people on this campus pushing so many causes, but we also have so many other people on this campus who aren’t. People throw food points or a few dollars at a cause because they feel guilty, or people read the

flyers in the elevator and then shrug, thinking they couldn’t possibly do anything to help.

People who are uncomfortable supporting something they don’t know about or understand, and thus just ignore the campus-wide emails, Facebook events, dorm-stormers, tablers, flyers and banners in the Atrium.

I just don’t know how we do it, guys. I just don’t know how we manage to be oblivious and apathetic.

I don’t know how we can hear the government in Sudan has killed almost 400,000 of their own people and displaced 3.5 million and not want to do something. I don’t know how we can hear that women in the Congo are having rifles shoved up their vaginas and fired in a war caused by the minerals needed for *our* cell phones and computers and not feel a little sick.

I don’t know how we can hear about government militias in Burma machine gunning and torching villages in an effort to wipe out certain ethnic groups and not be empowered as human beings to try and stop it.

We say we can’t do anything. How are we supposed to help? Who’s going to listen to us? How are we going to affect an issue that is so big and has been going on for so many years?

I was the conference this weekend with a state representative who got arrested for protesting this year; with founders of anti-genocide groups; with refugees and those who have worked at refugee camps; with a woman whose uncle was forced to

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watch soldiers rape her aunt before they were both killed; with a high school student who has climbed the highest mountain on each continent; with a Colombian citizen who turned a Facebook group into a worldwide march where 12 million people participated; with a college student who

biked through three countries this summer in an effort to reach the people of a war-torn country; with hundreds and hundreds of others who are just like the rest of us when it all comes down to it – people working, changing, believing.

If there is one thing this conference taught me, it’s that nothing worth doing is easy. And at the same time, nothing will get done until we push for it.

It starts with caring, educating yourself, getting past your fears and your doubts.

It’s not just about genocide, it’s about everything we believe in at this school: gay rights, women’s rights, students’ rights, the fight to end slavery, the fight to close the SOA, the fight to bring education to African countries and the fight to end homelessness and poverty.

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Arts & Entertainment

Prof kicks off Spanish Heritage Month with poetry



Photo by Mikala Back
Professor Juan Armando Rojas Joo reads poetry from his collections “Ceremonial of Wind” and “Verbal River.”

By Solomon Ryan
Transcript Correspondent

“Words are stronger than guns.” That is the message that Juan Armando Rojas, assistant professor of Modern Foreign Languages, said he tried to get across during a reading of his poetry.

Referring to his confrontation with police at University Hall on Sept. 16, Rojas said he thought the police should have used a better technique when the incident happened.

Rojas said he decided mastering poetry was the best way to show his belief in freedom of speech. Rojas said he could talk for hours about what poetry means to him and what inspires him to write.

“I think words are the most powerful thing in this world,” Rojas said. “Albert Einstein once said, ‘Words can create worlds, but they can destroy them.’ I am trying to show that having a gun does not make someone powerful. People with words have the upper hand. People who can use language to communicate and convince others will always have the most power.”

Rojas encouraged everyone who attended his poetry reading to join the march organized by VIVA and the Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA) to that occurred on Nov. 5.

“I want everyone to come to the march,” Rojas said. “We are not trying to start a riot.

We just want to show that the people are the real difference makers. For a peaceful society, we must have dialogue and respect for one another, no matter what our skin color is.”

Rojas informed the audience that November is Spanish Heritage Month, and he said everyone should take part in the Spanish heritage events.

“Spanish Heritage Month is about coming together as a community and celebrating culture,” Rojas said. “It should be a learning experience for everyone.”

At the poetry reading, Rojas read from “Verbal River” and “Ceremonial of Wind” in both Spanish and English. In “The Crossing,” Rojas described his feelings after the

accidental death of a friend. Starting with five, he counts down the events of the day his friend died. Four people abandoned him, but one (meaning his friend) person died.

Rojas previously was an assistant professor at Amherst. His mentor at Amherst died a few weeks after he started working at Ohio Wesleyan.

In “40 tears,” Rojas rejoices at the positive memories his mentor left him but also describes the pain of losing his teacher.

He speaks of all the memories tied to life in New England. Finally, he breaks down and says he has shed forty long tears at his death for his mentor and he will never forget him.



The turkey dump

Dear Mistress OWU,

Don’t get me wrong, I love my high school girlfriend, but after my first semester of college, I’m realizing that I’m not cut out for a long-distance relationship. I feel compelled to honor the relationship, and ergo, break up with her in person over Thanksgiving break. Any suggestions?

-- Freaked Out Freshman

Writers club commits to 500,000 word goal

By Jessica Keppler
Transcript Correspondent

During the entire month of November, students typing in Welch basement from 12-2 p.m. will be hard at work writing their future novels.

Ohio Wesleyan University’s Writers club is hosting these daily “write-ins” in honor of the National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo. Writers club hasn’t hosted NaNoWriMo at OWU for a few years now, but members are bringing it back and involving anyone who wants to take part.

Author Chris Baty started NaNoWriMo 11 years ago with a group of his friends. They based it on the idea that many people would like to write a novel some day, but never actually get around to it. NaNoWriMo gives people a specific deadline to finally start on that goal.

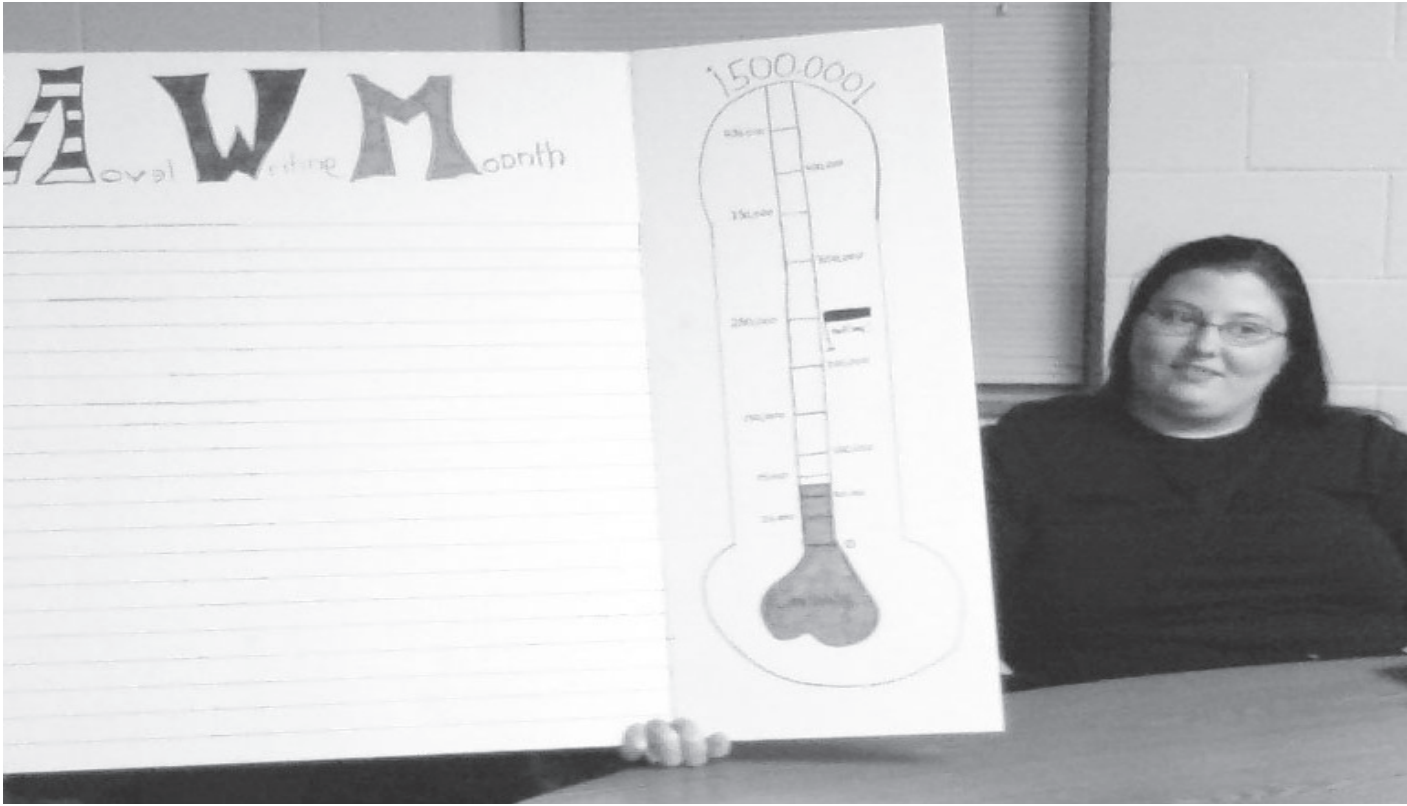


Photo by Jessica Keppler
Sophomore Gwen Husak sits at the Writers club meeting next to the poster with a gauge for the goal of writing a 50,000 word novel by the end of November and a combined 500,000 words among the members.

During November, participants commit themselves to write a 50,000 word novel by the end of the month. Some participants start out with plot and character ideas in mind, but others only begin with a title or no ideas at all. Some also reduce or increase their personal word count goal as needed.

The real purpose is to foster uninhibited writing for its own sake. According to NaNoWriMo’s website, nanowrimo.org, quantity matters more than quality.

“Once you start evaluating your story in terms of word count, you take that pressure off yourself,” says the website. “Characters will start doing things you never expected, taking the story places you’d never imagined. There will be much execrable prose, yes. But amidst the crap, there will be beauty. A lot of it.”

In support of NaNoWriMo, along with their distraction-

free write-ins, Writers club is also maintaining a Facebook page, NaNoWriMo at OWU, for students to discuss their goals and ask advice.

They are also recording word counts twice a week to keep track of everyone’s progress, including the club’s collective word count with its goal of 500,000 words.

At the end of the month, Writers club will host a wrap-up party to talk about the novels and celebrate their accomplishments.

Writers club identifies itself as support group for writers. It aims to create a creative and nurturing environment for anyone wanting to practice and improve their writing outside of the regular research papers.

“For many people, they don’t have time to sit down and write what they want to write,” said senior member Valerie Clark. “They don’t have the

energy to be inspired.”

Meetings take place Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Smith Date Study. At the meetings, Writers club provides a prompt for everyone to write about for a half-hour and discuss afterwards. Members like Sean Powers find this half-hour a week dedicated to creative writing to be productive and very helpful.

As a service to the whole school, Writers club also hosts workshops to give constructive criticism and advice. Anyone wanting advice is welcome to bring in their personal writings. They critique all writings from novels to short stories and poetry.

“It’s so great to see what stuff students have been working on,” said President Laura Pickens. “I know there’s going to be some great authors from OWU.”

Writers club goes pretty far back, farther even than its cur-

rent members can remember. In fact, they have discovered certain parts of their history that no one currently at OWU can explain.

According to Clark, Pickens and Treasurer Brittany Stojasavljevic, the club keeps discovering new things in storage. Recently, they’ve found a karaoke machine used for poetry readings in the Library café.

They’ve also found evidence of communication with Sean Astin, the actor who played Sam in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. No one knows how or why, but they found a signed copy of his autobiography in club storage, thanking the club for making him an honorary member.

Over the years, Writers club has steadily collected a small library with OWU’s Book Club. Each year, they take a trip to go book-buying to add to this collection. Often mem-

bers just take whatever looks interesting off the shelves of stores like Half-Priced Books with no real shopping list in mind.

Each member gets a say in what books to buy, making a very diverse collection that includes classics and fantasy along with historical and psychological books.

Currently, the club is working on labeling and developing a list of the books they have in order to someday add the collection to Beeghly Library for all students to enjoy. By donating these books and supporting more events like NaNoWriMo, Writers club plans to get more involved with the entire campus.

“I really love the direction the club is moving in this year,” said Stojasavljevic. “It’s a good time to be joining Writers club.”

New journal offers publication opportunity to essayists on OWU campus

By Rachel Ramey
Transcript Correspondent

The first OWU Thought, a bound collection of essays, will be available for students to inform them about diverse issues and stimulate discussion on a variety of topics.

Sophomore Colin Rogers, originator of the journal, said the essays will cover a wide range of topics important to many different students and be released on Nov. 30.

“I think a lot of people have interesting and intelligent things to say,” Rogers said. “There are tons of issues on this campus that people want to write about and hear about. This journal offers students the opportunity to learn more about those issues.”

Rogers said students will need to pick-up a free copy of the journal to see what the subjects of the essays are.

Rogers said six essays have been contributed, but he hopes there will be 10 by the end of this week.

“The essays so far have been submitted by students as this is primarily a student journal,” Rogers said. “However, I would like to see professors contribute to the journal and will be attempting to contact

several departments shortly.”

Rogers, a first-year resident of House of Thought, said he chose the journal as his house project after taking the class “China in the West.”

“We were talking about the intellectual revolution, and I learned about all of the different alternative essays and journals that were published at this time,” Rogers said. “This struck me as a really cool way to get differing opinions and views out there and to inform the general community about a wide variety of topics.”

Sophomore Gretchen Curry said she thinks it will be interesting to read the journal.

“There are many literary journals on campus, but each one appeals to a different audience and has a different theme,” Curry said. “I want to see these essays to find out what sort of topics people are interested in writing and reading about.”

Curry said the Women’s Resource Center and the Tree House are also coming out with journals soon, but every journal on campus is unique.

Sophomore Emma Kropp said she is not much of a writer nor planning to contribute, but she thinks it is an appealing project.

“I think it sounds like a good idea,” Kropp said.

“Even though there seem to be many other journals on campus, they all bring something different to the table. This one contains essays and so should be fascinating in that respect.”

Kropp said since the journal is free, it will be more accessible to her than some of the other journals that cost money. She said if she sees this journal around campus, she will probably get one.

Sophomore Cailee Smith said she will not have time to read this journal when it comes out, but she still encourages the project.

“If that is what he wants to do I don’t see any problem with it,” Smith said. “Hopefully, it will be successful, but if not he has at least accomplished something that he has aspired to do.”

Smith said every journal has its own audience, and Rogers may be reaching out to a completely new group of people through his journal.

Rogers said each essay is one to two pages long, and the journal will be around ten pages total.

Rogers said he is excited about the discussions his journal may initiate.

“It’s a simple idea really,” Rogers said. “I’m really excited to see what people on this campus are capable of producing.”

Dear Freaky,

What you’re experiencing is so typical that it actually has a common term: the Turkey Dump.

I hold the belief that people who go off to college with a significant other back home truly have the best intentions. But maintaining a long-distance relationship is incredibly difficult. Freshmen typically figure that around Thanksgiving break, hence “Turkey Dump.”

I don’t blame you for wanting to get out and commend you for wanting to go about it the right way. Here are my tips.

1. End things honestly, concisely and in public. I recommend Applebee’s but not before your boneless buffalo wings arrive. Who wants to ruin a great appetizer, right?
2. Return her things, and ask for yours back. It will eliminate physical reminders you have of her, which is healthy in the initial stage of a breakup.
3. If you have the same friends, figure out who gets whom. This is especially difficult if you’re ingratiated into one another’s lives: if you grew up together, if you hang in the same social circle, if you are close to her parents. But it must be done. There has to be some sort of custody arrangement, otherwise one of both of you will drag your friends and family through any lingering bitterness/anger/sadness over the breakup.
4. Cease communication until you’re both over the other. Now, I know what you’re thinking: “We’re going to stay friends.” This is a nice thought but completely false. You will try to stay friends, but then someone’s feelings will inevitably get hurt due to a miscommunication about your new status. And then you’ll stop talking, end up totally bitter.
5. If you, by some miracle, do stay friends-- or reconnect-- get ready to keep hooking up over breaks over the course of the next three years. Warning, however: the sex will be so self-destructive and meaningless, it will border on nihilistic. Things get especially interesting around junior or senior year when one of you will inevitably get fat and/or have a significant other waiting back at school. Good luck! See you at the bar, then see you at the clinic!

XOXO,
Mistress OWU

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

Bishops Sports

Men’s soccer falls to Denison in conference finals

By Ross McHale
Transcript Reporter

Ohio Wesleyan’s chances for an undefeated season disappeared in stunning fashion Saturday night as arch-rival Denison took down the top-ranked Bishops on a golden goal in the NCAC Final at Roy Rike Field.

Denison opened the scoring in the 47th minute when sophomore midfielder Preston Wagner’s shot from 35 yards out took a bounce and found the back of the net.

The goal was only the fourth conceded by the Bishops all season.

Down one goal with a large Denison crowd against them and their undefeated season on the line, OWU looked to get back into the game.

As he has done all season, sophomore forward Travis Wall led the charge.

His tireless effort in midfield sparked a resurgent OWU offense that had been missing in action all night.

However, as fans and players kept their eyes glued on the clock, it was his brother Tyler that came up with the big goal.

Finding himself in on goal in the 74th minute with just the keeper to beat, Wall calmly lobbed a chip that found the back of the Denison net, sparking wild celebrations and silencing the once boisterous Denison crowd.

The goal breathed new

life into OWU as they sought to finish the game off in regulation.

OWU’s number of close chances in the closing moments failed to find the back of the net as the game headed into two ten-minute golden-goal overtime periods.

At the start of extra time, Denison came out the stronger of the two sides as they hounded the OWU defense relentlessly but were unable to come up with a winner against a stand anchored by senior backs Kevin McGowan and Matt Giannetti.

Following the two-minute intermission, it was OWU’s turn as they dominated possession and sent numerous balls into the box in search of a winner.

Suddenly, as if out of nowhere, Denison mounted its final attack.

A cross-field ball from the left side was deflected out of the OWU area but found Big Red senior midfielder Peter Shorten all alone on the right side of the box.

In a dazzling piece of skill, Shorten took the ball down on his chest and one-timed his effort into the far corner of the OWU net.

Amid the Denison hysterics, OWU fans and players stood shell shocked, as if not quite believing what had just happened.

Head coach Jay Martin was disappointed with the team’s performance on the night.



Photo by Mark Schmitter

Denison junior foward Evan Johnson slide tackles the ball from Bishop’s senior midfielder Will Murawski

“We didn’t play well,” he said. “We haven’t played well all week. [Shorten] hit a great shot. Now, we have a week to get ready [for the tournament].”

Senior goalkeeper Richard Ott, starting in place of freshman Paul Hendricks, pulled off a number of key saves but was disappointed

with Denison’s winner.

“Both goals were unlucky,” he said. “[Shorten] was just in the right place at the right time.”

Despite the loss, the team received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament on Monday along with a first round bye.

The Bishop’s will now

play at home on Sunday night against the winner of the Capital-Transylvania match.

With their undefeated season a thing of the past, they now look ahead to re-gaining the form that made them the top ranked team in America as attempt to rally back and gear up for a deep run in the NCAA tournament.



Seth McGuffin

McGuffin proves right fit for OWU track and field

By Christopher Ziska
Transcript Correspondent

Seth McGuffin has taken over as the new assistant track and field coach and director of athletic facilities at Ohio Wesleyan University.

McGuffin will serve as the throwers coach for indoor and outdoor track and field, as well as the strength and conditioning coach for track and cross country.

After the departure of former throwers and strength and conditioning coach Laura Finkes over the summer, the track team held interviews with multiple candidates, but McGuffin stood out.

“He was my first choice,” said men’s and women’s track and field head coach Kris Boey. “His qualifications and successful interview confirmed my belief that he would be a great asset to our program.”

McGuffin attended Lynchburg College where, as a track and field athlete, he was a 5-time NCAA All-American, 11-time Conference Champion and a 12-time Conference selection. It was at Lynchburg that McGuffin received his first coaching job.

McGuffin said the decision to coach was made after he realized that he loved to watch people succeed and mentor young adults.

Prior to coaching at OWU, McGuffin coached at Eastern Mennonite University for 10 years, including five as head coach. There he coached 39 conference champions while seeing the Royals win the shot put championship for six straight years.

McGuffin was attracted to the reputation of the OWU track and field program, as well as Boey’s coaching style.

“I really liked coach Boey’s philosophy,” said McGuffin. “The tradition of excellence was a big factor as well.”

Both the men’s and women’s teams have won consecutive NCAC Championship titles for indoor and outdoor track and field, and McGuffin believes he will add to the winning culture.

“My motto has always been hard work equals great rewards,” said McGuffin. And that is what we do.”

McGuffin’s skills and personality have already left an impression on his colleagues and athletes.

“Coach McGuffin brings energy and enthusiasm to everything his is associated with,” said Boey. “He is a great addition to our program and fits well with our team philosophy.”

“I feel I am making a great impact here so far,” said McGuffin. “I feel like I am getting a lot of respect from colleagues, as well as my athletes You have to show respect to get respect.”

McGuffin and his athletes will continue to work hard to ensure that his first year at OWU will be a successful one.

OWU considering adding women’s golf

By Eliot Hubbell
Transcript Correspondent

The NCAC will decide in December whether to recognize women’s golf as a conference sport.

Athletic Director Roger Ingles said he would like to have a women’s golf team at Ohio Wesleyan by next fall.

Ingles said a women’s team would give OWU a higher profile for recruiting students.

“The success of our men’s program would help us make the women’s program attractive to high school students,” said Ingles.

Wooster College recently added women’s golf for the fall of 2010, and other schools in the NCAC have a women’s golf team, including Denison, Allegheny, Hiram and Wittenberg. The teams participate in non-conference tournaments.

Ingles said the athletic department is conducting

a survey soon to determine the level of interest female students have in the sport.

Miller said he thinks there is enough interest to establish a team at OWU.

“With the interest of existing students, the attraction of new students and the support we have already gained from the faculty and community, I think there is enough interest to start a team for the fall of 2010,” said Miller.

Sophomore Mimi Anthony has been playing golf recreationally for 12 years and said she would like to be on the team if one is established.

“I think starting a women’s golf team is a unique opportunity that I would want to be a part of,” said Anthony. “It would offer more female students the opportunity to play a collegiate level sport.”

Senior Alison Hill said she regrets not playing golf in college.

“I wish I had the opportunity

to play golf during my college career,” said Hill. “I considered starting a club team, but I did not have enough motivation. If the men have a team, women should be allowed to as well.”

Miller said a women’s golf team should be seriously considered by the athletic department.

“I believe we can support Women’s Golf and hope to help shape and develop the program for future successes,” said Miller.

Junior Scott Morris, member of the men’s golf team, thinks the golf program can benefit from a women’s team.

“Women’s golf is becoming increasingly more competitive and making it a collegiate level sport would be beneficial for both men and women golfers,” said Morris. “The level of interest and support would make golf more appealing and popular for younger generations.”

Bishops’ individuals honored at NCAC championship meet

By Steven Ruygrok
Transcript Reporter

This past Halloween, the Ohio Wesleyan men’s cross country team competed at the NCAC Championship meet and finished in fourth place out of 10 teams.

The team was led by sophomores Evan Hitchcock, Sharif Kronemer and Kale Booher who all finished in the top 20 for the 8000-meter race. The trio also earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors with their performances.

Kronemer said the team felt disappointed with the group’s performance as a whole, but said the effort given was enough, and the most disappointing part was the fourth place finish.

“We were hoping for third or even a second place finish,” Kronemer said. “Certainly, fourth place in the conference is nothing to laugh at, but we are an extremely dedicated and ambitious group, and our goals match the extent of our ambition and dedication.”

Booher said one of the team’s only expectations was to finish second at the meet.

“So in that regard, no, we didn’t reach our goal, but this is a very tough conference and less than twenty points separated the four teams finishing second to fifth,” Booher said. “We finished two spots better than last year, so obviously we are improving.”

He said one of the biggest surprises from the race was not performance-related, but

the shape the course was in.

“We were expecting it to be pretty bad from all of the rain, but we literally had a six-inch deep stream flooding over a bridge that we had to run through,” Booher said. “It was nasty but fun.”

Despite the team standings, Booher said he was very proud of his all-conference award.

“This is my first ever [for] running cross country, so I think it’s a testament to the quality of the training we are getting from our coaches, and also to how much all of us push each other,” Booher said.

“I’m also very thankful that God has kept me healthy enough to run all season. Cross country is pretty taxing on your body.”

Hitchcock said earning the all-conference award was an enormous honor especially considering how tough the conference is.

“We place a lot of emphasis in doing well at our conference meet because we see a lot of the teams that we’ve seen all year,” Hitchcock said. “Plus, all the teams in our conference are getting stronger every year, so it’s a big honor individually to be all-conference.”

Kronemer said the team is not looking too far ahead for next year because they still have plenty of the season left and plenty to accomplish.

The men’s team will compete in Regionals on Nov. 14, and a bid for Nationals is not outside the realm of possibility for the team.

Bishop Notes

Football

The team defeated Earlham on Nov. 7 20-7 at Selby Stadium. The Bishop offense erupted in the second quarter for 20 points, highlighted by 3 touchdowns from freshman quarterback Mike Bashium who threw for a touchdown and rushed for two more.

That was all the Bishop defense needed, as they held the lead for the rest of the game, stopping the Quakers on all four attempted fourth-down conversions.

Bashium finished with 175 yards of total offense and freshman running back Brian Hoover finished with 45 yards on the ground. Senior defensive end Britan Tolver finished the game with 10 tackles including 2 sacks and a forced fumble, which earned him NCAC player of the week honors. The Bishops have won 2 in a row.

Fieldhockey

The team upset Wittenberg in the first round of the NCAC tournament on Nov. 4 in Springfield. The Bishops’ revamped lineup which included junior defender Hannah Coughlin who was out for most of the season with a broken bone in her hand, stifled the Tiger’s fast-paced offense, sending the game into overtime. A goal by sophomore attacker Macie Miller 32 seconds into overtime on a breakaway, fed by sophomore attacker Abbie Walsh, sealed the game for the Bishops, giving them their first ever NCAC tournament win.

The Bishops then fell to top-seeded Wooster on Nov. 7 in Wooster in the NCAC championship game. A break-away goal by the Scots late in the first half was the difference in an otherwise defense-dominated game. Bishops’

goalie Krista Murray finished with 3 saves in the game. Junior attacker Christa Cucumelli, junior defender Hannah Coughlin, and sophomore defender Jen Doud earned all-tournament honors.

Cross Country

The men’s and women’s cross country teams competed in the NCAC championship meet on Oct. 31. The men placed fourth of 10 teams, finishing 78 points ahead of first place Allegheny. The men were again led by sophomore Sharif Kronemer, who finished the 8000-meter course in 27:03.5, earning second-team all-NCAC honors.

The women finished sixth of 9 teams, 93 points ahead of first place Oberlin. The Bishops were again led by Junior Kat Zimmerly, who finished 19th overall, traversing the 6000-meter course in 24:49.3.

Have a great shot of an OWU sports game? Send the digital file to Sports Editor Mike Browning at owunews@owu.edu. If it’s a winner, we’ll run it.