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Alumni foot the tuition bill

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With Alumni paying one-third of an Ohio Wesleyan education, students plan a day to give thanks to alumni for the gifts they make.

The trickiest part of Tuition Free Forward Day is the name. Many students don't know what it even is. Sophomore Katie Pappenhagen said she remembers hearing about it last year, but doesn't know exactly what it stands for.

"The name is confusing, but I remember seeing the table last year," Pappenhagen said. "I think it has to do with money being donated."

Most students don't know tuition alone doesn't cover a full cost of an OWU education; it only covers two-thirds.

The other one-third comes from gifts from alumni. From heating and electric to different repairs around campus, alumni help to pay the cost.

According to the OWU website, the Tuition Free Forward Day started in 2006 with the aid of the Ohio Wesleyan Fund. The website also said a formula is used by the accounting and finance offices to calculate the exact date of Tuition Free Forward Day. This date is normally at the end of March.

After that date, the operation of the school is paid for by gifts alumni have given. This year the day falls on Friday, March 25.

Members of the Spirit and Homecoming Organization (SHO) are helping to plan a noon event in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

Sophomore Mhaya Harrison is the committee leader helping to plan the day. She said this year the focus is getting out the name and what it stands for.

"We want to have lots of posters explaining what Tuition Free Forward Day is, have price tags all over campus on items that are donated by alumni, have students write thanks you cards, give out ice cream, prizes and have a raffle," Harrison said.

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Hamrick wins senior class trustee

By Lilly Jianas
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The race for Senior Class Trustee resulted in three separate run-off elections between the two remaining candidates, before one was elected to the position this month.

Students of the graduating class of 2011 voted between four different candidates who were all running for the position of Senior Class Trustee on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

While the expected outcome of the race was that there would be one candidate chosen, it was instead narrowed down to two: seniors Scott Bobbitt and Chloe Hamrick. As a result of the first election, students were to vote for either Bobbitt or Hamrick the following week in a run-off election.

The following week students voted, and once again, the race was too close to call. So again, seniors were to vote for either Bobbitt or Hamrick in a second run-off election.

In the second run-off, the candidates were trying to get the word out to senior students about the election, and to get them to vote for them in a different way than before.

"I was kind of expecting another run-off," Bobbitt said. "Ensuring that seniors vote, and express their voices was what I tried to focus on. Voting on-

line is so easy, so I tried to use that to my advantage and find creative ways to show seniors it would only take a few minutes of their time to vote."

While it was expected the second run-off election would result in a selection of either candidate to fill the position, it was once again too close to call. Students were to vote in a third run-off and final election in which Hamrick was chosen to serve on the Board of Trustees for the graduating class of 2011.

"With three elections total, the process was arduous, but also quite fair," Hamrick said. "I was confident that any of the four candidates would be excellent trustees. So having a run-off seemed the best option. The eventual winner would need the most votes."

While the election process went into a triple over time, the long process did not just include the elections.

The process began when the candidates decided they wanted to run for the position of Senior Class Trustee. Bobbitt said he knew he wanted to run the minute he heard about the position.

For Hamrick, her journey of running for Trustee began early in her college career.

"I decided to run for GCT sophomore year, when I first hear about the position," Hamrick said.

Both candidates said they also had

specific reasons for wanting to run. Hamrick said she saw it as a good way to remain involved with our school's community and to help it remain the place that it is.

Bobbitt said he wanted to run because, "The senior class has many different faces to it. I felt like I had my foot in a lot of different groups, and because of that, would be a good candidate for trustee".

On Jan. 20, the candidates who were running for Trustee met, and the next day they began obtaining signatures from students in order to secure a spot on the ballot.

Hamrick said she began to get signatures as soon as she got her petition. She received the full number of signatures she needed to get on the petition within 24 hours of asking for signatures.

"I got a lot of my petition signatures at the bar, so it was an easy way to meet new people, tell them what I was all about and ask for support," Bobbitt said.

While the process of the campaign and the elections was "long, drawn out and stressful at times," as Bobbitt called it, the two final candidates did take positives away from their experiences.

For Hamrick, one of the main positives she said is that she was elected



Hamrick

to the position, and has received the opportunity to remain involved in the school's community.

"I was impressed with the passion for OWU that the graduating seniors have," Hamrick said. "We all want to see OWU continue to be an excellent university. I am thankful for the friends I made, the support and encouragement I received and for the people that shared their ideas and opinions with me."

Bobbitt said for him it was a great chance to meet new members of his class he didn't already know, and to learn more about his class.

"I proved to myself that I had what it takes to run for an office position, and I'd do it again if I got the chance," Bobbitt said.

Quake strikes Japan: Event affects students on campus

By Andy Wittenberg
Transcript Correspondent

Japan was struck by disaster last Friday when an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear emergency wreaked havoc, reported the New York Times.

This catastrophe has left millions in Japan without food, shelter or electricity. The death toll is expected to reach over 10,000, according to ABC news.

On Monday, Japan injected the equivalent of \$183 billion U.S. dollars into their economy to help prevent financial collapse, reported the New

York Times.

The earthquake was the largest quake in Japan in recorded history, with a magnitude of 8.9.

The quake shook not only Japan's landscape and economy, but also the Japanese community at Ohio Wesleyan.

Freshman Tamiko Hess, who is half-Japanese, said she is concerned for her cousin's husband who is a Los Angeles Firefighter.

She said he was sent over to assist in the relief effort in Japan.

"I've just been worried about the radiation he might

come into contact with and everything," Hess said.

On Friday, there was an explosion just outside of a nuclear reactor in Japan.

The Japanese government flooded the plant with seawater to prevent a complete nuclear meltdown, reported the Washington Post.

By Monday, two nuclear plants in Japan were believed to have undergone partial meltdowns and three reactors had cooling problems, according to the Washington Post.

When a nuclear reactor loses power, it retains six percent of its heat.

Without power, a nuclear plant's nuclear rods can overheat, which can lead to a nuclear meltdown or radioactive leakage, reported the New York Times.

Some Japanese and American citizens have been treated for radiation exposure, although the full extent of the damage is hard to gauge, reported the New York Times.

Freshman Mana Fujita, a foreign exchange student from Japan attending OWU, said she cried a lot when she heard about the earthquake.

"It was incredible," Fujita said. "I couldn't even believe

it happened in Japan. I didn't imagine it coming to Japan. Friends of friends are missing or killed; there were so many people."

Both Hess and Fujita said they were lucky and fortunate most of their immediate family only felt negligent shaking.

Fujita said although there are only four Japanese students that attend OWU, they are still going to try to launch a relief effort.

"I was shocked," Fujita said. "I couldn't believe it actually happened. It's so real. You never expect it to happen to you."

Students spring into break with travel opportunities

By Brittany Wise
Transcript Correspondent

Students traveled outside of Delaware and outside of the United States for spring break last week.

Senior Bobby St. Clair traveled to the San Diego-Tijuana border region with his geography class.

St. Clair, along with his classmates, applied what they learned in the classroom to analyze the geographic region and look at the economic and cultural globalization processes that occurred in the regions.

"I took the class because I thought it would be interesting to study the area since I've never taken a course on the region yet," St. Clair said. "Plus, I knew that we'd be going to Mexico."

"Therefore, I'd be able to apply what I've learned all four years as a geography major, into real-world applications and issues."

Sophomore Kathleen Dalton traveled to Athens, Greece with the Sagan National Colloquium.

She said the trip to Athens featured trips to different museums, a bus tour and a boat ride.

"In Athens, we explored the roots of democracy and learned about the modern cul-

ture," Dalton said.

With the economics department, junior Alex McCarty went to Costa Rica.

While there, McCarty said he took hikes, went on a Santa Elena organic coffee tour, zip lined and experienced the hanging bridges.

"All the things we did tied into what we learned," McCarty said.

"We have learned about ecotourism and sustainability, so we had the chance to learn more about it while in Costa Rica and had first hand experiences."

Sophomore Erin Vassar traveled home to Tiffin, Ohio to go see friends and family.

"I hung out with my mom, dad and sister," Vassar said. "I did some shopping, reading and played with my dog."

Sophomore Katie Pappenhagen traveled to New Orleans to clean up after Hurricane Katrina.

Pappenhagen said she went through the Chaplain's Office for the mission trip and worked for the Saint Bernard headquarters.

She said they found out that one of the co-founders of the organization is an Ohio Wesleyan alumnus.

In New Orleans, Pappenhagen, along with eight other students, repaired a home that

was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

They finished putting up dry wall and prepped the walls for paint.

"We drove around to see some of the houses that are still damaged, and it was heartbreaking to see," Pappenhagen said. "Many people don't know that there is still damage down there."

She also said the experience will impact her decision about what she wants to do after college.

Sophomore Grace Fecher went to the Benedictine Monastery in Erie, Pennsylvania with the OWU spring break mission team.

This is her second year going on this spring break mission trip. Fetcher, along with seven other students, stayed with the nuns and was able to help them with different projects throughout their week stay.

"Some nuns worked for non-profit organizations like food banks, organizations that send books to orphans and welfare work programs," Fetcher said. "We went and helped them with each organization. We also learned why they decided to dedicate their lives to the monastery and prayed with them three times a day."



Photo submitted by junior Celeste Taylor, trip participant

Above: Kathleen Dalton travelled to Greece with 12 other students and two professors. On their journey they explored the ancient sites of the Acropolis, the Parthenon, Athena's Temple, Poseidon's Temple and many others. The Sagan course was titled, "Citizenship in an Age of Empire" and examined the roots of democracy and the ideas of a globalized citizen.

International students spend spring break in Washington, D.C.



Photo by Florenz Limen
After a buffet dinner, the students gathered with the Smiths and President Rock Jones.

By Florenz Limen
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Early morning on March 6, groups of international students gathered at Smith Hall waiting for their coach to arrive. It was a cold morning. Patches of snow lay on the ground. With traveling bags in one hand and a pillow in the other, the students boarded the coach. They were joined by four faculty members. After a few reminders, they were set for D.C.

The Washington, D.C., trip is a free event done on spring break for international students of Ohio Wesleyan.

It is open to all international students and is prioritized by seniority.

It is sponsored by Gordon Smith ('55) and Helen Cridler Smith ('56). This trip is planned and organized by the International and Off-Campus Office and is offered every two

years. This year, 36 students from all class levels were able to experience D.C. from March 6 to 9.

Accompanying them were four faculty members: Darell Albion, director of IOCP; Joan McLean, professor of politics and government; Pamala Laucher, department secretary of politics and government; and Dorota Kendrick, the new IOCP assistant director. Dr. McLean also served as a guide of the tour.

This year's trip had some added highlights to it. Unlike past trips, the Smiths were able to join the students in a seafood buffet dinner on March 6.

Also, President Rock Jones, who was at a conference in D.C., was able to come to the dinner.

As an act of gratitude to the kindness of the Smiths, the students gave them thank you cards and presents from their

home countries. Senior class president, Alina Rusmetova, represented the students in thanking the Smiths.

She said the students, especially those whose only chance to visit Washington, D.C., is through the trip, were very grateful of the unending support of the Smiths. She also added the Smiths were their role models in their endeavors as students.

The next days were filled with lots of sight-seeing, picture taking and bonding with friends.

"We went to so many museums and memorials," freshman Hyoseung Woo of Korea said. "My friends and I took lots of exciting memories to put on Facebook!"

Freshman Sriharsa Masabathula of India said he shares the same excitement.

"It was fun hanging out with people and observing everyone's different choices on

Museums and the way they approach them," Masabathula said. "For example, some like to finish one museum thoroughly, while others like to get a feel of the place and cover as much as possible."

The students went to different sites and museums like the Holocaust Museum, National Gallery, Udvar Hazy Center, the Supreme Court, the Capitol, Newseums, National Archives, the Vietnam War and Korean War memorials, the Smithsonian Museum and the White House.

Masabathula said his favorite was the Udvar Hazy Center because air travel has been his passion since he was a child.

"I also learned a lot about the political scene in the US and how it has evolved through the years," Masabathula said. "It was also fun realizing the significance and the emotional attachment that people have with the various institutions and memorials."

'Kappa and the City' party makes Greek life the vogue

By Natalie Duleba
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HBO's "Sex and the City" made drinking cosmos the vogue. Kappa Kappa Gamma's "Kappa and the City" was meant to show what Kappa life is all about.

On Feb. 28, a group of unaffiliated woman made their way to the Kappa house on 126 W. Winter Street for an hour of "fun, conversation and mocktails," promised by an email sent to students. Wearing dresses, heels and other clubbing attire, they arrived at the house.

There they were greeted by Kappa members who took their coats and invited them inside. Members dressed in the part of bartenders took drink orders—sparkling grape juice, Shirley Temples or a blue raspberry drink.

Those who came to the

event said they were looking forward to getting to know the current members of Kappa in an informal setting.

Freshman Jenea Dominguez said she had decided not to go through formal spring recruitment because of a demanding schedule, but said she was pleased with the opportunity to attend a Greek-sponsored event.

"I decided to go to the event because I'm still very interested in sorority life, and Kappa was always one I really liked," Dominguez said. "I believe I would go to any event [at Kappa]. I really like the atmosphere there."

Freshman Sarah Wells, who went with Dominguez, said she decided to go to the event for similar reasons.

"I decided to go because through personal experiences and the events in the fall and formal recruitment I feel like I

really connected with so many of the girls in Kappa," Wells said. "When I heard about the event, I wanted another chance to meet even more of the girls and get to know them well."

Every woman who attended sat in the Kappa house living room, surrounded by current members of the sorority to talk.

Amidst the Kappa-themed pillows and furniture, the members and visitors talked about classes, traveling abroad and hometowns.

"It was a cozy environment where everyone could sit down together and just talk about anything," Wells said. "I had the opportunity to get advice on what classes to take, learn more about the girls on a personal level, share excitement about spring break and so much more."

The night was a success for

both Dominguez and Wells, who both said they enjoyed meeting the members of Kappa at the event.

"My favorite part was getting a break from studying and getting to meet some pretty awesome girls," Dominguez said.

"I think it's awesome that when you join [the sorority] you can have such a great friend group to go to during these crazy college years."

Wells said she liked reconnecting with members she had met previously, as well as meeting new people.

"I wanted another chance to meet even more of the girls and get to know them well," Wells said. "I was excited to go to an event where I could not only continue making bonds with the girls that I have already met, but also meet some of the girls that I haven't had the chance to meet yet."

Aftershocks from Japan hit the OWU community

By Katherine Watson
Transcript Correspondent

Students at OWU are feeling emotional aftershocks following the tsunami and earthquake last Friday in Japan.

Freshman Mana Fujita said her friends in Japan have never felt "this kind of danger, so unsafe."

"Earthquakes are still happening," she said. "I'm scared that all of Japan is going to be destroyed."

Senior Aki Sato said everybody felt the effects of the earthquake the first day.

"My mom told me she had to wear a helmet when she slept," she said. "My dad went to the supermarket and

couldn't find any food."

Sophomore Eri Takeuchi said she was terrified because she didn't know if her house would be turned over or her family dead.

"I just had to watch the news and I couldn't contact my parents because the lines were so busy," she said.

None of the four international students from Japan have family members that were hurt by the earthquake. However, Fujita said her and the three other Japanese students on campus plan to serve Japanese food to fundraise and donate the money to the American Red Cross.

"We started to think we're not so powerless," she said.

"We can do something here. Get donations. This could not be possible in Japan because everyone is so confused and so sad."

Sato said it is important for her to feel connected to Japan and do what she can.

"This is actually happening in my area, where I grew up," she said. "But I'm here now and want to help because I'm Japanese and want to be a part of the country."

President Rock Jones said in an email that the faculty member and the students who are studying abroad in Japan were not harmed by the earthquake. They are in Osaka, Japan and are not near the danger zones.

For students who would like to help, Rock Jones suggested the United Methodist Committee on Relief or the American Red Cross.

Other students besides those from Japan feel the aftershocks of the earthquake and tsunami as well. Freshman Alison Falk, who has been to Japan twice, said the majority of her friends are in Osaka, so they are okay, but there is still one friend who she hasn't been able to reach.

"I usually talk to him on Skype, but he hasn't been on or anything," she said. "I emailed him but I haven't heard back from him. I'm really worried. I want to help but I don't know what to do."

What do you think about the SpringFest line-up?

"I've heard of both of them. I wish it was Matt and Kim. It'll be interesting, though."
-Kaitalin Kuivila, '14

"I'm not that excited about the bands this year. I'm not sure I'm gonna go."
-Jared Yee, '14

"There's no way I'm paying \$10 to go see the bands they picked."
-Gnora Gumanow, '14

"It sounds cool, but because of financial crisis, however, I am unable to pay the \$10."
-Umar Rabbimov, '14

"I like that the bands aren't super popular yet."
-Lauren Foote, '14

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Interfaith an integral part of campus life

Religious roots create diversity in student groups and OWU community

By **Leanne Williams**
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On a Wednesday evening in early February, several students gather in the basement of a dormitory on Ohio Wesleyan University’s campus. Their faces reflect a number of distinct ethnicities and races. Seated in a circle, some are in chairs and some on the floor; there is a light air in the room and a quiet chatter as they wait for their meeting to begin.

“I’d like to call the meeting to order,” said senior Sikendar Arshad. The chatter slowly faded and all eyes were on him. Looking down at the papers in his hands, Arshad announced the end of his presidency of Tauheed, OWU’s Muslim student group.

“Tauheed has been representing the Islamic students here on campus,” he said. “But this semester we’d like to focus on the interfaith harmony on campus.” He directed attention over to junior Iftekhar Showpnil, the club’s new president.

Although Tauheed is considered a Muslim campus group, there was less talk about Islamic traditions and more talk about interfaith harmony at this meeting. First on Showpnil’s agenda was the idea of opening up Tauheed meetings to all faiths.

“There’s already so much that needs to be done to create a more harmonious atmosphere on campus,” he said, receiving many nods of agreement. Showpnil moved through his agenda, outlining his ideas for the semester.

Sitting across the room from Showpnil was the university’s chaplain, the Revered Jon Powers. Showpnil expressed his desire to have multiple faiths in Tauheed; he said he wants to give students outside the Islamic faith a chance to clear up misconceptions they may have about it.

Getting other students involved will be a collective effort, which is where Powers might come in.

Showpnil explained why interfaith groups are important, but he fell short of words. He glanced at the chaplain, who took this cue perfectly, as if they had rehearsed.

Looking around the room Powers said, “Some of you may be wondering why recently we have been having all faith groups do community service together, but I promise, there is a reason; there is a method to our madness.”

Senior Caroline Miller sat a few chairs down from him; she was a minority in this situation. Gesturing towards her, Powers asked her to tell the group about a conference she attended.

Finding interfaith justice

Miller said she came to OWU because, during an online search, she saw they had a chapter of Hillel. She said she would not have gone to a school that didn’t have Hillel. It is the largest Jewish campus organization in the world; it provides opportunities for Jewish students to explore their faith on college campuses.

According to Hillel’s website, they are “working to provoke a renaissance of Jewish life.”

As important as it is to her, Miller said her devotion to her Jewish faith is now only a part of her involvement in OWU’s faith-based programs.

“I attended a conference in Washington, D.C., last semester,” Miller said, looking around the room at patient faces, “... Seriously guys, this conference changed my life.”

Last October, Miller attended a leadership institute in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC). The conference was called, “Better Together” and was funded by the Obama Administration. There were over 300 people there from colleges and universities across the country, and every state was represented.

At the institute, students learned about interfaith cooperation and the power it can have on the world. Miller said they equipped her with tools to bring back to OWU’s campus to start interfaith groups and to handle interfaith relations.

She began to talk about Martin Luther King,

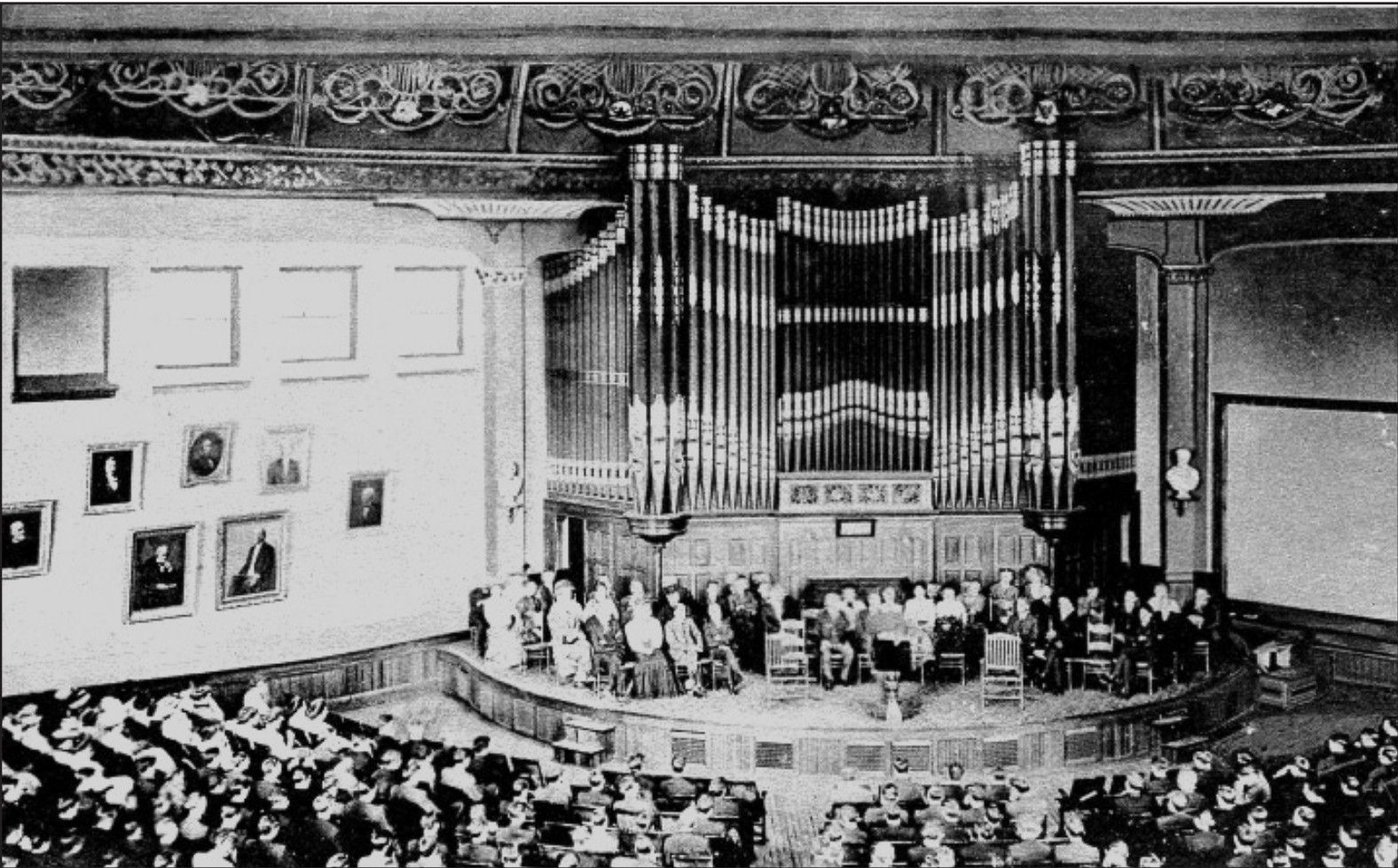


Photo from ‘Our Shared History: Delaware, Methodism and Ohio Wesleyan University’

Ohio Wesleyan students and faculty attended daily chapel services as part of the original Methodist structure of the university. This postcard, taken from the Special Collections archives, appears in the collection courtesy of Rex Welker.

Jr. and the civil rights movement. In an earlier interview she said, “Most people don’t realize, the civil rights movement was an interfaith movement.”

At the conference, she learned how Martin Luther King, Jr., worked with Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and the ideas of Gandhi during his fight against racism.

“What if Martin Luther King, Jr., had what we have: Facebook, Twitter, social media?” she asked. “What kind of impact could he have? That’s us!”

Miller brought back all these ideas to Ohio Wesleyan’s campus and hit the ground running.

Within Hillel, Miller has started a project called Challah (pronounced Halla) for Hunger, along with OWU’s Jewish Chaplain Jodi Kushins. Challah for Hunger (CfH) is a national organization that is inherently interfaith. They bake traditional Jewish bread and sell it in communities in order to raise money and awareness for disaster relief. OWU’s chapter gives half the proceeds to Darfur relief, and the other half to OWU spring break mission teams. Members of the mission teams get together with Hillel members and bake challah once a month.

Challah is traditionally eaten on Shabbat, which is Friday evenings at sunset, so students sell the challah on Friday afternoons in the student center.

Miller said the challah itself represents peace among neighbors.

“Challah is meant to be broken with your hands and shared,” she informed a group making challah one evening, “because knives are a symbol of war.”

After describing her experiences with the Tauheed group, Miller and the rest of the group began discussing events they could plan and how to integrate Hillel and Tauheed, and the differences it would make in their programs.

Chaplain Powers chimed in, “This is a typical Ohio Wesleyan gig,” he said. “You are a part of a new world movement, and you are going to see it grow.”

He could not contain his excitement, he threw his arms up in the air in a raise the roof type gesture. “Yay you!” he said.

His joy for this moment was contagious: The smiles of the students grew bigger by the second, and the atmosphere of the room grew increasingly relaxed.

Powers detailed events coming up in March and April that would be interfaith based. He was particularly excited about the “Better Together Bash.”

Essentially a miniature version of the conference Miller had attended in the fall, the bash will be a chance for students to clear up their misconceptions about all faiths.

There will be religious leaders from all different faiths and sects.

“You can walk up to a Catholic priest and just ask him anything you want, like, why aren’t you married?” Chaplain Powers said, chuckling at the thought.

There were no verbal responses from the group, but nods all around. There was a quiet in the room, a peaceful quiet.

Before speaking again, the chaplain put his hands together, as if he were about to pray. Instead, he lifted his hands to his lips, speechless.

Then, finally inhaling, he stretched out his arms, making a circular motion, as if touching all the people sitting in the circle.

“This feels really good to me guys,” he said as a smile crept over his face. “This feels like Ohio Wesleyan to me.”

The Wesleyan Heritage

The Wesleyan name is tied to the deep roots of Methodism. Stemming from John Wesley, the founder and first Methodist, Wesleyan history dates back to early 18th century England. Wesley broke away from the Church of England at that time and began a protestant denomination founded on the principles of a faith based upon reason.

As Methodism spread into America, colleges and universities were founded on the principles of John Wesley.

Chaplain Powers said many Christian students at OWU are confused about why a school claiming to be religiously affiliated with the Wesleyan Church puts interfaith acceptance as a highest priority.

What those students may not know about John Wesley is that he was the first to put into print to “agree to disagree” on religion in “The Character of a Methodist.”

In that document, John Wesley suggested a Methodist should only distinguish himself from others in action, and that all works of good are done in one faith to God.

The founders of OWU held “the University is forever to be conducted on the most liberal principles, accessible to all religious denominations and designed for the benefit of our citizens in general.”

OWU has gone through many different transitional periods regarding religion and philoso-

phy. For the first century after it was founded, OWU students were required to attend Chapel 13 times a week as a graduation requirement. The school eventually obtained the name “The WestPoint of Missions” because of the number of graduates who served abroad as missionaries.

“We have historically been a globally minded school,” Powers said, “because we have been a missionary school.”

He explains OWU alumni founded most of the abroad feeder schools OWU now has.

As the chaplain of a global school, Powers has to be engaged with a diverse interfaith student body. He does not deny there will always be confusions and misunderstandings in interfaith dialogue, because, to him, it is about sharing similarities but also differences, and those differences can be an obstacle within a community.

In Methodism, neighbors are the most important people, and Powers considers everyone his neighbor, but OWU students are his focus.

“One of the precepts of Methodism is to welcome the sojourner in your midst,” he said. “It says so in Leviticus and Deuteronomy.”

The chaplain identifies himself as a Christian, but does not let that separate him from other faith-based groups on campus. Of the hundreds of books he has in his office, the one sitting on the coffee table in front of him is titled “Jesus in the Quran.”

Powers directly oversees multiple faith-based student groups on campus, from small Bible studies to interfaith leadership, and calls himself a “silent partner” to even more. Once he begins describing his involvement on campus, it’s impossible for him to stop.

“It is kind of hard to define the web,” Powers said. “We constantly ebb and flow.”

Although many students have embraced the environment Powers has tried to foster, it has not always been easy for him.

Some people don’t understand him, or his reasoning for the way he runs his chaplaincy, but he’s had to deal with it for many years.

“It used to bother me,” he said looking down, it is still a hard topic for him to discuss, “but I can’t let it anymore.”

The misunderstandings dishearten him, but have not made him change his ways. His desire is to offer an open door to everyone to explore any faith.

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Students rally for environmental rights and one massive ‘Power Shift’

By **Breanne Reilly**
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This April, the Environment and Wildlife Club will travel to Washington, D.C., to converge with more than 10,000 college students and participate in Power Shift 2011.

Sophomore Andrea Skiles, president of the Environment and Wildlife Club, said Power Shift 2011 takes place April 15-17 at the D.C. Convention Center.

Power Shift occurs every two years and is the nation’s largest student led conference concerning environmental issues, such as the effects of dirty energy and the need for sustainability. Students from different states attend workshops and develop diplomatic solutions for these issues. “The event is aimed towards edu-

cating college students because our generation can change the issues,” Skiles said. “Everything we use comes from the earth. If we don’t have our resources, we don’t have anything.”

According to the Power Shift 2011 website, the Energy Action Coalition (EAC) organized the first Power Shift conference in November 2007. At Power Shift 2007, more than 6,000 college students conveyed at the University of Maryland on the fringes of Washington, D.C. Two years later, the number of students who participated in Power Shift 2009 doubled to 12,000.

According to Skiles, students have been involved in Power Shift in previous years. Seventeen club members participated in Power Shift 2009.

At Power Shift 2009, students

were a part of Capitol Climate Action, a demonstration to shut down a coal-fired power plant in Washington, D.C.

According to the Power Shift 2011 website, Lisa Jackson, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will be speaking at the event. Jackson spoke at Power Shift 2009 and is described as “tenacious and unyielding in her mission to improve public health, advance environmental justice and bring science back to the Environmental Protection Agency.”

Skiles said President Obama and Josh Fox, founder of the International WOW Company and director of the documentary “Gasland,” may also speak at the event.

According to its website, the International WOW Company works with

actors and non-actors from around the world to create films about social and political issues. “Gasland” is a film about the impact of natural gas drilling on the environment.

Sophomore Chris Marshall said he and other club members will focus on a solution to similar environmental issues in Ohio. Marshall said gas companies in the state are retrieving gas using methods that have adverse effects on soil and drinking water.

“We’ll be getting a first-hand experience on how to take action against this issue with students from around Ohio,” Marshall said. “Then we’ll take what we learned and any solutions we come up with back to campus.”

Skiles said 15 students have decided to attend Power Shift 2011, and 20 spots remain. There is a \$25 fee to

sign up, and the total cost of the trip is \$65.

Skiles said she hopes WCSA will contribute to the cost and the club will be having fundraisers to raise money for the trip.

Students do not have to be club members to attend and will need to bring only three days’ worth of clothes, necessities and a notebook to use at the workshops.

Marshall said he hopes to return to campus with fresh ideas of how students can become more involved in protecting the environment and conserving energy.

“When you see 10,000 people from different schools and states working toward a solution, there’s passion in that,” Marshall said. “We’re going out there to learn how to make changes here.”

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Chaplain Powers puts love and acceptance above the foundations of the Methodist Church. Above his desk hangs a large painting of Jesus and a plaque that reads Shalom in Hebrew.

“I work for him,” he said pointing to the picture. “I get to represent Jesus in all different contexts.”

The Chaplain will continue promoting interfaith dialogue as long as he is here. To him, Christianity is the host faith on the campus and a good host always keeps their door open.

Interfaith in form

Miller was not the first OWU student to attend the IFYC interfaith conference. Senior Martha Park attended fall of 2009 in Chicago.

Park came to OWU with close ties to the Methodist Church. Her father is a Methodist minister, but Park said she didn’t originally identify with the Methodist tradition after arriving at OWU.

Over the past four years, she has become increasingly involved with interfaith events and social justice groups. As a member of the Peace and Justice house on campus, she has done

various events with the Chaplain’s Office, including a mission trip where they worked with Catholic, Lutheran, Muslim, Baha’i and Jewish organizations all in one week.

Wonderful is how Chaplain Powers described Martha. “She has a lot to say,” he said.

He also described her as someone who has embraced opportunities to investigate faith based issues in a personal way.

After attending the IFYC conference, Park said she noticed the word interfaith as a “buzzword” more often, and began to realize the interfaith movement was already a part of the OWU campus and around the world.

Park and Miller have similar outlooks on the interfaith movement at OWU, while being involved in completely different ways.

Miller is highly involved in religious groups, while Park is more involved in social justice groups. They both see the necessity of getting the movement off the ground, which will take a lot of work by student leaders.

While some students question the interfaith stance OWU is taking, Park has a different outlook. She said she cherishes the history of the school, but “the fact is, we can’t ‘keep’ or get rid of our heritage. It’s there, and it’s brought us where we are, and now we just have to choose to either act in line with it or diverge from it.”

Park, because of her family background, recognizes how important the interfaith movement is to the Methodist tradition.

She quoted John Wesley, “...as to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity we think and let think,” when asserting her views on interfaith in the Methodist tradition.

The issue of interfaith dialogue in social justice issues is evident to the two.

Park quoted Eboo Patel, a founder of the IFYC: “Show me a religion that doesn’t care about compassion. Show me a religion that doesn’t care about stewardship of the environment. Show me a religion that doesn’t care about hospitality.”

Both girls are inspired by Patel’s words and wisdom.

Miller is a senior and is doing what she can on campus to encourage the interfaith movement. By doing things like going to Tauheed meetings, she hopes to encourage students of other faiths to step outside of their comfort zones.

As this Tauheed meeting came to a close, Miller invited the Muslim students to join Hillel in traditional Jewish dancing the following Sunday.

To Miller, little things like that can eventually make the world a different place.



Photo from the Chaplain's website

The interior of Peale Chapel includes a mihrab, (traditional aspect of mosques) facing Mecca, the direction practitioners of the Muslim faith face when praying.

COW house offers unique perspective on campus cultural diversity

By Kathleen Dalton
Transcript Correspondent

The Citizens of the World (COW) house has become a better known name on campus this year and will continue to expand and gain notoriety in the future, according to moderator and senior John Riverso.

The house was founded in 2009 with the hopes of “creating a community where students from diverse cultural backgrounds could live with each other in a supportive and open world of cross-cultural experiences that promote understanding and curiosity,” according to the house’s mission statement.

Riverso said COW promotes cultural diversity traditions and spreads knowledge of social justice issues from around the globe.

He said he also hopes the Small Living Unit will continue to expand and encourage the student body to appreciate the variety of backgrounds and cultures evident in the school community.

House members hope to complete their goals of promoting cultural diversity and understanding through various house projects.

Riverso said the house hosted a “Chrismahannuk-wanzaaka Party” during the winter holidays to celebrate a variety of winter holiday tradi-

tions. Party attendees learned of the origins of each holiday. Attendees played games such as Dreidel and ate diverse treats such as Latkes.

House members shared their love of food through their program, ‘Noodles Around the World’ in which COW members prepared a noodle dish from somewhere around the world. Riverso said this program highlights a common thread in many different cultures.

“No matter where you are in the world, some things will be the same,” Riverso said. “In this case, [it is] the use of pasta in preparing popular cultural dishes.”

House member and ju-

nior, Kritika Kuppuswami, completed a house program in which she prepared an assortment of Indian and Mauritian snacks. Kuppuswami said the house allows her and her housemates to show that people from several cultures and traditions can live together and interact despite their differences.

“We wish to educate the campus community about our cultures and give them the chance to enjoy the things we enjoy with our friends and family,” Kuppuswami said.

Currently there are 15 residents of the house. Riverso said during the SLUSH process, the house had 17 applicants to live there next year.

“I am definitely satisfied with the number of applicants we received this time around,” Riverso said. “In terms of people applying, more is always good, because it gives you more people to choose from.”

This year is the house’s second year as an established SLU. Riverso said he thinks the house is better known than it was last year, but hopes that next year COW will be as well known as the other SLUs on campus.

Some students still feel that the house has a way to go in terms of notoriety on campus. Sophomore Brittany Carpenter said the houses she knows most about are those that host major events and parties.

“I personally never hear much about the Citizens of the World house,” Carpenter said. “The SLUs that are really well known are the ones students pass on their way to class.”

Other students, such as sophomore Amanda Boehme, said they think COW’s universal message will help its name spread across campus.

Boehme said she applied to live at the house because she appreciated the international theme the house offers to perspective members.

“Since I lived abroad and am half Chinese and go to school with a huge amount of diversity, I felt I could work really well with the theme,” Boehme said.

Funds for Stuyvesant renovations reach a staggering \$3.3 million

Courtesy of the Department of Communications

Since Jan. 1, Ohio Wesleyan University graduates and friends have supported the university’s plan to restore Stuyvesant Hall, one of the campus’s six residence halls, with monetary commitments totaling more than \$3.3 million.

The yearlong project to renovate and update Ohio Wesleyan’s oldest residence hall is expected to cost approximately \$15 million. A timetable for construction has not been finalized.

“Stuyvesant Hall is a gem that needs polish,” said President Rock Jones. “The building exemplifies the residential-campus experience that is a hallmark of an Ohio Wesleyan liberal arts education. Its design was ahead of its time when it opened 80 years ago, and this project will restore its original luster. When completed, Stuyvesant Hall will provide comfortable living, dining, and social-activity areas to enhance and foster our student community.”

Project pledges made this year include two commitments valued at \$1 million each. The first is from Jean Carper (‘53) of Key West, Fla. Carper is a New York Times best-selling author, contributing editor to USA Weekend magazine and leading authority on health and nutrition. She is a 1998 recipient of Ohio Wesleyan’s Distinguished Achievement Citation.

Carper’s \$1 million gift will be acknowledged with the naming of Carper Parlor, recognizing three generations of Carper women who attended Ohio Wesleyan. Her mother was Natella Carper (‘26) and her niece, Ashley Carper (‘05).

The second \$1 million gift also includes naming a portion of the renovated building’s interior in honor of an OWU graduate, but the

donor wishes this gift to remain a secret until closer to the unveiling.

Additional commitments for Ohio Wesleyan’s Stuyvesant Hall renovation project include several alumni contributions.

Margaret Dankworth (‘42), an economics major from St. Clairsville, Ohio, gave \$375,000. Dankworth is a former executive director of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Nancy (White) White (‘54) of Cincinnati contributed an additional \$350,000. White’s gift will create the “Duncan and Nancy (White) White Study Lounge” on the building’s third floor. Nancy White was a home economics major and has served as both a member of the Alumni Board of Directors and a university trustee. She received Alumni Award Special Recognition in 1986. Duncan White (‘54), deceased, was an economics major and journalism minor who earned Alumni Award Special Recognition in 1994. He was a member of the Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honorary.

Helen Shearer Fitch (‘45), and her husband, Morgan Fitch of Kalamazoo, Mich. contributed an additional \$350,000. Helen Fitch was a politics and government major and a member of the Phi Sigma Alpha politics and government honorary.

Mildred Newcomb (‘41), Class of 1941, of Columbus, Ohio gave \$100,000. In addition to graduating from Ohio Wesleyan, Newcomb was a faculty member in the department of English for 35 years. She earned Alumni Award Special Recognition in 1979.

\$150,000 was contributed by Lincoln Young (‘57), an economics major from New Hartford, Conn. Young worked for many years in the banking industry and is the retired chief executive officer of Turbine Engine Services Corp.

“We are pleased to receive these gener-



Photo from the Department of Communications

Alumni contributions of \$3.3 million help fund the upcoming renovations of Stuyvesant Hall.

ous gifts to support our efforts to renovate Stuyvesant Hall,” said Jim Kenny, interim vice president of University Relations. “Our alumni know the value of the residential campus experience and want to share that with current and future students.”

Potential plans for Stuyvesant Hall include adding a fourth floor to the residential wings that flank each side of the building. The wings, now three stories each, currently have flat roofs.

The renovation would mimic the pitched roof and dormer look of the main building.. The project also would allow the university to add approximately 40 bedrooms, containing up to 50 beds. The renovated building would house an estimated 292 students.

When work is completed, the building also would include several environmentally friendly “green components” and its signature bell tower would ring again.

Public Safety offers transportation and peace of mind to campus community

By Travis Wall
Transcript Correspondent

OWU’s transportation services for students who feel they need a “safe ride” home is taking steps towards ensuring that it will not be manipulated.

Currently, the policy states that “safe rides” are issued for safety versus convenience, with safety being the top priority. It has become a trend on some weekends for students to call the public safety office asking for rides home from parties or the bar.

Safe Ride sees most of its clients between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 2:45 a.m., commonly taking them to the hospital, according to Public Safety Sergeant Chris Mickens.

Something that students may not know is that there is a bit of a screening process that occurs to assist in weeding out those who are calling for a ride solely because they don’t feel like walking home.

Sergeant Mickens explained some of the process that they go through.

“We will ask the callers how they got to the place they were calling us

from, how they were planning on getting home when they left for the night and whether they traveled with other people,” said Mickens. “Just from asking those questions we find that the people who are just calling for a ride hang up the phone because they don’t want to talk if they know they need to explain why they need the ride”.

If you get a ride home from Public Safety one night, then you can find your name in a log that keeps record of all the people who have used the service and why they needed a ride.

By keeping this log, they can see if there are any reoccurring users and why they need a ride again.

This year, according to Sergeant Mickens, the number of rides given are down, but he doesn’t want students to be afraid to call.

“Nothing is set in stone with this policy because safety is first and every case is different,” he said. “Someone may be drunk at the bar and it would be convenient for them to get a ride home but someone could be really drunk at the bar and actually need a ride home.”

Junior Andrew Miller said he is happy about the screening process.

“Since I’ve been here I have heard stories of people that can get rides home from P.S. consistently just because their friends with them, so it’s nice to know that there isn’t any preferential treatment,” said Miller. “Everyone wants a free ride back to the dorms or frats, but it’s not Public Safety’s duty to be a free taxi cab for students they are friends with”.

Public Safety’s number is 740-368-2222 and students should call if they are in an unsafe situation.

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Harrison said the goal is to promote the day as clear as

possible and encourage students to write a lot of thank you notes. To meet this purpose, there will be an area where students will have the opportunity to write hand-

written letters to alumni thanking them for their support.

“Hopefully many students will write cards,” Harrison said.

Freshman Sarah Hartzheim

is on the committee working with Harrison and some other members in SHO. She said she is excited about spreading the word about the influence alumni have to the students.

“Many students don’t know how different the school would be without alumni aid, and this is a great way to show that,” Hartzheim said.

Hartzheim said getting the

students’ attention is going to be the hardest part, but she said she isn’t worried. She said having the event during the lunch hour will help bring lots of students to the area.

Arts & Entertainment

Students suggest scenery switch for Springfest

By **Victoria Morris & Danielle Kanclerz**
Transcript Reporter & Copy editor

Reel Big Fish, and rapper Sammy Adams will be at OWU for SpringFest. Despite the growing excitement for the show, the venue for SpringFest is growing old to some.

The annual concert will be held on April 2 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Gordon Field House, which is a source of controversy on campus.

Many students including junior Lex Kondas have said they would prefer the event to be held outside.

“Having SpringFest outside would be a good idea because there would be much more space and it would be nice out,” she said.

“People could have the opportunity to sit down and be comfortable or stand up and dance.”

Junior Emily Kiourtsis also said she would rather have the event outside.

“I would definitely prefer SpringFest to be held outside,” she said. “It would be a nice way to enjoy the warmer weather.”

Senior Sally Goldstein-Elkind, a member of Campus Programming Board (CPB) who is cosponsoring the event along with WCSA, said there are complications involved with having the event outside.

“Students have asked about having SpringFest outside,” she said. “It’s not a matter of not wanting to do it, we would love to, [have the event outside] but a lot goes into it.”

She said additional investments would include hiring extra security to keep people without tickets from entering the event and buying a cover or an additional indoor stage in case of rain.

“There’s also the issue of the noise and

neighbors complaining,” she said.

Junior Dustin Green, president of CPB, said two main concerns were brought to CPB’s attention by their middle agent regarding having the event outside.

“The main problems we have run into are noise ordinance violations,” he said. “If the police are called or there is a noise complaint from the public, then the concert is over.

“[The] overall safety of the acts [is also a problem] – the unpredictable weather makes indoor venues much more reliable [and] desirable [because] if the acts feel unsafe at any time, then they can refuse to play, but must still be paid.”

Green also said CPB is looking into improving the acoustics in Gordon Field House.

“Believe me, we want the best sounding concert we can have,” he said.

Members of CPB said they are looking into

an outdoor music event for next fall when they feel the weather will be more predictable.

Green said students with ideas, comments or concerns about SpringFest are always welcome to attend CPB meetings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, room 304.

The Southern California-based band, Reel Big Fish, released its first album in 1995.

According to the band’s website, the band is known for its “hyperkinetic stage shows, juvenile humor, ironic covers of new wave pop songs and metallic shards of ska.”

As for Sammy Adams, the Boston native has gathered a following since he started his music career in 2009.

After the 2010 release of his first album, Boston’s Boy, the album landed the number one spot on iTunes hip-hop charts and number two overall.

‘PHOTO PLAYS’: Flashes of student brilliance

By **Rachel Ramey**
Editor-in-Chief

The Department of Theatre and Dance will present “PHOTO PLAYS: Flashes of Brilliance!”, a unique process based on 24-hour theater and featuring actors, directors and writers from the student body.

The initial process involved an actor selecting a costume and prop and being photographed.

These photographs were given to directors, then to writers who would create a screenplay based on only the photograph.

The writers had two days to complete this process and the directors and actors had an additional two days to rehearse before showcasing the final product.



Photo from the Department of Communications

Samantha Owen, production manager, takes a photo of actor Andrew Rossi, with the assistance of Artistic Director Bonnie Milne Gardner.

es I wanted to make within the first hour of getting the script, so I could direct my actors with specific ideas,” Clark said. “We have a good mix of styles so the audience can laugh, cry and even have a heartfelt moment. It was a great learning process and I’m glad I was able to be a part of it.”

She said her favorite aspect was the collaborative effort involved in the four day process.

Post-graduation, Clark said she plans to attend graduate school and eventually become a theater professor.

Senior Rachel Spetrino was both an actor and a director in the photo plays process.

Spetrino said she thinks the final product will be really fun.

“The audience is going to really be able to relate to each character and stay entertained,” Spetrino said. “It [the process] was constantly fresh and I loved that it never got boring!”

She said her favorite part of the process was working with many different people on constantly new pieces.

Spetrino said she is planning on eventually going to

medical school after graduation.

Junior Joe Lugosch appears as an actor in two of the plays.

Lugosch said he has never done something similar, but it was interesting and the process gave him a deeper understanding of the people he was working with.

“The audience is going to get to see the results of a massive amount of creativity from all sides of the theater process congealed into a night of entertainment, which I find particularly exciting,” Lugosch said. “It is up to the audience to decide how they feel about the whole process. One thing I will promise is that everyone will find something that intrigues them.”

He said his favorite aspect has been the development and variety of the characters during the process. He said the actors had a role in shaping the play, but the playwright’s character could be nothing like what the actor had in mind initially.

Lugosch said he hopes to act in film one day because of the realism that can be portrayed in film more easily than staged theater.

Senior Hannah Berger-Butler, theater and psychology double-major, was a playwright and an actor for the four day process.

Berger-Butler said while she has not done anything similar before, she didn’t want to turn down the opportunity.

“I think the finished product is wonderful,” Berger-Butler said. “The creativity required for this process and positive energy is clearly seen during the show and I think the audience will thoroughly enjoy it.”

She said the finished products at each lab were her favorite part.

She said the abilities of the playwrights, actors and directors are showcased well in the final products and she appreciates the energy required of everyone involved.

After graduation, Berger-Butler said she plans to move to Chicago to work in theater and is currently applying for different internships in the field.

PHOTO PLAYS will be performed March 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 27 at 2 p.m. in Chappear.

Babycakes fills student stomachs and needs

By **Solomon Ryan**
Transcript Correspondent

Biting into a freshly baked cupcake at Babycakes on Sandusky Street erases any concerns about consuming too many calories. The store is the perfect place for an affordable treat.

Babycakes opened on Feb. 4, and co-owner Doug Baki said he has been impressed with community response.

“I make 10 or 11 dozen cupcakes a day and, I would say about 50 customers come every day,” he said.

Of the customers he has served to date, several are Ohio Wesleyan students, but Baki hopes to attract more.

“We haven’t really advertised yet,” Baki said. “We plan to send out fliers around campus, and we’re hoping for some good publicity from the

paper as well.”

Baki said he wasn’t sure why they decided to name the store Babycakes.

“It beats me,” he said. “My wife came up with it.”

Baki also said being an owner of a cupcake shop is not as easy as some may think.

“I start making cupcakes at around 7 a.m.,” he said. “If anyone would like to watch and see the work I put in, be my guest.”

Baki said he could have chosen many other career paths, but is satisfied with owning a cupcake shop.

“I wanted to open a cupcake shop, and not, let’s say, a shoe shop because it makes people happy,” he said. “I like seeing people happy and cupcakes can do that to people.”

Babycakes is a sweet tooth’s dream. It offers a variety of cupcakes, but the most

popular has been titled “The Jug.” With chocolate frosting, chocolate cake and chocolate chips on the outside and inside of the cupcake, “The Jug” is bound to make anyone crave another.

“Most people like ‘The Jug’ the best,” Baki said. “We named it ‘The Jug’ after Delaware’s own Jug race.”

In addition to baking his own cupcakes, Baki offers customers a chance to create their own combinations that he can make in the store. Customers have the option of ordering either a vanilla cupcake or a chocolate cupcake with a choice of vanilla or chocolate frosting. They can choose between six different toppings including gummy worms and sprinkles.

“A couple of days ago a big group of kids came in and designed their own cupcakes,”

Baki said. “They loved it. It seems to be a big hit for the kids.”

Babycakes also offers a chance for customers to order big or small cupcakes in advance.

“I found that many customers like to order the small ones because they are cheaper,” Baki said.

Cupcakes range in price from \$1.50 to \$3.50, depending on size.

This is the only cupcake shop the Bakis own, but expansion is not out of the question, he said.

Senior Zach Weaver said he is not much of a cupcake person, but Babycakes swayed his opinion.

“I usually don’t eat sweets, but when I tried ‘The Jug’ I wanted another,” he said.

Babycakes is located at 47 North Sandusky Street.

OWU’s Bachelorette of the Month Hubbell hunts a hunk



Photo by Cara Foley

Eliot Hubbell is a pro at playing hard to get.

By **Cara Foley**
Transcript Reporter

Senior Eliot Hubbell from Milbrook, N.Y., is on the prowl for a man.

Her interests include traveling, meeting new people, the universe, sporting events and concerts.

This journalism major, sociology minor is truly a catch for any man out there.

Hubbell is an animal lover and has two dogs at home named Chewy and Sophie. In addition, she has a horse

named Abby. Hubbell is truly unique.

She’s best described as goofy, fun and confident.

Hubbell said she thinks girls should play hard to get if they know how to do it right.

“If not, then it’s just a lost cause,” she said.

She said she plays hard to get in the beginning so the guy knows it’s not an easy deal and he needs to work for it. She also said the hard work definitely pays off.

Hubbell said her perfect date on campus would possibly be taking a dip in the Meeks Aquatic Center.

“Although, if it’s nice out, then either the Columbus Zoo, or the Delaware Beach,” Hubbell said.

She said she loves being by the water.

Hubbell said in her spare time she loves to stay active.

“I always go on a run when the weather permits,” she said.

“I bee bop around the off campus houses and spend time with my friends.”

Hubbell said any potential boyfriend must have a sense of humor.

“He must be able to make me laugh,” she said. “Having a good sense of humor means more than telling jokes. It shows the guy is well rounded and has a relaxed state of mind; that will completely make him look much more physically attractive.”

This blonde bombshell said her favorite go-to-tune would be a toss-up between “Ramble On” by Led Zeppelin or “Shoop” by Salt-N-Pepa.

“My biggest pet peeve would have to be when guys eat with their mouths open -- it’s just gross and impolite,” she said.

Hubbell said she absolutely believes everyone has a soul mate.

“I don’t think necessarily your soul mate has to be your ‘loved one’; I know my soul mate is my best friend Alison Hill,” she said.

Hubbell said she believes some people may have more than only one soul mate. She said it depends on how compatible you are with another person.

“I hope my husband is my second soul mate,” Hubbell said.

If this saucy journalist could have any superpower, she said she would pick being able to teleport places. With this long winter, that is a smart choice.

She admits to this being wishful thinking, but she hopes to find herself in San Francisco, Calif., working as a wine connoisseur.

If you’re reading this and thinking this could be the girl for you, you should listen up. Hubbell said her biggest turn off is whining.

“I am honestly not the girl to put up with whining, it is the biggest turn off,” she said.

Hubbell said guys are confusing because they are so inconsistent. She hates that they can say one thing, but act completely different.

“Actions speak louder than words,” Hubbell said.

Hubbell said she believes in love at first sight.

“I fall in love every day,” she said.

She said she also believes that chivalry is still alive today, but not as much as it used to be.

“I am a very traditional girl, so I believe true gentlemen still practice chivalry,” she said.

Hubbell said she wants to travel the whole world and see everything. Could you be the one to travel it with her? Reach out to Eliot and find out. Contact her by email: emhubbel@owu.edu or look her up on Facebook.

If you would like to be considered the next OWU Bachelor or Bachelorette, email reporter Cara Foley at cfoley@owu.edu.

Opinion

From the Editors:

Pocketful of sunshine

What would happen if the press were no longer able to act as a watchdog? In places with less open governments and greater restrictions on the media (think North Korea, for example), journalists are not able to fulfill their primary function of serving their communities.

The American Society of News Editors annually sponsors Sunshine Week, advocating the role of freedom of information and open government. Journalists around the nation are taking the week of March 13-19 to shout out their support for disseminating accurate and complete information to the public.

In the past, censorship initiatives by the government have harmed the journalist's ability to produce fair and accurate accounts of events, programs and government initiatives. The Iraq war, the Pentagon papers and the Watergate scandal are some examples that come to mind when you address the idea of open government and media censorship.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, the government is required to produce open records to the public (not just journalists). However, this is a long process and a request can become bogged down in the limbo of national security. There are nine major FOIA exemptions that can bar information from being released. Trade secrets, oil well data and foreign policy matters are a few of the things our government deems inappropriate and makes unavailable for public consumption.

Sunshine Week celebrates this basic right of accessing this information. People should be knowledgeable and well-informed on government activities, policies and affairs.

Mobilizing locally is one way to enhance the effects of Sunshine Week and advocate your support of open government and freedom of information.

Sadly, at least for us here at The Transcript, there aren't many sunshine laws that apply to private schools. If something happens here at OWU -- let's say, for example, if someone gets fired -- there's no way anyone on staff can get access to the information. Unless we have, on the record, someone telling us what happened, there is no story. If there is a budget crisis, if there is an administrative error, if a donor can't pay for something, if there is corruption on an administrative level, there is no way we can know we can report it without documentation or an administrative statement.

We must rely, then, on people to tell us what is going on. What kind of journalists would we be if we operated on rumors and hearsay? We have to go to those in charge and those who are involved to give us information. Unfortunately, they don't always trust us as journalists. Unfortunately, we don't always get the full story. Sometimes, we can't even run a story because we're missing some facts or opinions.

Perhaps this is part of the reason some of our stories seem incomplete; why it doesn't seem like there are as many quotes as there could be when you read the paper every week. People don't always get back to us. People don't always tell us the truth. It's not because we don't care here at the paper. It could be laziness, could be fear of retaliation or job loss, could be any number of things. Sometimes, people just don't want to talk.

That affects us, obviously. How can we be good journalists if we don't have evidence to report. But how do people not realize how much this affects them, as well?

So stand up for the things you want protected. File a FOIA request -- just so the government and others know people still care out there. Read a newspaper, talk with your friends about open government and use your right to freedom of information to educate yourselves about government policy.

There are a lot of actions our government takes that no one understands or, even worse, don't read beyond the official explanations supplied. The media can act as a watchdog for the government, but so can you. If you want to know the answers, then sometimes you have to start asking the hard questions.

Michelle Rotuno-Johnson & Rachel Ramey
Managing Editor & Editor-in-Chief

Letter to the Editor:

I would just like to express my appreciation for what I find to be The Transcript's balance of reporting on the diversity of issues, events and opinions that are present on our campus. While I commend Mr. Young for using the opinion page as it is intended to be used by sharing his perspective about what should and shouldn't be included in a student newspaper ("Get Real Transcript" 3/3/11), please count myself among those who still enjoy getting a sense of OWU's gripes and goals in our weekly rag.

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Quote of the Week: *"I was impressed with the passion for OWU that the graduating seniors have. We all want to see OWU continue to be an excellent university. I am thankful for the friends I made, the support and encouragement I received and for the people that shared their ideas and opinions with me."*

– Chloe Hamrick, Senior Class Trustee

Water: Our most undervalued commodity



Over the past couple of months here at Green Scene, we have discussed ways anyone can improve their energy efficiency through simple and low or no-cost changes we can all make in our daily lives.

By improving your own personal energy consumption habits, you can effectively reduce your carbon footprint while saving yourself hundreds of dollars each year on utility costs.

For students, conserving energy could help prevent or diminish those dreaded tuition hikes by helping Ohio Wesleyan save on their own utility bills, which represents a huge portion of the cost to keep OWU running each day, month and year.

And while conserving energy will help you reduce your personal carbon footprint, it is equally important to look at your ecological footprint as well.

One of the most overlooked topics of

natural resource conservation and human consumption is the issue of our own water use. Considering that water is one of the few prerequisites for all life on Earth and up to 60 percent of the human body is composed of water, I'd say it must be pretty important. However, most of us go about our daily lives taking it for granted.

While many of our most precious commodities such as oil, natural gas, gold and other valuable natural resources are all highly-prized and even traded on the open market, fresh water remains the most critical, undervalued and underappreciated commodity in the world today. In fact, almost all of us will go through our daily routines with convenient and excessive access to clean and fresh water, and not even ever have the thought of water consumption come across our minds.

There are many reasons most of us take this precious natural resource for granted. One major reason is the fact water is incredibly cheap here in the United States.

Consider a gallon of water from the average American utility costs around \$1.50 for every 1,000 gallons of water delivered. Around 1/10 of a penny per gallon!

The fact of the matter is Americans don't feel any pain in their wallets when

it comes to their daily water consumption, meaning for most people their consumption is "out of sight, out of mind."

Another reason we take water for granted is because it is almost literally all around us. Think about it, everywhere you go you are never really far from water, or at least close and convenient access to it.

Nobody in an urban setting like Delaware should ever be suffering from extreme thirst. The fact water also falls from the skies (more often than not in Delaware lately) also prevents most of us from even perceiving water as a "commodity."

And while there are many more explanations for why we take clean, fresh water for granted here, the future implications of our wastefulness when it comes to water still remains unclear or unseen by many of us. And while I highly doubt any of you are blatant and obscene water wasters, many of us do not realize the ways we can improve water use efficiency as we go about our daily routines.

Over the next few weeks, we'll shift our focus from energy efficiency to water consumption and dive into a discussion of how we can improve our own water consumption habits and the potential future implications of continued wastefulness.

Letter to the editor: Response to Transcript critic

As a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan's journalism program and a current OWU employee, I look forward to reading the Transcript every week because I know how much work goes into producing those eight to 10 pages week after week. I know firsthand what it is like to sit in those staff meetings trying to figure out what's going on this week, trying to figure out a new way to cover events that aren't exactly new or exciting. I've been there, and the letter to the editor by Charles Young in the March 3 issue has made the journalist inside me angry.

Charles' letter is the perfect example of someone who doesn't understand the depths that students go to to put out a paper every week. But that isn't really his fault, and I can't blame him, because I'm fairly certain that most people on campus look at our small little newspaper and don't think twice about the hard work that went into it. I'd go as far as to say that many students and members of the faculty and staff don't even bother to read it, which is more a statement of how apathetic our society has become rather than of personal shortcomings. But in a world where print journalism is slowly dying, I would like to commend Charles for admitting he reads the paper and for believing that it should be "a beacon of light and voice of the entire student body." But that's where I stop agreeing with him and start to take issue with everything else he wrote.

Just like Charles, most people on campus don't realize that the staff of the Transcript is extremely small -- the journalism department is one of the smallest on our campus, and everything, from writing and editing the stories to the layout and page design that you see every week, is done by the small group of dedicated journalism students and the few non-majors on campus who still care about the importance of print journalism.

In Charles' letter he wrote, "Some of those articles last week were wastes of space; write about things the campus cares about, not that your dorm stairwell is messy." To that I have this answer: If you want to see more things covered in your paper, things you care about, *you should get involved*.

There is no requirement that you must be a journalism student to join the Transcript staff. If you feel the paper isn't covering something you deem important, join the paper or tell someone on staff because as someone who's been to the staff meetings, I can assure you those hard-working students are *always* looking for new things to write about, always looking

for news on campus. I can't tell you how many times our editors wished we'd had letters to the editors or any form of feedback from the community. I can't tell you how many times we sat there wondering how we'd come up with enough quality stories to fill the paper.

Which brings me to another point. Finding enough people who actually want to *write* for the paper is a tough job, and there were often times during my tenure on staff that we didn't have enough stories to fill the pages. The result of this is an increase in the size and quantity of ads as well as stories written by students in Journalism 110. And, yes, those stories might not be up to par with those by more experienced writers, but they are *trying*, which is more than I can say about the rest of the campus community who sit in their dorm rooms complaining about the poor writing and boring stories rather than doing something about it.

In response to Charles' opinions on Michelle Rotuno-Johnson's weekly column, Word Vomit, I have this to say: RJ writes a column. A column by every definition is going to contain an opinion, and complaining about an opinion is about as good as trying to change someone's political affiliation. It isn't going to happen. To add to that, RJ's columns are usually humorous and to read too much into them will do no one any good.

In response to Ms. Rotuno-Johnson's Feb. 17 column about the "good behavior flags" Charles wrote, "So you are telling me that you'd want our campus to look run down and beat?" No, sir, that is not at all what she wrote. You've gone down what we like to call a slippery slope. I read that column and never once thought RJ wanted our school to be received poorly, and I'm fairly certain she understands quite well that without our alumni, "we wouldn't have the fine institution we have now."

When I read that article I believed RJ was commenting on how OWU, a school that is rather accepting and open and liberal, a school that does nothing but encourage its students to speak out, speak up and be who they are, is trying to put a leash on its students when prospective students and alumni come to visit. I read her column and thought it commented nicely on OWU's repression of its student body's sometimes "provocative" nature and how that only hides the true face of our university. And maybe that's not what she wanted me to take out of it; I don't know. Maybe she really does just hate those flags, but maybe not. It was her

opinion, and I have mine, and alas, you have yours, but the only thing we can take out of this is that RJ has a right to write what she wants in her column.

And finally, in response to Charles' complaints about Editor-in-Chief Rachel Ramey's opinion piece about the apathetic nature of our student body in relation to showing up on time (or at all) to OWU's Performing Arts Series events, I again reiterate my comments about one's own opinion.

But in that same section of his letter Charles brought up a wonderful point, probably without really thinking of its consequences. He wrote, "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." Ah, the age old issue of who gets funding on campus.

Have any readers ever wondered why there are very few color issues of the Transcript? It's because it costs a lot of money to produce the paper every week in black and white, let alone in color. It costs our school \$10,000 a year to print the newspaper. Finding funding for our newspaper to do much else is hard. The computers in the newspaper office are definitely not the newest models, not by a long shot, and I remember when the printer didn't really work. Our student-run paper doesn't have the same opportunities for funding like other groups. It's why we rely on outside advertisements so much. But instead of suggesting the newspaper sponsor events, I think students should ask themselves what they'd like to see and suggest it to the administration. The people and events sponsored by the campus administration are here *for you* and if you're not attending, our school is wasting money.

I do believe that Charles had some good points in that writing for the paper is not just a resume builder and that it is a wonderful opportunity. I just wish more students felt this way and that more people cared enough to join the hardworking students on staff. Because if you want it to be better, want the stories to cover something you're interested in, there's no way the staff will know it if you don't speak up.

The newspaper *is* the voice of the people, but when the people aren't really listening to the voice or even acknowledging or respecting its presence, then where is the incentive to change?

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Sports information director inducted to hall of fame

Mark Beckenbach honored by college sports information directors of America

Courtesy of the Department of Communications

Ohio Wesleyan University’s sports information director, Mark Beckenbach, has been selected for induction into the Hall of Fame of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Beckenbach (’81) has served as the university’s sports media contact for more than 25 years. He will be inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame during the organization’s annual national convention June 26-30 in Marco Island, Fla. “I’ve had the privilege of working with Mark both as a member of the media and as a colleague at Ohio Wesleyan,” said Mark Cooper, OWU’s director of Marketing and Communication. “For more than a quarter of a century, he has worked tirelessly to promote the successes of

the Battling Bishops in every sport. “We congratulate Mark on this well-deserved recognition from his fellow sports information colleagues.” According to CoSIDA, its Hall of Fame members are selected in recognition of their “outstanding contributions to the field of college sports information.” This year’s class was chosen by a vote of more than 90 previous Hall of Fame inductees. CoSIDA’s signature program is the Capital One Academic All-America® program, which recog-



Beckenbach

nizes the nation’s highest-achieving student-athletes for academic and athletic excellence. Recognition is made across all divisions including NCAA Division III, in which Ohio Wesleyan competes. Beckenbach currently serves as committee co-chair for the Academic All-America® program. In 2006, he received the Lester Jordan Award recognizing his contributions to the program. The Academic All-America® program recognizes athletes in 12 sports: men’s at-large and women’s

at-large (multiple-sport category), baseball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, football, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, softball, men’s track & field/cross country, women’s track & field/cross country and women’s volleyball. CoSIDA was founded in 1957 and currently includes more than 2,600 members representing sports public relations, communications and information professionals throughout all levels of collegiate athletics in the United States and Canada. This member amount is a new record for the organization set in the 2010-2011 school year. In addition to Beckenbach, other members of the CoSIDA Hall of Fame Class of 2011 include: Charles Bloom, Southeastern Conference; Rich Herman, Clarion University; Paul Madison, Western Washington University; and Dan McDonald, former sports information director at Northwestern State (La.) and Southwestern Louisiana.

Intramural volleyball overwhelmed with participants Racquetball doesn’t rally the same results

By George Wasserman
Transcript Correspondent

The winter intramurals, volleyball and racquetball, were a success amongst students. The season started on Jan. 26, and lasted six weeks before the playoffs took place. Of the seven volleyball teams, the Billos came out on top. Of the five racquetball players, junior Nick Chilkov won the championship following an undefeated regular season. Students with competitive and recreational interests competed in the leagues and many were pleased with the experience. Intramural volleyball games lasted from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays while racquetball met only once a week from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Tuesdays. Freshman Tasha Cruz said she was new to the intramural system. She said she reluctantly joined the Safe Sets volleyball team after being “pushed into it by friends.” “I am really happy I listened to my friends and joined,” Cruz said. “I thought it would be a burden because of the 10 and 10:30 p.m. start times, but it was a fun time with friends and surprisingly a great workout.” Freshman Deanna Wu started the Safe Sets team. She said she recruited her friends and put a sign-up list on her door for anyone that wanted to join. “I remember when I was looking to do intramural soccer in the fall, I had a hard time finding a team,” Wu said. “So when I was creating this volleyball team, I figured I would help people who were ‘free agents’ by allowing them to randomly sign-up for our team on my door. “Within a day we had six new teammates, and by the time rosters were due, we had 13 players. It was crazy.” Cruz said while she was playing for experience, she wished the team practiced more to overcome their physical challenges. “Though I joined for recreation, I wanted to win,” Cruz said. “It’s fun whether you win or lose, but winning definitely helps. “Our team didn’t have very many tall or experienced volleyball players, and sometimes we got overwhelmed simply because of the smaller size of our teammates. “We were especially overwhelmed from the frats. Not only did they have the taller players, but also they were extremely organized and efficient. Cruz’s and Wu’s Safe Sets

didn’t win during the season and were ousted by the Sig Eps in the first round of the playoffs, but remain hopeful for next year. Freshman Jason Lonneman, a current pledge for Sigma Phi Epsilon, took part in the fraternity’s volleyball team. Though he has played recreationally before, he said this was the first time he played competitive volleyball. “I had a lot of fun, we had many intense games,” Lonneman said. “I caught on quickly and our team came together towards the end. However, it wasn’t enough as we were defeated by Phi Delt in the second round of the playoffs.” Lonneman said he is excited for next season and is already preparing. “We need to do some hardcore recruiting next season since we are losing our entire team to graduation except for myself and [freshman] Jake Von Der Vallen,” Lonneman said. “Sigma Phi Epsilon has done well in OWU intramurals and I want to keep the fraternity performing at a high athletic level.” However, while intramural volleyball was successful in gathering a highly competitive league, intramural racquetball struggled to gather players. When the rosters were due for intramurals, only three players had signed up for racquetball. Chilkov said he went around the school trying to recruit players, but only convinced two other students. Despite the low turn-out this year, he said he has high expectations for next year. “With racquetball I want more participants,” Chilkov said. “The league can be really fun with good competition and better prizes. It’s pretty solid overall, but it has potential to be much better.” Freshman Jake Miller was recruited to play intramural racquetball. He said while the number of people that came out for racquetball was disappointing, the intramural experience is still great. “Through the league I have met many new people,” Miller said. “It was fun earlier in the year playing with people I knew in the dorms, and now I have four new highly competitive opponents that I can play with.” Students interested in intramural athletics can still turn in their spring rosters for football, basketball or soccer by Monday, Mar. 18. The spring intramural season will take place from Mar. 23 to April 20.

Relay for Life benefits cancer research Luminaria ceremony aids remembrance of patients and survivors

By Marissa Alfano
News Editor

Colleges Against Cancer will combine with Relay for Life in the Gorden Field House of Branch-Rickey Arena on March 25-26 from 6 p.m. to 11 a.m., to raise money toward cancer research. There are 16 teams signed up to participate so far, according to luminaria chair, freshman Laura Bross. She said the goal is to have 20 teams. Over the past few years, Relay for Life has annually raised \$20,000, but Bross said this year, they are aiming for \$25,000. She said teams can choose a cancer to represent at the event, but the money will go to cancer research overall and all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. The luminaria ceremony will take place at night and will consist of a slideshow of cancer patients and survivors, according to Bross. There will be bags with glow sticks inside to light up the track during a lap of remembrance. Luminaria bags can be purchased with a \$10 donation. Bross said two surprise speakers from campus, those with family members that survived or died from cancer, will speak during the luminaria ceremony, giving everyone something to reflect on as they walk the lap. “We normally sell 400 lu-

minaria bags,” Bross said. “Many of them are bought during the night of the event.” Through e-mails, posters, mailbox fliers and a Facebook page, Bross has been advertising the luminaria ceremony. She said she initially wanted to be involved in Relay for Life because she was interested in the technical side of cancer, but once involved, felt a more personal connection. “I originally wanted to be involved in Relay for Life because I was medically interested in cancer,” Bross said. “But now that I have had the one-on-one contact with it, I understand how important the ceremony is. I have been working on the power point slideshow and it is very personal. Putting a face to what has happened is very sobering to me. Cancer is tragic.” She said all of the students involved in Relay for Life have been working hard to make the night a success. “The entertainment committee is trying to get students to come and to stay,” Bross said. “Themed laps, such as a conga lap and a lap where everyone will wear their underwear on the outside of their clothes will be fun. “There will also be prizes for teams and individuals that raise the most money. Different clubs on campus will be there as well as a local band.” Junior Alexis Plaga, Colleges Against Cancer presi-

dent, said the Mister and Miss Relay for Life drag show will also occur the night of the event. “The girls dress like boys and the boys dress like girls,” Plaga said. “The contestants run around with a bucket at midnight and whoever gets the most donations wins. It is entertaining and gets people to stay awake.” Plaga said she became a part of the Relay for Life team because her grandma had cancer and she wants to be a pediatric oncologist one day. This is her third year planning the event at OWU. She said her favorite part of the event is the beginning. “The survivor lap gets everyone to come together,” Plaga said. Students on campus, such as sophomore Lydia Mortensen, said they support Relay For Life’s efforts. “I went last year and it was cool to see that there were so many groups who really got into it and stayed and walked all night,” Mortensen said. “Chartwells people set up a huge Hawaiian themed booth. It became a social thing as well as a charity one.” Mortensen said she is considering signing up to attend Relay for Life with Circle K’s team this year. Agreeing the event is for a good cause, freshman Hayden Barns said she is going to sign up to attend this year.

“I’ve always heard about it, but I’m actually going to do it this year,” Barns said. “It’s a great cause and I like knowing that it will help people that I know who are fighting cancer.” This year, Relay for Life is on the same night as the Salsa for Education fundraiser sponsored by VIVA, a campus group that promotes the cultures of Latin America, and Global Village Connection, a local store. “We both worked so hard and so long trying to arrange our events that neither could be moved,” Plaga said. “We are encouraging people at VIVA’s event to go to Relay and Relay participants to go to VIVA.” Plaga said the Relay for Life logo will be printed on the VIVA tickets for group promotion so each event can be successful. She said VIVA has a team and plans to come after their event is over at midnight. Bross said she thinks the night will go well and be a good experience for all involved. “I feel that it is going to be very emotional and sobering to bring our community together for a common goal to stop cancer from taking more lives,” Bross said. For additional information, to register a team or to purchase a luminaria, visit Relay-4life.org/owu

Track athletes break pentathlon records Athlete focus shifts to outdoor competition as season continues

By Brittany Vickers
Sports Editor

Breaking records is just a stepping stone for track athletes senior Lainey Kekic and freshman Andrew Diehl. The two athletes are focused on the national outdoor track competition. On Feb. 26, Kekic and Diehl took the conference pentathlon by storm. Each won the event, and each set a new school record in the amount of points scored. However, both Kekic and Diehl said they measure their success on the preparation the pentathlon is giving them to compete in the multi-events for the outdoor national competition. For Kekic it will be the heptathlon, the women’s outdoor multi-event, and for Diehl, the decathlon, the men’s outdoor multi-event. “We are definitely more of an outdoor-focused team,”

said Kris Boey, head track and field coach. “We hope this gives them (Kekic and Diehl) a sense of confidence that they can build on going into the outdoor season.” Both Diehl and Kekic said they were disappointed to not qualify for indoor nationals. “My goal going in was to try and qualify for nationals,” Diehl said. “I actually started out pretty bad; I stumbled over the hurdles, so I adjusted my goal to just try to stay in the meet. I didn’t even think that winning was in the cards.” Diehl ended up not only winning, but setting a new school record, beating the previous record held by Andrew Bloom, set in 2009. His score of 3107 points beat Bloom’s record of 3091. Boey said Diehl’s future is bright, based on his performances so far this year. “Andrew Diehl is doing things now that Andrew

Bloom did as a junior and senior, and he (Bloom) was a National qualifier in the decathlon,” Boey said. Kekic said she agreed winning the pentathlon was about gaining confidence to push her further into the season. “Being the multi-event champion puts me, this is going to sound conceited, but it makes me feel like the best athlete at the meet,” Kekic said. “It let people know I’m back and I’m not injured anymore.” Kekic broke her own record again with a score of 2789 points to set the new record. Even though the focus is on the upcoming outdoor season, Boey said he certainly didn’t overlook this accomplishment. “It’s extremely unique to have two athletes beat the record in the same meet, especially in the pentathlon because it includes five events,” Boey said.

“We had two very good athletes give a huge effort with the state of mind of being conference champions.” The women went on to win the conference meet with 228 points, flattening the competition with the second best team, Allegheny, coming in at 125. Senior Kat Zimmerly won two events and was named the NCAC Athlete of the meet. The men took second to Wabash with scores of 208-202, but Boey said the effort was tremendous. “Even though the men came in second place they scored over 200 points, and I don’t think it’s happened in a long time when a team scores over 200 points and doesn’t come out on top,” Boey said. “That just shows you how hard they worked.” Ethan Freet was named NCAC sprinter/hurdler of the year winning the 55-meter dash, 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash.

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Bishops Sports

Both Bishop basketball teams end season with winning records

By Katie Carlin
Transcript Reporter

The men’s basketball team suffered a 12-point loss to the College of Wooster on Feb. 25, in the semifinal of the NCAC tournament. The away loss marked the end of their season, leaving the Bishops with a 16-11 overall record. The Bishops tied for third place in the NCAC championship race with an 11-5 record after advancing to the semifinals of the conference tournament. Bishop head coach, Mike DeWitt, was named NCAC coach of the year for the second time since 2006 and three players were awarded with conference awards. Sophomores Marshall Mor-

ris and Andy Winters were named to the All-North Coast Atlantic Conference men’s basketball teams. Junior Tim Brady was a first-team all-conference selection, while Morris and Winters received second-team all-conference honors. DeWitt said the team’s greatest accomplishment was the improvement the team made over the course of the season to become one of the best teams in the NCAC. Tim Brady said the team’s greatest accomplishment was being able to turn the season around after a poor start. He said he thinks next season has great potential and will be very successful. Several team members as well as the coach said they credit much of the team’s suc-

cess to the only senior on the team, Andrew Martin. “He [Martin] provided great leadership during the season,” DeWitt said. “We’ll definitely miss his contributions as a leader and a person next year, but in successful programs others are ready to fill that leadership void, and hopefully we will have guys ready to do that.” Sophomore Andrew Winters said Martin kept everyone on the team focused and explained the importance of playing the next game. “Our expectations for next season are always to get better, but we feel this coming year we have a great chance to win our conference,” Winters said. “Each of us needs to keep working hard in the off season for that to happen.”

By Heather Kuch
Transcript Reporter

The women’s basketball team saw their 2010-2011 season come to an end Friday, Feb. 26, as Denison defeated them 86-57. Despite the loss, team members said they are pleased with their season this year. Head Coach Nan Carney-DeBord said she was excited about the improvement in the team this year. “We had a very successful season,” Carney-DeBord said. “With a record of 10-5 in January and February, we were able to place second in the NCAC. We were also 15-12, which was an exciting winning season.” Carney-Debord said the tenacious senior leadership

played a significant role in the success of the team this season. Seniors Tyler Cordell, Pam Quigney and Kayla Gordon were all 1,000 point scorers and all received conference honors this season. Cordell and Quigney were first-team All-NCAC selections, while Gordon was a second-team all-conference pick. Carney-DeBord said she feels the team will have to work hard to make up for the loss of standout seniors, but thinks that they can do it. “With the loss of three 1,000 point scorers, we will be in a rebuilding (or reloading) year,” Carney-DeBord said. “We have an outstanding core of returning players, but they are completely aware of the challenge that is set before

them.” Carney-DeBord said she plans to develop the returning players in skill, fitness, strength and mental toughness. She said she feels her returning players are completely ready for this challenge. Freshman Tamra Londot said that while the end to the season this year was disappointing, the team performed well overall and she is looking forward to improving next year. “Next season, our goal is to win the NCAC and advance in the tournaments,” Londot said. “This season we accomplished a lot of great things, and in the end it didn’t turn out the way we wanted it to, but there is always room for improvement.”

Women’s golf team resumes season with high expectations

By Seung Wan-Paik
Transcript Correspondent

The Ohio Wesleyan women’s golf team, recently added as the 23rd varsity sport at the university, resumed play after a long stretch of rest over the winter. The team traveled to Savannah, Ga., to compete in the Omni Financial Intercollegiate competition, hosted by OWU and sponsored by Coca Cola. The event hosted six teams, which included Pennsylvania, Wittenburg, Ohio Dominican, Urbana and OWU. Being a new program, the team is also very young, with three freshmen (Alison Falk, Annaliese Harvey, Sarah Jan-Tausch), two juniors (Emily Olmstead, Coutney Durham) and only one senior (Sarah Ingles). The team is coached by Jana Shipley, a former women’s golf coach at Ohio State University. She had much success at Ohio State University, with one Big 10 Championship and two NCAA tournament appearances during her four-year tenure as coach. During the winter, the women’s team continued to practice hard under the guidance of Shipley, participating in regular workouts and hitting at the coach’s barn, modified specially for the team to practice in. The recent trip to Georgia involved stopping at Charlestown, N.C., where the team



Above (from left to right): Junior Courtney Durham, freshmen Sarah JanTausch and Alison Falk, members of OWU’s golf team, prepare to swing away.

spent the night at an alumni’s house, playing golf and sharing dinner. Once arriving in Savannah, Ga., the team participated in a three-day event.

Alison Falk, who led the team during the fall, said she hopes to continue improving as a team and have a strong finish to the year. “We put a lot of effort

into improving our team, and I hope that it will show this spring,” Falk said. After another short break, the team will play Wooster on April 2.

Photo submitted by Seung Wan-Paik

Men’s lacrosse team holds off late rally to edge past Wesley for the win

By Liza Bennett
Transcript Correspondent

Despite Wesley’s attempt to make a comeback, the men’s lacrosse team was able to win 8-7 in a non-conference win on March 6. The game was tight in the first half, with both teams scoring a goal apiece in both the first and second quarter. The game was tied 2-2 at halftime. During the second half, junior A.J. Pellis scored to break a 4-4 tie late in the third and freshman Spencer Schnell scored soon after to give the Bishops a 6-4 lead going into

the fourth. Crow started the fourth quarter strong, with two goals early, assisted by Pellis and sophomore Colin Short, making the score 8-4 with a little under ten minutes left. Wesley’s attempt to comeback came halfway through the fourth, when they scored three goals; however, the Bishops were able to secure the win. Sophomore Scott Rosenthal said although the team did not play their best, they were definitely happy about the win. “I thought we came out a bit sluggish in the first half and played down to their level,” Rosenthal said.

“At the end of the first half he had a fantastic catch and finish to go ahead at halftime.” “The weather that day certainly played a factor as it was down pouring the majority of the game. In the third quarter we picked it up and fortunately we pulled out a win in the end.” Scharf said he believed the offense was really stating to take shape. “I think our goalie Steve Ford played great and our defense really buckled down when faced with a lot of man down opportunities,” Scharf said. “The rest of the season is

really bright; we have a young offense that is starting to click, and a veteran defense that’s a staple of the team.” Senior Sean-Paul Mauro echoed Scharf’s comments. He said the offense responded when they needed them too, and that their defense was solid as well. “Our primary goals this season are to beat Denison and win the NCAC,” Mauro said. “We are confident we can achieve this, but we need to continue to get better each and every day to be successful.” The Bishops’ next home game is next Wednesday against Oberlin.

Bishop men’s relay team earns All-America honors

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The Ohio Wesleyan men’s 1600-meter relay team won All-America honors at the NCAA Division III indoor track and field championships last weekend. The relay team of senior Sean Patrick, senior Kody Law, sophomore Ethan Freet and sophomore Matt Martin finished in 8th place in a time of 3:23.05. Their performance made them the first OWU indoor relay team to earn All-America honors since 1996. “It was an honor and a great experience to compete at nationals,” Martin said. “Overall it was a joy just to compete with some of the best athletes in the country.” Patrick said he was also moved by the entire experience. “Seeing all the competitors and participating in the events leading up to the meet were both great opportunities that not many athletes get to witness,” Patrick said. “It was an experience that is hard to explain by any other way than saying you have to be there in the moment to un-

derstand the feeling.” Freet credits the team’s hard work and chemistry for their extraordinary accomplishment. “To be honest, it really hasn’t sunk in yet,” Freet said. “I am really excited to see Kody Law and Sean Patrick finish their final indoor season doing what very few seniors have done before them. Both of them really deserve it and have worked really hard to get here. Hopefully we will be able to do it again outdoors on our own track.” The same relay team also came in first place, and set a school record at the NCAC championship meet on March 4 and 5. The men’s team finished 2nd in the NCAC meet, while the women’s team won the event. Overall, Freet said this meet will help the team prepare for the upcoming outdoor season. “This is a building block for the outdoor season and hopefully it will propel us to do big things,” Freet said. “Outdoor is where things really start to heat up and get exciting. I think this could be the confidence our guys need to get back there again in a few months.”

Upcoming Events

Softball vs. Marietta at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 19

Men’s Tennis vs. Denison at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22

Men’s Lacrosse vs. Oberlin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23

Softball vs. John Carroll at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23

Women’s Lacrosse vs. Allegheny at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26

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