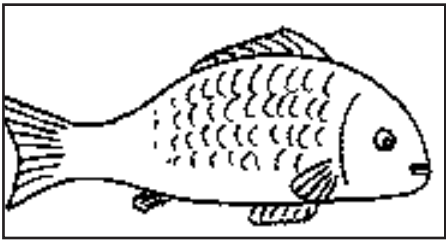


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**Class of 2015
may need
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financial aid**

By Rachel Ramey
Editor-in-Chief

Interest in prospective student programs like the Schubert Scholarship competition is high, but the university will have to provide more financial aid to next year’s incoming students.

At the faculty meeting on Jan. 24, president Rock Jones said incoming freshmen will have no access to Ohio state grants and SEOGs. Pell grants will be reduced by \$800 a student.

“It is likely that we will have to provide more financial aid,” Jones said. “Education is an important ladder of opportunity in our society, the lower rungs of which are being threatened.”

Jones said the pressures created by diminishing federal and state grants have caused the administration to address the complexities of the budget cycle for next year. He said gifts from Frank Quinn and Margaret Sagan will help specific programs and endowments within the annual budget.

“Alumni and other donors are very energized by your [the faculty’s] work,” Jones said. “Particularly by the Theory-to-Practice programs.”

Bill Preble, vice president for university enrollment and strategic communication, said the hallmark of the recruitment program is the Schubert Scholarship competition.

Including students who engaged online, there were 464 participants in this year’s event. Comprehensive merit and need-based financial aid packages will be released in March.

OWU’s Winter Visit Day was held Jan. 24, and 150 students attended the event; 50 admitted students and 100 juniors were present. Preble said individual student visits are down slightly overall from last year.

“There is a trend in students gravitating towards visit programs,” Preble said.

Preble also said state and federal funding, at nearly \$2.5 million 2 ½ years ago, is faced with a 60 percent reduction next year.

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Remembering Alex Tyler

Memorial service honors a friend and a brother

By Marissa Alfano
News Editor

During the lunch hour on Tuesday, students and faculty came together to honor the memory of Alex Tyler, who died early Saturday morning.

Every chair in the Benes rooms was occupied. Behind the seated, a mass of students stood closely together, some holding on to one another tightly. Faculty lined the walls.

Although Tyler was no longer a student here, he remained a large presence on campus as both an honorary Sigma Chi member and friend to many, until his death.

President Rock Jones began the service by commending the OWU community for always acting as a family.

“There are occasions when we celebrate accomplishments and occasions when we share burdens,” Jones said. “We come together today as a family to bear together the burden of grief. As a family, we lean on one another and support each other.”

He said he wanted to express the university’s concern for those who knew Tyler and for those who were with him when the tragedy took place. He led the group in prayer.

A Hebrew scripture passage was read by senior Sally Goldstein-Elkin, and a Christian scripture was read by Assistant Chaplain Lisa Ho. A selection from the Holy Qur’an was read by Senior Sikendar Arshad, and passages from Christian Science’s “Science and Health” were read by Kelly Adamson, associate chaplain and director of Catholic Ministries.

All of the readings expressed a common theme of eternal life and comfort found through compassion of a loving God.

The Reverend Jon Powers, university chaplain, led the Khaddish and Pastoral Prayer. He said the soul, the essence of life, lives on after death.

“The transcendent bond between this world and the next, between you and someone you loved and still love, that is Khaddish,” Powers said. “We

now see Alex with the eyes of sacred memory and his memory will be for us a blessing forever.”

His speech was followed by a silent prayer session accompanied by piano music.

Powers said the Alex Tyler he knew would be annoyed if Powers didn’t tell the truth about him and that even though Tyler didn’t always get along with everyone, he was a great person.

“This guy showed us what it means to love each other,” Powers said.

Sally Waterhouse, Tyler’s previous academic adviser, sent an email from Vietnam. Powers read it at the service.

“Alex lived on the edge,” Waterhouse wrote. “He tried to make changes. He cared a lot about people and found friends here. I will miss him.”

Close friends of Tyler presented their favorite stories about their times with him and the things they will most remember about him.

Sophomore Anthony McGuire said Tyler was a man who found things in common with everyone.

“Alex would want you to live your life, to not be a bystander and to live a life with a purpose,” McGuire said. “Thank you for reaffirming the strength of our small community -- for being here for Alex and for being here for each other. Alex was looking for family and he found it here at OWU.”

Junior Mollie Dixon said the first thing she noticed about Tyler when she met him was the way he held eye contact with her.

“He made me feel like what I was saying was important,” Dixon said. “He was engaged. He was in the moment.”

She said Tyler was always looking out for people, which was a great personality trait.

“He was a protector, a leader and a voice,” Dixon said. “Let us live in the moment for others and think like Alex.”

Sophomore Phillip Howland was Tyler’s roommate in Thomson dormitory last year.

“Alex’s life and this speech have two things in common,”

Howland said. “Both are too short and are heartfelt.”

He said Alex was the most down-to-Earth person he had ever met and he respected and trusted him more than anyone else in the world. He said when the time came, he would have wanted Alex to be the godfather of his first child.

“We shared things with each other that we never told anyone else,” Howland said. “He was my best friend.”

He also said Tyler was always surrounded by people.

“Alex was charismatic, and wherever Alex was, everyone wanted to be,” Howland said.

The large number of people gathered at the memorial service proved how special Tyler was, said junior Phillip Forsgren. He said he was grateful for the time he shared with him.

Sophomore Shahryar Khan said Tyler was a loyal friend and good Sigma Chi honorary brother.

“We will always have a piece of Alex in our hearts—all of us,” Khan said. “His impact on peoples’ lives is unquantifiable.”

Khan said when he would pull all night study sessions, Tyler would call him and ask if he had eaten or slept.

“He became my life without me even realizing it,” Khan said.

The Sigma Chi members performed the White Rose Ceremony for Tyler. Junior Samuel Newman, Sigma Chi’s president, led the ritual.

Powers ended the ceremony asking students and faculty to leave in peace, knowing Tyler would want them to live life in the moment and to know life is eternal, but fragile.

“What matters most in this life is how you live as brothers and sisters in this community,” Powers said. “Go and live a life worthy of the memory of Alex.”

The seated students stood, the faculty lowered their heads and the crowd of students slowly exited the Benes Rooms as a piano version of the “Ave Maria” resonated through the rooms.



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Ballou

Above: Former OWU student Alex Tyler, 21, died early Saturday morning in his Delaware apartment from a single gunshot wound. The police department and coroner’s office have yet to officially categorize the death. Eyewitnesses describe it as a tragic accident.



Photo by Alex Crump

Above: Members of Sigma Chi fraternity lay white roses on an altar in memory of Tyler at Tuesday’s memorial service.

“I’d like to thank everyone at OWU who has reached out to me, especially Alex’s Sigma Chi brothers. As you all know, Alex was an amazing friend to many and will forever hold a special place in my heart. I’ll always cherish every moment that we had together. Alex will continue living on through us all.”

–Stephanie Ballou, Alex Tyler’s girlfriend

Officials categorize former student’s death as accidental

By Jon Morin
Transcript Correspondent
and **Rachel Ramey**
Editor-in-Chief

Former Ohio Wesleyan student Alex Roland Tyler, 21, died Saturday morning at his off-campus apartment.

According to the police report, Tyler, a resident of 13 E Winter St., Apt. 1, died around 3:30 a.m. from a single gunshot to the head. The shot came from a gun Tyler was holding.

The police investigation of the accident is still ongoing, but the preliminary report indicates alcohol and drugs were involved in the incident.

Officer Madden, responding officer, and Operations Capt. Pat Yankie of the Delaware Police Department declined to comment on the case.

Delaware County Coroner Mark Hickman’s preliminary report said the incident appeared to be an accident.

The Franklin County coroner will conduct the autopsy and a toxicology. The full report could take up to three months.

Ten OWU students were present at the time and had gathered to watch the Cricket World Cup with Tyler when the accident occurred, according to statements made at the Tuesday memorial service.

Tyler was enrolled at OWU from the fall of 2009 to the fall of 2010, and was an honorary brother of Sigma Chi.

In his first response via email to the campus, President Rock Jones said reports indicated this was a tragic accident.

Kimberlie Goldsberry, dean of students, said the administration does have an official policy for responding to emergencies outlined in the OWU Critical Incident Response Plan, but also said there is never a proper and specific plan of action for dealing with

these types of situations.

“While there are no set procedures, any loss impacting the OWU community would cause university officials to act to support our community members,” Goldsberry said.

In his second email to the university, Jones said there are outlets, such as Counseling Services, for students to utilize if they want.

Goldsberry said over the weekend many of these outlets were used by those individuals directly affected by the death.

“The university is doing all they can to respond to students impacted by this tragic incident,” Goldsberry said. “Counseling Services, the chaplain, Residential Life staff and many other university officials worked throughout the weekend to support students most immediately affected, and will do so in the coming days and weeks ahead.”

Bob Wood, director of Public Safety, said the university is cooperating with local law enforcement in the investigation of the death.

“All deaths are the responsibility of the county coroner and local law enforcement is responsible for any investigation,” Wood said.

Both Wood and Goldsberry said OWU is a third party in this specific situation. Since Tyler was no longer a student, and the death occurred off-campus, OWU does not have a direct affiliation with the victim.

Regardless, administrators said the university understands Tyler’s relationship with the campus community and planned the memorial service for him.

The use of Counseling Services and the Chaplain’s office are available to those students affected by the tragedy.

Hours and contact information for these services can be found on the university website.

For a statement from the fraternity members of Sigma Chi on this weekend’s tragedy, see the editorial page.

Gold medalist long jumps to leadership

By Solomon Ryan
Transcript Correspondent

Greg Bell won the Olympic gold medal for long jump in 1950.

He also was an NCAA All-American for three years and was elected into the Olympic Hall of Fame in 1988.

Even with his extensive achievements, Bell rarely spoke about his outstanding accomplishments when he addressed a diverse group of students at a day-time event for the Leaders in Action Day (L-Day), organized by Black Men of the Future.

Instead, Bell chose to tell of people whom he admired and how he got to where he was. After his remarks, the OWU Athletic Director, Roger Ingles, presented the winners of the Leadership in Action awards to Tyler Cordell and Alex Bailey.

Bell spoke to a group of about 50 students and faculty at noon on Feb. 24.

Senior Will Alford helped organize L-day and, after speaking to Bell the previous night, Alford said he looked up to Bell even more.

"I am a track and field athlete myself," Alford said. "What was surprising to me was he didn't only talk about his gold medal. He preached the point of hope."

Alford said he saw L-day as an opportunity for the campus to come together.

"It's unfortunate that this event was held at lunch, but



Photo by Paul Gruber
Dr. Greg Bell included in his speech personal poetic works, relating the message of having a dream and maintaining that dream, as Martin Luther King Jr. had done.

I think this is a good way for OWU students to gain a greater perspective on athletics and how they help with leadership skills," Alford said. "It is not often we have the chance to meet someone of this caliber."

Bell said he never let being black get in the way of his goals. He said he refused to take pity on himself or make excuses. Instead, he said he used positive thinking and also relied on his belief in God to gain success in athletics and in life.

"Before my track meet, my mom was asked if she was nervous," Bell said. "She replied, 'No, it's in God's hands.'"

Bell opened his speech with the famous words of Martin Luther King, a person whom he said he admires greatly. After quoting 'I have a dream,' Bell gave his own thoughts on having dreams.

"Nothing happens without a dream," Bell said.

Bell said he was not always the best at long jumping, but after a coach took him to dinner and spoke to him, everything changed.

"My coach took me to dinner, and I realized that he believed in me," Bell said. "After that, I felt good about myself. There is not a limit to what you can accomplish when you be-

lieve in yourself."

Bell is not only a gold medalist. He is also a dentist and a writer. Bell said he is more focused on making a difference in people's lives than he is on his past Olympic achievements.

"When someone reads my poetry and tells me that it touched his life, that is more important than winning an Olympic medal," Bell said.

Following Bell's, Ingles said famous athletes can provide a source of motivation for students.

"One of the highlights of my life was when Jesse Owens spoke at my school," Ingles said.

Junior Alex Bailey, the president of Black Men of the Future, received the "Leadership in Action" award for his work in football and various other clubs and organizations.

"I feel honored to receive this award," Bailey said. "I didn't think I would get it, but it feels great."

Bailey had the responsibility of introducing Bell.

"I was nervous introducing such a prominent figure," Bailey said.

The female recipient of the "Leadership in Action" award, senior Tyler Cordell. Cordell, who plays basketball and lacrosse, said she was in shock when she received the award.

"My coach said I should go see Dr. Bell," Cordell said.

"She never told me I was going to win the award. I feel so honored to receive this."



What are your plans for Spring Break 2011?

"I'm going home (to Maryland) just to hang with my family and see some old friends. I'll probably go see DC."
-Tom Hellmuth '12



"I'm excited because I'm going on a mission trip to New Orleans!"
-Cali Cornacchia '12



"I'm going on the all-Greek mission team to Nashville to help flood victims and build stuff. And visit the Grand Ole Opry."
-Paul Kline '13



"I'm going to the Bahamas on a cruise."
-Makinzie Krebsbach '12



"I'm going to Florida to visit my grandma."
-Hailey Hessler '12



Students moon over China week



Photos by Paul Gruber
ABOVE: Senior Yan Dong taught guests how to play Mahjong during the Chinese Folk Carnival held Wednesday, Feb. 23, in Benes A and B. Most people will think of Mahjong Solitaire, an Americanized version of the traditional four-player game of skill, strategy and calculation. **RIGHT:** Junior Justin Adda tested his skill with the Chinese yo-yo. The yo-yo is kept spinning on a string connected to two sticks. Players can perform tricks by tossing it into the air. A week of events celebrated the lunar new year.



Washington, D.C., goes international

By Florenz F. Limen
Transcript Correspondent

Midterm exams? Check. School work? Done (or maybe not yet). Spring break? Coming! Where to go? D.C.!

After half a semester of doing homework and reviewing for classes and exams, the students can now take a rest and enjoy a week of relaxation during the spring break.

While most American students are looking forward to spending the break with their families, chosen international students are hitting the city capital of the U.S.

They will be going there from March 6-9 through the free Washington, D.C. trip provided by the International and Off-Campus Programs.

The D.C. trip is organized every two years during spring break for international students.

The funding for this trip, together with the New York trip, which is done on Thanksgiving, is made possible through the generosity of

Gordon Smith ('54) and Helen Crider Smith ('56) and is free to international students.

"I think the Smiths are incredibly kind to provide this trip," said freshman Megan Buys. "And I am very grateful to them."

In a mass email to international students, Darrell Albon, director of IOCP, said the students will have the chance to see the best sites in D.C., including the Capitol, the White House (still pending), Smithsonian Institute (the world's largest museum and research complex), Supreme Court and other great monuments.

Also, included in the trip is free transportation by private highway coach, hotel accommodation, entrance fees and most of the foods.

In an orientation for participants, Albon said the tour is an educational one.

He said the students will have the opportunity to see some important foundational documents of America.

Buys, who is from South

Africa, said she is excited and thrilled in joining the trip.

"I am looking forward to seeing the [Capitol] because I now understand more about the way the [U.S.] government works and find it really interesting," Buys said.

Junior Amina Mendez said she shares Buys' excitement. She said the D.C. trip will be a big break out of campus.

"My friends and I stayed here during the winter break," Mendez said. "It was a depressing experience doing nothing exciting. This time, I am looking forward to this break to bond with friends and see amazing sites in D.C."

The trip is also an opportunity for international students to visit other states aside from Ohio.

"I've never been to any states except for Ohio and Texas, so I just [want to] have a look how [it's] like," said freshman Tam Nguyen of Vietnam. "Also, [I want to] have fun with my friends and relax."

Career Services assists job searches

By Lilly Jianas
Transcript Correspondent

Spring break is less than a week away and summer is just around the corner and many students are in search of summer jobs, internships and post graduation opportunities. Career Services offers many outlets to help students prepare for their searches.

Career Services offers to meet with students to help them properly prepare for the task of finding a job. Students can make an appointment and meet with someone in the office to help review their resumes and discuss different options as far as summer and post graduation life. Senior Eliot Hubbell said she has had successful meetings with Career Services.

"It was very nice having someone to look over my resume and make sure that what I was giving to employers was satisfactory," Hubbell said. "They also helped me get in touch with alumni who now work in the field I am interest-

ed and helped me understand how to network with them."

Students can also register for bishop link on the Career Services website and use it to help them create a resume and cover letter. They can also use the "bishop link" to search for internships and job openings.

Almost weekly, if not daily, students can find emails in their inboxes from Career Services about programs that provide students with information on how to search for jobs and network and even meet with employers or alumni.

One of these programs is the Bishop Network, which helps students learn how to network with alumni, is put on in the fall to start students off early.

Senior Elizabeth Kim said she found the program useful.

"The concept of the program was good," Kim said. "It gave me a good idea of where to start and made me feel more confident to know that there were people out there who could give me direction in the job search."

While the Career Services office does work hard to make sure the students have all the resources and help they need in order to find jobs and internships, some students said they believe there are things the office could do to better help students.

Career Services offers "drop-in" hours during the weekdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. where students may come in to speak with someone in the office.

This is convenient for students who have something come up suddenly and do not have time to wait to make an appointment. However, Junior Katie Carlin said it is not as convenient as it seems.

"I went in several days in a row for drop-in hours after I was called by a family friend who said they had a great opportunity and needed my resume and cover letter as soon as possible," Carlin said. "Every time I went there was no one there to help me. They were either sick or out of the office."

Mission team prepares for service ‘Collegiate Challenge’

By Emily Hostettler
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan students are embarking on a mission to help others during mid-semester break by building houses and brightening lives.

On March 6, nine students and two faculty advisors will travel to Springfield, Mass. in order to take on Habitat for Humanity’s Collegiate Challenge. This alternative spring break program will allow the mission team to work together in the local community to achieve the common goal of building a house.

Freshman Laurel Fuller said she volunteered for the mission trip to become a big-

ger part of the OWU community.

“I wanted to find a meaningful way to spend my spring break while giving back to my community and representing the school I love,” Fuller said.

The team will be working on building the dividing walls of a house that will be converted into a duplex while learning the underlying issues of homelessness throughout the world.

Junior Kristen Curtis said she knows that going on a mission trip will not mean a relaxing break.

“I expect it to be tiring and a lot of hard work, but I also expect it to be very rewarding,” Curtis said.

Not only will students learn

how to put up a piece of dry wall and pound nails, but by interacting with teammates, faculty advisors and local affiliates, students will have the opportunity to learn great values and leadership skills that will be with them for the rest of their lives.

“I am expecting for there to be a lot of bonding time with the team,” Fuller said. “I also can’t wait to meet the family and to work with them.”

Multiple events have been held on campus to raise money and awareness for the Habitat for Humanity spring break trip. Heather Grunkemeyer, associate professor of Chemistry and the trip’s faculty advisor, said the events went fairly well and

the money raised will contribute to food and housing during the mission trip.

“My team held a dinner, sold puppy chow, sent fundraising letters and did dorm storming,” Grunkmeyer said.

For some students, not going home for break can be a challenge, but for the mission team members, the knowledge that they are helping those in need helps overcome homesickness.

“As the mission gets closer, I have become more apprehensive about not going home, but I know that I am contributing to a great cause, and that my parents support my philanthropic pursuits,” Fuller said.

With only a little more than

a week of preparation left, the team members are gearing up for the challenge. Fuller said that while she is a little nervous about her building skills, she is very excited for the upcoming mission.

Curtis said she is also looking forward to the mission trip that has been planned since last semester.

“After a year of waiting and talking, we are finally going, and I am so excited,” Curtis said.

However, the Habitat for Humanity team is not the only mission team from OWU. There are seven other teams traveling worldwide to perform acts of service for the less fortunate. Students will

be visiting New Orleans for Hurricane Katrina clean-up, helping Nashville, TN recover from flood damage and will even help with an orphanage in El Salvador.

There are many opportunities to become involved with service on campus and they are open to all who are interested. Fuller said she recommends students apply for a mission trip next year because it is a fun and great way to get to know other students.

“They [the team] are all really great people and mission team meetings usually turn into a laughing fest,” Fuller said. “It should be a really rewarding and great week together.”

Horticulture club gets down and dirty



Photo by Alex Crump

Students gathered with the horticulture club to make hypertufa troughs on Thursday, Feb. 24. These troughs were made from cement, peat moss and perlite and come out looking like cement plant pots. They mixed the ingredients, then molded them to plastic pots in order to get the desired shape; the molded troughs were then set to cure for a few days. The event had many members of the horticulture club present, but also students who were unfamiliar with the botanical arts.



Chipotle: Connecting students to wilderness

By Seung-Wan Paik
Transcript Correspondent

The 12 students participating in a wilderness trek through Southwest Florida are using Chipotle to connect with nature.

Senior Joanne Neugebauer, co-leader of the Florida wilderness trek, said the trek wouldn’t be possible without fundraising, and the group looked to Chipotle to make it happen because of its popularity.

Junior Gretchen Curry, the other co-leader, said she agrees.

“Well, everybody knows about Chipotle and likes it, but it’s really a hassle to go out and get it yourself,” Curry said. “We thought if we would deliver them to the students, then they’d be interested.”

The burritos were sold for \$8 each; about a dollar more than a regular steak burrito purchased in-store. The group did not charge any extra for delivery.

The fundraiser was successful, but only 50 burritos could be sold due to an agreement with Chipotle that only 50 burritos would be provided

for the fundraiser.

All money raised through the Chipotle fundraiser will go directly toward the Florida Wilderness Trek.

“The spring break wilderness trek will canoe the 10,000 island region of Florida,” Neugebauer said. “The trek allows 12 students to be immersed in the wilderness for seven days to study the theme of transition both in nature and in their lives.”

The trip, which will be made over spring break, will involve heavy canoeing and camping in different islands for a week.

Curry said, “the goal is to immerse ourselves with nature and learn not only about nature, but ourselves as well.”

According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the 10,000 islands are located between Marco Island and Everglades City, Fla.

It is the habitat of numerous aquatic species, some of which have been labeled endangered.

When spring break starts on March 4, the group will head to Florida for what they hope to be a learning experience.

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Renewal process leaves CAH out of the picture

By Kathleen Dalton
Transcript Correspondent

According to Carrie Miller, Small Living Unit Residential Life Coordinator, the Creative Arts Houses of 110 and 114 Rowland Avenue will be closed next year.

This is a result of the house’s failure to meet established SLU requirements. Students expressed mixed responses to the news of the closure.

The SLU renewal is a process each SLU must go through to continue to function as a house for the upcoming academic year.

Each SLU must meet certain standards such as completing house projects, relating to the house mission, passing health and safety inspections, and maintaining full house occupancy.

The renewal process also gives SLUs an opportunity to evaluate their history and

make decisions concerning their mission statement.

The decision to close the houses was a joint one.

“The selection committee made a recommendation to the Residential Life Office that the Creative Arts House not be renewed,” said Miller. The Residential Life Office agreed with the recommendation and notified the students who were involved in the renewal process.”

Miller said that current CAH house members are only able to live at another SLU if they applied during the Small Living Unit Rush week. If they did not, they may participate in housing selection with other students.

When asked what exactly will happen to the CAH houses, Miller said that this decision will be left up to the director of residential life, the vice president for student affairs and other university administrators who will make

the decision about what the official plan for the structures will be.

Freshman Alex Maser said he did not know the Creative Arts Houses would be closing. He said he wasn’t surprised but was sorry to hear the news.

“The people there are always so welcoming so it’s a shame,” Maser said.

Sophomore Sidney Kochman said he learned CAH would be closing from Facebook statuses.

“It’s disappointing,” Kochman said. “It’s a fun place to hang out and my friends are going to have to find new places to live.”

Some students said they understand why the buildings are to be closed.

Sophomore Danielle Muzina said she understood why the houses could be closed, but does not agree with the reasoning.

“I stayed there for an overnight and I noticed the house



Photo by Kathleen Dalton

Senior Kim Seibert, a member of the Creative Arts House, uses Senior Jeff Eden, fellow housemate, as the model for a project in sculpture class. Seibert will make a bronze casting of the figure.

was in bad condition but the cause justified it,” Muzina said. “The university could have done something.”

Sophomore Liza Faulkner said she heard of the closure through the grapevine.

“It’s an eyesore to the campus,” Faulkner said. “There’s a fine line between looking artistic and looking bad. These kids need to hear that too.”

Springfest bands: big reveal at cabin fever night



Photo by Andy Wittenberg
Freshmen Taylor Rivkin, Jordan Alexander and Greg Phillip display their gear after hours of playing bongo ball in the Benes Room during the cabin fever night on Feb. 25.

By Alex Crump
Photo Editor

As students moved into the stressful week before spring break, everyone was looking for a way to blow off steam.

Campus Programming Board (CPB) members organized Cabin Fever to serve this purpose.

Cabin Fever took place last Friday to give students the opportunity to have some fun before buckling down to study for exams. The event also served as a platform to announce who would be performing at Spring Fest this year.

Cabin Fever had a variety of activities including an open mic, Wii games, bongo ball and free food.

Bongo ball was the most popular activity of the night, allowing students to get rid of their aggression by launching Nerf footballs out of pressurized air cannons at opposing team members.

CPB member Catie Peranzi said she predicted this would be the most popular activity when they were planning the event.

“They had done bongo ball previously and it was successful,” she said. “We paired it with a coffee house because

everyone can’t play at the same time.”

Students came together to play instruments such as the guitar and ukulele and also to sing for people who were enjoying the free food and waiting for the announcement of the Spring Fest bands.

When the bands were announced, students expressed mixed feelings. Some said they had heard of Reel Big Fish and felt they would be a good band to see live, but had not heard of Sam Adams.

Others said they knew Sam Adams’s song, “I Hate College” but have not heard any others.

Sophomore Ben Sala said he was excited for Spring Fest but knew little of the bands.

“I know a lot of people like Reel Big Fish, but I’ve never listened to them,” Sala said.

Freshman Kelsey Brewer, vice president of CPB, said the bands were selected by CPB based on the surveys that were sent to all students to gauge interest in both musical genres and artists themselves.

“We review the surveys and discuss as a group which artists we would like to bring to campus and which ones are in our price range,” Brewer said. “We bring the bands and

artists we do because we feel they represent a wide variety of interest on campus.”

Although Cabin Fever featured some fun activities and free food, the turn out was less than desired.

Brewer said she wished CPB had done more advertising for the event, but they just ran out of time.

“I was disappointed in the turn out, but that is because we, as a group, dropped the ball on the event,” Brewer said. “We did not devote as much time to this event as we did in the past.”

Brewer also said that if they were to do an event like this again, she would choose to do it on a different night.

“People would rather go out on a Friday night, not hang out in Ham-Will,” Brewer said.

Although the event may not have been as successful as CPB would have liked, there were people that came out and enjoyed themselves.

Freshman Lauren Foote said she enjoyed the variety of activities that were available.

“It was a nice distraction, I took a group of friends and it was nice to go to before we went out,” Foote said.



Photo by Andy Wittenberg
Students playing Bongo Ball during an all-girl match. Bongo Ball is a game where you try to “eliminate” the opposing team by firing air-powered Nerf-missiles at them. The game is played with blow-up obstacles for an increased challenge.



Photo by Alex Crump
(Above) During a game of bongo ball, a student hides behind a blow-up obstacle to strategize and avoid being hit by her opponents.

Photo by Andy Wittenberg
(Right) Sophomore Andrew Tuchow sang and played piano for the students attending the open mic portion of cabin fever night. A variety of performances were conducted in the Ham-Will Atrium during the event.



Morning clean-ups combat grime and slime on the hill

By Michael Yontz
Transcript Correspondent

This year Ohio Wesleyan hired a cleaning staff for the fraternities, relieving the brothers from daily chores and providing professional cleaning services.

Junior Will Cohn, a member of Delta Tau Delta, said he vividly remembers having to do daily cleaning in past semesters.

“The house is much cleaner now than it was before,” Cohn said.

“The cleaning ladies clean the showers and the toilets, something we never did.”

The cleaning staff performs daily cleaning, whereas Cohn said the brothers of Delta would do dailies only three times a week: Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

The now daily cleaning consists of taking out trash, wiping off counters, cleaning bathrooms and picking up common areas of the house, he said.

Sophomore Wes Barnes

said he felt like the members did a mediocre job compared to the cleaning staff.

“The brothers would be tired and busy, and wouldn’t want to complete their dailies when they had to,” Barnes said.

“It was especially bad on Sundays, because everyone was hung-over and had no desire to clean.

“We did an average job at best, and the house is much cleaner now that the cleaning ladies come during the week.”

Barnes said he really enjoys not having dailies as well.

“It really gives me a lot more free time, and it’s one less thing I have to worry about,” Barnes said.

The cleaning staff does more work around the houses than the students ever did, and they make the students work look like nothing.

The housekeeping staff comes in around 6:30 a.m., and they spend about two hours on each house, cleaning almost everything you could think of.

Charlotte Covrett, head of University Housekeeping, said the cleaning staff cleans the common rooms, the dining room, stairwells and all the bathrooms in the house.

She said they clean the walls as needed and do mopping every day, wipe down counters, scrub the showers and the toilets, clean carpets and take the trash out.

On snowy days, she said they even shovel the walkways for the houses as a courtesy to the students.

Covrett said she is very proud of her workers and defends their work ethic every day.

“A lot of the kids in the fraternities don’t appreciate what the cleaning staff does every day, and they can even be rude on occasions,” Covrett said.

“Our cleaning staff wants the houses to look nice; they care a lot about what they do. The fraternity cleaning staff takes a lot of pride in their work and really like to have the house clean and looking good.”

Economy affects spring break plans

By Suzanne Samin & Sarah JanTausch
Transcript Correspondents

Ohio Wesleyan students fear the only dollars they’ll have after this spring break are sand dollars.

With the economy still suffering, many students are being forced to scrimp on their spring break plans.

The break, spanning from March 5 to 13, is a popular time for college students to travel to tropical locations such as Florida and Mexico to soak up the sun and meet other students from all over the country.

With ever-increasing airline fares that peak at this time of year, some students find they will be on the road as opposed to in the air.

“I’m going to Florida with some friends because my friend Andrea lives there,” said sophomore Madeline Shier. “We’re going to stay with her and go to the Harry Potter theme park and the beach. We are carpooling down instead of flying because we’re worried about spending too much money.”

However, with the recent unrest in the Middle East growing day by day, gas prices are also on the rise.

Many of these popular destinations are several hours, or days, south. Students must evaluate if their week of va-

cation is worth even this expense, which in most cases will still fail to rival the cost of airfare.

Freshman Gabrielle Gayheart said she is forgoing the festivities altogether.

She said she originally had plans to go to Florida with a friend, but because of expense, she will be forced to go home instead.

Many other Ohio Wesleyan students said they think it would be nice to go somewhere and party all week, but with the added expense, some believe that isn’t the best use of resources.

Freshman John Bieniek said he doesn’t think students should spend their whole spring break partying.

“I think it shows that some people have way too much money, to be completely honest,” Bieniek said.

Senior Kristen Lear said she sometimes wishes she could spend the week having fun, but she plans to use her time, and her money, wisely.

Lear said she will be going home to Cincinnati this break to see family and friends, sleep, watch TV and catch up on work.

“I think there are better uses of time and money than going somewhere to party all week, but I will admit I have tossed the idea around a bit,” Lear said.

Others like freshman Jon-

athan Bocanegra said they would take a trip if they had the cash, but need to save it for next semester’s books and tuition.

While these issues span a large part of the student body, some students are using their break to give as opposed to take.

Every year, mission teams are assembled and led by students, traveling to locations such as Washington D.C., South Dakota, Pennsylvania and New Orleans to do service and give back to the community. The costs of plane tickets, lodging and other expenses go toward aiding others.

Bocanegra said he plans to use his spring break for exactly this purpose. He said he will be traveling to Washington, D.C. for a mission trip instead of partying.

The unsettling expenses of spring break not only affect OWU students, but college students across the country. But the effects ripple farther than just the collegiate community.

Tourist locations like Cancun and Miami flourish on the influx of business from excited tourists with full wallets.

Many of these hot spots have suffered financially in recent years because of the diminished amount of tourism. This leaves local businesses without much to offer, and not many people to offer to.

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HABITATalent showcases students and community members



By Paul Gruber
Transcript Correspondent

Guests attending the HABITATalent Show Saturday night may have thought they were listening to Celine Dion, Taylor Swift or even Coldplay’s Chris Martin, only to find talented young performers on stage instead.

Delaware County Habitat for Humanity held the HABITATalent Show, which included a variety of contestants, each with their own talent.

The event, co-sponsored

by the OWU Habitat Club and Youth United, was a fundraiser for charity. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the OWU/Youth United build.

Eight contestants, from elementary school students to college students, battled for glory upon the stage. The competition consisted of two rounds: the first was for the judges and the second was for the audience.

Leading off was Miles O’Flaherty, a Dempsey Middle School student, who played the piano and the pipe

organ. Dominik Rusnak from Alum Creek Elementary also displayed his talent with the ivory keys.

OWU freshman Alex Kesler recited some original slam poetry. The other OWU talents were freshmen Erika Nininger, Michael Cormier, Sam Sonnega and Gnora Gumanow making up the band “Nameless Band.”

The four vocal performers were Alum Creek Elementary student Bryanna Rusnak, Wyandot Run Elementary student Hannah Teed, Delaware



Photos by Paul Gruber

Left (from left to right): “Nameless band” members freshmen Sam Sonnega, Michael Cormier and Gnora Gumanow and Erika Nininger (not pictured) rocked out for the audience. Above: Dominik Rusnak from Alum Creek Elementary was one of the three finalists. He came back for his second round performance with an original piece he wrote.

Hayes High School student Anna Maria Reid and home-school student Raeanna Wood.

President Rock Jones, Delaware Gazette’s Lisa Lectka and Chad Heald, member of the Board of Directors for the Delaware County Habitat for Humanity, were the judges for the evening. They chose to bring back Bryanna Rusnak, Dominik Rusnak and O’Flaherty as the finalists.

One last performance for the audience determined the winner. When all the audience votes were counted, it was Bryanna Rusnak, and her a cappella rendition of The Little Mermaid’s “Part of Your World,” who took first place and \$175.

“I didn’t even think I would get into the finals,” Rusnak said. “My mom thought I was really good. She signed me up and she didn’t even ask me.”

Rusnak said she was going to use the money to take her friends out for ice cream and possibly buy a new phone, but her parents would probably just put it in the college fund.

Freshman Daniel Higgins said the show was a fantastic event for raising money for Habitat and Bryanna was indeed a true talent, especially for her first round performance of “My Heart Will Go On” by Celine Dion.

“I was there to support Sam, Michael, Gnora and Erika,” Higgins said. “They did a great job. But, it was incomparable to the performances of the finalists.”

The event may not have been as successful without the efforts of senior Kristen Kalinowski.

As part of her internship with Habitat for Humanity, she focuses closely on building better relations between Habitat and OWU.

She and her supervisors said they decided a talent show would be a good way to fulfill this goal, she said.

“The process of planning this fundraiser has truly given me experience in the field of marketing and public relations that I feel I could have never gotten in the classroom,” Kalinowski said.

The OWU Habitat Club works to create connections between the OWU community and Habitat.

“I would meet with the executive board [of the club] (Jon Steward, Megan Weaver and Jessy Keppler) to keep in touch with what they were doing, to give them a means of communication with the Habitat affiliate and to get them involved with volunteering opportunities,” Kalinowski said.

Kalinowski said the talent show was a great success.

Around 200 guests attended, and more than \$6,000 was raised for Youth United. The organization is similar to Habitat Club, but involves middle and high school students.

“OWU and Youth United have separately raised enough money to build houses in the past, which is approximately \$100,000,” Kalinowski said. “This time the groups are combining their fundraising efforts, and are currently about half way to being able to fund a build.”

Turtles dish out baked goods

By Natalie Duleba
Transcript Correspondent

A green sea turtle swims, using its paddle-like fins to propel itself forward. It breaks the surface, looking at its surroundings before diving back underneath the water.

The green sea turtle, like many other species, is endangered. The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium houses various species of turtles and tortoises; the zoo is also a breeding spot for endangered turtles.

Through various types of donations, both corporate and individual, the Columbus Zoo, in conjunction with the Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA), supports endangered species of turtles. One such type of donation comes from the adoption of individual turtles.

The new member class of Ohio Wesleyan’s Delta Zeta (DZ) aimed to adopt two such sea turtles through a weeklong bake sale.

Every new member class is required to hold a fundraiser before formal initiation into the sorority.

Freshmen Lauren Foote and Nora Anderson, new member philanthropy chairs, said they decided to hold a bake sale with a mission. After a suggestion by junior Kelsey Kerstetter, new member edu-

cator of DZ, Foote and Anderson said they decided to use the money they hoped to raise to adopt two sea turtles at the Columbus Zoo. A turtle had been adopted by an earlier class, and Foote and Anderson said they hope to readopt that turtle as well as adopt another.

The \$50 required to adopt one turtle provides food, care and any other treatment for the turtle at the Zoo.

The turtle is DZ’s mascot, and the two turtles the new member class are adopting would be named Alpha and Rho, after the name of OWU’s DZ chapter.

Foote and Anderson recently accepted their positions as co-philanthropy chairs. When asked who wanted to take on the job, they both volunteered. The opportunity to plan meaningful philanthropy, Foote said, appealed to her.

“I like fundraising for special things like this, especially something that unites members together, like adopting two turtles,” Foote said. “I like taking positions of leadership, even if they’re small.”

Anderson also said she enjoyed the opportunity to take on a leadership position.

“I want to lead my class,” Anderson said. “It’s something I care about, and I think I can do a lot.”

Foote and Anderson have been planning the bake sale for three weeks, and Anderson said she was pleased with the results of their planning.

The Saturday before the bake sale, Foote baked brownies, cookies and puppy chow with five other new members.

Anderson oversaw the day-to-day details of selling the baked goods.

“I’m the labor, [Anderson] is the brain,” Foote said.

The baked goods sold individually for around 50 cents, and a few brownies or cookies were around \$2.

New members freshmen Rachel Thomas, Gnora Gumanow and Karli Amstadt took one-hour shifts at the table, selling the various baked goods to DZ members and unaffiliated students alike.

The bake sale raised \$52.81, an amount short of their projected \$100 for the adoption of the two turtles. Anderson and Foote are looking for other ways to raise the remainder.

“We only have enough for the first turtle,” Foote said. “We’re juggling some more ideas together. We have to get the money in by initiation and that’s not until two weeks after spring break is over. So we’re trying to think of some other ideas of how to raise money.”

Burritos garner mixed reactions



Photo by Alex Crump

Senior Monique Cherry orders a burrito at the new burrito bar in Ham-Will.

By Marissa Alfano
News Editor

The Hamilton-Williams Campus Center Food Court’s new burrito bar sells between 80 and 100 burritos each meal period, but many students have expressed frustration with their lack of dinnertime options.

Freshman Bethany Miller said it is the reason she no longer eats dinner in Ham-Will.

“I stopped eating at Ham-Will for dinner because all they ever had were burritos,” Miller said.

Other students, such as freshman Rachel Tallmadge, said they agreed having the burrito bar every night was repetitive. She said she thinks more effort could be put into the contents.

“I think they should work on the quality of the ingredients in the burritos, too,” Tallmadge said.

Not as concerned about the contents, freshman John Bieniek said he liked the burrito bar, but that he thought it would be better received if it wasn’t available every night.

“I used to go to Ham-Will back in the old days,” Bieniek said. “Later on in my days, I began to notice the burrito bar

and realized that the corn salsa wasn’t bad. I think they should mix it up a little, though. Now I am on the Alpha Sig frat food plan so it doesn’t affect me, but for the sake of everyone else, they should mix dinner up.”

The burrito bar concept began in January 2010, according to Steve Ishmael, executive chef and director of dining services, after student requests for more Mexican style foods on campus.

“As a dining services team, we try to offer all foods across campus,” Ishmael said. “We felt that this concept could be executed with minimal investment and offer multiple options for entree choices.”

He said students have the option of either chicken, vegetable, pork or beef burritos each evening. Chicken and vegetable burritos are \$6.25 and beef and pork burritos are \$6.55. He said chicken sells the best out of all the options.

The burrito bar has been a success, according to Ishmael. “We were able to add a cuisine type that the students were requesting,” Ishmael said.

There is a sign in front of the burrito bar that says students can still order burgers and other foods typical of the

old Ham-Will dinner line-up, but students will have to wait about 10 minutes for it to be prepared. The burrito bar is now what is readily accessible.

This arrangement does not give students many available options, according to Nakia Schoak, lead line cook for Ham-Will Food Court.

“I think that it [the burrito bar] lacks variety,” Schoak said.

“I liked when students could come and get whatever they wanted right away. Burritos are fun, but I think they get old after awhile.”

However, not all comments are negative. Junior Andrew Hennessey said he goes to Ham-Will for dinner two or three times a week.

“I kind of like the burritos,” Hennessey said. “People go to Ham-Will when they know what they want to get. People go to Smith when they are willing to gamble on what they are going to eat. At least Ham-Will is consistent.”

Dining Services Manager Pam Clemens said she is very interested in student opinions and would love to hear comments and suggestions.

“We are committed to providing excellent food and service,” Clemens said.

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“Next year, we are hopeful that we can have as much as \$1 million,” Preble said. “This has a real impact on the budget and more importantly, our students.”

Eric Algae, vice president for finance, administration and treasurer, said a number of expense reductions have been reviewed to offset revenues, but these should not affect academic departments.

He said the university’s Annual Fund is a “hair behind”

where it was at this time last year, but he “continues to have confidence about the number.”

Algae said in best case and worst case scenarios, there will be a \$1 million to \$3 million budget deficit next year.

During committee reports, the faculty voted to permanently add REL270, Theory & Method in the Study of Religion, to the curriculum. The Academic Policy Committee also announced approved temporary courses and the provisional 14 travel-learning Sagan courses being offered next year.

They also voted on the pro-

posed changes describing the Leave of Absence Policy in the University Course Catalog.

Under the changed policy, “A leave of absence will not be granted for an academic session already in progress.”

This change means students can’t withdraw from the university and begin their leave of absence at that time.

Other changes include informing the Registrar’s office if a student plans to return, and taking away the pre-registration rights for classes and housing of students under a leave of absence.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: “I wanted to find a meaningful way to spend my spring break while giving back to my community and representing the school I love,”
– *Laurel Fuller, freshman*

From the Editor:

An unfinished life

The tragic death of Alex Tyler has left many at a loss for words. In the days since Alex’s death, I have seen how the OWU community reacts in times of need. The aftermath of his accident has shown what a close-knit community we are privileged to be a part of.

Immediately following the accident, the support system involving Counseling Services and the Chaplain’s Office was made available for students who wished to talk about what happened. If you or anyone you know needs some attention at this time, don’t hesitate to utilize these resources.

The number of people at the memorial service shows that, even if not everyone knew Alex, they are concerned for the well-being of those who knew and loved him. Students, faculty and administrators came together to remember Alex and honor his life.

By all accounts, he was a great guy, and his life was cut short before he had the chance to become the man he was supposed to be.

What happened that night most of us will never know, and those who do probably wish to forget. Alex had one of his guns and it accidentally went off.

While the OWU policy on firearms is very clear, this event occurred off-campus with a licensed and registered weapon. Friends said Alex was looking forward to a career in some branch of military service.

He was permitted to have those guns, but a series of unfortunate events and decisions led to his accidental death with one of them. The choices we make as individuals can affect not only our lives, but the lives of others as well. People’s actions have consequences, and while no one imagined this as a possible outcome, it doesn’t change what has happened.

Talk to your friends not about Alex’s death, but about his life because it is his life that his friends choose to remember. Talk to your friends about their lives, too. Show people that you care about them, just so you both know.

The bond created between students since the accident has been a lesson for us all. It’s important that we maintain this close connection in times of despair, but also in times of happiness.

Our campus community is unique because we are able to come together at times like this, but why should this be the only instance? Reach out to others and create a stronger Ohio Wesleyan student body.

Many were affected by the events of this past weekend. In order to begin the healing process, we need to maintain the strong bond that has been created in mourning the loss of Alex Roland Tyler.

My deepest sympathies go out to Alex’s family, friends and the brothers of Sigma Chi for their loss.

Rachel Ramey
Editor-in-Chief

From the brothers of Sigma Chi:

“Alex Tyler will forever be a member of our family and will forever be a brother to the members of Sigma Chi. He was our brother, and we love him and miss him dearly. He was the most passionate person we knew; he persevered through situations and challenges in life that most would never be able to get through. His passion for life and perseverance through challenges inspired us all, and his loss will resonate with us forever. He embodied the spirit and character that everyone should strive for. We are truly grateful for the level of support and care the entire campus community has shown to us through these difficult times. If you were fortunate enough to know him, then your life will forever have been affected by his infectious personality and vivacity. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to all of Alex’s friends on campus and his family, as we fight through these difficult times together. We are confident we will get through this as it is what Alex would have wanted.”



One of the fastest and most cost effective ways to reduce energy use around the house is to check your home’s insulation. A good insulating system incorporates a combination of products and techniques that protect your home from external heat or cold.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that around 43 percent of the energy used at home is used for space heating and cooling. A home with insufficient insulation can be a massive drain on your wallet and your comfort. It makes sense; you don’t let air escape from the home that you’ve paid to heat or cool.

The DOE estimates only about 20 percent of all homes built before 1980 are considered to be “well insulated” by today’s standards.

One of the first places to check insulation is in the attic. Adding insulation to the attic is extremely easy to do and can yield a high return on investment. Ensuring the attic is sufficiently insulated could go a long way in creating a more comfortable home environment while reducing the need for space heating or cooling.

Letter to the Editor: ‘Get Real, Transcript’

Throughout the year, I have been trying to decide whether or not to write a Letter to the Editor for some time now. Last week’s “issue” was lack luster, and I have several problems with the direction of our newspaper. One clearly visible distress is that the tone of direction is one of negativity towards the school and its students. Some of the things that I would like to mention and discuss are:

* Why is it such a problem that the NICE flags are out? An emblem yes, but would you rather not have one? We’re trying to show off for parents, alumni and prospective students so the viability of the school can maintain itself. I’d rather have them up all of the time in good weather. Makes our campus look neat, sharp and gives a great appearance.

So you are telling me that you’d want your campus to look run down and beat? No one is telling you to conform, but if you did on the days that the flags are out, you are only hurting your own agenda, by not being yourself.

PS, if it weren’t for alumni, the “old white guys who look rich walking around,” and those “prospies,” we wouldn’t have the fine institution we have now, the donations, the facilities-- everything. And whose rule was it that we have to say hi to tour guides. In the lack of better words, grow up.

If we are so worried about what is written in the Transcript in the first place that spurs OWU administration to pull the papers, don’t write it in the first place.

The Admissions Office is one of the many parts of the university machine that keeps this place running— without it, there is no OWU. Without alumni, there is no OWU.

Being at this school is a gift that we would want to share with others so we should conduct ourselves in a manner that shows it.

I’m not saying that when the university says “jump” the students should always have to ask, “how high?” I’m simply saying that we should acknowledge why the question was asked to begin with, and honor it with our own opinions and ac-

tions.

* Get over the messes in the stairwell, its college. Yeah sometimes people need to grow up, but I’d be more ashamed if my tuition-paying parents read last week’s Transcript than if they saw a messy stair well.

Some of those articles last week were wastes of space; write about things the campus cares about, not that your dorm stair well is messy. Take that up with your RA, not with everyone on campus.

Sacrifice another Saturday night to catch the criminal leaving food in your stair well, at least which will be a better story for next week. I really don’t think you needed to complain to us about a mess. Journalists are meant to write about issues of public significance, a cheeseburger in the stairwell is not an issue of public significance.

Not to me, not to the faculty, and if we are in the business of conforming, as WORD VOMIT so clearly says we are, we wouldn’t be writing about these things to begin with.... just saying.

* Wow, a string quartet! On a Saturday night at 8:30! Get real. Most people are getting out of the shower getting ready for their night at that time. I’m not knocking Red Priest, I’m sure they were great, just not a performance the majority of students will attend on Saturday night.

I think we all saw that coming. Why doesn’t the Transcript do some form of fundraising or seek funding from WCSA to sponsor an event that more students will have interest in. There are better ways to motivate students with the power of your article, Ms. Editor, than your last article has shown.

* Some articles read like everyone typed their article the night before the presses, except John Romano, who writes a good article.

* This entire 2010-2011 academic year, the Transcript has been at least sub-par with a liberal agenda and has been filled with a constant barrage of attacks on the school administration.

If it weren’t for the Admissions Office, we wouldn’t be in the shape we are in now

of the energy consumed in your average heating bill.

Double or triple paned Energy Star windows could significantly improve energy efficiency by reducing heat loss. However, if your home is insufficiently insulated to begin with, installing energy efficient windows will have a very limited effect on reducing your energy use around your home.

If you think even these small steps are too much for you to take on by yourself, there’s still hope for you. Many utility companies offer free home energy audits that can do most of the work for you. These home energy audits are extremely useful in determining where your greatest energy losses are coming from, effectively pinpointing areas you can improve on to reduce your own energy bills.

If that’s not enough to convince you, consider the fact most utility companies, in partnership with Energy Star, will send you rebates for most energy efficiency home improvement projects. Yes, you heard right: your utility company (including Ohio Edison, the local Delaware energy company) will pay you up to \$1,250 just for improving your home’s own energy efficiency! How is that for turning the tables on your local utility company?

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as an institution— so give them iPads; why does it bother people so much?

They’re professionals; we are students. We are here to grow, learn and create long- lasting relationships. Not to chastise the University for putting a little technology in the hands of professionals.

* I’m a senior and I’ve seen a lot in four years and I do not regret anything I have done in 4 years, but one thing; I wish I sent this much sooner. A student run paper is supposed to be a tool and voice for the entire community not a forum for complaints and shoulda-woulda-couldas, but a beacon of light and voice of the entire student body.

It’s always easy to look into someone else’s pickle jar. Save the shock value and complaints for online blogging. Don’t make us read your problems.

Opinions are one thing, but excessive rambling about something that’s not really all that important, it’s just weak.

This paper is staffed by individuals with talent, I’ve seen and read it before, I just wish it could be re-tapped into.

* Use this responsibility wisely, its more than a resume builder, its the voice of the STUDENTS. There are better ways to motivate the student body and the ways your paper is conducting business is not the way to get change done if that is what you truly want.

Sincerely,
Charles L. Young

Editor’s Note:

Please see page 7 to read this week’s extended version of Word Vomit, by Michelle “RJ” Rotuno-Johnson and Alexandra Crump.

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PB&Jamming: Pitch Black promotes new CD

By Alexis Williams
Arts & Entertainment Editor and Breanne Reilly Transcript Correspondent

Pitch Black, Ohio Wesleyan’s female a cappella group, performed a portion of songs from their new CD, *PB & Jams: Pitch Black and Jams*, at noon in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center Atrium on Feb. 23.

The performance was an advertisement for the *PB&Jams* CD sale in Ham-Will for \$7 each or two for \$10. The group performed three songs from the 12 track CD, including The Beatles’ “Let It Be.” Students stood silent while the 14 women, dressed in their signature black and red, belted a soulful version of the Beatles’ classic.

Freshman Gnora Gumanow said hearing Pitch Black sing was a new experience for her. “This was the first time I heard the group,” she said. “I

really like that song. It was a good rendition.”

The group also got students grooving with two “mash-up” songs, or melodies compromised of multiple songs, titled “Party Medley” and “Fuck You Mash-up.” “Party Medley” was a mix of the Black Eyed Peas’ “I Got a Feeling,” Taio Cruz’s “Dynamite” and Jay Sean’s “Down.” The “Fuck You Mash-up” was a mix of Cee-Lo Green’s “Fuck You” and Hoyt Axton’s “Joy to the World.”

Junior Emily Knobbe, director of Pitch Black, said mash-up songs are a group effort.

“The key to the mash-ups is collaboration,” Knobbe said. “Songs are selected depending on audience taste. The mash-ups are modern mixes of popular songs. They’re entertaining to perform and amusing to hear.”

The CD also features Pitch



Photo by Alexis Williams

Sophomores Clare Edwards, president of Pitch Black, and Rachel Martin show off the group’s latest CD, *PB&Jams*.

Black classics and some of the group’s new favorites including “Sweet Dreams” by The Eurhythmics, “Toxic” by Britney Spears and “Galileo” by Indigo Girls.

Sophomore Madeline Shier said the group incorporates songs like “Let It Be,” however, to appeal to an audience

of different generations.

“We’ve performed in front of alumni at Austin Manor,” she said. “We have fun, but use songs that we think are appropriate for the place and people we sing for. The Beatles appeal to people of different ages.”

The group began recording

the CD in November 2010. The recording was funded by a WCSA grant and cost \$400.75. Knobbe said after performing in various shows throughout the year, the members of Pitch Black believed recording an album was a natural step.

“We recorded the first week of Thanksgiving break,” she said. “It was really great because most people in the group hadn’t recorded before.”

Senior Jessica Spafford said seven of the songs were new and members learned those weeks before recording. She said this did not complicate the recording of the CD.

“We did all twelve songs in one day with only a couple of takes,” she said. “Pitch Black has been around since 2006 and has recorded a couple of CDs. This year, this recording, has been our best yet.”

Junior and Pitch Black member Julia Alkon said recording the album was excit-

ing but stressful.

“It gets to a point where everyone gets really tired,” she said. “Tensions get high and people start arguing and getting stressed out. It’s a lot of work on our voices.”

However, their goal of gaining more exposure for Pitch Black and purchasing their own microphones makes the hard work worthwhile.

Sophomore Megan Cook said she bought *PB&Jams* to support her friends in Pitch Black and recommends it to students.

“Overall, this is seriously good music,” she said. “And I feel lucky to have such an exceptional a capella group on campus.”

Alkon said Pitch Black is open to requests for future performances and albums. Their next scheduled performance is at Big E’s Spotlight talent show on Saturday, April 2 in Gray Chapel.

Students applaud faculty music recital

By Margaret Bagnell
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan’s Department of Music hosted a music recital featuring faculty members David Niwa, Pei-An Chao and Mariko Kaneda last Sunday in the Jemison Auditorium of Sanborn Hall.

The instrumental trio consisted of Niwa on violin, Chao on cello and Kaneda on piano. The performance gave the faculty members a chance to showcase their musical talents to their families, friends, peers and students.

Freshman Spencer McGlade attended the concert with a friend and was impressed by the faculty.

“I wasn’t planning on going to this, especially since it was a Sunday,” he said. “But it was pretty good, and the musicians were really talented.”

Niwa’s parents were also in the audience last Sunday, which gave him pre-performance jitters. He announced to the crowd he was nervous because his mother and father performed Mozart’s pieces many times and could easily pick out right or wrong notes.

Freshman Molly Curry attended the performance as a requirement for her Music Appreciation class this semester and was soothed by the performers’ classical mu-



Photo from the OWU Department of Music Website

Maniko Kaneda (left) and David Niwa (right) were accompanied by Pei-An Chao last Sunday Feb. 27 in Jemison Auditorium to perform selections by Mozart, Beethoven and Turina.

sic selections.

“I really enjoyed the trio’s performance; the classical music was so relaxing,” she said. “I think I also understood it better too with what I’ve learned from class so far.”

The performing faculty members chose pieces from Mozart to Beethoven. After a brief intermission, they added a Spanish twist to the concert by performing a song by Turina. Niwa invited the audience to imagine Madrid while listening to the Turina piece.

Senior Marisa Obuchowski said she thought the clas-

sical performance was very enjoyable because she could fully understand the changes in each piece as the faculty performed.

“We just started learning about classical music, and especially Mozart,” she said. “I think the performance was easier to follow after what we learned in class which made the performance all the better for me.”

Following the performance, a reception was held in the green room offering the audience members a chance to meet the performers.

These little monsters are confused by Gaga



Word Vomit
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Flying unicorns, rainbows, skeletons and the birth of gooey aliens. What do all these things have in common? They are all included in Lady Gaga’s new music video for her song, “Born This Way.”

“Mother Monster,” as Gaga is so affectionately called by her fans, chronicles her own birth in the video, as well as the birth of a new race. It’s because baby, she was born this way (and because she clearly listened to Madonna’s “Express Yourself” as a kid).

Now, this song was apparently written in response to the GLBT bullying that has recently become an epidemic. Gaga is a musical icon. Gaga is a mother to her baby monsters. And now, we suppose, she is a political speaker.

If everything we ever learned about life we learned from Gaga videos, this latest one teaches us that gays are all ridiculously skinny, come from space, wear no clothes and enjoy rolling in tar.

Now this video is, to say the least, difficult to understand. But if we look at it as a comment on the GLBT community, it is disappointing.

Open scene with Gaga on a sparkly unicorn, a rainbow in the background and her face in a purple triangle...stereotypical much? Continue and we watch as this “new race” is being born as gooey alien-like heads, all bearing a resemblance to the “Mother Monster.”

Then, evil is born. Now, one would think this evil is there to portray the intolerance faced by GLBT individuals. But this evil is also born out of “Mother Monster”...confused yet?

It gets better...and not in the nice, YouTube campaign way. In the ironic, “We say it gets better but it just gets worse” way. The song begins and all of a sudden Gaga is clad in just her underwear...wait, *what*?

The Lady has gone from birthing a new race of good and evil to dancing around in her skivvies with other nudists around her. This is starting to look like a normal music video, until the scene changes and she is now a skeleton in a tux with flaming pink hair.

If you’re lost now, don’t even bother trying to get out a map. The scene changes again...to a pit of women swimming in tar? That’s our best guess.

But then we start to flip between the skeleton, the pit of women, the Mother Monster, the dance scene and finally to Gaga’s head sitting next to the heads she just gave birth to.

Oh, and how did we forget to mention Gaga periodically touching herself in a sexual manner? You may be saying, ‘That’s just her way’ and that’s true. But in a song like this, is that really the way to go?

The opening birth scene is just weird. What is Gaga birthing? The gays? Her fans? Some clones? We were half-expecting Natalie Portman to come in and stab someone with a nail file in the jaw. That’s how *non-sequitur* this whole thing is.

And if she is giving birth to the gays, is she insinuating they are another race? That they are aliens? Or some superhuman, Aryan kind of perfection that came down from a strange gooey deity? Perhaps the egg at the Grammys was foreshadowing for this crazy music video of birth.

The dancing is a little scantily-clad, but nothing too terrible. The skeleton bit? Weird. Those women writhing around in that strange substance was a bit unsettling.

And again, if this song is for the gays, it looks like all the gays love romping around naked and acting like beasts. The problem we see here is that none of those portrayals look favorably on any community—specifically, the GLBT community. But calling her the “mother” of the GLBT movement might give her too much credit.

Every movement looks for a “leader” of sorts. And yes, the GLBT movement has a few that may be a bit less...sexual and weird, but none of them are as prominent in the eyes of the current youth as Gaga. There haven’t been huge pioneers or people that are radically outspoken for the cause in recent years.

People flock to fame and flock to her because she champions the cause. Is she the best champion? Probably not. But who else could reach a larger audience? Gaga reaches OUR generation.

And, yeah, a lot of gay people do love being wild and crazy and having sex and all that. But is it because we like our lives to be like that? Or is it because we’re the minority, and we want to make peace with ourselves and the world?

Also, is it always right to give someone the power of leading an *entire* worldwide movement? That can be dangerous territory because then whatever that person says or does reflects the actions and ideals of a diverse group of people. This person can represent just a small part of an entire group, a part that the entire group may not embrace or identify with. But to society, that one piece is all they see.

This is why people such as Lady Gaga become a problem. It’s great that she speaks out for the GLBT community, but what about those people who don’t want her speaking for them? What about the shyer people who aren’t out, or at least aren’t loud and proud? What about the people who never listen to Lady Gaga? Or maybe the people who listen to Gaga but aren’t brave enough to embrace themselves or admit that they enjoy rocking out to “Poker Face” every now and then?

The point is, each famous person that has become a leader in the GLBT movement, or any movement, only represents a part of the whole community.

Right now, or at least for some, the representation of the GLBT community is Lady Gaga. Like it or not, she has become the champion of everyone who is “different.”

And whether this is good or bad, it comes with a certain responsibility...or at least the need for some decorum, which up until this video it could have been argued she had. Kinda.

Don’t get us wrong, Lady Gaga is still a fantastic performer. The fact that she writes her own songs and chose to write about the GLBT community is commendable, even if she does have some Natalie-Portman-in-Black-Swan-like ways.

Perhaps Gaga made this video for people who need to loosen up a bit. No matter what else you think of the woman, she certainly is unique. She doesn’t give a damn what any of us think. In the end, she’ll do it and she’ll do it her way.

But some people may not get that, or be ready for her message. And maybe those people will see her as the representation of the GLBT community and assume everyone is like that.

Should we blame Gaga for that? Maybe it’s society’s problem and not hers. But since she’s such an outspoken support of gay rights, she has become the one people associate with the gay community. She could help, or she could hurt.

But no matter what the deeper implications of Lady Gaga are, the question still remains...what the *hell* is going on in this video?!

DJ Tiësto coming soon to Columbus

By Hiroki Suzuki
Transcript Correspondent

If you like music and are looking for a wild night experience, then DJ Tiësto has got the answers.

On Monday, March 28, he will be holding a concert at LC Pavilion in Columbus.

The disc jockey is also a musician and record producer recognized for electronic dance and progressive trance music. His eclectic style has received overwhelmingly good reviews from his fans.

At the same time, his pioneering style has been widely accepted even from those who had been expecting to hear trance music.

His most recent album *Kaleidoscope*, has featured artists such as Priscilla Ahn, Calvin Harris, Tegan & Sara and Nelly Furtado.

Tiësto was ranked best DJ of the year by DJ Magazine for three consecutive years between 2002 and 2004. Currently, he is ranked third best (behind Armin Van Buuren and David Guetta). He was the first DJ to ever play on stage for Olympic Games at the



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2004 Summer Olympics opening ceremony in Athens.

Originally from the Netherlands, DJ Tiësto has toured all over the US, Canada, central and South America, Australia, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Jordan, Israel, South Africa, Lebanon, Egypt and Europe. In each country, he’s played for audiences of up to 15,000. His popularity can also be traced on Facebook, where his group has over 6.9 million fans.

Senior Sikender Arshad said he is anxious to see DJ Tiësto in concert for the second time.

“It is a once in a lifetime

chance to listen to the best music to dance to,” he said. “I don’t even care if I am dancing alone if it’s good music.”

Sophomore Clarel Djamen said he has danced to Tiësto’s music a lot back home in Cameroon.

“I better check that date,” he said.

The ticket price of \$50 is a drawback of the concert. Sophomore Meredith Merklin said she was surprised at the cost but is determined to go.

“Oh my god,” she said. “I better con someone into buying the tickets for me so I can go.”

Bishops Sports

Women’s tennis up to the challenge

By Heather Kuch
Transcript Reporter

As the winter sports seasons come to a close, spring seasons are just beginning.

The women’s tennis team started their spring season on Feb. 26 with a non-conference match at Otterbein.

The Bishops lost 9-0 with junior Mackenzie Conway as a stand-out for the Bishops by winning her first set by a 6-1 score before falling in the second set, 6-1, and the third set, 6-3.

Last season the Bishops were 6-11 overall and 1-2 in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) West division.

In a preseason poll the NCAC coaches picked the Bishops to finish 6th out of the 7 teams in the conference in their 2011 season.

The overall goal of the team this season is to improve on their record from last year.

“My goal for this season is for us to finish with a winning record,” said freshman Jordan



LEFT: Year Emily Kiourtsis swings in one of her matches during the fall season. RIGHT: Senior Pam Quigney leaps up to snag a ball.

Leslie.

She also joked that she would “also like to have the arms of Serena Williams by the end of the season!”

At the NCAC tournament last season, junior Becky Simon won two doubles matches but said she hopes to improve her performance this season.

“My goal for this season is to perform better at the conference tournament,” Simon said.

While the tournament is an



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important match, players look forward to others as well.

Senior Pam Quigney said the match she is looking forward to is the Denison match on March 22. Quigney said she likes the high level of competition.

“I like playing Denison because of the challenge and because beating them always feels good,” Quigney said.

The Bishops will play their next matches over spring break at Hilton Head South Carolina on March 6, 8 and 9 where they will face Millersville University, Catholic University and Emory and Henry College.

While the level of competition at Hilton Head is tough, Kiourtsis said she feels the team is prepared to perform well this year.

“I think we have a strong team this year and I definitely think we will do well at Hilton Head since we have done well in the past,” Kiourtsis said. “I just hope the rain holds off long enough for us to play!”

Conference qualifiers for women’s track

By Victoria Morris
Transcript Reporter

The women’s track team “made strides” at Friday’s Denison Last Chance Meet.

The meet provided competitors with a “last chance” before the NCAC Indoor Conference to qualify for Conference or improve their time.

Freshman Sarah Betchel broke the record for the pole vault at 10-3 ¼.

“Breaking a record is a fun thing, but the best part was that the previous record holder (Junior Chelsea Imm) was the first to congratulate me,” Betchel said. “In my mind, that’s how records should be.”

Freshman Katlin Brandt won both the 55-meter hurdles with a time of :09.13 and the long jump at 15-9 1/2. Freshman Holly Felch was a double winner as well, with a time of :07.72 for the 55-meter dash and a time of :27.03 for the 200-meter dash.

Sophomore Nicole Lourette won the triple jump at 33-1 3/4 and was fourth in the long jump.

“I’m very pleased with my performance this week; I got the improvement I was looking for which perfectly sets me up for the confidence I need going into Conference next weekend,” Lourette said.

Freshman Emily Sattler won the 400-meter dash in 1:03.61, and sophomore Megan Bachelder won the shot put with a throw of 34-8 1/2.

Sophomore Calina Hilyard finished second place in the 200-meter dash.

In addition, senior Christa Cocomelli placed second in the 55-meter hurdles, senior Audra Pohlman was second in the shot put, senior Lindsay Dunbar finished second in the 400-meter dash, Imm placed third in the pole vault, sophomore Emily Amburgey placed second in the high jump, freshman Samantha Simon finished fourth in the 400-meter dash and freshman Antoinette Jolliiff finished fourth in the 55-meter hurdles

“Overall, OWU added a few more people to the qualifying list which is great,” Hilyard said.

“As a whole I felt the team did great...the girls had some outstanding performances with several PR’s [personal records] and even a school record. It’s too bad the meet wasn’t scored because we would have swept it,” Lourette said.

Zimmerly embodies meaning of OWU track

By Brittany Vickers
Sports Editor

Running a 4:59.56 mile, Kat Zimmerly broke her own school record and proved she is the embodiment of an ideal cross country/ track athlete, according to track coach Matt Wackerly.

Zimmerly broke her previous record of 5:01.26 set last year with a third place finish at the Akron meet on Feb. 18. However, Zimmerly said her goal wasn’t really to break the record again, but to break the 5:00 minute mark.

“For my senior year that’s what I really wanted to do (break 5:00 minutes),” Zimmerly said. “Because I think outside of Ohio Wesleyan I wouldn’t have been able to break five, it’s kind of a milestone too. It’s nice to say I run within the same minute as all the guys.”

Not only did Zimmerly break the school record again, but she was also selected as the NCAC women’s distance runner of the week for the week of Feb. 21. Athletes are selected by coaches from each team, in their respective events, and then voted on by the NCAC.

This is Zimmerly’s third time elected as the women’s distance runner of the week.

“Every time it’s really surprising to me and every time it’s really nice to think that I was nominated, and that I was chosen,” Zimmerly said. “Not only that, but I also get emails from Rock Jones and Barb McLeod, one of the advisors for the cross country team. So I do get some really nice feedback from it, and that is definitely never homogenized at all, it’s always fresh and very nice to hear and very appreciated.”

Kris Boey, head track and field coach, described Zimmerly as selfless and someone who is always looking out for the team.

“She isn’t somebody who is out there running 4:59 just for herself,” Boey said. “Even though that is a huge barrier to try to break, I think she was thinking about everyone else on her team as well, doing it for them and not just having an individual mindset about it. I think she is somebody who understands how



Photo by Brittany Vickers

Senior Kat Zimmerly Leads the pack.

much she can impact the team in a selfless way.”

Both Wackerly and Boey said their favorite story demonstrating Zimmerly’s team-focused attitude was when she went to the national cross country meet this season. She had the name of every member of the team in magic marker on her legs to symbolize bringing them all with her to nationals.

“That’s unique, to go to that extent, I think it says

a lot about her,” Boey said. “She’s selfless, if you ask her to run five events at the conference meet if it would benefit the team she wouldn’t even blink an eye about it.”

Wackerly said Zimmerly is one of the bravest runners he has ever coached, and he hopes it is a quality her teammates will adopt by example.

“The biggest quality that Kat has is that she has a ton of courage as a runner,” Wackerly said. “She’s definitely not the most talented kid, not even on the team now I don’t think, but she’s definitely the bravest... she’s fearless.”

Wackerly said when Zimmerly ran a 4:59, she beat an Akron runner who was fourth in the state last year.

“Kat is absolutely unimpressed, unafraid of that kind of thing,” Wackerly said. “So, hopefully they (her teammates) see her courage, her guts.”

According to Boey and Wackerly, Zimmerly’s success on the track comes from truly embracing the ideals of the OWU track team.

“I think Kat made a decision; she could have continued to be a good runner, but she made the decision to be a great runner,” Boey said. “The biggest difference between Kat being good and Kat being great was she decided to live the life, and pay attention to the small things.”

Boey said he thinks everyone likes the idea of being a good athlete, but not the sacrifices necessary to get there.

Some examples Boey listed were staying in on a Saturday night to catch up on schoolwork, and not just saying you’re a part of something bigger, but actually living it.

Zimmerly’s presence on the track team includes much more than her running and she will be sorely missed next year, according to Wackerly.

“I said this at the cross country banquet, you’ll never replace a Kat Zimmerly,” Wackerly said. “The least of it is the running, as far as the running goes I think we can get some kids who will run as fast as her, but as a leader, as a person, you just get one Kat Zimmerly and that’s it, if you’re lucky.”

Men’s basketball ready for next year

By Travis Wall
Transcript Correspondent

The men’s basketball team saw their 2010-2011 campaign come to a bitter end Saturday, Feb. 19 as Wooster defeated them 70-62.

As the team shifts their focus toward next year, they will do so without the lone senior on the team this year, Andrew Martin.

The Bishops return all five starters next year, so expectations are high.

Especially after making significant strides this year following their 13-14 overall record in the 2009-2010 season to improve to a final record of 16-11 in the 2010-2011 season.

Sophomore Andy Winters, who led the conference in assists for the second consecutive year, said he is cautiously optimistic.

“We have known since last year that the 2011-2012

season has an opportunity to be a special one, but it will only be successful if we put the work that’s required into it,” Winters said.

When the starting line-up is broken down by grade, they will be returning one current freshman, three sophomores and the All-NCAC performer junior Tim Brady.

Brady said knowing he is going into his senior year is weighing heavy on his mind.

“It’s a double edged sword because I already can’t wait to get started with next year’s team, but knowing that it’s my last year of playing basketball is definitely a tough fact to accept,” Brady said. “All of our coaches will have us doing the right workouts this off-season and I think we are all motivated to get farther than we have the last two years.”

Sophomore Anjuwon Spence said this season has benefitted the team greatly

because they matured a lot.

“Competing and beating some of the top-ranked teams this season gave us the confidence and the knowledge that next year we are as good as any team in the country,” Spence said. “Knowing that means we’re going to have high expectations for next year but now we will have the experience, personnel and the tools to meet them.”

The 2010-2011 season was highlighted by a win over then ranked #8 Wabash at home, which saw Brady post a career high 36 points.

The team went undefeated in the month of January for the first time in program history.

The only other team in the program history to go undefeated in an entire month was the 1988 national championship team that saw them win every game in the month of March as they won the national title.

Women’s Lacrosse team hopes to defy NCAC league predictions

By Christopher Lathem
Transcript Reporter

The women’s lacrosse team will open its season with a trip to the east coast to face Goucher, Virginia Wesleyan, Bridgewater and St. Mary’s.

The team looks to build on last year’s season where they were able to advance to the NCAC conference tournament.

However, this year they are going to rely on a much smaller and younger team. Senior Marlowe Mavian said she thinks having a smaller group of players will actually help the team develop in other areas of the game, and although there are positives about having a big team there are also positives in a small team.

“We have a very small team this year,” she said. “A bigger team means fresher legs and in order to try and compensate

for our small numbers we’ve been conditioning a lot.

“We’ve become extremely fast in the midfield. We’ve also been working very hard on our stick handling skills so we can transition the ball by passing rather than running.”

Freshman Lori Weischedel also said she thinks stick work and other fundamentals will be important for the team this year.

“We are preparing for the games by working on our stick skills and putting ourselves in game like situations,” Weischedel said.

Mavian was second on the team in scoring last year with 40 goals. The Bishops are also lead by junior defenders Natalie Fisher and Kat Enders, who are both returning starters.

However, keys to the Bishops success this year will be coming together as a team and getting productivity from

younger players.

Mavian said she thinks this year’s freshman class has the potential to help fill the void left by last year’s seniors.

“There is no way we can replace the depth we lost from last year’s graduating class,” she said. “But, we are really lucky to have dedicated, fast-learning freshmen, who have been able to handle being thrown into a college paced game.”

Recently, a NCAC pre-season poll predicted the Bishops would finish in 5th place in the conference standings this year.

But, the team wants to achieve much more than just 5th place this year.

“A lot of people are calling this season a ‘rebuilding season’ for us,” Mavian said. “We were ranked 5th out of 7th in the coach’s poll, but we really want to prove people wrong.”