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Public Safety partners with DELCOMM to keep students safe

By Taylor Stoutd  
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan University Public Safety (PS) partnered with the Delaware County Emergency Communications (DELCOMM) on August 14.

DELCOMM will provide weeknight and weekend service for OWU and will field calls from the PS extension.

DELCOMM is the 911 dispatch that serves all of Delaware County. It is not affiliated with city police or the fire department and is the employer of its dispatchers.

Prior to the agreement, students would call the Public Safety extension (-2222) and the call would go to Jackie Hursey, administrative lieutenant. The call would then be transferred to a PS officer's cell phone.

Public Safety also had a student dispatch unit which would help answer calls. However, due to budget cuts last year, the department had to eliminate their student employment.

Bob Wood, director of Public Safety, said this change has affected the structure of Public Safety.

"This elimination increased officer work load significantly," Wood said. "Officers had to carry a Public Safety cell phone on them at all times, even during off-hours. So unless they were already in a car when they received the call, it was difficult to respond to calls in a timely manner."

Ohio Wesleyan pays for two lines at DELCOMM. When students call Public Safety, it is directed to DELCOMM.

These lines are used as the OWU lines only so dispatchers know the call is coming from someone from the University. When these dispatchers receive [OWU] calls, they will answer "OWU Department of Public Safety" unless they receive more than two OWU calls at one time.

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## Students, alum fish for answer to China water crisis

By Eric Tifft  
Transcript Reporter

This summer three Battling Bishops had the unique opportunity to dive headfirst into China's growing water crisis.

The three week Theory-to-Practice experience took senior Sharif Kronemer, WCSA president; junior Guanyi Yang; and Kyle Herman ('11) across China to explore the roots of the Chinese water shortage.

Understanding the water crisis in China is essential in dealing with the global water shortages. This affects sanitation, agriculture and the environment as well as individual people.

Kronemer, Yang and Herman met with several experts on the subject.

"We met with Ph.D. students, professors, NGOs, GreenPeace and the former president of the largest government branch that manages water," Kronemer said.

Kronemer, Yang and Herman also visited reservoirs and tested the quality of water using alkalinity tests and pH strip tests.

Kronemer said they chose China over several other countries because it is modernized, urbanized and very similar to the United States.

"We could use what's happening in China as an analogy for how to do things in the US," Kronemer said. "It also is a model for the severity of

the problem."

Because of the large population in China, the severity of their pollution and water shortage is much more extreme than in the US.

Industrial pollution, unsound regulations, agriculture pollution, uneven natural distribution and oversized population are major factors in China's water crisis, Yang said.

Kronemer said policies could be changed to help ease the burden of the crisis.

"Domestic and industrial pollution in China is very high," Kronemer said. "They lack transparency in policies surrounding water shortages."

In an attempt to address the water crisis, China has begun to emulate the US in transparency and green policies, Kronemer said.

Industries now have to report how much pollution they release and are responsible for monitoring and managing output. This transparency is crucial to manage pollution appropriately.

"China doesn't have the luxury of taking their time," Kronemer said. "For the most part, the US has been able to take its time in combating pollution, but China's pollution rate is so high that they cannot afford to wait any longer. One year of pollution output in China is equivalent to about 10 years in the US."

The US is not immune to widespread water pollution. Texas and Pennsylvania have



Photo courtesy of Sharif Kronemer  
Senior Sharif Kronemer, Kyle Herman ('11) and junior Guanyi Yang tour the Forbidden City in Beijing, China as part of a Theory-to-Practice program analyzing the water crisis in China.

had their own pockets of water shortage due to pollution, Kronemer said.

Buddhism and Chinese culture shape the policies and initiatives passed, Kronemer said.

"They view their place in nature differently than we do," Kronemer said. "Man and nature share oneness."

It is that oneness that creates conflict, Kronemer said.

"Capitalism is making China extremely rich, but at the same time Buddhists are rejecting [capitalism] because of the negative effects on nature," he said. "China wants

to preserve nature but bring in big profits at the same time. Unfortunately one has to take priority over the other."

The Chinese are actively trying to preserve nature as much as they can, Yang said.

"There are a lot of positive things going on in China from everyone and all sources," he said. "It is a lively country with lots of positive attitudes. People are seeking changes and making their best efforts to achieve their goals."

"It is important to look at China and the rest of the world for water shortages," Kronemer said. "We can learn a lot

by looking at water shortages in China and across the world. That could be us in several years. We don't want to be naive to it."

Kronemer said the Middle East is experiencing similar water crises. In addition, Jordan has not had water in 10 years. They have relied on trucking water from Turkey, which is far from sustainable.

Kronemer, Yang and Herman will present their experience at the Summer Science Symposium on Monday in the Conrades-Wetherell Science Center Atrium.

## Bishops remember fallen alums on September 11

On the 10th anniversary of the attacks, the OWU community remembers three lost

By Taylor Stoutd  
Transcript Correspondent

On the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Ohio Wesleyan held a ceremony in memory of three alumni who were lost in the attacks.

A memorial tree was planted near the OWU Friends Memorial Garden in between Elliot and Slocum halls. The three alumni were Doug Cherry ('85), Ted Luckett ('84) and Ann Judge ('73).

At the ceremony, OWU dedicated a cherry tree to freshman Emma Cherry, whose father was lost in the attacks. Cherry and Luckett were in the World Trade Center, and Judge was in the Pentagon on 9/11.

Emma's mother, Sarah Cherry, is also an alumnus from the class of 1985.

In her speech, Emma talked about how as a seven-year-old she had small lungs but had to take bigger breaths than any seven-year-old should ever have to take due to the loss of her father.

After Emma's speech, Pitch Black performed Jimmy Eat World's "Hear You Me."

Senior Bobby Kuhlberg, a member of the Jaywalkers student acapella group, said he found the memorial event very meaningful.

"The combination of Emma's incredibly moving speech and Hear You Me was very touching," he said.

Following the commemoration, there was a candle light vigil from the garden to the



Photo provided by the Department of Communications  
Senior Sharif Kronemer, president of WCSA, and freshman Emma Cherry plant a cherry tree in honor of Cherry's father Doug, an OWU alumnus who died in the World Trade Center attacks.

firehouse on 99 South Liberty St.

Upon arriving at the fire station, the presidents of all the religious groups on campus presented breads of the world to the firefighters.

Senior Lizzie Rubenstein, president of Hillel, said she was proud to be a part of the event.

Hillel presented challah, a traditional Jewish bread eaten during the Shabbat and Jewish holidays, to the fire station members.

"Sharing the challah is a *mitzvah*, which is a good deed," Rubenstein said. "The firefighters were really appreciative of the gesture and shook everyone's hands."

According to the OWU website, "the 'OWU Breads

from Around World' idea has been embraced by the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships in Washington, D.C."

After the bread was presented to the fighters, the Jaywalkers acapella group had their first performance of the semester singing the national anthem.

"The entire evening was overall emotionally touching," Rubenstein said. "It's unbelievable to think that it has already been 10 years since the terrorist attacks. My heart goes out to all those who were killed and all those who lose loved ones."

A memorial plaque for Cherry, Luckett and Judge has been at the OWU Friends Memorial Garden since 2005.



Photos by Michelle Rotuno-Johnson  
Above: The memorial plaque dedicated to Cherry, Luckett and Judge at the OWU Friends Memorial Garden.

Below: Kate Lewis-Lakin '14 takes time to read the plaque.



# Yoga Club stretches out for the first time

By Marissa Alfano  
News Editor

OWU's yoga club was conceived two weeks ago by sophomores Emily Hostetler and Rachel Vinciguerra.

"Last year we were both really interested in doing yoga to stay in shape," Hostetler said. "We wanted to give the student body the opportunity to do yoga with us too. It's a great workout because it is not too strenuous on the body and you can advance at your own pace until you can do crazy poses. It's so relaxing."

Vinciguerra said she used to do yoga in Welch basement with her roommates last year.

"I used to take yoga classes at home and was really surprised that a yoga club didn't already exist here," Vinciguerra said. "It's a great activity because anyone can do it."

Hostetler and Vinciguerra said they have danced together since last year and knew they wanted to be co-presidents of the club.

"We both had an interest in yoga and had similar backgrounds, so it just worked out," Hostetler said.

Getting membership for the club was not too difficult, according to Hostetler.

"We created a Facebook group and a Facebook event for our club to get the word out,"

Hostetler said. "We reserved a room through campus reservations and then hung up signs and registered on the OWU Daily to get people to come."

The first yoga club meeting was Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. in Benes Room A. Thirty-five people attended. The co-presidents said they were excited they got the Benes Room location for the first meeting, but that sometimes, due to scheduling conflicts, the meetings would be in Peale Chapel.

At the meeting, elections were held. Freshman Lauren Holler was elected to be in charge of marketing and junior Riane Ramsey was elected treasurer. The faculty advisor that was chosen is Laura Tuhela-Reuning, SEM technician.

The first meeting was a success, according to sophomore Ellie Feely.

"It was a really good, Zen way to start off my Saturday," Feely said. "The first half was stretching and the second half was meditation, more strengthening and stretching. It was not too difficult, but it still felt like a great workout."

Overall, Hostetler and Vinciguerra said they agreed that the response was positive.

"We got feedback to start off slower, to use less difficult poses, and to speak louder," Vinciguerra said. "It is a big room so we are going to try to talk louder. We really want it to be an activity for any level so we'll change some poses as well."

Vinciguerra said her favorite yoga pose is the downward dog.

"It's kind of a boring standard pose, but I like it," Vinciguerra said.

"Yoga sets me up for the day. It stretches and tones and does not strain my muscles."

Hostetler said her favorite yoga pose is the pigeon.

"Yoga is very calming and I always feel good after doing it," Hostetler said. "It strengthens your core, conditions and tones you."

She said that members do not necessarily need to have yoga mats to participate.

"Some yoga poses hurt your knees, but a towel can be used for that," Hostetler said. "We are doing poses on carpeting, so it is not too bad."

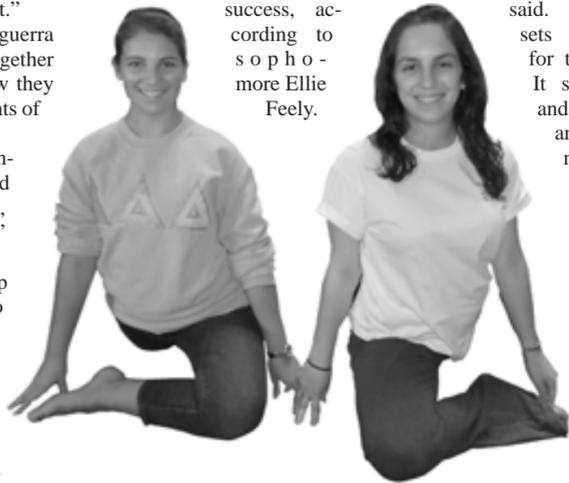
They said they hope to have guest teachers in soon to come and teach yoga. However, they said they do not want members to pay dues, so they need to find a way to raise the funds.

Last Saturday yoga club had its second meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Peale Chapel. Although there were not quite as many participants as the first week, the co-presidents still said they were pleased with the turnout and had a good time.

Hostetler said she encourages all students to attend yoga club. She said it is a nonjudgmental environment where everyone can succeed.

"Yoga club is a group effort to become fit," Hostetler said. "Anyone can show up whenever they have time. It is not mandatory to be there every week and I emphasize that it is open to any level participant."

The next yoga club meeting will Saturday at 10 a.m. in Benes Room A.



# Building peace beyond the pyramids

By Danielle Kanclerz  
Copy editor

January will mark the one-year anniversary of the revolution in Egypt and Ohio Wesleyan students participating in the winter break trip "Building Peace Beyond the Pyramids: A Winter Adventure in Egypt" will be able to partake in the celebrations.

According to Craig Ullom, vice president of Student Affairs, the planning for this adventure began last May as an opportunity for students to learn more about Muslim traditions, experience Egypt and get involved.

The trip will take place from Dec. 28 to Jan. 8, directly in the middle of OWU's winter break.

WCSA President Sharif Kronemer has taken charge of planning most of the activities students will be participating in while in Egypt, Ullom said. He said Kronemer has been to Egypt 13 or 14 times during his lifetime, since he is Egyptian, and has become somewhat of an expert on the area.

Kronemer said he is excited about the positive response they have received so far after the information sessions.

"When I was putting together a Facebook event, I was expecting one or two people to reply and, within a few minutes, 50 people said they were attending

[the information session]," Kronemer said.

The trip will focus on visiting two major cities, Kronemer said. Students will visit Cairo, in Southern Egypt, and Luxor, in Northern Egypt. Geographically speaking, Luxor is actually South of Cairo, but because the Nile runs from South to North -- unlike the vast majority of rivers -- Egypt is referred to in a mirror-like sense, according to Kronemer.

Kronemer said he has planned for students to visit Citadel, the Valley of Kings, Tahrir Square, the Hussein Mosque, Sakkara, the Mohammed Ali Mosque, Karnack Temple and the Great Pyramids of Egypt.

While traveling, Kronemer said students will also be able to meet with religious leaders, Egyptian students, relief organizations and activists who protested in Tahrir Square. Students will also complete service projects, such as playing with children in an orphanage, and visit a job skills training center for young women. The most important part of the trip, Kronemer said, will be the intercultural dialogue.

Tourist activities, he said, will also be a part of the trip, such as a camel riding experience.

According to Kronemer, riding a camel can actually be quite frightening because the camel gets up two-feet at a

time, unlike a horse, with its back feet first, causing the rider to rock forward.

Kronemer said he is working with a few organizations to make the Egyptian experience valuable to OWU students. Together, he and Ullom are working with Hands Across the Nile, Connecting Cultures and AUA to flesh out the trip.

This collaboration will allow for a community service component to be present on the trip, he said.

"When you come back, we want you to be able to tell your friends not that you saw something, but that you did something," Kronemer said.

To make sure the trip runs smoothly, Kronemer said he has put effort toward ensuring student safety while in Egypt. While the U.S. Department of State website indicates Egypt is safe to visit as long as travelers don't get involved in protests, Kronemer said a guard will be with students at all times.

Information sessions for the trip occurred last Thursday, but students are welcome to contact Kronemer or Ullom if they are interested in traveling to Egypt. Ullom said he is planning on taking about 10 to 20 students on this trip.

A deposit of \$1,200 -- to go toward the \$4,465 all-inclusive round-trip from New York to Egypt -- and the application form are due by Oct. 12. Remaining payments are due on Nov. 15 and Dec. 2.

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Wood explained in his email to the OWU student body. "In this case, they will answer DELCOMM because they won't be able to distinguish the origins of the third and subsequent calls," Wood said.

Unless the call requires immediate and emergency response, DELCOMM will dispatch Public Safety officers only.

"This was an important step for our department," Wood said. "We already [saw] an improvement in our work load and when we go home at the end of the day our work doesn't go beyond business hours like it did last year."

OWU is able to receive the service because it is a recognized law enforcement agency.

"The County shall provide the services...without any compensation," said the Commissioners Journal No. 55 from the meeting held on June 2. "The University agrees to cooperate with the County in applying for and securing grant funding available in support of DELCOMM."

This agreement is anticipated to help reduce workload and response time as well as improve record keeping.

"I haven't needed to call Public Safety yet this year," sophomore Jenna Ortega said. "However, our Public Safety officers work extremely hard so any assistance they can get with helping keep the campus safe, the better. Especially since safety isn't an area where a school should be lacking."

**CORRECTIONS:** In the September 8 issue, the article titled, 'Daily eases clutter of emails' on page 1 and 4 listed the incorrect titles for Cole Hatcher and Mark Cooper.

Their titles are the director of media and community relations and director of marketing and communications, respectively.

In 'Students packed six to a room in Smith' on page 3, Avi Biswas' last name was misspelled.

**What do you think should be done about the budget deficit?**

"We should find out how we got to the debt in the first place, and see what was useless and what was useful."  
--Carlo Biagioni, '12

"I would turn the lights off or something. (In Phillips) the lights are on all night while the building's locked and I don't know why!"  
--Grace Naylor, '13

"Put more money into the academic side of things and cut some of the athletic department. Also, raise the application price."  
--Max Ouimet, '15

"Anything as long as we don't have to cut faculty and departments on campus."  
--Christina Trusty, '12

"I think they should let sororities live in their houses!"  
--Paul Kline, '13

"Cut our contract with Charitwells."  
--Heather Bowman, '12



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# OWU in Tanzania demonstrates diversity

Sagan Colloquium Fall 2011 continues discussion in “Africa: Governance Equity and Global Citizenship” lecture series

By Carly Shields  
Transcript Reporter

The first National Colloquium of Fall 2011 was kicked off by Richard Fusch, professor of Geology and Geography, discussing the topic this year of “Africa: Governance Equity and Global Citizenship.”

Fusch’s speech on Wednesday, Sept. 7, was about the stereotypes Americans associate with Africa.

“Americans stereotype Africa as a country when it is the second largest continent in the world, which is divided up into 62 countries,” Fusch said. “When a news media says there is a famine in Africa, it sounds like the entire continent is experiencing a famine.”

Junior Ali Castelero, who went on the spring 2011 OWU in Tanzania program, said “people see Africa as a place of war, hunger and Aids, but that’s one small chunk.”

Fusch discussed the idea of colonialism in African countries over the years and how it has affected the continent as a whole.

“To examine political instability and to examine and discuss hunger and malnutrition and poverty and malfeasance by various governments without putting what your examining in the context of the impact of colonial rule is to not tell the whole story,” Fusch said.

“850,000 children under the age of 5 die each year from Malaria, 35.5 million people are debilitated by Malaria each year. If you do something about Malaria and make water safe, then the high infant mortality rate will decrease.”

Mary Howard, professor of sociology and anthropology, said she is trying to teach Ohio Wesleyan students more about the topics discussed in Fusch’s speech last Wednesday by taking a group of students to Tanzania in spring 2012 for the Ohio Wesleyan study abroad Tanzania program.

“You see two African countries, Kenya and Tanzania,” Howard said.

The group will be spending time at the University Dar es Salaam, but also traveling throughout the countries of Tanzania and Kenya.

“We will spend two to three weeks in northern Africa at a lodge that is devoted to the neighboring community, and we will also be taking tours of local slums and communities,” Howard said.

The group will be doing safaris in Arusha National Park and other places along the Kenya and Uganda border.

At the university, the students will be taking four classes; two of which are taught by Howard and two taught by other professors at the university.

The four classes are health issues, which discuss challenges in east Africa that people face due to the environment, such as Malaria, still water disease, HIV, malnutrition and so on. Other classes include East African culture, politics, environment and economy; Swahili; and women and development.

The students will also do an internship of whatever topic they chose while at the university.

Howard lived in Tanzania for five years, has gone back many times since she has been living in the states and has written a book called “Hunger and Shame: Poverty and Malnutrition on Mt. Kilimanjaro.”



Photo by Ali Castelero

OWU in Tanzania participants from Spring 2011 posing for a picture during their trip.

She has also taken OWU students abroad various places, including Haiti, Mexico, India, Bolivia and the Dominican Republic.

“I know the scene and view myself not as a teacher, but a camp counselor; I view myself as a kid,” Howard said.

Senior Yvonne Hendricks and Castelero, who both went on the Spring 2011 trip to Tanzania, described their experience by saying it was a “culture shock.”

“What you learn when you travel is that in the end everyone is the same; past the clothes, food and everything else people aren’t different on the other side of the world,” Castelero said.

“Trade not Aid -- the way to help with all the sorts of issues occurring in Africa is by letting them become self sustained. If we gave money to help with Malaria then it would help the en-

tire economy of Africa.”

“The Tanzania program is not an opportunity you’ll ever get again, you can go on your own, but this is a once in a lifetime experience to be able to go with students and study on a campus and be immersed in the culture.”

“Going to Africa you learn a lot about yourself,” Hendricks said.

“It is a good program to help students understand the cultural differences and diversity and help to understand the characteristics of economic development in poor countries,” Fusch said.

Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world, but has a very stable country because, “Tanzanians have very, very rich cultural traditions and even though they may be poor they maintain their traditions,” Fusch said.

# OWU ranked among nation’s finest colleges

Ohio Wesleyan University is included on two lists in U.S. News & World Report’s 2012 Best Colleges guidebook, which hits newsstands Sept. 20.

The 2012 rankings, released online last Tuesday at [www.usnews.com/colleges](http://www.usnews.com/colleges), include Ohio Wesleyan among the “Best National Liberal Arts Colleges” and the nation’s “A-Plus Schools for B Students.”

“Ohio Wesleyan strives to make a critical difference in students’ lives by providing a top-notch liberal arts education that connects academic theory with real-world practice, encourages them to write university-funded grants to support U.S. and international research projects and prepares them to become moral leaders in

an increasingly global society,” said President Rock Jones, Ph.D.

“We appreciate that U.S. News & World Report has recognized the value of an Ohio Wesleyan education and included us among the nation’s best universities.”

For its annual “Best Colleges” rankings, U.S. News & World Report examined data in up to 16 areas of academic excellence. These included undergraduate academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources and student selectivity.

The publication also surveyed counselors at public high schools that appeared in the 2010 U.S. News Best High Schools rankings and college counselors at the largest independent

schools in nearly every state and the District of Columbia.

For its “A-Plus Schools for B Students” listing, U.S. News & World Report screened the schools ranked among the nation’s best to identify those institutions where hardworking students “have a decent shot at being accepted and thriving – where spirit and hard work could make all the difference in admissions offices.”

In addition to being included in U.S. News & World Report’s new guidebook, OWU recently was included in the 2011 Washington Monthly rankings of schools making positive contributions to the public good in social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarship

and Ph.D.s) and service (encouraging students to give something back to their country).

Ohio Wesleyan also recently was featured as one of The Princeton Review’s “Best 376 Colleges” and was selected for inclusion in both the 2012 edition of “The Fiske Guide to Colleges” and in Forbes magazine’s list of “America’s Top Colleges.”

The Princeton Review also ranked OWU as one of its “Best in the Midwest” colleges and OWU’s students as No. 15 on its list of the nation’s “Happiest Students” during their time at the school.

*Editor’s Note: This article was provided by the Department of Communications.*

## House father positions replaced by fraternity RAs

By Jenna Rodcay  
Transcript Correspondent

Fraternity Resident Assistants are a new position on campus this year and seniors James DiBiasio and Greg White have taken on the roles.

The opportunity for the new position arose when the fraternity house directors of Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Phi Epsilon left their positions last spring to pursue other opportunities.

According to Drew Peterson, interim assistant director of Residential Life, there was “a meeting to determine how to fill this position” and it was decided, “if the fraternities were interested in pursuing the option of a fraternity RA, [Res Life] would be open to [trialing] such a position.”

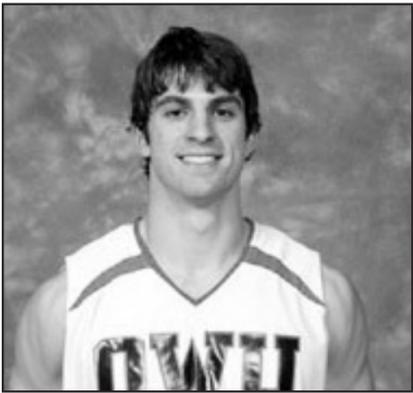
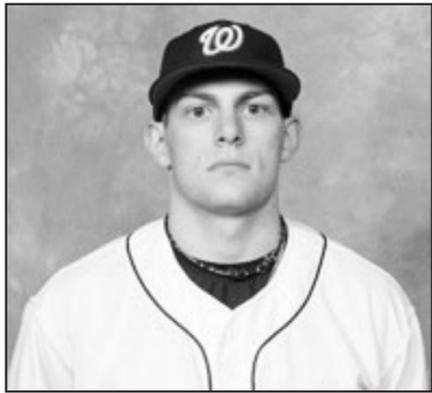
Peterson said he had a similar opportunity during his college career and, “appreciated the skills [he] learned and the opportunities [he] had as both a fraternity man and an RA.”

White and DiBiasio said they applied for the positions and, after being chosen by Res Life, underwent summer RA training.

DiBiasio said he chose to apply because he felt it was the best way to help his fraternity transition from having a house father to a student fraternity RA.

“As the former president, I felt it was easy to make the transition,” DiBiasio said.

Though sophomore Brad Ingles, a member of Sig Ep, said he feels this new position takes away from fraternity traditions, he said he is glad DiBiasio was chosen.



Seniors James DiBiasio (left) and Greg White (right) are the first fraternity resident assistants at OWU.

Photos courtesy of OWU Communications

“He is the strongest leader I know and has done a great job as our RA,” Ingles said.

White said the duties of the position are similar to those of moderators and RAs.

“We handle work orders and act as enforcers of university and fraternity policies,” White said.

Peterson said the differences are that the programming the fraternity RAs take part in adheres to their organizations and they take on, “a greater responsibility to address the needs of their residents because they are not part of a duty rotation.”

“I wanted the added responsibility that came with [the position] and wanted to be the guinea pig to result in something positive for the fraternities and the university,” White said.

Sophomore Dylan Porter, a member of Phi Delt, said he supports the change from house father to student RA.

“I feel proud that [White]

was chosen,” Porter said. “He is extremely active with Ohio Wesleyan and the faculty holds him to a high esteem. It is a huge responsibility that I feel he will be able to handle well.”

Though the position entails a lot of responsibility, Peterson said it does offer benefits as well. Each of the men is receiving a stipend for the year, and DiBiasio said he is enjoying a “nicer” room, while White said he now has his own parking spot.

Peterson said he is not worried about the fraternity RAs being too lenient or the fraternity members breaking rules. He said he feels the fraternity RAs will hold other members more accountable because as members of the organizations they care about the standards of their respective chapters.

“[I am] only [worried] with the role of chapter president because of the considerable time commitment and the increased decision-making re-

sponsibilities,” Peterson said. “Other than that, I see this position as very complimentary to the aims and pursuits of our chapters.”

“[The position] increases accountability in the house and is working to create a productive relationship with the university,” White said.

Junior Marshall Morris, a member of Phi Delt, has lived in the house since his sophomore year and said he agrees that members will take this position seriously.

“I think that brothers will be more likely to follow rules due to the fact that [White] is one of our brothers and peers,” Morris said. “He has laid a lot on the line for us and we want to respect that. He is a great example of how fraternity members are able to govern themselves.”

Though no long-term decisions have been made, this year’s trial position has the opportunity to become permanent.

## Senior wins international music composition award

Senior Jabez Co of Manila, Philippines, has won an original composition award from the Mu Phi Epsilon international professional music fraternity.

The award, recognizing the most outstanding chamber music composition by an undergraduate student, includes a \$200 prize.

Co, a music education major, earned the 2011 Mu Phi Epsilon award in Division I, Class B, which includes compositions of up to six minutes in length and written for either instrument or voice.

Based in Fresno, Calif., Mu Phi Epsilon is a coeducational, professional music fraternity whose mission includes advancing music in the community, nation and world; and promoting musicianship, scholarship, therapy and education, with emphasis on service through music. Ohio Wesleyan has a collegiate chapter of the music fraternity.

Co’s award-winning composition, “Viva,” is a five-minute piece scored for flute, violin and piano. “Viva” is the third movement of a three-part, 15-minute composition titled “Danzika.”

“The piece is entirely pure music,” Co said. “I started composing ‘Danzika’ with dance rhythms in mind, but I wanted a piece to have syncopation and irregular meters. It evokes an almost lively Latin feel in the first and third movements, while the second movement portrays an underlining tango rhythm.”

Co said he spent about three months thinking about what he wanted to compose before he actually began writing the music.

“Once I came up with the idea, it only took me about five days to compose the third movement,” he said. “The first and second movements were composed about two months later, but both movements were written and completed in about seven days.”

After he earns his degree in May, Co plans to attend graduate school to study composition. He also hopes to explore his interest in musical theater.

“Before coming to OWU, I never would have thought that I would be able to compose,” Co said. He credits his OWU professors – including Clint Needham, assistant professor of Music, and Michael Malone, instructor in Music – with providing opportunities that have “helped me to grow as a musician and have afforded me real-world experiences with the skills I will need in the professional world.”

Needham also recently won an international composition award. He is the recipient of the 2011 Barlow Prize, presented annually by The Barlow Endowment for Music Composition. Needham earned a \$12,000 commission to compose a major new work for woodwind quintet that will debut in 2013.

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# 'Ohio's lacrosse team' partners with OWU

By **Brittany Vickers**  
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Professional lacrosse team, The Ohio Machine, was taken with Selby Stadium and Ohio Wesleyan lacrosse. Their first two seasons as an extension team of Major League Lacrosse will be held at Selby.

"We talked to the president and general manager John Algie about the possibility of the Machine using Selby stadium as their home field," Athletic Director Roger Ingles said.

They decided on a two-year contract, but Algie said, "as long as we have the community support, and we don't outgrow the stadium, we don't see any reason to leave after two years."

Ingles; Dustin Rudegeair, director of Facilities; and Eric Algoe, vice president for Finance and Administration and Treasurer, were the main players in the discussions with Algie and The Machine.

The season will be from May to August during which The Ohio Machine will play Saturday night games at Selby Stadium. They will have approximately nine home games, which will be broadcast on ESPN two or three.

"This works out well, because this time of year there isn't much going on at Selby on Saturday nights," Ingles said. "It will give the community something to get excited for."

Ingles said they were looking at several other venues in the area, but Selby Stadium stood out because of its size and its history. The stadium holds about 9,100 fans, which is what the Machine was looking for. The league average



Photo provided by OWU Department of Communications

President Jones is pictured with, from left, David Gross, Major League Lacrosse commissioner; Ted Garber, Ohio Machine head coach; John Algie, Ohio Machine president and general manager; and Linda Logan, Greater Columbus Sports Commission executive director.

is about 5,000 people per game, which makes Selby Stadium the perfect fit, Ingles said.

"When you put 5,000 to 6,000 people in a stadium like Selby, it looks like a full house," Ingles said.

Not only does the size work well, but the partnership seemed like a "natural fit," Algie said. This is because Ohio Wesleyan is a college that is familiar and comfortable with La-

crose and the area high schools have some of the fastest growing youth lacrosse programs in Ohio.

"We are looking at ourselves as Ohio's lacrosse team," Algie said. "Not just Columbus, we want to bring in fans from across the state."

Algie also said they are very interested in educating the youth about lacrosse. It won't be unusual for them to host tournaments or youth

camp on the days they have Saturday night games to help foster the growth of lacrosse in Ohio.

Both Algie and Ingles said the Delaware community was very open to the idea, and helpful in the planning process.

They said they were excited for the opportunity to bring professional lacrosse into the county and of course were excited about the positive economic impact this will have, Ingles said.

"I think it was a combination of the history of Selby Stadium and the Ohio Wesleyan lacrosse program's history that drew them in," Ingles said.

Algie said he agreed with Ingles, the history of the stadium had an impact on their decision to make Selby Stadium their home for the next two years.

"You can just feel the history when you walk into the stadium," Algie said. "But, we also loved the amenities. It has the modern facilities that our fans will expect."

Ingles said the partnership would probably not have happened without all of the new renovations that Selby has had over the past few years and the opportunity is one that Ohio Wesleyan and the Delaware community are very excited about.

"This is a great opportunity for Delaware and Ohio Wesleyan," Ingles said. "There are only three other schools who host professional teams: Harvard, The Naval Academy and Hofstra University. That's pretty good company to be in."

## Students clown around during Greek Carnival

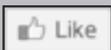


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Top Left: Sig Ep's cup game, guess where the ball is?; Top Right: Kappa Kappa Gamma pop the balloon game; Bottom Left: Chi Phi senior Rob Williams celebrating his win at Chi Phi's Bean bag toss; Bottom Right: Junior Andrew Wilson walks through the Greek Carnival.



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# Black Student Retention Fund: Funds available for emergency situations

By Monique Cherry & Mary Slebodnik  
Transcript Correspondent & Reporter

After two weeks of depending on her classmates for food and shelter, Salena Bry left Ohio Wesleyan.

Salena was a second semester junior with a balance of less than \$1,000 on her account. Back in 1995, if a student had a hold on his or her account, his or her school card would be turned off and the university would kick the student out of the dorms.

This meant Salena had no food and no bed to sleep in. Supported by her peers, Salena stayed in a different dorm every night for about two weeks. Her friends set up a round-robin system to feed her.

Every day someone different was in charge of her breakfast, lunch and dinner meal. This was the only way her friends could ensure she didn't go hungry.

After two weeks had passed, Selena's financial aid still had not been figured out and she was forced to leave. Her classmates went door-to-door and collected money for her to take the bus. They gathered all of her belongings and walked with her down Williams Street (where the bus station used to be located).

"And when she got on the bus and left, we all vowed we would never do that again, and that's when the Retention Fund was started," said Terree Stevenson, director of the office of minority student affairs and member of the class of 1995.

The Black Student Retention Fund was founded during a meeting with the Black Presidents Council.

"The Black Presidents Council had formed because of some racial issues that had been taking place on campus," Stevenson said.

During the meeting, the Black Student Retention Fund was officially established. Although members of the class of '95 would say it started the night Salena got on the bus to return home.

Salena subsequently went home, got married and had four children. She never finished her education.

As an endowed fund, the Black Student Retention Fund has to collect a certain amount before students can use it. According to Stevenson, the endowment requirement is between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Students could only utilize 5 percent of the interest—roughly speaking, only \$1,250. Although there is no set criteria for deciding which students can obtain assistance, the focus is on students of color who have a balance of \$1,500 or less.

The students have to be in an emergency situation or they need to get their balance below \$500 so they can register for classes. An emergency situation is defined by Stevenson as something imminent.

"An emergency situation would be, you have a tragedy at home and you have to get home and you have no way to get there," she said. "If you come down with an illness, and you need the money to get the medicine immediately. An emergency can't be, 'I don't have my book,' that's not an emergency. It can't be, 'I want to go overseas and I don't have my shots.' It has to be immediate."

There is no GPA requirement for students to be eligible for assistance. When the fund was first created, the only stipulation stated that the student had to be contributing to the community through SUBA, Black Men of the future, Sister's United, etc. Organizations that have been established since then, such as PRIDE and VIVA, would also count today.

"There are lots of awards tied to GPA," Stevenson said. "That wasn't one we wanted to keep tied to GPA."

Stevenson helps to raise money for the fund, and serves as an administrator. She is supposed to help oversee it and its distribution. Alumni Relations and Development oversees the Retention Fund.

As of last spring, Director of Development Jim Kenny was only just becoming familiar with the details of the Retention Fund. He had been employed at Ohio Wesleyan for less than a year. But Stevenson argued that the people employed in Mowry have changed immensely since 1995.

"This fund is almost 20 years old," she said. "When I got here there was



Photo by Paul Gruber

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. performed a series of traditional synchronized steps at the annual Step Show on April 9, 2011. Proceeds from the Step Show traditionally go to the Retention Fund.

a file cabinet full of information on the fund, I didn't have time to read the whole thing, I can't imagine that someone else like Jim Kenny has the time to sit down and read through everything."

There is also an Ad-Hoc committee in charge of determining where the money for the Retention Fund goes. But they have never met, because the fund had never been full. Stevenson said they have been making things happen through other means.

A major goal for the Black Student Retention Fund as it now stands? Increasing funding. The more the fund grows, the more students it will be able to help and the more financial aid it will be able to provide.

The annual Student Union on Black Awareness Step Show is the only active fund raiser for the Retention Fund. Stevenson said she doesn't know if the Step Show is enough of a money maker to help the fund.

She said it helps some, but it doesn't generate enough money to produce what it needs in terms of a dollar amount. The SUBA alumni reunion is also another means for raising money for the Fund. Although the Fund tends to seek donations from alumni, anyone can make a donation.

Kylle Summers, former president of SUBA, said Step Show's minimal fundraising is part of why it took 20 years to endow the fund. WCSA provides \$15,000 a year to fund Step Show, but because few OWU students pay to attend Step Show, its profits are well below \$500.

That amount of money did little to advance the fund to its \$30,000 minimum goal, and does not promise substantial growth any time soon that would allow the fund to provide more money or assist more students.

"I've tried to say it many different ways," Summers said. "As a fundraiser, it's not working."

Summers said the show fills a cultural gap on campus and shares an entertaining tradition and competition with the campus, but doesn't draw most OWU students.

Summers outlined a mentality on campus that views Step Show as a black event. A historically black tradition, it draws participation from historically black fraternities and sororities in the NPHC from Capital, ODU, Denison, and Otterbein, and Central Ohio high schools.

A solution Summers suggested would be to partner with the Campus Programming Board, or to model its advertising approach to be more all-inclusive, although they have tried to do so in the past with limited success. Her ideal participants for the event would turn out in numbers, with enthusiasm, similar to those enjoyed by Relay for Life, Up 'Til Dawn and Pasta for Life.

Senior Brandi Alston said she has started to lose hope for the fund.

"Since my freshman year, I have watched black students come and go," she said. "Not once have I heard of the Black Student Retention Fund helping anyone. If there's no money in it, someone should say so."

According to Stevenson, the Fund is now endowed. She only recently discovered they had access to the funds. Now, she, along with Alumni Relations, can begin to decide how

to disperse the funds to students in need.

## Disappearing Checks

Ohio Wesleyan tuition has a precarious existence in students' minds. Darting from class-to-class, meeting-to-meeting, party-to-party, students can successfully hide from their mounting financial obligations until graduation day. They know it exists, some big number waiting for them in their commencement folders when the master of ceremonies hands them financial statements with their diplomas.

Tuition only becomes real when students can no longer pay it, and the classes, meetings and parties stop.

When the federal government cut Pell Grant funding last year, checks vanished from the hands of 1.7 million students nationwide. For students still eligible to receive assistance from the Pell Grant, the maximum amount of money available to each student decreased by \$845.

The federal SMART Grant once provided up to \$4,000 to juniors and seniors who earned a 3.0 GPA or higher and demonstrated financial need.

As of 2011, this grant doesn't exist. The federal Academic Competitiveness Grant has a similar story. Students who received it this year will come up \$1,300 short next year.

Federal funding has not sustained the only cuts. In 2010, the Ohio government eliminated the Ohio Student Choice Grant (\$900) for all students and the Ohio College Opportunity Grant for private college students.

For any OWU student considering moving to The Ohio State University, the OCOG won't help them. The OCOG's existence remains in limbo for 2011-2012.

Without any financial assistance or tuition discounting, an education at Ohio Wesleyan costs over \$120,000. Few, if any, students pay the full amount, but even with scholarships, grants, loans, and parental assistance, students can find themselves struggling to keep their accounts clear to register for classes.

Tuition at OWU grew from \$36,398 to \$37,580 in the last year. That's a difference of \$1,182. On top of that, students are responsible for paying room and board costs, which are quickly approaching the \$10,000 mark (\$9,964 for 2011-2012).

When a thousand dollars here, and 500 dollars there, starts disappearing from students' financial aid packages, and they have to compile an additional \$1,182 for the new tuition price, staying in school becomes not a matter of grades, but a matter of bank account.

## Extra Life

With a never-say-die attitude, Stevenson and Lee Harrell, assistant vice president for admission and financial aid, held an information session in Crider Lounge last April to give students advice on how to cope with the cuts. They outlined 10 strategies for making up the difference between the bill for university expenses and available aid.

Harrell made it clear Ohio Wesleyan cannot afford to hand students checks to replace the grants. Un-

less students' circumstances have changed in terms of their parents' incomes or a similar way, they will not receive more assistance from the university.

They suggested students submit FAFSA on time, choose a smaller meal plan, distinguish between wants and needs, work during the summer, buy used textbooks at the bookstore or online, pay interest on student loans before graduation, complete allotted work-study hours, apply for private scholarships and grants and ask family members to cosign for private loans.

A final reminder Harrell and Stevenson mentioned was to submit a special circumstances appeal to FAFSA if a student has extenuating circumstances that prevent them from paying for school. This could include the divorce of parents, or an increase in a parent's child support payments.

If exploring all of those options doesn't pan out—if a student can't find a summer job because they don't have a car, or the scholarships turn them down, or their parents won't cosign for their loans, students of color might have one more option to turn to.

## The Black Student Retention Fund

Available to all multicultural students, the fund can spend \$1,250 per year to help students in emergency financial situations keep their account balances below \$500.

Recently endowed, the fund has yet to be used, and few students know it exists. If an emergency situation came up, the student who needed assistance might not know about the fund, concerned peers would not know to suggest the fund, and chances are, the student wouldn't know to ask about it, or who to ask about it.

Unless they went to the Financial Aid office to beg for more assistance after exhausting all the other options, students in emergency situations would leave campus without knowing they had one more option. An extra life before Game Over.

## "We're all in the same boat"

Cuts to financial aid affect all students, regardless of race. Daniel Sturkey ('84), co-chair of the OWU Black Alumni Network (OWUBAN), said the common situation students of all backgrounds share has somewhat altered the mission of the Black Student Retention Fund.

Sturkey said many black students in his generation could have used the fund. But today, soaring tuition and limited financial aid has made the problem worse for all students.

"I think it's hard for students of color here," he said. "Period. Financially. Even the ones higher up socio-economically are now struggling, so we're all in the same boat."

A private organization linked to Ohio Wesleyan only in name, OWUBAN endeavors to maintain connections between black graduates and their alma mater. The job of revitalizing the organization has fallen to the new chair.

He and his wife, Cinetta Sturkey ('83), took it over two years ago from Barbara Smith ('74) and Pete Smith ('71), who were the founders of

SUBA in 1968 and part of what Sturkey called "the radical generation."

"No one else wanted to do it," he said. "Barb and Pete were tired."

Sturkey said OWUBAN has no recruitment tool, and most black graduates do not know the organization exists. He has to carefully word invitations to join OWUBAN because he doesn't want potential members to throw his letters in the trash thinking OWU just wants more donations.

For black alumni who have joined OWUBAN, the perception that SUBA and other historically black organizations on campus have lost their edge and effectiveness has made alumni reluctant to donate. Sturkey said the organizations haven't lost their edge, but have changed their mission in response to the changing mindset on campus.

After his 1984 commencement, Sturkey maintained regular contact with the campus. Sturkey said the feeling of "us" and "them" between black students and other students started to disappear in the early '90s.

Because most of the black students on campus were inner city kids in the 1980s, he said they had a close bond. SUBA, The Witness (a news publication devoted to covering black issues on campus), Sisters United and the National Pan-Hellenic Council gave black students an active non-academic life they might not have experienced otherwise. Sturkey joined Alpha Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1982, becoming a member of the first historically black fraternity chapter on campus.

"We weren't included in anything up there on the Hill," Sturkey said.

The January 1982 edition of The Witness reported the Admissions Office asked then senior Portia Furcron to draft a pamphlet to attract black prospective students. The administration, and students, believed the same information that attracted and kept white students at the university would not do the same for black students.

Sturkey said the mindset on campus has changed. He said students of all races interact more freely on campus than his generation did. He named Love Day on the Jay as an example.

"You never would've seen that," he said.

In response to the multicultural, inclusive atmosphere on campus, Sturkey said SUBA and other historically black organizations have altered their goals.

The Black Student Retention Fund is now open to all multicultural students. He compared SUBA's transformation to the NAACP, which now focuses on civil rights not only for black Americans, but for all Americans.

"You don't forget its original purpose," he said. "But it's evolved."

Sturkey said some black alumni don't support the change, which hinders support for the Retention Fund.

The Black Student Retention Fund remains relevant for black students specifically. Despite the changes in mindset on campus, some race-related discrepancies still exist in retention.

In the January 1982 issue of The Witness, Jeanne Talley, then coordinator of minority recruiting, said Ohio Wesleyan lost 13.6 percent of its black students. According to collegemeasure.org, Ohio Wesleyans' student body was 3.3 percent black in 2008 and 75.8 percent white.

While the graduation rate of white students was 66.2 percent, the graduation rate of black students was 50 percent. Both graduation rates have remained steady over the last decade. Black student graduation peaked in 2006 at 75 percent, but dropped back down in 2007 to 59.5 percent.

The retention fund could potentially combat one problem that hinders student retention: financial issues. The Black Student Retention Fund has had difficulty getting off the ground, and it may only fund one student a limited amount of money per year.

However, it is now endowed, and would be available to a 2011 version of Selena Bry.

Like Furcron said of her 1982 black student admissions pamphlet, "When you go from nothing to something, it's going to make a big difference."

# Opinion

**Quote of the Week:** "It's unbelievable to think that it has already been 10 years since the terrorist attacks."

—senior Lizzie Rubenstein, president of Hillel

## From the Editor:

### What's in a rating?

Ohio Wesleyan was recently ranked one of the "Best National Liberal Arts Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report (see page 3). With each passing academic year, new lists and new rankings of universities are released. These rankings find their way into the eager hands of high school seniors, hawk-eyed guidance counselors and, yes, the adored helicopter parents.

But what really constitutes a ranking? National surveys, intricate data and a lot of unseen methodology go into these rankings. Or so we're told. OWU, like many universities, takes pride in this ranking system. Doesn't everyone want to attend a school that's among the nation's best? The question that should be asked is how accurate the system is.

Next week, the bulletin board beside President Rock Jones' office may be updated to reflect the latest high-ranking achievement of our school. The administration will use these rankings as a shining example of the ferocity of the Battling Bishops -- as they should. But what about the other rankings OWU has received in the past several years?

I'm sure being listed as one of the "druggiest campuses" of the Midwest won't be chalked on the walk outside of Beeghly. Ohio Wesleyan was also recently ranked as No. 15 in the nation by the Princeton Review for having the "happiest students." If faith and validity are placed on one set of ratings, but the others are disregarded, how can parents and students be expected to trust these scores?

It's simple. They can't. Most colleges struggle with drug use on campus, but every burned out freshman wasn't counted for OWU to achieve this score. It was based on the ratio of students found in violation of the university's drug policy. So when Public Safety does a better job at OWU than OSU, we become druggier. If you've been to OSU, you know this is highly improbable.

This is an all or nothing scenario. Accepting and praising one set of ratings and negating the others is untruthful. Despite the process used to achieve the rankings, they were given to OWU for a reason. The same sort of ranking system used to give OWU the title of one of the "Best National Liberal Arts Colleges" is the system which gave the school the titles of "druggiest." This isn't to say Ohio Wesleyan should embrace negative ratings, but the school also shouldn't brush them under the rug.

The only way to prove or disprove the different rankings is through experience. Maybe our mascot is what makes OWU one of the "happiest" schools, but what makes us one of the "Best National Liberal Arts Colleges" runs deeper. To understand this, a closer examination is required.

Our intramural sports programs, Greek Life, the Small Living Units, stimulating professors, the history of the institution and the students who attend the school contribute to this atmosphere. The school's connection to the Delaware community also plays a role in making this school one of the best. Student participation in the annual Brown Jug race, the film series at the Strand and summer camps for high school marching bands are all specific to Ohio Wesleyan and the Delaware area.

What makes OWU unique is the integration of various social, cultural and economic groups. So while the school's recent rating may have been prompted by matriculation, special programs funded by alums, and overall GPA...there's more to it than that.

by Rachel Ramey  
Editor-in-Chief

## Real talk with Miss Manners



**Word Vomit**  
by Michelle "RJ" Rotuno-Johnson

Some things make your day go very nicely: a door held open, a great parking spot, a room of empty washers and dryers.

Some things make you very angry: a door shut in your face as you are struggling, some asshole taking up two spots in HamWill, a pile of your wet clothes on the table because someone was too impatient to wait for them to dry.

The way this column is starting, you may infer it does not include rainbows and butterflies. True. A true inference, my friend.

I am not the most well-mannered human being on Earth. I am bad at returning emails, I burp in public, I talk with my mouth full and I love saying swear words. Who the hell doesn't?

But I like to think I have the right to complain when people are just straight-up rude. It's practically in my Bill of Rights!

Rewind to a week ago—I had been struggling around Smith trying to find adequate washers and dryers for all my clothes. I don't have laundry machines in my apartment so I have gone to Smith to do laundry for over a year now (so don't tell me I'm a freeloader!! I paid for it last year!).

Anyway, I had half the laundry in Smith East and half in Smith West. It was a busy little laundry day so I had to remove peoples' clothes from the dryers to fit my own in. By the way... whoever owns those white Vineyard Vines shorts that sat in the laundry room for over an hour should be glad I didn't snatch them.

It's something a lot of us have done, right? If people aren't courteous enough to take their laundry out, they should expect you to dump it on the table. That's a great rule.

But SOMEBODY decided to skip a step and take my damn laundry out before it was done drying!

Imagine my fury when I walked into the Smith East laundry room to see one of my dryers happily whirring away and the other full of someone else's clothes. The clothes that had been in my second dryer sat in a wet heap on the laundry room table.

As most of us well-educated folks do, I said a few swear words and mumbled veiled threats under my breath. It was late! I was tired and hungry! I didn't want to wait around for more of my laundry to finish! And who the heck would do something like that?!

The two freshmen sitting camped out on the floor (they were obviously freshmen, because who else wears their high school senior t-shirts around) eyed me in what I hope was sheer terror as I took my dry laundry away and threw the wet bundle back in. I was, of course, still swearing.

Many passive-aggressive things floated through my head. Should I assume it was the freshmen and interrogate them? Ask them if they saw who took my laun-

dry out? Dump the offending laundry on the floor? Leave a nasty note?

My girlfriend, who is a great moral compass, advised me not to do any of the above.

"Whoever it is will just laugh at you," she said. "You're not proving anything. You'll just make yourself feel better."

Well duh, I thought.

But she had a point. So I sent angry glares at the freshmen, who were still watching me like hawks, and stomped around a bit. Though I was tempted to stay and confront the rude mystery person, I settled for just stopping their dryer and leaving. Was it immature of me? Yes.

A better person would have just moved on and not written a column about it. However, I obviously was the "others" that Jesus meant when he said, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If you didn't want wet laundry, mystery person, you should not have given ME wet laundry.

Whoever you are, if you read this, and even if we are friends, that was mean. Count yourself lucky I don't know how to beat people up or I would threaten to beat you up.

The moral of this rant? Don't be rude. Even if you're in a rush. Other people are probably rushing, or having a stressful day and they don't want to be messed with. You can take time to wait for laundry. Or hold a door. Or pull into a parking spot correctly. Or say "thank you." Or not park in my driveway when you are picking up your kids from school. Or spay and neuter your pets.

The list goes on and on. But so do the rude people, I guess.

Whatever. I need to go fold laundry.

## Letter to the Editor: WCSA on pedestrian safety

Dear Fellow Bishops,

We all have experienced the frustration of standing at the Sandusky crosswalks along Spring Street, the JAYwalk and Park Street waiting for the light to turn green.

Many of us, after a few moments, decide to cross when the signal is still red, or jaywalk.

In the last month, one Delaware resident crossing a road off campus did not take necessary precautions, resulting in a tragic accident that ended his life.

The Delaware Police Department (DPD) has responded with a reinvigorated effort to protect pedestrians as they cross the street.

In accordance, DPD is educating Delaware residents on crossing streets safely.

Along with an educational effort, DPD will be looking for pedestrians who jaywalk and motorists who do not stop for pedestrians when crossing streets.

DPD will be issuing warnings to pedestrians who are found jaywalking. Tickets (\$130) for jaywalking will be written only if the pedestrian has put others in a dangerous situation or after repeated warnings were issued to an individual.

Please obey traffic signals and be respectful of others on the roadways either as motorists or pedestrians.

You may refer to the linked documents for further information.

WCSA, Public Safety, and DPD are looking at collaborating in initiatives to purchase signals that will make crossing Delaware streets safer.

Some helpful tips when crossing a road include:

- Pay attention; headphones or talking on cell phones can distract you and lead to a dangerous situation

- Look in both directions, even after signal has given you the right-of-way

- Wait for the signal; No jaywalking at the JAYwalk

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your WCSA representative.

Have a productive and safe semester.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## OWU alum to star as lead in indie film

By Suzanne Samin  
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Ohio Wesleyan alumni continue to steal the limelight, even on the silver screen.

Forrest Rilling ('11) is set to star in an independent film, "I Kissed a Girl."

The movie was written and produced by Stanley Wellington.

Rilling will play the lead character, Evan.

"The movie is about my character growing up under the impression that he is gay," he said.

"One day, it becomes apparent that he cannot pay for his final year of college, so he goes to his friend's gangster uncle for a loan."

"The uncle comes under the impression that Evan is, in fact, gay. But when Evan kisses his friend Valerie, his world



Photo courtesy of Forrest Rilling  
Ohio Wesleyan alumni Forrest Rilling was chosen to play the lead role in an independent film set to shoot in Baltimore, Md., in mid October.

is thrown into internal chaos." Rilling graduated from OWU with a theatre major and journalism minor.

During his senior year, Rilling was a reporter for The Transcript.

However, he said his time on Chappelle's stage helped him grow as an actor in preparation for this role.

Though he has only had one opportunity to act on camera, filming has become his biggest interest.

Rilling intends to go into television and film acting. He said he is excited for "I Kissed a Girl" to be the start of his career.

The film will be shot between Oct. 12 and Nov. 6 in Baltimore, Md.

When it becomes available, Rilling said he will give a copy to OWU's theatre department so students can watch it.

## Lunstroth shares southern style with blog

By Alexis Williams  
A&E Editor

Bloggin' Bishops



Junior Emily Lunstroth's fashion blog "Simply Southern" is anything but 10-gallon hats and debutante dresses.

The Texas native uses pictures and short blog posts to share her personal style and interior design ideas with her followers.

Lunstroth said she wanted her blog to appeal to bloggers with her similar taste.

"I feel like my southern taste comes out," she said. "It's just what



Lunstroth

inspires me that day. But the target is other bloggers that I like such as 'Breakfast at Toast' and 'Cashmere'."

The homepage of the blog features a drawing of an old-fashioned orange- and green-striped couch with a pair of legs kicking off a cowboy boot to relax. In Lunstroth's case, art imitates life. She said blogging is her stress-free getaway.

"It's like taking a little break," she said. "But then sometimes I'll get way into it. It's fun and light-hearted, and I don't take it too seriously."

With about 190 followers, "Simply Southern" has gained much popularity since it first debuted in December 2010. Lunstroth said she likes to maintain a positive relationship with her followers and other bloggers.

"I feel like people like to find blogs that are similar to theirs," she said. "I try to leave comments on other blogs that I like. It's like a way to show that you're actually reading their blogs."

"Simply Southern" features many posts of high-end attire and accessories. Lunstroth selects each outfit

and finds the perfect pair of sunglasses or clutch or shoes to go along with it. She said her ensemble posts are more aspirations than reality.

"I'm not good with finding the cheaper things," she said. "But I find whatever I like. I try to have a good mix of Gap and 'in my dreams.'"

Though Lunstroth said her interest in fashion came from her grandmother, she said she personally always had a niche for style. She prides herself on "getting inspiration from everything that is out there and adding personal flair to it."

"I like pairing different things together," she said. "I've had a lot of people tell me that (my blog) is kind of preppy with a twist."

For instance, on "Simply Southern," is a post of a retro, off-white beaded dress with yellow and white pansy flowers matched with oversized black House of Harlow sunglasses. With a minimalist design and plenty of links to other fashion blogs, "Simply Southern" is modest and charming.

"I like clean with a little something," Lunstroth said.

"Simply Southern" is updated daily and will be expanding to Twitter and Facebook.

Lunstroth said blogging has been a great way to network and stay in touch with friends.

"My friends will tell me if something is wrong, like editing," she said. "In Italy, I posted and it was a way for friends and family to keep up with me."

Find Lunstroth's blog at [simplysouthern.org](http://simplysouthern.org) for more fashion and flair.

## Bachelor of the Week

### Down-to-earth guy seeks sociable sweetheart

By Cara Foley  
Transcript Reporter

With the beginning of fall comes the beginning of love. But leaves won't be the only things falling. All single ladies, please tune in.

Junior Kenneth Callahan III is a Cleveland native who is looking for that special someone. Could it be you?

The athlete and student government leader is a politics and government major and history minor.

The young bachelor describes himself as easy-going and enjoyable.

"I like to think of myself as a down to earth guy, who likes to have fun and is easy to talk to."

He is looking for a motivated, fun, smart girl who is also a good conversationalist.

"It's a huge plus if she's able to get along with my friends and family," he said.

Although Callahan said he doesn't believe in love at first sight, he does believe an attraction could lead to something down the road.

Dare to be his lady love? If you've ever watched him in a lacrosse game, don't be fooled



Callahan

by his competitive nature. He is not one to play hard to get.

"If girls play hard to get, they better be worth getting."

For Callahan, optimism and positivity are keys to a healthy relationship.

"The most confusing thing about girls, and my biggest turn off, would have to be cynicism," he said. "Not every guy is out to hurt you."

As far as his idea for the perfect first date, Callahan would prefer skipping the classic 'dinner and a movie' deal.

"I'd be more concerned

with getting to know her and seeing if there was potential for the imminent future," he said.

Callahan said his favorite chick flicks are, "There's Something about Mary," "Meet Joe Black" and "PS I Love You."

Sound like your kind of guy yet? . You never know, you may just find yourself beside Callahan at the next Avicii concert in Columbus.

Five years from now, Callahan said he sees himself either out of law school or working in Chicago or Charlotte.

If he had his choice of going anywhere in the world, it would be to Ireland.

"Since my family is from Ireland, I've always thought it would be a good trip to do," he said.

Callahan said he was most interested in becoming the Bachelor of the Week because he saw his friend and former Bachelor, Adam Pinkerton find love from the column.

"Although I am not looking for eternal love at the ripe age of 22, being the Bachelor of the Week seems to have its perks!"

Reach out to him and I'm

sure you won't regret it. Contact him by email: [krcallah@owu.edu](mailto:krcallah@owu.edu) or find him on Facebook.

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# Bishops Sports

## OWU cheerleaders seek bid to nationals in Florida

By Spenser Hickey  
Transcript Reporter

Despite their frequent image as a sideshow to the football team, cheerleading squads also take part in highly competitive exhibitions.

This year the Ohio Wesleyan squad has their sights set on qualifying for the highest competition in the country.

Led by seniors Yvonne Hendricks, Alex McCarty and Coley Kasey, the Bishops hope to attend the 2012 National Cheerleading Association's Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The championships, set up in a double elimination format, will pit teams from across the country and all three NCAA Divisions against one another.

The two-team matches will consist of each squad having about two minutes to present a routine consisting of dancing, tumbling and stunts.

The scoring is based on crowd appeal, showmanship, execution and the use of props and mascots.

Before the squad can go to nationals, they must overcome a series of obstacles. The largest task will be raising enough money to pay tournament dues and travel expenses.

"It costs \$350 per cheerleader, and we have



The 2012 OWU cheerleading squad poses for a team photo. They are working to raise enough money to make it to the 2012 Nationals that will be held in Florida.

15 cheerleaders on the team," coach Kate Moses said.

This means the cheerleaders will need over \$5,000. Moses said they also hope to buy new uniforms and pom-poms.

To do this, the team has come up with several fundraising strategies. They've already gone

door-to-door asking for change and plan to have a t-shirt sale in the near future. Along with their fundraisers, they are taking donations.

"We want to have at least half of the money raised by the end of the year," Moses said.

Also, as part of the NCAA Championships' bidding process, the team must submit

a 10-minute video showing the cheerleaders in action.

They need to show the team doing stunts, tumbling, tosses, pyramids and a 45-second long game-day portion showing the squad leading the crowd in cheers at a football game.

To get this necessary 45-second video, Moses said, "it is extremely important for the students to come to the games to help show OWU spirit."

In addition to competing in the NCAA Nationals, the team will also take part in another national competition closer to home.

They are participating in the Arnold Classic, held in Columbus, from March 2-4.

This competition will have 5,000 cheerleaders of all ages from all over the country and even some international teams.

Teams will be competing against one another over three days. This will require more fundraising, but it will be less expensive than Florida because travel costs will be much lower.

## Field hockey losses close game to Wooster in O.T.

By Victoria Morris  
Transcript Reporter

The OWU field hockey team lost their NCAC opener with minutes left in overtime against Wooster.

The game was held on Saturday, Sept. 10, in the afternoon. Wooster's Clare Nelson-Johnson scored the only goal of the game, giving Wooster the 1-0 win. Wooster outshot the Bishops 11-5.

Bishop goalie sophomore Emily Temple had five saves, while Wooster goalie Liz Plumley recorded four saves. Sophomore midfielder Meg Greff said the team went into the game realizing Wooster was a tough competitor.

"I think in the beginning, like some of the other players, I was nervous because Wooster was good last year," Greff said. "It was difficult to adjust to that intense level of playing. Once I got used to their style, it was a lot easier to play my position and be open for my teammates."

Senior attacker Macie Miller said she thought the team played well.

"Our defense and midfield dominated the defensive circle, keeping Wooster from scoring during regulation time and our goalie Emily stopped some beautiful shots," Miller said.

Sophomore defender Steph Martineau said she was happy with the team's performance,

but there are still some things the team can work on.

"I think we did a great job working together and moving the ball down the field as a team," Martineau said. "We communicated and did a great job spreading the field. We need to work a bit more on our offense and capitalizing on opportunities."

Greff said the team improved their performance throughout the game.

"I think the team improved a lot in the second half compared to the first," Greff said. "In the beginning there was some disconnect between the back and the forwards, but eventually we clicked and got more used to the way Wooster played. We missed a few chances at goal so we just need to work on finishing in the circle. Hopefully we keep improving throughout the course of the season. It's good we keep learning and working hard."

Martineau and Miller said they have high hopes for the remainder of the season.

"The rest of the season looks great," Martineau said. "Though we didn't win, it's nice to have the first conference game out of the way heading into a long week of field hockey."

"If we come out with the same intensity that we did on Saturday, then I feel very optimistic about the rest of the season," Miller said.

## Flag football scores with students



Photos by Lauren Foote  
Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Theta intramural flag football teams face off, Delt coming out with the victory.

LEFT: The Delt team snaps the ball during intramural play against Phi Delt.

BOTTOM LEFT: Senior Mike Cartier warms up his arm to throw. He plays on Delt's intramural team.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Intramural football players get ready for a change in possession. Sophomore Mat Wasserman (middle) checks for Delt's next play to be run.

## Underdogs ready for the challenge: New coach, new season

Bishop volleyball team grows under new leadership as they head into 2011 fall season

By Alex Hooper  
Transcript Correspondent

The new head women's volleyball coach Taryn Haas said this season the team will surprise its competition, and she is ready for the challenge.

"We were picked to finish 8th in the conference, and have already made strides to make a higher ranking a possibility through our tough play at the Bishop Invitational last weekend," Haas said. "I know the players and I have the underdog mentality and we are really looking forward to surprising some teams in the conference."

Haas is originally from Prospect, where she attended Elgin High School in Marion. She then received an athletic scholarship to play volleyball at West Virginia State University, a Division II school in Charleston, W. Va. Haas graduated from WVSU in 2007 with a bachelor's of science in elementary education. She then went on to teach elementary science while being head coach at numerous high schools around Ohio.

Haas came to OWU in 2010 when she accepted the women's assistant volleyball coach



Photo provided by Department of Communications  
New head coach Taryn Haas took the position after a year as the assistant to previous head coach Cyndi Holliday.

position. Early this summer, previous head coach Cyndi Holliday announced her retirement.

"Working very closely with coach Holliday

last year, I learned many of the game day routines and I got to know the great staff at OWU," Haas said. "When she retired early this summer, I felt ready to take on the challenge of becoming a head coach again."

Haas said having an assistant coach (Dava Kaltenecker) has been a huge asset. They were teammates at WVSU, and her knowledge on team defense has been incredibly helpful.

Haas also said together they have been able to see both the strengths and weaknesses of the team.

"The biggest strengths my assistant coach and I see are all of our student-athletes," Haas said. "They have responded to the coaching change with great optimism and have shown wonderful attitudes to anything new that has been presented."

Sophomore Tamra Londot said the team welcomes the new coaches and their experience and knowledge of the game.

"We were excited," Londot said. "We had her last year and we knew she had a lot of knowledge of the game-on and off the court. She was a four-year starter at West Virginia State. Our assistant was the libero. With both of their talents, knowledge and just love for the

game, it has made it easy for us to want to be there."

Sophomore Katie Fain said because Haas is younger, as a team, they feel they can relate to her and the team will be more cohesive.

"We love it, being out of college recently she knows how we feel," Fain said "She plays with us at practice and knows everything about the game. She has such a strong love for the game and she knows what our goals are and she will do everything she can to help us reach them. We still know she is the head coach and she disciplines us when needed but she wants us to play and have fun. That always helps."

Coach Haas said her plans for this season are to speed up the team's offense and defense and working on creating consistency with its passing and making smart plays while attacking. Haas also said she wants to build support for the team this year.

"To me, volleyball is a game of enthusiasm," Haas said. "My goal for this year's team is to create excitement through their performance every time they step on the court. Whether it's a huge kill or a great dig, I want every player as well as every person in the gym to feel involved in the game."