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Police at Clancey’s crack down on underage drinking

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According to the Delaware Police Department (DPD), six Ohio Wesleyan students have been issued citations for underage drinking at Clancey’s over the last two weekends. Four of these students were cited last weekend. According to reports, one student was cited for intoxication after falling on the ground and being caught by an officer. The other students were charged with possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages. At press time, Clancey’s was unavailable for comment on the presence of officers in their establishment.. Uniformed police officers have been in the bar on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the semester, attempting to catch any people under the age of 21 possessing or consuming alcohol. For a first time offense in Delaware County, the individual is eligible for a diversion program that consists of 20 hours of community service, an online class about the dangers of alcohol abuse and paying out the \$295 ticket, plus court costs, according to a student who went through the process last year. Senior Eliot Hubbell said she believes the Delaware Police should be spending their time on other, more important, things. “I think they have bigger issues to worry about,” Hubbell said. “Catching a couple underage kids holding a beer is a pretty small thing compared to what else goes on in Delaware and that’s where their attention should be.”

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SpringFest Rocks

Reel Big Fish and Sam Adams perform with OWU students



Photo by Paul Gruber
Aaron Barrett, lead vocalist and guitarist for Reel Big Fish, performs one of the band’s hit songs.

By Margaret Bagnell
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SpringFest 2011 was a evening of eclectic music as student performers took the stage with nationally-known artists Reel Big Fish and Sam Adams. The doors opened at 6 p.m. on Saturday, and Gordon Field House was packed with students and community members anticipating the performance. The performance series went as follows: Tom Across the Hall, Reel Big Fish, DJ Ache, and ended with a performance by Sam Adams. The two headliners were separated by student openers -- Tom Across the Hall and DJ Ache -- who were selected for their talents and campus popularity at OWU’s Battle of the Bands on March 30. In addition to choosing the student openers, CPB hired Reel Big Fish and Sam Adams to perform at SpringFest with the aid of results from a student survey gauging musical interest sent out last fall. Reel Big Fish is an American ska band and their music is very punk influenced. The band comes from southern California and is known for their lively tours and upbeat songs. Reel Big Fish first hit it big with their single “Sell Out” and the group is continuing to tour nationally. Sam Adams, also known as Boston’s Boy, is a rapper from Massachusetts. His performance at OWU attracted many students who are also

from the same area. Adams is also known as “Wiz,” or, more formally, Samuel Adams Wisner. Sophomore Mackenzie Brown stood in the front row for the concert and said she has always been a fan of Sam Adams. “I’m from Massachusetts, and I’ve listened to Sammy Adams for a long time now,” Brown said. “I went to the concert with a whole group of friends and it was a great performance. He went on last around 8:15 P.M. so the crowd was pretty loud by then. It was cool for him to come to campus, and seeing him live was definitely way better too.” Freshman Caroline Marini attended SpringFest with her friends and said she is a fan of the musical artists. “I love going to see live artists; I think they are more fun, and the music is better,” Marini said. “SpringFest was a lot of fun for me as a freshman because I didn’t even know OWU had well-known artists come and I’m a big fan of both Sam Adams and Reel Big Fish. The concert performance was really well done,” Marini said. Students who wanted to get an inside look at the performers were given the opportunity to sign up for positions as volunteers for the CPB. The student volunteers were responsible for overall security during the concert and both set-up and tear down.

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Photo by Kaitlin Tiefenthal
Boston-based rapper Sam Adams brought his original rhymes to SpringFest 2011.

Hill challenges students to create a better world

By Marissa Alfano
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Marc Lamont Hill emphasized the political power of college students and the urgent need for social reform during a lecture hosted by SUBA (Student Union on Black Awareness) last week. Hill said he enjoys speaking to students and was glad to visit Ohio Wesleyan. “I am especially excited to be giving this lecture on a college campus; a place where ideas are mobilized and activism emerges,” Hill said. “You all, as college students, have the potential to produce the next big idea, the next big movement- colleges always have.”

Hill has worked as a political contributor for Fox News Channel and was previously a regular guest on CNN, MSNBC and Court TV. In 2005, he was named one of America’s “Top 30 Black Leaders under 30” by Ebony Magazine. He is currently an associate professor of English education and anthropology at Columbia University. Sophomore Gene Sludge, president of SUBA, said he spearheaded the idea to bring Hill to campus beginning his freshman year. “I was looking for speakers and saw his name on a website,” Sludge said. “I read his bio and thought his life story sounded interesting. I really thought he could relate to the students here, so I began advertising through emails, flyers and word-of-mouth to tell people about his talk.” Sludge said Hill was originally going to come in February

during Black History Month, but had to cancel to cover another event for Fox News on the same day. “Hill said he really wanted to talk at OWU and wanted to reschedule,” Sludge said. “So I said yes, come. SUBA’s theme this semester is SUBA swag, and Marc Lamont Hill, he’s got swag.” Beginning his lecture, Hill said we are living in a unique moment in history: one where only 43 years beyond the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, even an African-American man can be president. “The inauguration of President Barack Obama has been expressed to be the mark of American progress, and in many ways it is,” Hill said. “It is a shining moment in American democratic history. We live in a nation that isn’t only growing old, but growing up.” He said we should admire what has been accomplished thus far, but should also realize there is still much work to do. “There is lingering pain and injustice and inequality,” Hill said. “It is interesting that, in the richest nation in history, people go to bed hungry every night. We have a nation in which a wealthy child goes to school in a nicer school than a poor child. This becomes the work of all of us.” One of America’s main problems, according to Hill, is that there is “no shortage of talk” in America. “The first thing we need to do is commit ourselves to new and deeper forms of listening,” Hill said. “Our world is so filled with talk, but we only fool ourselves into believing that we’re actually having a

conversation. We’re all talking at the same time. It is a cacophony of voices.” As Hill’s speech progressed, he began to speak louder and faster and stare into the audience. He said Americans are consumed by a paradoxical conception of time, in which we like to remember everything good in the past and forget everything bad. “More museums have been built in the last 30 years than any other time in our history,” Hill said. “Yet, we are fundamentally committed to forgetting the most painful moments in U.S. history. We fail to move forward because we lose sight of what we already know. We have to learn it again.” According to Hill, Americans should not become prisoners of the past, but rather, use the past to move forward. Hill said major reforms are necessary within the prison system, which currently houses 2.5 million people. He said it is important to take this simple statistic and turn it into a series of complex questions. “How did this happen?” Hill asked. “Did we raise a generation of criminals? Of slow runners? We have locked up more people per capita than apartheid has in South Africa.” He said America is locking up too many people who need mental health care, and part of the problem is too many jobs are attached to the prison systems to abolish them. On a larger scale, Hill said he urged the audience to simply act. He said people should lead by example. “The biggest problem in the world today is there are

too many people who don’t do anything,” Hill said. “Join an organization and do it right now. The likelihood of someone committing a crime increases when people don’t have mentors or older siblings or coaches.” He said he encouraged everyone in the audience to do something now. He referenced Martin Luther King Junior’s speech, saying he had to fight hard for his dream, but in the end, he succeeded. “There has never been a battle we fought and did not win in this country, but there has never been a battle we won without fighting,” Hill said. “The only way to go forward is to commit ourselves to a cause we’re willing to die for.” He said he knows he may never see the progress of his work, but that knowing his kids will is enough incentive. He wants to leave a legacy. “You have to convince people that another world is possible, and that it is better,” Hill said. “You have to have the courage to take people somewhere they can’t even imagine themselves.” Amidst applause, Hill said he prayed the college students would take him up on his challenge to better the world. “I believe that we don’t have to be who we once were, but we have to love this nation and fight and live and die for one another,” Hill said. Freshman Tim O’Keefe said Hill was a good speaker and had many interesting viewpoints. “I thought he brought up a lot of good points,” O’Keefe said. “It was interesting to hear his insights on prisons. He is a

very inspirational speaker and very engaged with the audience.” Freshman Catherine Stone said she agreed Hill was a good speaker and kept her actively listening. “He was very eloquent,” Stone said. Agreeing that Hill gave a good lecture, freshman Olivia Kirby said she thought there should continue to be diverse speakers on campus such as Hill. “I really enjoyed his speech and was practically star struck,” Kirby said. “We should have more lectures like this.” Following his talk, Hill signed copies in the back of the Benes Rooms of his book, “Beats, Rhymes and Classroom Life: Hip-Hop Pedagogy and the Politics of Identity.” Senior Chukwezugo Onuekwsi said he came at the end of the lecture just to get a copy of Hill’s book. “I like the writing style in his book,” Onuekwski said. “I am trying to get into the DJ scene. It is important to work hard and to give back like Hill.” Hill’s book will continue to be sold in the bookstore for the rest of the year. Freshman Shelby Alston said Hill is an inspiration. “I thought he was really inspiring,” Alston said. “His speech woke me up. Something has to be done and we are the generation that has to do it. The world is changing so we must too. I have a new perspective now because all it takes is one person to change things and that could be me.”

Downtown Delaware seeks financing

Downtown merchants turning to city and non-profit for investment financing

By **Ryan Bolger**
Transcript Correspondent

When Brian and Pam Harpster were surveying Ohio town logistics, they asked themselves which market would be most nourishing to their fragile, unborn business. The answer came back time and time again: Delaware.

Delaware’s low rent levels and market for premium beer drinkers proved to be major selling points for the Harpsters, who launched Barley Hopsters -- a store specializing in premium beers and homebrewing supplies on North Sandusky Street -- a little over a week ago.

“We’re most about beer and beer culture,” Brian Harpster said. “The idea came from going to different beer stores and wishing of things I could do.”

Beer culture is about camaraderie. The kind of camaraderie found in the act of buying a cold one for an old friend at the bar, Brian Harpster said.

Barley Hopsters plans to install a bar which will host regular beer tastings and it seeks to become a hangout for beer enthusiasts, whether they’re looking to master their own brews or to simply indulge in a six-pack from the Barley Hopsters cooler.

Delaware seemed to be the perfect market for the store, but the Harpsters quickly learned of the hazards involved with opening a business in a small downtown.

Creditors found the idea risky and reflected that in their review of the Harpsters’ loan request.

The Harpsters had applied for a business loan to finance their store, but their bank would not agree to a reasonable interest rate. They were

especially frustrated at the bank’s refusal to analyze their business plan.

“In this day and age, I think the first thing [credit providers] would want to look at is a business plan,” Brian Harpster said. “The banks didn’t look at it. They just gave us a high interest rate.”

The Harpsters echo the credit grievances of other downtown Delaware small business owners, such as Craig Johnson, the co-owner of Amatos Woodfired Pizza.

“The people that can use the money the most are still not the ones that can get the money,” Johnson said. “We still have a hard time dealing with banks that won’t give the money to people that can create jobs.”

Dan Negley is the sole proprietor of Breakaway Cycling and Fitness, and he said he has encountered similar problems since Breakaway Cycling opened in 1991. After he was in business for three years, he applied for a loan to move his store, originally funded by his parents and some investors, to a larger location.

“People were still kind of skeptical of if I was going to survive,” Negley said. “The first five years are pretty critical, so I got a co-signer and got credit at that point. Even a couple years ago, there wasn’t anything available for [the expansion and remodeling] I wanted to do.”

While the Harpsters and Negley were able to finance their stores with savings and some help from their parents, many small businesses can’t find the needed funds. Delaware City Hall is filling the credit void in some cases.

The state of Ohio distributes federal money to local govern-

ments for a program called the Revolving Lund Fund (RLF). RLF loans are granted to businesses at low interest rates of two to three percent with the goal of creating jobs.

Businesses are required to invest at least \$100,000 out of their own pockets and the city matches that amount in the form of an RLF loan. Businesses qualifying for the loan are required to create one job for each \$25,000 borrowed.

Johnson turned to City Hall for an RLF loan of \$100,000 at two percent interest when he couldn’t get the credit he needed to expand his restaurant from the banking sector.

“We were doing good business, but the banks still wouldn’t look at us,” Johnson said. “The only person who would give us a loan at the time was the city and the Revolving Loan Fund.”

The Revolving Loan Fund is not without restrictions. Businesses are required to have an encouraging credit record along with significant collateral, and there is a lot of red tape to go through, according to one business owner.

The personal investment amount of \$100,000 – for a total of \$200,000, including the \$100,000 matched by the RLF – also makes it difficult for small businesses to qualify for the program.

Shannon Hamons, Delaware’s Economic Development Coordinator, said the RLF committee is considering reducing the amount to \$25,000 to encourage growth among small businesses downtown.

“Before I got here [the RLF committee] hadn’t made any loans for less than \$100,000,” Hamons said. “Sometimes small merchants don’t have

\$200,000 worth of project, so the loans were too big for them to take advantage of.”

Equally important to credit availability are the aesthetics of a downtown. Delaware is one of the healthiest downtowns in Ohio because it has had significant dollars invested.

Main Street Delaware, a non-profit organization, has contributed approximately \$70 million to Delaware’s downtown with donations coming from private investors, according to Frances Hamilton, Main Street Executive Director.

“All of our building renovations are done with private money,” Hamilton said. “Money is available through grants and tax programs.”

Main Street is working on finding a third party to loan smaller amounts from the RLF fund, because small businesses rarely have the \$100,000 dollars needed to make an investment with an RLF loan.

“We’ve had a large balance in the RLF fund, and we’ve petitioned the state of Ohio to use some of that money to create a façade loan grant program for downtown merchants,” Hamons said. “We’re going to have about \$150,000 and we’re working on the policies on how we will make that money available to downtown merchants to rehabilitate their storefronts.”

The façade loan grant program will function similarly to the RLF program, with business owners having to match the loan with an equal amount of their own money.

The amount of the loan will likely be between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

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Students unhappy with adviser arrangements

By **Elizabeth Riggio**
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Advisers at Ohio Wesleyan all have different styles for assisting their students, but students said some are better than others.

Starting with day one, every student gets assigned to an adviser at OWU.

The adviser’s job is to help direct students to courses that are required for that student’s particular major. Although they are there for help, it is also the student’s responsibility to figure out what classes are important for them to graduate with the degree they want.

Junior Taurey Overturf, Fine Arts major and History minor, said her major has stayed the same since she’s come to the university, but she picked up her minor last year.

“I realized I want to work in a museum and I want to know background history in what influences art and the world,” Overturf said.

Overturf said she had some trouble figuring out classes to take, but that it was because her adviser was new to the process when she started school here. She said her main

concern now is with the head of the Fine Arts Department.

“It’s extremely hard to get ahold of the head of my department and I still have yet to meet with him,” Overturf said.

She said with her minor she was able to figure out courses by herself but, in general, it would have been nice to have had more help and direction.

Junior Maddy Hargis is an Early Childhood Education major with a concentration in Spanish. She said she was planning on getting a minor in sociology, but has instead decided to do an independent study with Spanish. She said she believes it will look better on a resume to be concentrated in one specific subject.

In regard to her adviser, Hargis said she didn’t get much help and direction, but that she’s the type of person who is independent and can figure it out. However, she said her friends had trouble figuring out classes.

“I’ve had to help all of my friends with their classes, so this university is not very good at helping students,” Hargis said. “My one friend I had to help out, and if I hadn’t, she would still be here for another semester. I think a lot of people

don’t get enough help in upper level courses. Even though it’s our job to figure it out, it’s very easy to mess up.”

Sophomore Clare Whitaker is a double major in Politics and Government and English. She also has a minor in theater. She said she was undecided in her major when she came to the university and spent her freshman year looking into different courses to get an idea of what to major in. She said she knew she was interested in communications, so she decided to work backwards to figure out what major would work best for that career.

“My adviser helps me, but I figure classes out on my own,” Whitaker said. “I think the administration should hire better advisers or find people who can guide better.”

Junior Steve Gobel is an Economic Management major. He said his major involves monetary and fiscal policy, which has to do with banking. The management side involves learning how to run a business.

“A lot of people find it attractive because it’s not straight econ, which is a lot of math,” Gobel said.

Gobel said he hasn’t once changed his major since com-

ing to OWU. His adviser is Jay Martin, the men’s soccer coach. Gobel said for what he needs, Martin is a good adviser.

“He’s good in that he gets things done and he knows about certain professors, but in terms of my major, he’s not as good,” Gobel said. “If you want advice, then get someone in your major or minor. But I’m kind of independent so I don’t mind my adviser.”

Sophomore Ally Miess said her major has changed since coming to OWU. She said she came in being a Women and Gender Studies major, but decided she wanted to be more business oriented. Now she said she wants to do sports management and economic management. She said she can’t do both, so she’ll just be doing economic management. She also has a minor in physical education because she said she still wants to be involved in sports.

“My adviser is not very good,” Miess said. “She once informed me incorrectly which almost screwed me up, so I’m trying to switch my adviser. I want to switch to someone who knows more about what I want to do.”

CORRECTION: In the March 31 issue of The Transcript, the article titled “Dees addresses immigration and justice for all,” incorrectly defined the T in the LGBTIQA acronym. The correct term is transgender.



KATS AND BATS



Presented by Kappa Alpha Theta

What: Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropy event, KATs and Bats, is a softball tournament in support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

When: April 10th: 1:00-3:30 pm

Where: The Hill

Come join the lovely ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta for fun, games and good food! Play softball, enjoy our cookout and win great prizes from our raffle! We hope to see you there!



What is your favorite downtown Delaware store or restaurant?

"Hamburger Inn because it's a cheap, quick way for college students to have a good time and relax."
- Anthony Lamoureux, '14



"I like the Opa Grill. It has some refreshing European cuisine that's rather lacking elsewhere."
- Ariel Koiman, '14



"Goodwill because you get great deals on designer wears and at the same time support charitable causes."
- Vanisha Bisnath, '11



"Chelly Belly because they make the most delicious sandwiches I've ever eaten east of the Mississippi."
- Frank Weschler, '11



"Global Village because I like their mission."
- Cali Cornacchia, '13



Human trafficking: Slavery closer than you think

By Monique Cherry
Transcript Correspondent

Human trafficking, one of the most prevalent forms of slavery in our world, can be found as close as Columbus, Ohio.

Jessica* was only 15 when she first had sex. She lay on a dirty, brown stained mattress with a bed sheet draped across the bottom half.

Drowsy from drugs given to her, she could do nothing while five men raped her one night.

When the men were done, she fell asleep. After what seemed like half an hour, she was awakened by her captors.

She was shoved onto the back seat of a black vehicle. After a few minutes of driving, one of the men punched her in the face, pulled down her blood-stained jeans and raped her again.

Later he told her that she would begin prostituting herself for money.

For the next month, Jessica was forced to sell her body on the street. She performed sexual favors for at least 15 men a night. She was subjected to sex, in and away from her captors' home. While on the street, she worked for her "pimp."

And by the end of the night, if she didn't have enough money, she would get severely beaten.

Things weren't any easier at "home." Men would come in and out of the apartment looking for sex from her.

Jessica spent a horrifying 28 days in captivity. It wasn't until the police raided her captors' apartment that she was freed.

Although Jessica's story has a happy ending, many human trafficking stories do not. Many are held captive for months and even years with-

out a hope of rescue.

* Identifying characteristics have been changed to protect the victim/survivor.

*** Human trafficking is the second largest illegal business in the nation. Despite its large presence in the U.S., it is almost undetectable.

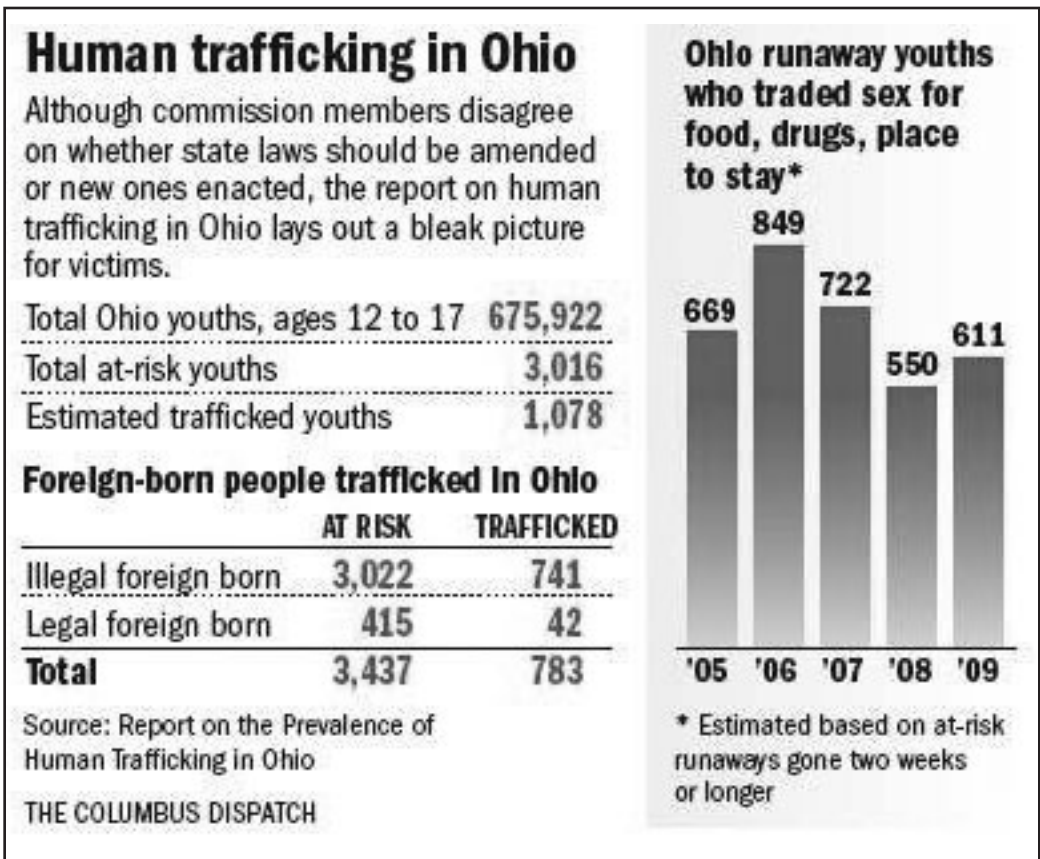
The U.S. Department of State estimates that 12.3 million people in the world are trafficked in some form whether it be forced labor, bonded labor, forced child labor or sexual services. The U.S is currently the second largest destination country for trafficking.

Human Trafficking is defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) as a recruiting, harboring, transporting, supplying or obtaining a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of involuntary servitude or slavery.

It is also defined as a commercial sex act induced by force or coercion, in which the person induced to perform the sex acts is under 18 years of age.

A "commercial sex act" is defined as any sex act where something of value is given or received by any person. Polaris Project defined forms of commercial sexual exploitation as exotic dancing, pornography, sexual entertainment, servile marriage, working in sweatshops, trinket selling and working in nail salons, along with many other acts.

Human Trafficking cases in Ohio have gotten high publicity due to the number of cases in Toledo, Ohio. An Ohio Trafficking in Persons Study Commission (OTPSC) report says Toledo is number four in the nation in terms of arrest, investigations and rescue of domestic minor sex trafficking



victims.

According to a University of Toledo study, 77 percent of youth involved in prostitution progress into adult prostitution. These people develop poor emotional and mental health, substance abuse, violent episodes and HIV, among other serious health risks and diseases.

More than 1,000 children under the age of 18 were sex trafficking victims in Ohio in 2010, according to the OTPSC.

A Columbus Dispatch article estimated 783 foreign-born people were trafficked for sex or forced labor in Ohio over the past year.

In the past year there were a total of 198 convictions of trafficking in Ohio alone -- most of them relating to children.

The recruitment of children into prostitution is done using a variety of techniques. A

RAND (non-profit organization) report described the different techniques.

"Grooming" involves manipulating young girls into situations where they seemingly make their own decisions to enter, sell sexual services and give their money to a trafficker.

"Bait and Switch" is when an attractive opportunity is presented as bait, and the switch happens when the trafficker switches the situation for their own financial gain.

"Guerilla Pimping" is when the trafficker approaches and forces the victim to work through the use of threat, physical violence and intimidation (as done to Jessica).

International trafficking is usually done in legitimate businesses and places of authority. Many times victims are unknowingly brought to the U.S. Those who are aware are usually under a false pre-

tense. A RAND document states that some victims are indebted to their traffickers.

The victims are often promised freedom once their debt is paid, but very little of the wages made during their slavery go to paying off their debts. Victims are subjected to physical traumas such as burns, stabbing and malnutrition. Sex trade victims may suffer vaginal and anal tearing, rapes, pregnancies, fertility problems and exposure to HIV/AIDS.

In a Department of State report done in 2003, it was estimated that 18,000 to 20,000 foreign born persons were trafficked in the U.S. The number steadily increased in 2004.

These numbers are not certain. There have been speculations that the number of trafficked people in the U.S. have been inflated for political reasons.

In 2008, the Department of

Justice Civil Rights Division initiated 183 investigations. They charged 82 individuals and got 77 convictions in 40 human trafficking cases. In terms of domestic cases, 63 percent of cases were for U.S. sex trafficking victims.

A RAND report estimates that when it comes to child sex trafficking there are 325,575 U.S. born children at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. In 2009, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported that 100,000 U.S. children were sex trafficked. In 2009, Polaris Project reported the National Human Trafficking Resource Center had received 13,622 calls, 261 calls were from Ohio. Over 70 of the 261 calls were from Columbus.

The RAND report lists studies done in 2009 from articles in the Toledo Blade and Columbus Dispatch. In it, there are five labor trafficking cases that included four cases of domestic servitude and one hotel exploitation in Columbus. Cincinnati had one case of labor trafficking in 2009. Combined there were a total of 11 potential sex trafficking cases found in the newspaper article review.

Ohio has been involved in almost every national investigation of sex trafficking, according to the Northwest Ohio Innocence Lost Task Force. The OTPSC estimates that out of the 3,022 at-risk illegal foreign born persons in Ohio, 741 have been trafficked. Of the 415 legal foreign born, 42 have been trafficked, making a total of 783 trafficked persons in Ohio.

Runaways also make up a large portion of the total number of trafficked children in the U.S.

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OWU community comes together in response to disaster in Japan

By Andrew Paik & Andy Wittenberg
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On Friday, April 2, the Japanese students at Ohio Wesleyan organized a luncheon dedicated to providing support for Japan.

Tickets were sold at Ham-Will, by Japanese students, and at the door for five dollars each.

The luncheon offered Japanese Chicken Curry, Vegetable Curry, sticky rice and Yakisoba (Japanese noodle). The Japanese students raised 2,200 food points in order to pay Chartwells for the food.

The luncheon was not only about gathering, socializing and eating Japanese food. The event involved a presentation by seniors Aki Sato and Hiroki Suzuki who are from Japan. The presentation provided pictures and videos of the devastation in Japan and its effects on everyday people.

Families trying to find their relatives' bodies to bury, students who attended graduation in tears and the tsunami devastating cities were some of the topics discussed by the two students.

Robert Harman, professor of Physics and Astronomy, also spoke to the crowd, talking about his experiences with Japanese students, the university's relations with Waseda University and the opportunities the relationship had provided to the science department.

Harman reminded the audience the Japanese were very generous when Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf area.

The last to speak was Jun Kawabe, part-time professor of Modern Foreign Languages, who talked about her trip in Japan during the earthquake and the need for support in the area.

In all, the luncheon raised



From top left to right clockwise: Students gather to eat and support Japanese earthquake relief efforts. Students get in line for Japanese cuisine. Senior Aki Sato presents a slide show of pictures with before and after shots of tsunami impacted areas. Seniors Tim Albon (left) and Gus Steiner enjoy the Japanese food provided.

\$1,500.00 for Japan.

Freshman Mana Fujita said the support of OWU will mean the world not only to her friends and family in Japan, but to the whole nation.

She said planning the luncheon took time, but after overcoming the initial shock of the devastation, the Japanese students at OWU were

able to do it.

"At first, I felt so useless and powerless," Fujita said. "Although my family and friends' lives were in danger, the only thing I could do was to watch the news and to pray.

"However, after a few days, I started to think that I actually could do a lot of things even when I'm so far away from



Photo by Forest Rilling

Japan.

"So many people, including my friends and professors, asked if my family was ok, and given the chance, they were willing to help Japan. Inspired by their concern, I and the other Japanese students began to organize an event to raise money and let people know what's going on in Ja-

pan, while also using it as an opportunity to raise awareness of Japanese culture."

Fujita said preparing for the luncheon was difficult because there aren't many Japanese students at OWU, so they needed support from others.

"Since there are only four Japanese students and we had never organized an event

before, it was really tough to prepare for the event in two weeks," Fujita said. "We were especially worried about the food and tickets, since we only sold 100 tickets by the start of the event.

"However, so many people who didn't buy tickets came to buy the tickets at the door and we ended up raising much more than we had expected. Even those people who could not make it to the luncheon donated out of their generosity. We were really thankful to those people who helped us and hope the event was meaningful for them, too."

Freshmen Lauren Ellis, who helped organize the luncheon, said she was pleased with the event.

"I think it was successful because we raised a lot of money," Ellis said. "There was a big turnout. We ran out of food. [The white rice] was gone within a few moments."

In addition to the luncheon, freshman Djamilla Mercurio said she assisted with the relief effort by helping to make one thousand cranes for awareness.

"It's to help heal things," Mercurio said.

"We put boxes around campus and we asked people to make origami cranes. There were a lot of people who wanted to make cranes."

She said as of Friday, April 1, there were 800 cranes made.

"We were going to make a sort of train out of them," she said.

She said she is not sure exactly what the school is going to do with the cranes, but she theorized they might send them to an organization to boost donations.

Students who couldn't take advantage of the opportunity to donate for Japan, or still want to donate more money, can donate through the Japanese students at OWU.

Alumna runs 250 miles, brings in \$17k for Ethiopia

By Solomon Ryan
Transcript Correspondent

Claire Everhart ('10) participated in a run across Ethiopia at the beginning of January to raise money for building schools.

Alone, Everhart raised \$17,000 to make a difference in Ethiopia. The group of 10 dedicated people that included Everhart, raised a total of \$208,000.

The money covered two-thirds of the costs involved in building three new schools in Ethiopia. Local farmers contributed the remaining funds necessary.

Everhart raised money from a variety of sources. She received donations from churches in Delaware, Ohio, contributions from individual donors and funds from the International Studies Board.

Everhart did more than solicit donations. She and members of her group raised money by running 250 miles from Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, to the southern tip of the country, the Yirgacheffe region.

Everhart spoke about her experience "running for a cause" at Beehive Books on Wednesday, March 30.

In September 2010, Everhart was working as an intern for Global Village on Sandusky Street.

She said a co-worker at Global Village Collections suggested that if she wanted to raise money for Ethiopia, Everhart should run a marathon across the country. The run was already being organized and they were looking for participants.

"I was really interested in traveling internationally," Everhart said.

Everhart and nine others from the United States went to Ethiopia as part of "Run Across Ethiopia." Everhart was the youngest of the group because the majority of men and women were in their early 20s through late 40s. From the moment the group arrived in Ethiopia, they knew they were in for a rough task.

"We ran about 25 miles a day,"



Photo courtesy of Claire Everhart

Claire Everhart ('10) raised \$17,000 for "Run Across Ethiopia," in addition to running 250 milse across Ethiopia last January. Everhart teamed up with nine other people from the US and ran about 25 miles a day for 10 days. The entire group raised a total of \$208,000 that will go towards building schools in Ethiopia.

Everhart said.

Everhart was on the OWU track and cross country teams. She said surprisingly, the length of the runs was not the biggest obstacle to overcome.

"I could definitely feel a difference running at 8,000 feet above sea level, it was much harder to breath and I felt more fatigued than when training in the States," she said.

In addition to the altitude and heat, Everhart said she had to endure psy-

chical aches and pains, mostly in her knees, IT bands and hips, along with painful blisters on her feet.

On the last day, despite the pain, the altitude, the heat and the fever, Everhart finished the race.

As to why Everhart chose this project, she said, "I have always been very interested in other cultures and passionate about seeking justice. I'm excited about any opportunity that combines these two. 'Run Across Ethiopia' did this."

Ethiopia is the 10th largest country in the world by area.

Shortly after Everhart landed in Ethiopia, she said she realized she was in a different kind of country.

"When children followed us, sometimes they would beg for our empty water bottles because they wanted to fill them with water from a nearby river," Everhart said. "I saw another runner give his water bottle to a boy who was about 13, and I have never seen anyone so happy."

Everhart may have acquired blisters during her run, but at least she was fortunate enough to have a pair of shoes, she said.

"When children ran along with us, they were barefoot," Everhart said. "I couldn't believe it because there were jagged rocks, and they acted like they were jogging on a smooth road."

At the start of each day of the marathon run, the village community would often run the first couple hundred meters along with the runners to show support.

Everhart showed a video of children trying to learn English as they ran alongside her.

Not only did Ethiopians support her as she ran, but so did the other members of the marathon group.

"The group was made up mainly of CEOs of fair trade companies," Everhart said. "It was great because we all supported each other."

The schools being built will be funded for three years and they will hire teachers. Right now, volunteers are building the school that houses grades K-8. Unlike many other schools in the country, this school will have a girls' bathroom.

"We raised enough funds to also include a girls' bathroom with each school. It's been discovered that if there is not a separate bathroom for girls, they stop coming to school once they hit puberty," Everhart said. "This is a significant issue that we would not have known about if we hadn't partnered with the Ethiopians to complete this project."

As the group ran, they had a film crew shoot a documentary that will come out in the summer.

For music lovers, an album was recorded, and all of the money from that will be donated to Ethiopia.

As Everhart described her experiences, it was easy to see how she was able to raise funds.

Members of the audience were hard-pressed not to dig into their pockets and give up all the money they had to help out.

"Awkward Talks" embraces students' awkward moments



Kathleen Dalton
Transcript Correspondent

The "Awkward Turtle," a popular hand gesture utilized to indicate uncomfortable situations, is the American Sign Language symbol for platypus, according to senior Jeff Brauning, House of Thought member.

Sign language was just one of many subjects discussed by the motley collection of students assembled on Thursday, March 31, for Brauning's second-annual "Awkward Talks," a discussion of social interactions on campus.

Attendees of the event came to the conclusion awkwardness is unavoidable and is an integral part of modern society.

The talk was an open forum in which the group of 29 students shared personal anecdotes and thoughts about awkwardness.

The discussion ranged from Band-Aids and body hair to erotic lamps and lectures, enabling attendees to celebrate their shared awkward experiences, which made things less awkward.

Brauning and other attendees cited television shows

such as the Office that utilize awkward humor to attract viewers. Attendees claimed actors such as Michael Cera and Steve Carell have based their entire comedy careers upon "being awkward." Thus, this awkwardness has seeped into everyday life.

"[Awkward] is a buzz word now," Brauning said. "We can't avoid it so we just embrace it."

At the start of the session, attendees got up from the chairs they originally sat in and switched to another across the circle.

They then discussed with three or four other students a situation in their personal lives they had found to be awkward.

Freshmen Lucky Masola and Gabriel Johnson discussed the uncomfortable nature of silence in class.

They agreed a class can be hard to sit thorough if students don't prepare and are subsequently unable to answer a teacher's queries.

"I'm motivated to do the reading just to answer questions," Masola said.

After each group had brought their stories to the larger body of students, Braun-

ing proposed that "straightforwardness can be less awkward than just beating around the bush."

Other students said they agreed and discussed how directness may diffuse an awkward situation.

Others said they felt awkwardness may never be diffused because some people simply do not understand the concept.

Others said diffusing awkwardness may also be difficult because everyone has a different level of comfort in discussing certain subjects.

Sophomore Sydney Kochman said awkwardness isn't in any way debilitating.

"What makes us great is our ability to laugh at ourselves," Kochman said.

Brauning then moved the discussion on to awkward encounters experienced specifically on campus.

Interactions on the Jaywalk were the issue attendees seemed most eager to discuss.

It was agreed knowing when to establish eye contact with someone on the Jay-walk is difficult and requires a system. Some students agreed it is easiest to spot a friend or acquaintance from a distance

and then bide time until it is appropriate to say hello or make friendly eye contact.

Others said they do not wish to have a system because of their dislike of small talk.

Attendees also established there is a large difference between a simple greeting and small talk.

The "hi, how are you?" enquirer in a small talk conversation may not actually care if the person they are asking is in fact "fine," "okay" or "good".

As such, the answerer in said interaction may answer with the information that they are "not good" and the enquirer may exhibit signs of becoming perplexed.

Attendees further agreed tiredness and homework are staple subjects in these short, often pointless conversations.

Senior Mike Frye said that in a situation of whether or not to keep eye contact, he does not bend to accommodate social norms, but will keep eye contact with someone, whether he knows them well or not, for up to 40 seconds.

"If you are just staring at each other and don't know what to do, just stare a little harder," Frye said.

Communication and involvement necessary for the corporate world

By Florenz F. Limen
Transcript Correspondent

Meggy Hooi Gilbreth ('88) advised international students to give importance to the writing and speaking component of their studies, as a preparation for the corporate world.

On March 28, Gilbreth talked to a group of international students about her experiences as a Bishop and as a professional.

She graduated summa cum laude with a major in economics and a minor in humanities.

Currently the project manager of AT&T Network, Alcatel – Lucent, Gilbreth joined AT&T's management program at the AT&T manufacturing plant on Broad Street in Columbus upon graduation.

She manages the logistics of transporting mobility equipment to cell sites and works with the customer on integration of ALU material

into the AT&T network, according to an email from the Office of International and Off-Campus Programs.

In an informal presentation titled, "Outsourcing: A Real Life Example," Gilbreth shared her experiences as a former Ohio Wesleyan student and how the university helped ready her to set out for the real world.

She said OWU's focus on the writing components of the students' education was very helpful.

She also mentioned the sciences taken by students outside their intended major "make you more rounded."

"This school provides you with the ability to learn, and to learn quick," Gilbreth said.

Gilbreth pointed out the importance of written and oral communication. She said in a work where email is a major way of communicating with customers, a person should be able to say

what he or she means in that email.

She also told the students to practice being more outspoken. However, she said one must talk with sense and not to speak just because he or she has to.

"American corporations expect you to speak out..." Gilbreth said. "Speak something valuable; make sure they hear you."

Gilbreth mentioned the importance of career fairs and resume building. She said when she was a senior, she went to a career fair and found out the person she knew has a connection to someone who works at AT&T. She went to a series of interviews and was chosen among other applicants.

She also said being active at school is important and she said she was active as a member of Horizons International.

"It builds you as a person and it's great for the resume," Gilbreth said.

She also talked about building credibility and speaking a company's language.

"Learn that language, too," Gilbreth said. "You'll find that if you join a certain company, that each company speaks a certain tongue."

She added that it is important to pick the people and the mentors one can learn from. She said building relationships and trust with others could come in handy in the future.

Gilbreth advised the students to be careful with social networking.

"Be very, very careful with what you have on your Facebook, Myspace, whatever," Gilbreth said. "Employers check those...so what you think is your friend that you share this [information] with, is not."

She said that nowadays, the supply of employees is so much higher than the demand. Companies can afford to hire top notch employees, leaving others behind.

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Reel Big Fish and Sam Adams take the stage

Photos by Paul Gruber

Photos of Springfest bands (clockwise, starting at top left): Reel Big Fish’s John Christianson on trumpet sported an all-American attire; Reel Big Fish’s Aaron Barrett, lead vocalist and guitarist (left), and Derek Gibbs, bass guitarist (right) rocked for concert goers in Branch Rickey Saturday night; Reel Big Fish's Matt Appleton on the saxophone.

Photo submitted by Kaitlin Tiefenthal

Bottom left: Junior Kaitlin Tiefenthal, Springfest performer Sam Adams and junior Jill Simpson.



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Sophomore Jessie Huschart said she has mixed feelings about them.

“I feel a little paranoid with them in there, but at the same

time I prefer them over undercover cops like there have been in the past,” Huschart said.

When these tickets are processed, the incident report is then forwarded to the school.

According to athletic direc-

tor Roger Ingles, if the student is an athlete and it’s their first offense, the student-athlete’s misconduct is dealt with by their coaches. The second offense results in suspension from game(s) and the third offense requires the student

to meet in front of a board of faculty to determine the eligibility for the athlete’s future.

Junior Andrew Miller said he is against the uniformed cops in Clancy’s.

“Students make mistakes, and having someone there to

essentially give you a \$400 ticket when a slap on the wrist would do the job is just unnecessary,” Miller said.

“It makes anyone who is under 21 think twice about going to the bar on the weekends which is Clancey’s’ loss. These under-

age kids aren’t buying beers at the bar and walking around, they are often times just taking sips from their friends’ beer and are unfortunate enough to get caught. Four hundred dollars for a sip of beer seems too harsh to me.”

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In 2009, RAND said there were 20,205 endangered runaways. Thirty-five percent of runaways gone for a week or longer were at risk for commercial sexual exploitation. According to the Clearing House, runaways are branded “endangered” if they have been away from the home without permission from their legal guardian for more than one night. Twenty-seven percent of runaways who were sheltered traded sex for shel-

ter, according to RAND.

Over the past few years there have been significant efforts to stop human trafficking in the U.S. There have been implementations of different legislations and support groups. The first federal law established to support and protect victims of trafficking was The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act in 2000. Its goals are to prevent human trafficking overseas, protect victims and help them rebuild their lives in the U.S. with federal and state support and to prosecute traffickers of persons under federal penalty.

In 2003 and 2005 there were reauthorizations of the legislation. The 2005 additions call for the Department of Justice to carry out biennial comprehensive research and statistical reviews and analysis of several forms of trafficking.

In addition to federal offers, 33 states have passed legislation criminalizing human trafficking, Ohio not being one of them. Ohio is one of only seven states without a standalone trafficking law. The OTPSC recommends creating a new felony-level offense of trafficking in people, expanding existing laws (like the

Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act) to include forced labor. Moreover, it would make the forced labor of a minor under the age of 16 a first degree felony. These recommendations would also change how kidnapping and prostitution offenses are categorized, redefine human trafficking and, according to a Columbus Dispatch article, create a new law banning misuse and theft of identification documents.

Federal and state legislation in Ohio is still a working progress, but victim support groups and organizations have

been on the rise. The Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition was established in 2007 and is one of the biggest victim support organizations in Columbus. It was established under the guidance of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Its mission, according to its website, is to end human trafficking through public awareness, service to trafficked persons, advocacy, and resource and training support to law enforcements.

Michelle Hannan is the director of Professional and Community Services for The Salvation Army Central Ohio.

She and co-worker Trisha Smouse (Anti-Human Trafficking Program Manager) have done extensive research on human trafficking. The two coordinate efforts in the Columbus area to aid in emergency responses and public awareness. The Coalition serves as a safe haven for trafficked women and men alike.

Human trafficking has grown to become one of the most prevalent crimes in the U.S and around the world. With the human population growing daily, there’s no telling when this modern day slavery will end.

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“We’ve already been given a preliminary nod that this is a good use of our money,” Hamons said. “Once we get that information sent into the state and have our policy written, we will make the money available to our downtown merchants.”

Jerry Nevius, owner of an athletic shoe store on North Sandusky Street, said he would likely be interested in the façade loan grant program. His store – Second Sole – has been in need of a storefront remodeling for years. Nevius

said he wants to paint the sign hanging from his store, but he needs a loan to remove the sign’s lead paint beforehand. He also wants to build a stairway to his vacant second floor, which would cost him approximately “\$40,000.”

“I had the city in here and told them what I wanted to do, and I made three phone calls and they just ignored me,” Nevius said. “You’ll get things done a lot quicker if you have a certain name in town.”

That name is Main Street Delaware, according to Nevius. The non-profit organization is highly regarded by most downtown business owners for promoting economic growth

among merchants through its design, organizational, economic restructuring and promotions committees structured to encourage economic growth downtown. Nevius isn’t a member of Main Street.

“Your dues are paying somebody’s salary and you got to basically just be in a little clique of people,” Nevius said. “I was a member one year and I never saw the director the entire year. What am I getting from Main Street, if not a light wallet?”

Main Street’s dues are \$125 per business, charged annually. Second Sole sales have been plummeting at rates of 30 percent for a few years,

but Nevius has found a way to remain profitable by selling shoes and sportswear on Amazon.com. He is pessimistic about the future of his business and the downtown community at large.

Hamburger Inn owner Bill Michailidis said he could not have a more different opinion.

He said he is enthusiastic about the number of quality restaurants in downtown Delaware, and he thinks a lot of their success is a result of Main Street Delaware.

“I think we are very fortunate to have Main Street Delaware because they’ve been helpful in guiding small businesses and bringing people

downtown,” Michailidis said. “For all they do, it’s a true value. That kind of assistance is paramount.”

Hamburger Inn has seen a doubling in sales since Michailidis bought the store in March of last year, and the diner has ambitious plans for the future. Expecting sales to double again next year, Michailidis said he plans to work with Main Street and the City to invest in a new kitchen, bakery, seats and tables, and another building. Expansion can only help the already aesthetically pleasing downtown.

“We like the way the downtown looks,” Brian Harpster said. “It’s cool.”

Judging by Brain Harpster’s impression, City Hall and Main Street Delaware have been successful in luring business investment to downtown Delaware in the midst of national economic stagnation.

The picture remains somewhat bleak, however, with two staple businesses – the Mean Bean and Second Sole – saying their sales have steadily declined over the last few years.

There has been an “overall plus” with some businesses failing and some new ones opening since late last fall, according to Hamons.

So far, it looks like the trend will continue on the plus side.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: *“It is interesting that, in the richest nation in history, people go to bed hungry every night. We have a nation in which a wealthy child goes to school in a nicer school than a poor child. This becomes the work of all of us.”*
—Marc Lamont Hill, political contributor and associate professor at Columbia University

From the Editor:

Too many weeks, not enough days

The last month of school brings a lot of things to our already full schedules. The combination of summer plans, graduation and a busier course load has kept many a student in Beeghly overnight (or even for a quick nap during the lunch hour).

Walking through the library, I can find all of my friends who skipped class today. There’s the boy who fell asleep in his coffee cup again; over there is the girl who took an entire table for her pink notecards and paper citations. Looks of confusion and frustration have crossed the faces of many.

Because it’s such a hectic time, a lot of students feel they don’t have the energy to juggle anything else, but what else is there to do at this time of year? So much.

Enjoy a sporting event, have a picnic, visit friends one last time or attend one of the many campus-wide events. With the end of the school year also comes an increase in student activities, lectures and programs. But how do we choose which ones to go to?

Luckily, our friendly BishopMail system is constantly bombarded with announcements, advertisements and reminders for all of these lovely events on campus. (That’s not to say that I myself don’t send these messages, as I’m sure you’ve seen my name pop up once or twice and wondered who the heck sent that chipper email with the crazy font).

In the last few months of school, a lot of themed and cause-focused weeks are occurring. Some of them are international movements, and some are on-campus initiatives inspired by larger foundations. Human Rights Week, Women’s Week and PRIDE Week (this week) are a few of the names you might recognize from those campus-wides you probably don’t read.

So come on, what’s your deal? People write those campus-wides for a reason, and they don’t just hold these events so they can hang out with their friends. They want OWU students and faculty to come out and support their cause. If they can’t get you to take two hours out of your day for a program like Take Back the Night, an initiative for victims of sexual abuse and assault to reclaim their voices and speak out in an effort to end the violence, then at least you’ll know such a thing exists. Even if you don’t have the time to read all of those chalk marks on the JayWalk, you should try to understand why someone is bothering to host this in the first place. You might learn something about your fellow students or even yourself.

There are too many weeks, too many events and not enough days left in the year for us to possibly explore and attend them all. The simple act of caring, gaining some additional knowledge or supporting your fellow students will make all of these events worthwhile. You may feel like you’re stretched too thin, but imagine if you had to plan a whole week of events on top of everything else!

You’d want people to show up, wouldn’t you? I would hope so. Go out and show your support. If you do, your days might be a little more full, but they will also be more meaningful. What are you waiting for—put down the Transcript and go to the Benes rooms!

By Rachel Ramey
Editor-in-Chief

Rub-a-dub-dub: lather up with less water



Green Scene
By John Romano
Guest Columnist

Last week in Green Scene we examined Ohio Wesleyan’s water footprint and determined there is plenty of room for progress to be made in reducing our water consumption as a community. But how exactly do we do this and where are the “low-hanging fruit” for us to pick, so to speak?

Consider this: the average American consumes over 170 gallons of water a day, of which around 100 gallons is consumed at home. This means an average of almost 30 billion gallons of water is used each day and over 11 trillion gallons of water consumed each year in the United States through domestic use alone.

Next, it is important to examine our water use patterns to see how much water we use each day. It is estimated almost 50 percent of all water consumed domestically is used in the bathroom. For your typical college student, this percentage represents close to 90 percent of your av-

erage every-day water consumption total.

Needless to say, for most of us, the most potential for water savings is by changing our water consumption habits in the bathroom.

In many cases, a small savings can end up making a huge difference in the long run and will yield even more impressive results if conservation is practiced by the entire community.

It goes without saying that one of the biggest consumers of water in the bathroom is the shower. And while shower length can be a sensitive subject for some of us, think about it: how much water do you actually need to get your body clean?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense program suggests a 5-minute or less shower is generally a good goal to strive for to maximize water savings. It is estimated upwards of 60 to 70 percent of Americans take showers that last between five and ten minutes each time.

In fact, by cutting down the time you spend in the shower, you could save up to 4 or even 5 gallons of water per minute, as well as the energy that goes into heating that water and the electricity needed to pump it to you.

If taking shorter showers is not something you are willing to explore, you can

also conserve water by simply turning off the water while you are soaping up.

And while these two conservation tips may seem like no-brainers to you, the reality is that our consumption habits are tough to break when it has become routine for us.

The main problem isn’t that most people don’t know how to conserve in simple ways, but instead the problem lies in people neglecting to consider these types of things on a daily basis. Believe it or not, you can get clean and green by making seemingly insignificant changes in your consumption patterns, such as these.

However simple it may be to conserve water in the shower, the potential for water savings is huge. By simply turning these actions into habits even reducing your shower by a few minutes, could save between an average of 10 gallons of water each day and sometimes even more.

This means that you could potentially end up saving over 3,500 gallons of water each year, or the amount of water needed for a five-minute shower for 6 full months. In fact, if every OWU student made these actions habits, the entire community would save over 6 million gallons of water each school year, enough to fill more than nine Olympic-sized swimming pools.

The ‘Femme Fatale’ and the land of the free

How Britney Spears’ career parallels America’s last decade



Word Vomit
by Michelle “RJ” Rotuno-Johnson

With the release of her seventh album, “Femme Fatale,” Britney Spears has once again proven her worth to any dissenters. Many wrote the pop princess off as another failed teen star, as her personal struggles from 2004-2007 made her the subject of tabloid news. But Britney’s journey -- no matter how many children, shaved heads and marriages it has taken -- is continuing down the right path in 2011.

Britney’s triumphs and failures parallel that of another young superstar -- the United States. Yes, the land of the free itself: once a young upstart, now the most powerful country in the nation. The past 12 years have been instrumental for Spears and for the US, and it’s a bit strange how closely the two stories are connected.

The 90s were when Brit-Brit burst into the scene. “...Baby One More Time” was released in 1999. It was a sexual album, something unique. And the American people love getting sexual...after all, it was in 1998 when Bill Clinton was charged with the Lewinsky scandal.

2000 brought some more controversy. Bush v. Gore, of course, and the question of how the Florida voting system got so

badly screwed up. But also that sneaky Britney wearing lewd clothing, grinding around and corrupting the minds of our young children. For shame!

Of course, 2004 was when all the shit hit the fan. The American people started to realize the war in Iraq was an unnecessary campaign started by a war-hungry president. Popular sentiment about the war and the government began to take a turn for the worse.

And in Britney’s world, things weren’t going well. 2004 was the year she married her childhood friend Jason Alexander in Las Vegas, annulled the marriage 55 hours later and got engaged to Kevin Federline three months after that. Yikes.

Those following years weren’t very good, either. Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005. The economy went into a decline as the housing bubble collapsed, and the Great Recession began in 2007. Britney had kids, checked into rehab and shaved her head.

In this time of tumult, economic uncertainty and attacks on the paparazzi, how would America and its pop princess pull themselves out of a deep rut?

Change was needed.

And change came.

Barack Obama won the 2008 election on a campaign of hope and, yes, change. Young, African-American and well-spoken, he seemed like just the right person to steer America out of the recession.

Also in 2008, Britney Spears released “Circus,” one of the fastest-selling albums that year, to much critical acclaim. It seemed as if everything on both sides of the spectrum would be all right.

The next few years were indeed a cir-

cus for all parties involved. A media circus took place around the Obama family and everything they did, from Barack’s controversial healthcare bill to what school Sasha and Malia picked to Michelle’s clothes and right down to what they would name that cute little dog.

Britney’s circus was on her 2009 “Circus Starring Britney Spears” tour. With a gross of U.S. \$131.8 million, it became the fifth highest-grossing tour of the year. She was also a part of the hit television show “Glee.” An entire episode was focused on her music and her influences in the American pop scene.

And now, we are in 2011. The circus is still in full swing, but it’s shifted a bit. Obama isn’t the most popular guy on campus anymore, and new Republican senators and congressmen are ready to make some changes of their own. The media is still as aggressive as ever.

And Britney? Well, last week she released “Femme Fatale,” an album with a different sound than her past projects. “Hold it Against Me” gave Spears her fourth number-one single on the chart, and made her only the second artist in history to have two consecutive singles debut at number one (Mariah Carey was the first).

It sure has been a wild time for Britney, and for the country she calls home. And to be honest, who really knows what the next few years will bring? A new president? A new marriage? Some more racy clothes? We can only wonder.

And, of course, we can only hope... hope that two of the biggest young celebrities in the world will keep entertaining us for years to come.

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Arts & Entertainment

‘Big E’ shines a ‘Spotlight’ on talent at student showcase

By Alexis Williams
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Spotlight, hosted by Erik Brewer, showcased the musical abilities of student performers and raised money for breast cancer research. The event was held in Gray Chapel on April 2. Brewer, a popular barista at the Internet Café of Beeghly library, also works as a comedian and planned the event with juniors Justin Adda and Josiah Huber without a budget.

Brewer said he used Spotlight as an opportunity to show off his talents as “Big E,” his stage name, and those of the students he has become so close with over the years. “It’s raw; it’s not in a box,” he said. “Instead of bringing in talent from other places we thought, ‘Why not showcase what we have?’”

Adda said the Spotlight performers were picked to highlight the diversity of OWU. “We’re just representing OWU,” he said. “It’s a great mash-up.” Adda also said Huber thought of the show’s name. “And it fits because it’s a ‘spotlight’ of talent,” Adda said. “It’s just a sample of what’s here.”

In the two weeks leading up to Spotlight, Brewer and his team publicized the event by selling black and pink wristbands for \$3 as admission to the show. The money to buy the wristbands was provided by Black Men of the Future.

The proceeds raised were donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research, a cause close to Brewer who has lost friends to the disease.

Adda said he knew giving Spotlight a philanthropic focus would draw a bigger audience.

“One thing I’ve noticed about OWU is that every [event] has a cause,” he said. “But Spotlight was missing something. Once that cause was chosen and was deeply tied to Erik, [the show] seemed more whole-hearted.”



Photos By Alexis Williams

Left: The Jaywalkers, OWU’s all-male acapella group, perform “Come Away with Me” by The Beach Boys at Spotlight last Saturday in Gray Chapel.

Right: Internet Café barista, Eric Brewer (left) joined by sophomore Shahryar Khan (right), channeled his comedian alter-ego “Big E” as he introduced the acts for the night.



Brewer, Adda and Huber sold all 700 wristbands they ordered, for a total of \$2,100.

“Being able to give back is the most important part of the show,” Brewer said. “It is the biggest sacrifice.”

As an additional marketing tool, Brewer enlisted the help of seniors Frieda Trovela, Monique Cherry and junior Katie Hurley to plan a flash-mob dance routine. The Friday before Spotlight, along with 20 other students, the flash-mob team performed to a medley that included songs by Michael Jackson, MC Hammer and The Black Eyed Peas.

Hurley said when she was asked to help organize the flash-mob, she didn’t have to think twice.

“That’s because it’s ‘E,’” she said. “Why wouldn’t you?”

Huber said Brewer’s big personality drew the crowd to Gray Chapel.

“I think what’s different is that Erik is the x factor,” he said. “He has such a good reputation with the community that he’s able to pull that crowd.”

“It’s not just the students coming together but the community.”

After much anticipation and a couple of AV hiccups, the show opened with a digital short video comparable to Saturday Night Live, starring Brewer and seniors Samantha Spiridellis and Aaron McCown. The concept for the video, which was themed to *The Matrix*, came from Brew-

er and sophomore Danny Nyugen. Brewer played Morpheus with Spiridellis as Trinity and The Oracle. McCown played Neo, trying to figure out if he was “the one” by deciding between an ice, cold Internet Café beverage or a warm one.

DJ ACHE (pronounced Aché), also known as sophomore Harding McCall, had the crowd rocking to his mixes of house, techno and hip-hop music leading up to an unforgettable entrance by Chaplain Jon Powers. Escorted by two young women to the tune of “Make It Rain” by Travis Porter, Chaplain Powers sauntered across Gray Chapel’s stage, tossing dollar bills into the crowd until he was interrupted by “Big E.”

Brewer said he was excited and pleased over the attendance of Spotlight and opened the show with a slideshow comedy act.

The photos included family members, friends and extracurricular activities. Finally, he began introducing the talent.

First up was a duet by sophomores Andrew Tuchow and Clerel Djamen to “Green Light” by John Legend, featuring Andre 3000. Tuchow took on the singing as Djamen busted the rhymes.

A dance group composed of Trovela, Cherry, junior Kaydee Hamer and sophomores April Warner and Yushan Hayman performing “On to the Next One” by Jay-Z followed the pair.

“Big E” took the stage after

their performance and plucked sophomore Shahryar Khan from the audience to join him in introducing the next act.

“The fact that ‘E’ took me on stage was really nice,” Khan said. “I spend more time chilling with him in the library than I do studying.”

Brewer followed that up with a surprise dance performance by his young niece and cousin to Willow Smith’s “Whip My Hair.”

Pitch Black, OWU’s all-female acapella group, serenaded the audience with their infamous mash-up of songs “F*** You” by Cee-Lo Green, “Love Train” by The OJays and “Joy to the World” by Three Dog Night, in addition to “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” by The Tokens mixed with “The Bad Touch” by The Bloodhound Gang.

“Big E” continued with his slideshow comedy after Pitch Black; this time displaying embarrassing photos of students outside the classroom, including some of male students in speedos and a female student doused in chocolate syrup and whipped cream.

“Banana split, anyone?” he said.

Next, the newly formed Jaywalkers, OWU’s all-male acapella group, crooned to the audience with three songs including “Wonderful Tonight” by Eric Clapton, “Come and Go With Me” by The Beach Boys and “Under the Boardwalk” by The Drifters.

In a special tribute performance to Alex Tyler, a former

OWU student who died recently, Hurley and sophomore Aubrey Alamshah danced to an acoustic version of “Hear You Me” by Jimmy Eat World.

Hurley said the preparations for the tribute were emotionally and physically draining because Tyler had been a friend of hers.

“Eric asked us to do it for Alex,” she said. “Choreographing has been the most difficult, especially with someone who died so quickly and suddenly. It has been hard.”

Closing out the night was Orie, college student turned MC, from St. Louis, Mo., performing an assortment of his songs. One song, “Love,” was for his aunt who died of breast cancer.

As the clock hit 11 p.m., “Big E” wrapped up the night and invited the audience to the after party at NOVA restaurant on S. Sandusky St. with only two words.

“Let’s party,” he said.

Some students like Khan said there was a ‘Big’ part missing from the show.

“I did have a good time but I was very disappointed because I was hoping to see Erik, but I did enjoy the performances,” Khan said. “I was just under the impression that he was going to perform.”

Khan, a close friend of Alex Tyler, said he and his fellow Sigma Chi fraternity members in the audience were moved by Hurley and Alamshah’s performance.

“The dance Katie did was beautiful,” he said. “We were

kind of awestruck; that was amazing. I was sitting right next to Anthony; we pledged with Alex and were just quietly watching and it was very beautiful.”

Senior Rachel Rutkie said she agreed with Khan about the lack of a comedy routine from “Big E,” as publicized by Brewer.

“One thing that I wanted to say is, I wanted more Erik,” Rutkie said. “[The show] was awesome, but maybe he should do his own show or something.”

Huber said the show received a lot of positive feedback, but could improve if a show were to happen next year.

“I thought it went well,” he said. “There’s a lot to improve on. Out of the gate, we had technical difficulties.”

“It was tough with Springfest before it and we started later than we wanted to, which made the transition a little tough.”

Despite the AV and transitional glitches during the show, Spotlight kept the audience entertained from beginning to end.

Brewer said putting together Spotlight without a budget and having the love and support from the community was all he could have asked for.

“Spotlight is a blueprint for what they say can’t be done,” he said.

“Regardless of whether there will be another one or not, people will say ‘Spotlight did it.’”

OWU’s Bachelor of the Month

By Cara Foley
Transcript Reporter

Ladies, it’s time to listen up. April brings showers, but it also comes with some Adam Pinkerton.

So, who exactly is Pinkerton? He may seem like your average Econ-majoring undergrad, but that couldn’t be further from the truth. I can tell you there is more to him than you will ever know.

Though he said he enjoys turning in papers three weeks late, having a good time on weekends and having fun with friends, behind this façade is something incredible.

A native of Ohio, Pinkerton is always available for a drive around the finest parts of the Buckeye State. He enjoys a good day of kayaking and ending it by cooking on the grill.

Pinkerton describes himself as “unmotivated, but talented.”

He said if you want to play hard to get -- you shouldn’t.

“Never play hard to get, it’s annoying,” he said.

Pinkerton said his perfect first date at OWU would have to be fun and romantic.

In his opinion, the best place around would be going to the Columbus Zoo for



Adam Pinkerton

“Zoo Lights.”

Appearance-wise, he said makeup should only be worn if it’s appropriate.

“Nobody wants to be dating a circus clown,” he said.

If you are looking to end up with Pinkerton, you must know that he is looking for a girl with a sense of humor and who is also affectionate and smart.

His go-to-tune is either Rihanna’s “What’s My Name” or “Don’t Think Twice, It’s Alright” by Bob Dylan.

Bring him some extra loafs of bread, and he may just see a future with you.

“My biggest pet peeve is when I get to the last piece of bread when all I want is a grilled cheese,” Pinkerton said.

Although Pinkerton said he does not believe in soul

mates, he said he does believe in love at first sight, so that is always a good starting point if you think you are the one for him.

“An object I could not live without would be my down comforter,” he said.

He said he loves naps and thinks there’s nothing better to do when April rain keeps you inside. His favorite chick-flick is *Definitely, Maybe*. Watching that with him in the rain could also be a good time.

If you feel like you could really hit it off with this young bachelor, keep in mind that his biggest turn off is when girls are mean.

“The most confusing thing about girls is what they are saying and trying to figure out what it really means,” Pinkerton said.

He said if he could envision his life five years from now, he hopes to live in Colorado.

“I’d love to just snowboard the whole day and hang out with John Elway,” he said.

Could you be the one he ends up hitting the slopes with? Reach out to Adam and find out. Contact him by email: ampinker@owu.edu or look him up on Facebook.

Kappa Karaoke croons for a cause



Photo by Paul Gruber

Junior Will Pierce, a member of Chi Phi, performs Cee-Lo Green’s “F*** You.”

By Alex Crump
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Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority held Kappa Karaoke to raise money for Reading is Fundamental, their philanthropy.

The event was held in the Benes rooms on Thursday, March 31.

Reading is Fundamental provides books and reading programs for underprivileged children.

Sophomore Devin Heath said RIF helps children love reading.

“[People] donate books and their time, to read and serve as mentors for children that are in need of them, so they can help build a more literate nation,” she said.

The karaoke began with

two members of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity (Alpha Sig) singing the popular YouTube hit “Friday” by Rebecca Black.

After each act, the contestants were judged on their performances by a panel of three judges, who gave comments and final scores. The trio included Assistant Chaplain Lisa Ho, Dana Behum, assistant director of Student Involvement for Fraternity and Sorority Life, and professor of Psychology Harvey Freeman. Heath said she chose the judges for specific reasons.

“Dr. Freeman and Lisa Ho were chosen because they are our advisers and because I thought their personalities would add something extra to the show,” she said. “Dana Behum was chosen because I thought it would be nice to have people that are part of Greek life to get to know her more, since she is new and she has a wonderful personality.”

The line up continued with members of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority performing “Home” by Edward Shape and the Magnetic Zeros, receiving two fives and a six from Freeman for “their smiles.”

Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep) performed “California Gurls” by Katy Perry. They chose to dress in shorts and bikini tops, which quickly won over the audience, including senior Caitlin Kluber.

“It was hilarious, creative

and definitely had the crowd involved,” she said.

Other numbers that pleased the crowd were Delta Gamma (DG), who came dressed as members of the Spice Girls and performed “Wannabe.”

This earned the ladies 10s with the judges and extra points with Kappa members when they put on owl masks, Kappa’s mascot.

The performance that seemed to get the best reaction from the judges was Kelis’ “Milkshake,” performed by members of Phi Delta Theta. Part of their act included jumping onto the judge’s table and dancing. This earned interesting comments from the judges.

“There are some booty calls I care not to remember,” Freeman said.

Lisa Ho also had a comment about the act.

“My last name might be Ho, but I’m not that kind of girl,” she said.

The acts did a second number and the results were announced, awarding DG as the sorority winner and Sig Ep as the fraternity winner.

Heath said she was pleased with the turnout for Kappa Karaoke.

“I thought the event went well, minus a few technology problems, but there are always ways to improve upon it, which is what I hope to help the next philanthropy chair do next year,” she said.

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Bishops Sports

Ohio weather results in delays for softball

By Heather Kuch
Transcript Reporter

The softball team has gone a week and a half without playing a game due to the ever-changing Ohio weather delaying their season.

Over the past week and a half, eight of the games on the softball team's schedule have been postponed due to the inclement weather. They have also had to move several of their practices indoors in order to keep practicing throughout the poor weather conditions.

Junior Abigail Walsh said she is upset about the number of games that have been cancelled because of how far behind the team is in their season.

"We are currently eight games behind in our schedule and it's going

to complicate the rest of our season," Walsh said. "But the inconsistent weather is something you have to get used to when you play softball in Ohio."

Prior to all of the delays, the season had been going well for the softball team.

Their current overall record is 10-6 and they had a series of key wins during their Florida competition over spring break.

The team has not yet started their regular conference season, but will begin this Saturday with a home game against Wooster.

Walsh and other players said the purpose of their non-conference season is to allow them to play games, which will help them prepare for their conference games. But with the cancelation of eight games, it makes

preparing for conference matches difficult.

Sophomore Brooke Nethers said she is also upset about the cancelled games because of the amount of time that has passed since their last competition.

"It has been too long since our last game and it's going to feel weird when we finally get to play a game again," Nethers said.

Nethers said overall, the general mood on the team is an unhappy one. She said they just want to play some softball and the weather isn't letting them.

Junior Jackie Kolovich said, "I just want the weather to get nice again so that we can play some softball."

The softball team's next home game is scheduled for April 9, against Wooster.



Photo by Brittany Vickers

Sophomore Brooke Nethers makes a catch at first base during one of the Bishop's games earlier this season.

Men's lacrosse falls to Denison

News Brief Communications Department

Sophomore attacker Colin Short (Jamesville, N.Y./Jamesville-DeWitt) and sophomore midfielder Drew Scharf (Redding, Conn./Barlow) scored goals that brought Ohio Wesleyan within 4-3 at halftime, but 13th-ranked Denison opened the second half with 3 straight scores and went on to post a North Coast Athletic Conference win over the Bishops on Saturday.

The Big Red had taken a 3-0 lead after the first quarter, getting goals from Colin Molloy, Emmett Jones and Davis Lukens while holding the Bishops to one shot during the period.

This changed during the second quarter, with sophomore midfielder Pat Bassett (Naperville, Ill./North) putting the Bishops on the scoreboard.

Denison got a goal from Jones midway through the period, increasing the lead to 4-1, but Short answered with a score just 25 seconds later.

Scharf followed with a spectacular catch-and-shoot goal from close range to bring Ohio Wesleyan within 4-3 with 4:33 left in the half.

Denison opened the second half with a pair of scores from Cory Couture sandwiched around another Jones goal, and after Bassett ended that run, the Big Red tacked on goals from Chapin Speidel, Molloy and Jones to take a 10-4 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Ohio Wesleyan rallied with a man-up score from junior attacker A.J. Pellis (Edmonton, Alberta/St. Francis Xavier) and another score from Scharf to pull within 10-6 midway through the quarter, but that was as close as the Bishops would come as Tanner Smith scored twice.

Bassett and Scharf led the Bishops with 2 goals apiece, while freshman midfielder Spencer Schnell (Dublin/Jerome) was credited with 2 assists.

Sophomore Stephen Ford (Worthington/Thomas Worthington) recorded 11 saves.

Jones led Denison with 4 goals.

Nick Petracca stopped 3 shots for the Big Red.

Greek life dodges and dives for charity

By Natalie Duleba
Transcript Correspondent

Chi Phi and Delta Gamma (DG) dodged, ducked, dipped and dived into first place at Delta Zeta's (DZ) second annual Dodgeball Classic.

Seven teams comprised of fraternity and sorority members competed in the charity event at Branch-Rickey Racquetball Courts on March 30.

The \$425 raised by the event will benefit Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., the world's leading university for people with speech and hearing impairments.

Chi Phi, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon played each other in multiple rounds of best two out of three matches for the first place in the men's category.

Early in the competition, Sig Ep was the frontrunner in the men's competition.

Freshman Jake Von Der Vellen, a member of Sig Ep, said he was happy to play dodgeball.

"Dodgeball was a pastime of mine in grade school and I wanted to get playing again," Von Der Vellen said.



Photo courtesy of Xandi Titus

Freshman Rachel Thomas and freshman Jaqueline Roth pose with dodgeballs before refereeing a fierce game of dodgeball.

this time. It's charity, not the f***ing championship."

Despite this, Von Der Vellen and fellow Sig Ep member, freshman Vince Donofrio, described Yee as "the best f***ing dodgeball player ever."

Eventually, Chi Phi made

a comeback on the court and took first place.

Both teams received prizes donated by local businesses in downtown Delaware, like Hungry Howie's, Nova, Fiesta Mexico and Beehive Books.

Senior Abe Gustavson, a member of Chi Phi, said his

technique of screaming randomly during the game helped his team win.

"I yell to scare the hell out of people," Gustavson said. "People have focus; screaming scares them, and they lose it."

DZ, DG, Kappa Kappa

Gamma (Kappa) and Kappa Alpha Theta (Theta) fought for first place in the women's category on a different court.

The women's games lasted longer, and it was harder to judge who would win the matches.

Often it came down to the last match to see who would win the round overall.

DG earned first place and Theta came in second.

Sophomore Meagan Ferns, a member of DG, said she was excited to get involved in the charity event.

"I love philanthropy events," Ferns said. "I also like any excuse to get together with my sisters."

After Chi Phi and DG earned first place in their own categories, the two teams had an impromptu match against one another. Chi Phi won the match, but Ferns, the last woman on the court against Chi Phi, said it was a difficult game.

"It was hard," Ferns said. "They were pelting balls at me, but it's such a good way to raise money for a good cause."

Junior Rachel King, DZ's philanthropy chair, said she was pleased how the event turned out.

"I think it went great," King said. "Of course we would always love more participation, but we loved having all the teams that participated."

Women's golf improving despite loss to Wooster

By Crhis Lathem
Transcript Reporter

The women's golf team was narrowly edged 429-459 by NCAC foe Wooster in a match last Saturday.

The Bishops were led by freshman Sarah JanTausch, who shot a 109.

Junior Courtney Durham, senior Sarah Ingles and junior Emily Olmstead also turned in strong performances with scores of 114, 116 and 120 respectively.

Freshman Alison Falk, who played as an individual for the match, posted the Bishops' lowest score with a 104.

Overall, JanTausch said she believes the team performed much better against Wooster in this match than they did in the fall meeting between the two teams.

"Although we lost, I think that we are improving gradually as a team and things are looking up for the future," she said. "Golf is a game that takes diligence and hours of practice for improvement."

"We have spent the past few months working daily to keep the ball in play and decrease the number of shots we

take per hole. All of us have a long way to go, but we have improved from the fall. That is the nature of the game, it takes patience."

Olmstead said she noticed the improvement of the team as well, but says it will take time for the team to reach its full potential.

"We hope to improve with every tournament that we play in, but it's hard to tell since we always play courses that we aren't familiar with," Olmstead said.

Next up for the Bishops is the Cardinal Classic on April 9 and 10, at Little Turtle and Pinnacle golf courses.

This is the first of several upcoming tournaments in which the team will look to lower their scores and continue to improve.

"The practice is definitely paying off," JanTausch said. "Saturday was the first of a busy month. We are now in the heat of our season and we will have a competition every weekend until the end of the school year. Along with those weekends and practicing everyday during the week the only place for our scores to go is down."

New tennis courts add appeal to program

By Liza Bennett
Transcript Correspondent



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Pictured above are the previous outdoor courts.

said the new courts will definitely help to improve the program.

"It will serve as a great place to host matches, and by having 12 total outdoor courts and 4 more inside, we are able to hold tournaments, including NCAC and others," Weaver said.

The courts are coming at a perfect time for the men's team, whose season started off rocky when their coach resigned a month before the season started.

"With the help of the Athletic Department, especially Roger Ingles, as well as the team and others, we were able to find our new coach Eddie Echeverria," Weaver said. "He has pushed us hard to get into better shape both physically and mentally."

The new tennis courts are named Luttinger Family Ten-