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WoHo and
HelpLine team
up to educate
campus about
sexual assault

By Eric Tifft
Transcript Reporter

Sexual assault is a volatile, and many times emotional, topic on college campuses.

In an attempt to clear misconceptions and educate students about sexual assault, Lydia Guiguis, a counselor with HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, gave a presentation in the Benes Rooms on Oct. 5 detailing facts about sexual assault.

The presentation was sponsored by the Women's House (WoHo) and organized by junior Laura Troyer-Joy with the help of senior Linda Stover and junior Victoria Sellers.

HelpLine is located on N. Franklin Street and offers emotional and financial support, as well as a 24-hour toll-free hotline for survivors of sexual assault.

Guirguis said she is responsible for providing assistance and support to sexual assault survivors in the hospital.

"The moment someone walks in to Grady and says they've been raped, I stay with them at the hospital to offer emotional support until they are discharged," Guirguis said. "Sexual assault is an extremely traumatic experience and having someone there to listen and provide assistance is very helpful."

As many as one-third of women and one-sixth of men will be sexually assaulted at some point, Guirguis said. The biggest area of confusion is what consent actually means, she said.

"Kissing and fondling does not equal consent to sex," Guirguis said. "As cliché as it is, no means no means no."

Alcohol is the most common drug that is used to coerce someone into sex, Guirguis said. Alcohol is consumed before a sexual assault by about 78 percent of rapists and 55 percent of victims.

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Block remembered for fierce dedication to OWU

By Kathleen Dalton
Transcript Reporter

Lydia Block was remembered for her passion and devotion for her job, family and the home she found at Ohio Wesleyan University during the Oct. 7 memorial celebration devoted to her life.

Block died in June after fighting Chrohns disease for much of her life. She became a member of the OWU family in 2006 as the director of learning resources and the faculty coordinator for the Sagan Academic Resource Center.

Caroline Block-Wilkins and Emily Lugg, Block's daughters, both attended the ceremony. Block-Wilkins is

a member of the OWU class of 2014 and Lugg works as a writing tutor in the Sagan Academic Resource center.

Block-Wilkins and Lugg lit the Yizkor Memorial Candle during the ceremony as part of the Yom Kippur observance.

The Kappa Alpha Theta (Theta) sorority, of which Block-Wilkins is a member, gathered to remember Block and support their sister. The Thetas occupied nearly a third of the chairs in the full Benes Rooms.

Colleagues of Block's spoke at the ceremony. They recounted stories of conversations with Block. They remembered the ways in which she so staunchly fought for what she believed in: the strength and



Photo courtesy of Emily Lugg

Block

potential of OWU students. They also spoke of Block's loving devotion to her family and her daughters.

Joan McLean, professor

of politics and government, spoke of not only her professional relationship with Block but also of their personal relationship and the strength and ease of their friendship.

"She was fierce, fierce about programs and people she cared about, and she was sassy, very sassy," said McLean.

This description of Block remained true throughout all the remembrances of and reflections upon her life.

President Rock Jones highlighted Block's "lasting impact" upon OWU and said Block was "unwavering in her commitment for students." Jones said Block's life was full and, in that context, complete.

Associate Chaplain Chad Johns read reflections writ-

ten by students on the impact Block had on their lives. The reflections focused not only on the ways in which Block helped students academically and with their chosen career paths but also the ways in which Block developed friendships with the students she worked with.

"Dr. Block had a bigger impact on my college career than any other person," recounted one student.

Colleen Cook, director of counseling, said Block approached her job with a distinct drive and enthusiasm. Cook said her laugh was infectious and her passion to help students was driven by the intensity with which she fought Chrohns disease.

Students, professor take TiPiT grant to Kenyan orphanage

By Suzanne Samin
Transcript Correspondent

Students are adding Kenya to Ohio Wesleyan's ever-growing list of international connections.

After receiving a Theory-into-Practice-into-Theory (TiPiT) grant, senior DeLaine Mayer and junior Megan Bachelder took a trip this summer with professor of Swahili Ali Skandor to Changamwe Orphanage -- located in a slum outside of Mombasa, Kenya.

They spent three weeks there, bringing various supplies to donate with them. After their time volunteering, they decided they wanted to continue their efforts in aiding the orphanage.

Mayer and Bachelder said they wish to help make the orphanage into a nongovernmental organization (NGO), so that it can receive funding and aid from other organizations like it.

Changamwe Orphanage stands in the form of a mud hut with multiple rooms. There are 100 children who attend school there, and only three teachers.

There are currently an estimated 60 children who live at the orphanage, and they often times sleep three to a bed. They have poor plumbing, and rely on a medical clinic several miles away for one meal a day.

Many of the children are HIV positive.

"It's difficult to go to a third world country with money and food to donate and then leave," Mayer said. "That's such a short-term benefit."

She said working at the or-

phanage sometimes felt hopeless, because the government does not acknowledge it or provide funding to maintain it.

Mayer said her desire to continue work there came from her hope that, "by giving others access to resources to create change, [...] in time, the students at this orphanage will be able to go back to their communities with the tools to enact positive social and political change."

While she acknowledges that there is much work to be done, Mayer said the cheerful disposition of the children gave her hope.

"They may not access to clean water or good food, but they are vivacious, spunky, playful, friendly and absolutely magnetic," she said. "In our own country, we struggle with race issues and today especially, a clash between Muslims and Christians, and religious pluralism."

"In the Changamwe Orphanage, some of these kids are Muslim, some are Christian. They all sing and dance together. The Christian kids sing Muslim songs and Muslim kids sing Christian songs, and the kids who were raised without religion sing both. There is a lot to admire and learn from."

Mayer said another source of her passion is her deep love for the continent of Africa, which began when she first visited Kenya at the age of seventeen.

"We met people who told us about the executive tyranny under President Mugabe, and learned about the hard-ships of their daily lives, as they



Photos courtesy of DeLaine Mayer

Top: Megan Bachelder '13, DeLaine Mayer '12 and professor of Swahili Ali Skandor in Changamwe Orphanage outside of Mombasa in Kenya.

Above Left: Some of the children in the orphanage.

Above Right: Bachelder, Skandor and Mayer were able to travel because of a TiPiT grant.

faced cholera, widespread drought and starvation, and an economic system that had totally collapsed," she said. "That's how I fell in love with Africa. It was a continent widely neglected in any discussions we'd had in high school surrounding political and economic development, international studies, literature, anything really. I wanted to know more."

Bachelder was not available to comment.

The effort at Changamwe Orphanage is not the only impact OWU students are leaving in Kenya.

Senior Celeste Taylor is working to raise money for Akili Dada, an international non-profit organization that was co-founded by Ashley Biser, professor of Politics and Government.

Akili Dada provides high school scholarships for young Kenyan women who would not otherwise have the finan-

cial resources to receive an education.

"Myself and the women's and gender studies student board are hoping to raise enough money this year to cover the entire cost of high school education for one student," Taylor said in reference to her luncheon, which is on Nov. 16 at noon in the Benes rooms.

Mayer and Taylor are both members of the Peace and Justice House.

'Passion meets opportunity' at Bigelow-Reed House dedication



Photo courtesy of Shane Wepprich

Shane Wepprich '12 shows off one of the Bigelow-Reed House t-shirts

By Saar Rajpuria
Transcript Correspondent

The newly-formed Bigelow-Reed Economics House at 23 Williams Drive hosted an open house and dedication ceremony on Oct. 1 to showcase the residence.

Alumni who donated money to refurbish the house attended the event alongside faculty and current students.

The Economics House, as it is popularly known by students, is situated on The Hill

and identifiable by two lions standing outside its front door.

Many students who live in the house are involved with economics, though some have different majors.

It was once the home of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) before the fraternity left OWU.

The brothers wanted their house to be remembered. Led by trustee Evan Corns ('59), they raised money to refurbish the new house. The house is named after two individuals the brothers remember the

most, William Bigelow ('05) and John Reed ('55).

They also wanted a room in which they could store all their memories, where the brothers could look at different photos as well as other things that they had saved over time.

This room remains closed for the students living in the house.

At the dedication ceremony, OWU President Rock Jones gave a speech explaining the motto of the house, "where passion meets opportunity."

People then moved to the kitchen downstairs where senior Shane Wepprich gave a speech thanking John Boos, professor of international business.

"John Boos made me whatever I am today," Wepprich said.

The kitchen was then named the John Boos Gathering Room.

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Do you have a secret to tell?

Students participate in “Post-Secret OWU” for mental illness awareness

By Samantha West
Transcript Correspondent

Many students are not aware of the mental illnesses around them. Those afflicted by them might not realize that what they are feeling is a serious illness rather than just a mood swing, and those unaffected will likely not care. However, the Active Minds club is working to change this with their “Post-Secret OWU” event. Senior Sydney Bertram, president of Active Minds, said Post-Secret OWU is aimed at helping students to realize that mental health issues are a completely normal part of society and is modeled after Frank Warren’s Post-Secret

community project, which has gained much fame around the nation. “When students realize that mental illness is present in our campus community, they may be more sensitive to issues surrounding mental health,” Bertram said. The project is also designed to let students know that there are many resources and much support for those going through mental health struggles, or think they might be. “We want to spread the message that there are many ways to confront the things we are ashamed or embarrassed to admit,” Bertram said. The project entails having students submit their various secrets to Active Minds -- students received blank cards in

their mailboxes before mid-semester break, which they decorated with text and/or images and send via campus mail to HWCC #1488. Members of Active Minds collected the cards and created an art piece with them, which was unveiled at the Rally for Mental Health yesterday. “The over-arching purpose of the rally is to kick-start a campaign for a Delaware levy which affects funding for Delaware which affects funding for Delaware mental health services,” Bertram said. More information about the levy will be given out at the rally, and a sign-up sheet for students interested in volunteering will be available. Active Minds itself is a national organization, with

branches on many college campuses. They are concerned with raising awareness and funding within communities for many issues relating to mental health. Freshman Susannah Cleland, member of Active Minds, said she is proud to be a member of the organization. “I enjoy it because it gives me something to do that can help others, and keeps me active,” Cleland said. “Also, my niece has autism, so I have a connection with mental illness.” Students interested in joining Active Minds or getting involved in the mental health community can check the OWU Daily for information on meetings.

Sophomore campus radio reps plan a comeback

By Noah Manskar
Transcript Correspondent

After being out of the public spotlight for years, Ohio Wesleyan’s campus radio station WSLN is making an effort to become a relevant student medium again under new management. Sophomores Will Conway and Sam Sonnega have taken charge this year as the station’s manager and assistant manager, respectively. They were both involved with WSLN in their freshman year, hosting a show that aired twice a week. Conway said his predecessor put forth little effort in his management of the station. “When I first went in, I realized this has to be more than what it is,” he said. “Even the tables are falling apart. I think that with the proper funding it could be so much, but he never did anything with it.” Since taking over as managers, Conway and Sonnega said they have encountered several problems. The computers that run the online streaming of the station’s programs, which accounts for the majority of the listenership, are under repair and need reprogramming. In addition, the studio and offices in Slocum Hall are in desperate need of renovation. Conway said that getting the equipment in working order is the top priority. “The most important thing is getting back on air right now,” he said. Sonnega said another major problem the station has had in recent years is getting people to listen. “Last year maybe five people tuned in at primetime hours,” he said. “We want to get more people listening.” Sonnega said he thinks both previous station managers and social conventions are responsible for the dwindling listener-

ship. “I think it has to do with broader cultural trends, that radio is sort of an obsolete medium,” he said. “You have Internet and The Transcript’s still going strong, but that’s because it was already really well-established. Past management sort of let it go, and there wasn’t any real organization or promotion in the last five or six years.” Because of these difficulties, many OWU students are not aware of the existence of WSLN, including freshman Audrey Bell. “I didn’t know about the station before I came to OWU,” she said. “I still don’t know anything about it, to be honest.” Conway has developed several strategies to make WSLN well-known among both students and the general public. These include advertising in The Transcript and providing “incentives to listen,” such as giveaways of gift certificates to Delaware businesses. Sonnega said they would also like to do on-air interviews and performances with local bands as well as touring artists making their way through the Columbus area. “A big responsibility of a school is to create space for arts to flourish,” he said. “Radio is a great opportunity to do that, especially for music.” Conway said another goal of his and Sonnega’s from the beginning has been to maintain the highest level of professionalism as possible in the production of the station’s programming. “I want people who might not even like the music we’re playing to hit the streaming button on their computer and say, that’s a nice show they have,” he said. Even with these strategies, Conway and Sonnega said they need help from OWU administrators to execute them. “All the administration needs to do is give us money,” Sonnega said.

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Current residents gave attendees tours of the house. Most of the rooms were kept open so that they could look at what their money had gone into. While they were taking the tour, many of alumni shared stories with the students.

“The Bigelow-Reed House Dedication was a historical moment [regarding the] development of a living and learning program,” Wepprich said. “The dedication of the old Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house signified the becoming of a house for business, economics and entrepreneurial leadership.”

“The dedication was during

OWU’s Homecoming Weekend and brought together current Bigelow-Reed students, old SAE brothers, OWU alumni and OWU faculty who all have been essential in developing the house that lets passion meet opportunity.” Senior Rebekah Smith said the dedication ceremony was an integral part of welcoming the economics house into the

campus community. “This event truly connected the past of the house with its future,” Smith said. “Alumni met students and connected in ways that are found nowhere else on campus. You could see the pride in the faces of the alumni as they saw what their old house had become -- a home for generations of future leaders.”

Student perspective of Public Safety may be skewed

By Hannah Urano
Transcript Correspondent

Whether or not Ohio Wesleyan’s Department of Public Safety (PS) is an effective part of enforcing school rules on campus is often a topic of discussion among students. Freshman Matt Mahoney said some students are skeptical about the motives of PS. “PS seems to be geared more towards finding students who are breaking rules and assuming the worst in those students, rather than acting as a helpful agent working for the student population,” Mahoney said. Since many students share these same sentiments, Public Safety Officer Ramon Walls said he is trying to change the student body’s opinion of the department. Walls said he believes this negative perception is due to the fact that, in many cases, students do not initially recognize that PS is looking out for students’ best interests by enforcing rules. He said because of this, PS is seen as a nuisance rather than an organization working for students. “It’s frustrating when students think the only thing [PS officers] do is give out parking tickets and bust students for underage drinking,” Walls said. There are many other facets of campus safety that PS is responsible for. According to their website’s mission statement found online at publicsafety.owu.edu, the objective of PS is “to keep the campus community in an environment that students find to be conducive to learning, to suppress crime and to create a state of well being.”

While Walls said he believes the department is doing an effective job of achieving these goals with their given recourses, he said he understands that some students have a negative perception of PS depending on their personal experiences with the department. “Obviously, if we’ve busted you for underage drinking, you probably don’t like us very much,” he said. “However, it’s important to remember that it’s our job and we are thinking about the overall safety of campus.” An example of PS looking out for the wellbeing of students is the SAFEwalk program. Over mid-semester break, Sergeant Chris Mickens announced via e-mail the reinstatement of this service that provides escorts between campus locations to prevent students and employees from having to walk alone at night. This program, which has been offered in past years, has already received positive feedback. Freshman Danielle Barnes said she is glad the service has returned to campus. “I feel like I can call PS anytime with a safety concern,” Barnes said. “I would definitely utilize SAFEwalk if I was ever leaving the library late at night and felt nervous about walking back to my dorm.” Other examples of work done by PS to ensure safety includes: enforcing parking restrictions, patrolling campus at night, presenting educational information, administering fire safety inspections, working registered events involving alcohol or those with over 75 people in attendance and working at sporting events. PS has ten employees and its office is located on the first floor of Smith Hall near the main entrance. An officer is on duty 24/7 and can be reached by calling 368-2222.



What do you think about the campus radio being brought back?

I don't really listen to music, but I still think it would be really cool.
-Sarah Stachowiak, '15



I don't really listen to the radio, but I think it would be cool if we have one.
- Philippe Chauveau, '15



Yeah, i think it would be good; it would be interesting and entertaining.
- Zoey Kramer, '14



I think we should because it would help people on campus stay more connected in more interesting ways than just campus emails.
- Samantha mason, '13



It could provide information to students and if they know what music we like and will play that. It's good that sophomores are running it, so it can stay around
- Troy Decker, '15



Pottermore casts a spell on university

By **Jordan Ahmed**
Transcript Correspondent

Months after the announcement of Pottermore, J.K. Rowling’s online reading experience, OWU students have received their welcome e-mails and are being sorted by Rowling’s Sorting Hat into the fabled Hogwarts houses.

The four houses -- Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin -- all represent different ideals. Put simply, Gryffindor houses the brave, Hufflepuff the trustworthy, Ravenclaw the clever and Slytherin the ambitious.

Junior Andrea Kraus said she received her welcome e-mail recently.

“It was really late one night,” Kraus said. “I was on the edge of delirium. I took the test, really excited at this point. I was certain I was going to be a Gryffindor, as a loyal Harry Potter fan.”

On Pottermore, the sorting process is conducted by a virtual Sorting Hat, asking the user questions regarding his or her personality.

“The questions were interesting, and very ambiguous, so you couldn’t tell where you were going to be sorted,” she said. “Then I got my results. It turns out I’m a Slytherin.”

Like Kraus, some students said they have had trouble coping with their placement. Although admittedly ambitious, Kraus’ struggle with Slytherin highlights the underlying stigma of Rowling’s fictional houses. Gryffindors are often seen as boastful,

Hufflepuffs as dull, Ravenclaws as cold and Slytherins as cruel. “It’s like being told you are the bully of the school,” Kraus said. “But I feel like it has to be accurate because I don’t want to believe that Rowling would make it random. Being a Slytherin is not as bad as the test being fake.”

Many students, like junior Kassel Galaty, are clueless to what Pottermore is.

“I have no idea what it’s supposed to be,” Galaty said. “I’ve heard it has back stories which I think is awesome, but other than that I have no idea what to expect.”

This comes as no surprise considering the site’s exclusivity. On June 23, Rowling announced Pottermore on YouTube. Rowling described Pottermore in the announcement as, “the place where fans of any age can share, participate in and rediscover the stories.”

From July 31-Aug. 6, people around the world were given a chance to earn early access to Pottermore through the Magical Quill Challenge. By answering a Harry Potter related question at an early morning hour, one million fans who answered correctly were sent an e-mail promising special access to the site.

All of the welcome e-mails have been sent to these million early access fans, including many OWU students, and general admission to the site should begin in late October.

The site provides a unique opportunity to read some of Rowling’s thoughts about her own work, providing inside details and back stories to many of the Harry Potter series’ characters.



Even Kraus, who said she was upset by her house placement, is growing to appreciate the site.

“It’s taking me a long time to overcome the Slytherin factor, but my fifth grade teacher posted on my Facebook wall that Slytherin has gained a great student,” Kraus said.

“When it comes down to it, it’s been really cool getting my wand and being personally involved in the story,” she said. “It’s a childhood thing. It brings me back to when I was a kid.”

Mock Convention to simulate U.S. electoral politics

By **Ellin Youse**
Transcript Correspondent

Following its regular four year cycle, the Ohio Wesleyan Mock Convention will return to campus in 2012 to reenact convention policy and elect a candidate for the Republican Party.

The Olympics, leap years and total solar eclipses are events which happen every four years, and because the OWU Mock Convention is replicated exactly on the actual convention process, it is included on the list.

Although OWU held its first Mock Convention in 1884, the university began holding Mock Elections consistently every four years in 1920 and will continue the tradition this year on February 10-11, 2012.

Because the convention is a limited one-per-student opportunity, all students are urged to participate in the mock processes of nominating a candidate for President of the United States.

The Mock Convention traditionally reflects convention of the party not currently holding office, with this year’s being republican, but all students are welcome regardless of political allegiance. Usually attracting between 250-300 student participants, all convention hearings and events are open to the student body.

Senior Megan Hoffman, Public Relations Chair, said she is looking forward to the events.

“It’s both theatrical and educational, it’s just a lot of fun,” Hoffman said. “You don’t have to be a republican to participate. We make sure to include everyone, not just people with a specific viewpoint.”

Joan McLean, professor of Politics and Government, one of the eight advisors of the Ohio Wesleyan Mock Convention, said one of her main goals of the Mock Convention is to show students how anyone may get involved in government process.

“From students we pick out in the classroom to appoint as chairmen to being campus wide, there is room for everybody,” McLean said.

Getting involved in the convention is simple, and students are welcome to attend all events. The convention will host a lecture by Harvard Kennedy School’s professor David King with Craig Ramsey, professor of politics and government, as well as McLean on Oct. 28 at 12 p.m. The lecture will explore and discuss the topic of polarization in the 2012 election cycle.

To keep students updated on Mock Convention action, advisers and chairmen utilized technology for this year’s event. Students may stay informed by going to the convention website, mock2012.owu.edu, or by checking the Ohio Wesleyan Mock Convention Facebook and Twitter pages. Students may use both resources to learn more about the convention and the candidates.



Photos courtesy of Megan Hoffman

Above: (From left to right) Senior Megan Hoffman, Junior Megan Bachelder, Junior Pablo Villa and Junior Adam Dettra at the Mock Convention ice cream social on Sept. 28 in the Benes rooms.
Below: (From left to right) Senior Irena Pandzic, senior Ben Burwell and senior Tim Carney at the social.



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Education is an important tool with regards to sexual assault. Many negative connotations are tied to the topic. A lot of times survivors are hesitant to report sexual assaults because of the stigmas Guirguis said.

“A lot of women are afraid to report assaults because of the negative stigmas associated with sexual assault,” Guirguis said. “People need to know that the victim is not to blame.”

Most sexual violence is conducted by someone familiar to the victim. This also makes it difficult for survivors to report sexual assaults Guirguis said.

Although Stover helped organize the events, she is not affiliated with WoHo. She is an intern for HelpLine and is training to be an advocate for sexual assault survivors in hospitals.

“It blows my mind that someone will say no [to a sexual advancement] and yet people still get sexually assaulted,” Stover said.

In addition to the presentation, WoHo organized a self-defense class for women on Oct. 7. Nancy Radcliffe, director of Sexual Assault Services, instructed the self-defense class. Radcliffe was unavailable for comment.

These events are important at OWU so students know what they can do if they find themselves a victim of sexual violence,

Stover said.

Guirguis gives presentations to high schools as well as middle schools throughout the school year. Last November, she gave sexual violence presentations to about 1500 high school students and 400 middle school students.

“Providing awareness and service early on is the best way to prevent sexual violence, and bring criminals to justice,” Guirguis said.

Guirguis is currently working on earning her masters in social work at the Ohio State University.

Stover said she plans to increase sexual assault awareness on campus by organizing a 5 km run in May of 2012.

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Hypnotic hysterics ensue at OWU

By Ryan Haddad
Transcript Correspondent

Fearful screams filled the Benes room on Oct. 5, as students scrambled to avoid the attack of a snake.

Or at least what they thought was a snake. The deadly reptile was actually an inanimate object - a belt which freshman Alex Johnson willingly removed from his waist to give to Sailesh, a hypnotist who held a group of entranced students under his command for more than two hours.

“The thing turned into a snake,” Johnson said. “It was freaky.”

Though his belt did not literally turn into a snake, Johnson said he believed it did, due primarily to Sailesh’s careful instructions.

“You’re going to visualize everything I tell you to visualize, picture and feel,” Sailesh said to the students. “Every word I speak is the truth and you will follow it as such.”

Boy, did they follow his every word. They were saddened when Sailesh evoked images of a child watching his puppy get hit by a car. They were aroused when he said, “Visualize yourself in a porno movie.”

They were astounded when he said, “Imagine I am naked and the most well-hung man you’ve ever seen.”

They were utterly confused when he told them to listen to the words of their speaking genitals.

Sailesh, a nominee for America’s Best Campus Entertainer of the Year, returned to Ohio Wesleyan to star in an annual evening of comedic hypnosis, sponsored by the Campus Programming Board as part of their Half Way There series this fall. He claimed, however, that the students were “the real stars of the show.”

To bring the students into total submission, Sailesh instructed them to close their eyes, breathe deeply and enter a state of “complete and total relaxation.”

“Relax every muscle, every fiber, ever nerve,” he said. Eventually Sailesh ordered them to sleep, and most students became so relaxed that they hunched over into each other’s laps.

Over 20 participants initially volunteered to be hypnotized, but as certain individuals failed to fall asleep at Sailesh’s command, he asked them to return to their seats in the audience.

By the end of the elimination process, roughly a dozen students remained onstage in a semi-circle of chairs.

Unlike those who he asked to step down, Sailesh said these students were able to maintain a hypnotic state for the entire program because “they opened their minds more.”

“They weren’t distracted or nervous, and they put enough trust in me,” said Sailesh, who holds a degree in clinical hypnotherapy.

The students were so trusting that they spoke and acted spontaneously, without hesitation.

They rattled off verbal obscenities with ease, became champion pelvic thrusters and played a gender-swapped dating game where each male described his ideal man, and each female described her ideal woman.

Participants found themselves in some intimate situations. Two men believed they were attached at the navel, and Sailesh told them the only way to come apart was to shake their hips and grab each other by the buttocks. They did so.

When Sailesh told the participants to do some “dirty dancing” with a partner of the same sex, everyone seemed totally comfortable.

Sophomore Anthony Lamoureux said he had been his dance partner’s Orientation Leader in August.

“We knew each other so it wasn’t that awkward,” he said. “The whole time you’re up there with Sailesh, you feel content and want to do everything you’re being asked.”

Junior Samantha Lichtenberger said she was aware that her words and actions were odd, but her circle of attention was so small that she could only focus on the things Sailesh said to



Sailesh

her. “I just kind of thought, ‘He told me to do this, and I like him, and he’s a nice guy, and I’m going to listen to him,’” she said. “I can’t not listen to him because that would be mean!”

Stratford theatre festival provides fall break cultural opportunity

By Andy Wittenberg
Transcript Correspondent

Thirteen OWU students watched several musicals and explored the city of Stratford, Ontario over Fall Break.

Students saw “Camelot,” “The Misanthrope,” and “The Grapes of Wrath” during the Stratford Shakespeare theatre festival. D. Glen Vanderbilt Jr., professor of Theatre and

Dance, said that he enjoyed the wide array of productions for different reasons.

He said “Camelot” was memorable, “The Misanthrope” was beautiful but slower and not as immediately enjoyable as the other plays, and that “The Grapes of Wrath” was powerful but had disappointing music.

After watching the plays, students attended a combat

workshop, where a husband and wife stage-fighting team taught and showed students how to perform sword fighting, slapping, punching and even hair pulling.

Vanderbilt said the session was good overall even though the teachers arrived late.

“They were first-rate instructors...[they] had a good balance of education and [doing]: some standup and some

watch[ing] them,” Vanderbilt said.

Senior Nathaniel Barber said the stage combat was interesting and a great place for a budding actor to learn stage fighting.

He said he thoroughly enjoyed the trip because there were a “variety of well produced [and] well acted shows.”

Barber said his favorite production was Camelot be-

cause it was carried well by its lead and speaks to moral issues.

Senior Mollie Kalaycio also said she thought “Camelot” was her favorite show.

“The music was incredible...[it] was really, really good,” she said.

Besides the plays and workshop, students also enjoyed eating, exploring and Stratford’s nightlife.

“It was great that we could all get a drink and go out together,” Kalaycio said.

Vanderbilt said everything about the trip was successful except for the weather, transportation issues and the surplus of show tickets.

He said it was odd that students did not actually see any plays by William Shakespeare at the Shakespeare festival, but maybe next year.

VIVA takes over October to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month



Photo from the Department of Communications

VIVA members gather at a club meeting to create decorations for one of the events during Hispanic Heritage Month, Dia de los Muertos, celebrated on Nov. 2.

By Marissa Esber
Transcript Correspondent

The vibrant sounds of Latin American music will be heard throughout the halls of OWU in the coming weeks. VIVA,

the Latin American culture club, is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Kamila Goldin, Hazel Barrera and Hayley Winslow, the VIVA executive board, take equal charge of the club.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a National event, Winslow said, started by the Reagan Administration in 1988 to “celebrate the background and heritage of Hispanics in this country.” VIVA is putting its

own twist on Hispanic Heritage Month.

Although nationally celebrated from Sep. 15 to Oct. 15, OWU’s Hispanic Heritage activities will be happening until Nov. 2.

The festivities began with a talk by Jacqueline Garcia, an immigrant rights advocate, on Monday. Juan Rojas, associate professor of Modern Foreign Languages, will have a follow-up discussion on the Oct. 24.

VIVA, Horizons International Club and the Citizens of the World House will then team up to host a luncheon of Latin American food, music and Hispanic identity and culture on Oct. 21. Here, Goldin will present a documentary she is making on Latin American identity.

The board members said they are especially excited for the Oct. 22 party at COW

House, a “Fiesta Espana,” Barrera said, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., and also for the Nov. 2 celebration of “Dia de los Muertos,” or Day of the Dead. Winslow said she believes the COW party will draw the biggest crowd because of the Latin American music and dancing.

“It will highlight the excitement that we feel about Latin American culture,” she said.

As for Day of the Dead, Barrera said the club will present in Ham-Will. According to Barrera, who is of Mexican descent, Dia de los Muertos is an important holiday in Mexico. She said families bring food and flowers to cemeteries to remember their dead.

“It’s a huge thing for me,” she said.

Barrera said the OWU celebration of Day of the Dead will allow students to experience something that they know of,

but may not understand.

Goldin and Winslow said they also hold Latin American heritage close to their hearts. Goldin was born in Argentina, and is of Argentinean background. For Winslow, she said a trip to Peru “sparked her passion” for the Spanish language and Hispanic culture.

“I’m a Latina at heart,” Winslow said.

VIVA’s goal is to “raise awareness of Latin American culture,” said Barrera. Goldin said Heritage month will promote this: “VIVA strives to represent Latino cultures on campus, and this month affirms the existence, presence and importance of the Latino population in the United States.”

Any student on campus with a Hispanic identity should contact Kamila Goldin if he or she is interested in being in her documentary.

Kappa Kakes pancake breakfast supports Kappa Kidney Camp

By Tim Alford and Lauren Rump
Transcript Correspondents

Within all of the annual festivities of Ohio Wesleyan’s Homecoming Weekend, a new event made its mark. Kappa Kappa Gamma sponsored a pancake breakfast called “Kappa Kakes” on Sunday morning to raise money for their philanthropy, Kappa Kidney Camp.

The breakfast was held in the Benes Rooms and catered by Chartwells, the university’s dining service company.

Junior Devin Heath, Philanthropy Chair for Kappa, said this was the first time they

have tried having a pancake breakfast for their philanthropy event.

In past years, Heath said Kappa has done an event called “Balloon Pop” during the homecoming game.

Marissa Esber, sophomore member of Kappa, said, “we changed because we felt we could raise more money by going in a different direction this year.”

Esber said the attendance at the homecoming game can be bigger or smaller depending on the year, and “we wanted something a little more solid.”

When it came to the paying for the catered meal, Esber said, “we were lucky and paid

for all of the food through the kind donation of food points from students.”

Heath said that the event raised around \$1,200 for the Kappa Kidney Camp, a camp for children ages 8- to 18-years-old that have had dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Esber put together a slide show about the Kappa Kidney Camp, which ran throughout the morning on a projector.

The National Kidney Foundation offers this camp and the Ohio chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma help support it, Esber said.

She said the five-night camp, which includes medical care, is offered at no charge

and hosted by Recreation Unlimited Camps and Retreat Center in Ashley, Ohio.

Not only did the event raise money for the charity, but it also brought attention to the sorority from unaffiliated students.

Freshman Kelly Rand attended the event to participate in the good cause and learn more about Greek life.

“When I first came to OWU I was indifferent about Greek life and getting involved,” Rand said.

“But as time progressed and I met people in Greek life and saw how involved they were on campus, I became open to the possibility of pledging.”



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Hoggy’s to be transformed into an Italian grill



Photo by Elizabeth Childers

The building formerly known as Hoggy’s, located on the corner of Sandusky and Williams St. It is under renovations to become the Italian restaurant and grill Vita!, as announced by the paper sign on the front door.

By Katie Carlin
Transcript Reporter

Hoggy’s Barbecue restaurant closed its doors two weeks ago, after three years of business. Within the next few weeks an Italian-American grill called Vita! is scheduled to open. Brian Lipps, who operated Delaware’s Hoggy’s, will serve as Vita’s chief executive officer and one of the five owners, including Lipps’ father. Construction has been underway since the day Hoggy’s closed and is moving quickly. The interior will be completely revamped, Lipps said. The idea is to provide a dining concept that is “fast casual.” He said Vita! will be a crossway between a local restaurant called Piada, a fast, casual, Italian-American eatery with a warm and inviting atmosphere. The difference between Vita! and other

fast casual restaurants is that Vita! will have a full bar. He said the menu is not fully complete but will consist of many pasta, salad and flat-bread options. Some students and residents said they wonder if Vita! will be competing with Amato’s Woodfried pizza. Lipps said he has no intention of competing with Amatos, and pizza will not even be on the menu. “Our menu is completely different,” Lipps said. “We hope to have great synergy with the town of Delaware.” Many students think a fast casual Italian restaurant is just what downtown Delaware needs. I think an Italian restaurant will do really well in Delaware, said junior Emily Lundstroth. “I think it is exactly what Delaware needs, a place to get good pasta and subs,” she said. Vita! is expected to open within the next few weeks.

Students offered a trip through the wilderness

By Elyse Charlton
Transcript Correspondent

Hoping to change the pace of your spring break? Destinations of the Spring Break Wilderness Treks 2012 have been announced, and applications are now available. The options for next semester are the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina or Cumberland Island, Georgia, said Associate Chaplain William Hayes. The treks are arranged through the Wilderness Ministry, a part of the Chaplain’s Office. Hayes said the Ministry’s focus is connecting outdoor experiences with learning and growth within the Christian faith. “The content and discussions are designed from a Christian worldview, but they are open to anyone,” he said. Hayes said each trip has a theme that incorporates spirituality with the outdoor experience.

The N.C. trek’s theme is “Trail Magic: Community and Hospitality on the Appalachian Trail.” Sophomore Jackie Amanna went on the N.C. trek last semester. She said it involved backpacking on the trail, and meeting “thru hikers,” people who hike for months and forgo luxuries like fried food. “‘Trail magic’ is a random act of kindness on the trail,” Amanna said. That act was providing the “thru hikers” with food such as pizza and fried chicken, she said. Amanna said rewards from her trip included the strong connections she made with people while being challenged physically. Hayes said there have been about nine previous treks. Past locations include New Hampshire, Tennessee, Utah and Ecuador. He said the Ecuador trip

provided a memorable moment when the group made it to a peak of the Andes by rock-climbing. “It was a scary experience for some, but everyone pushed each other and we made it to the top,” he said. Hayes and Amanna said there are meetings before spring break where the groups learn the skills they will use on the treks. They said there is no previous experience required. “People should just have an open mind about it, because it’s worth the effort,” Amanna said. Usually there are about 10 students on the trip, Hayes said. The application for next semester’s treks is due on Oct. 28. The application, and information about the treks and their dates and prices are available online at <http://wilderness.owu.edu/wildernessTrek.html>. There is a board with pictures of previous treks in the Chaplain’s Office.

Fraternities and Sororities involved in good causes

By Jenna Rodcay
Transcript Reporter

In the midst of recruitment and philanthropy season, it is important to understand what philanthropy is and what each chapter on campus does to benefit their cause. According to dictionary.com, philanthropy is an “altruistic concern for human welfare and advancement, usually manifested by donations of money, property or work to needy persons, by endowment of institutions of learning and hospitals, and by generosity to other socially useful purposes.” Each Greek chapter on campus has a specific philanthropy effort and partakes in events and fundraisers to benefit it. “[Philanthropy events are] a great way for other Greeks to get involved in our philanthropy efforts,” said sophomore Brittany Wise, a member of Delta Gamma (DG). “But we also do a lot of work outside of our two main events (Anchor

Bowl and Anchor Splash). For example, we volunteer at swim meets for blind children.” As a national philanthropy, Delta Delta Delta (Tri Delta) works with St. Jude Children’s Hospital to further the efforts of children’s cancer research. Throughout the year Tri Delta puts on a number of benefit events, including Delta Deli and Pasta for Life. Most recently they held the first annual Twist for Hope, a large Twister tournament; all proceeds benefited St. Jude. “[St. Jude] is our national philanthropy so every Tri Delta works for it,” said junior Liza Bennett, a member of Tri Delta. “[It enables us to] make more of an impact.” The Tri Delta fraternity, as a whole, has made such a large impact that St. Jude named their Patient Care Floor in the Chili’s Care Center in the St. Jude Research Hospital the Tri Delta Patient Care Floor. Fraternities also actively participate in philanthropy efforts. Sophomore Addison Miller,

a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, said philanthropy is important to her for many reasons. “It feels good to have everyone work together to benefit the larger community, and being selfless and giving up time and money to do service for others really helps build character and give perspective to how fortunate I am,” Miller said. Alpha Sig has a number of philanthropies they work to aid. These include the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Canine Companions for Independence and other local causes. “Some of our projects include our Annual Servant/Date Auction, helping out at the Arts Castle and our many delicious Stromboli dinners,” said Alpha Sig’s fraternity profile on the OWU website. The OWU website offers profiles for all of OWU’s Greek chapters. These profiles include information about the chapter’s history, symbols and philanthropies and offer websites to get more information about the organizations.

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Opinion

Quote of the Week: ““Kissing and fondling does not equal consent to sex. As cliché as it is, no means no means no.”

—*Lydia Guirguis, HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow County*

Letters to the Editor:

Who’s fit to be a model?

In the Oct. 7 issue of The Transcript, Abercrombie & Fitch posted an ad asking, “Do You Have the A&F Body?” Abercrombie is looking for fit models. “There is just one catch. You have to be the right size.” I understand that Abercrombie is a paying advertiser, and let’s face it, every organization at this school, including the school itself, needs to accept any money thrown its way. But at the cost of furthering stereotypes telling men and women what their bodies should look like?

Lets take a look at the kinds of body types they want. Men of all sizes are welcome to apply (Small through XXLARGE). But your waist has to be at least 6 inches smaller than your chest. Women? Don’t even bother applying if you’re above a size 6. And if your waist isn’t 7-8 inches smaller than your boobs? Forget about it. On top of that, your hip measurements need to be at least 1 inch wider than your bust measurement. We can talk about how unrealistic these measurements are for ordinary women who don’t spend hours every day in the gym working on their obliques.

What I find really disturbing is how striking this ad is compared to a lot of the articles often written in The Transcript which highlight the work of innovative, smart and caring OWU students. On the page it was printed on in the Oct. 7 issue alone, the ad shared space with an Olie’s ice cream ad, a story about how safe sex is a human right and what one student has done to promote that, and an article about a blog one student keeps that focuses on originality, sexuality and being true to oneself. It seems a folly that we have to lower our standards in publishing just because we need the money from advertisers, especially when it seems so counter-intuitive to what students are otherwise doing on this campus.

We spend our time at OWU in the classroom, doing homework, participating in Greek life, living in SLUs, traveling around the world and participating in countless service and community initiatives. Our campus does a great job dealing with issues of negative imaging that come about thanks to the media, music videos, movies, etc. It seems paradoxical to look at crappy advertising like this, alongside stories about how OWU students are actively trying to improve our campus and the world around us.

*DeLaine “I love my bust, waist and hip measurements” Mayer
Class of 2012*

Praise for an editorial

This past weekend, I was at OWU for a quarterly trustees’ meeting. I picked up a copy of The Transcript to see what is happening on campus. On Page 6 [of the Sept. 29 edition], I read your [Marissa Alfano, News Editor] editorial concerning positive changes occurring at OWU. I was happy to see you have recognized what the administration has done this past summer and what they continue to do.

It is easy to be a trustee when you have great officers, administrators, professors and staff. As you know, this group of individuals is trying to position Ohio Wesleyan University to be a premier liberal arts college. Everyone has made many strides towards this, but we have much work to be done.

The mission of the Board of Trustees is to perpetuate Ohio Wesleyan University as a distinctive liberal arts college that insures its place as an institution by choice in providing a superior academic and educational life experience.

I think you will continue to see more positive changes at OWU in the future.

Your column did not go unnoticed and I appreciate the fact that you have recognized what is taking place at Ohio Wesleyan University.

*Kindest personal regards,
James W. Pry II (’67)
Trustee*



Word Vomit
by
Michelle “RJ”
Rotuno-Johnson

By the time anyone reads this, the animals who escaped from a Zanesville animal preserve on Tuesday night will probably all be dead, shot by sheriffs as they make a break for freedom.

When I first heard that over 50 animals were on the run, I didn’t believe it. How could someone’s wild animals get out? Wouldn’t the state make sure he had adequate space for the animals and good fences around his property?

Then I read that the owner, Terry Thompson, had killed himself and then let all the animals out...and that they were being killed on sight.I was baffled. What the hell?I imagined lions, tigers, wolves, bears and monkeys running around central Ohio, over highways and through suburbia. Seemed to me like some crazy movie.

Now, it’s Wednesday. All but two of these animals have been killed. I was so upset at this at first. Couldn’t they just tranquilize them and bring them to a zoo or back to the wild? Couldn’t Jungle Jack Hanna, who flew in to help, wrangle some of them into his Jeep and bring them to the Columbus Zoo?

But it wasn’t that simple, unfortunately. When cops got to Thompson’s property, animals were still running loose. The officers didn’t want to risk the animals running off and wandering into suburbs, so they shot them on sight. I think it’s tragic, but it was also necessary to keep people safe. I’m pretty sure Bengal tigers would not want to go play football with kids on the street. They would want to munch the kids like a tasty snack. Plus, the officers had no tranquilizers on them, and the one veterinarian who was able to tranquilize an animal ended up just making it angry.

The situation seems to be under control as I write this. But a few questions remain for me, and probably for other people. Why was this guy keeping animals and why didn’t anyone regulate it?

From what I have read, Terry Thompson had a checkered past with his collection. According to the Columbus Dispatch, Thompson was convicted in 2005 of cruelty to animals, having an “animal at large” and two counts of rendering animal waste without a license. Allegedly, three cows and a bison had died on another property he owned.

Neighbors at his old home had filed numerous complaints about Thompson letting his animals wander. So, he was put on house arrest for six months and paid a \$2,870 fine in that case. He also was ordered to move his animals to a new territory, where they stayed until Tuesday night. He had also just gotten out of jail on firearm charges.

At what point do you take animals away from people like this?! Just last year, down my street, someone was vi-

ciously mauled by a dog. The owner had been in trouble before for animal cruelty AND for the dogs attacking someone. Why weren’t the dogs removed from my neighbor’s care?

And why could Thompson keep tigers and lions, animals that live in hot areas, in *central Ohio*, especially after he was shown to be unfit? These aren’t animals whose care can be taken lightly. I think they should have been taken away from him and released back home. It’s shocking that he was allowed to keep them.

What is even more shocking to me is that Ohio has *no rules* regulating the sale and ownership of exotic animals. Ted Strickland had attempted to enforce such a law, but our current governor, John Kasich, allowed the executive order to expire. So basically, I could buy a monkey and treat it like shit, and I would probably be okay. Cool, Kasich.

I suppose we should count ourselves lucky that no humans died after Thomson killed himself...but the loss of the animals is still sad to me.

They did nothing wrong. We just have another case of a careless human who got in over his head, with tragic consequences. He may have been setting them free in the hopes that they found good homes or just to let them go, but we’ll never really know.

There’s a lesson to be learned here, but I don’t think it’s one we college students and faculty need to hear. We can only hope that our government learns from this and keeps exotic animals out of the hands of people who can’t care for them...or just leave them all alone.

By Mary Slebodnik
Guest Columnist

A Baha’i, a Christian, and a young woman of no particular faith walk into Mees Hall at Capital University.

It sounds like the start of a joke, and maybe it is a kind of joke.

The three of us were visiting Capital Sept. 27 to hear Eboo Patel’s lecture on interfaith dialogue. Patel is the author of “Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation.” He served on President Obama’s Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships. Perhaps most importantly, Patel founded and presides over Interfaith Youth Core (IYC).

IYC is based in Chicago, where the mission trip I help lead will travel in March to build a relationship with the Muslim community. OWU’s Chicago mission team has similar goals as IYC. Both entities seek to build relationships between people of different faiths.

I said the Baha’i, Christian, and young woman of no particular faith walking into Capital University to hear Patel speak was a kind of joke because I find interfaith conversations funny as opposed to terrifying. When I discussed the Chicago mission trip’s goals during the Spring Break Mission Fair in HamWil, I noted the students’ deer-in-the-headlights stare when I mentioned “interfaith discussion.”

I asked Associate Chaplain Chad Johns if I could tell students we were working with little orphans instead, like the El Salvador Mission Team, but he said, “No.”

Interfaith is comical at heart because it requires human beings with deeply solemn notions and commitments to recognize that those same notions are not held by everyone else.

The Christians in the room better not bring anything to drink with them to Common Texts interfaith discussion at OWU, because they will choke on it when they learn from Muslims that when Jesus comes back, he will be an Imam, and

Christians will have to go to the mosque to worship him.

I think that is funny because many Christians, including me before I ventured into interfaith study, assume they own Jesus as a registered trademark.

Then the Jewish student speaks up and says, “When the Messiah comes...,” pointing out that Jesus plays different roles in different faiths—and he is not always the Messiah. The pagan students in the room say they do not feel inclined to follow any of their deities at the moment, but if that changes, they’ll let you know. The Christians sit stunned, minds still spinning over the mosque pronouncement—and then the atheist in the room pipes up and says, “Well, thank you everyone, those were all very nice stories.”

It’s a good way to spend Tuesday night. Interfaith dialogue can bring tension and frustration into a room. After all, devout followers of most faiths build their lives around their beliefs. Some may even believe their faith is the one, true faith.

Tension arises when a person believes his or her most deeply held beliefs have been challenged. How do two people have a pleasant conversation when both must acknowledge that they think the other will go to Hell?

Enter Eboo Patel. Patel said those two people can have an interfaith discussion by setting aside the afterlife. He said some people hold the belief that all religions are “paths up the same mountain,” and that can make for sunny, frictionless discussion.

But, he emphasized in his speech, one of the goals of interfaith is “to be the best Muslim you can be,” or the best of whatever background you come from. He said you don’t have to believe all religions are true to participate in interfaith discussion. Theological conservatives have a place in interfaith dialogue.

Still, the Hellfire discussions can be difficult to navigate. That’s why Patel advised people of different faiths focus on how we interact on Earth. He said we have reason to—most religions promote

interfaith cooperation in their histories and holy texts. though we don’t usually hear it in history class or in worship.

For example, Christianity has the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a Jew failed by other Jews relies on the kindness of a Samaritan to renew his health.

“Earth is the best place for love,” Patel said.

And that love can get things done. Patel used Martin Luther King, Jr.’s accomplishments through civil disobedience as an example. A Baptist minister, King was willing to learn from the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, a Hindu. If King had not learned from Gandhi’s interfaith movement in India, or from Gandhi’s teachings as a Hindu, the Civil Rights Movement in would have suffered a great loss.

In my experience, college students don’t talk about religion much. Many of us grew up in a faith, but now have started questioning it or have abandoned it altogether.

Some of us did not grow up in any faith tradition and are now wandering through the available options. Some of us don’t believe and have no interest in religion. Some of us even believe religion is a harmful and destructive force.

Religions, and secularism, are powerful forces in the world. Have been for centuries. And we won’t talk about them because we fear tense conversations?

We should have more important goals in our lives than avoiding tense conversation. In AP English 11, I read *Candide* by Voltaire. Voltaire describes El Dorado as a paradise in which everyone believes the same thing and no one ends up burned at the stake. *Candide*, the protagonist, considers El Dorado marvelous and wishes the whole world were like it.

Voltaire’s point, of course, is that human beings are incapable of living together in harmony unless they all believe the same thing. I, personally, would like to live in a society where we can all hold different beliefs and still no one gets burnt. Interfaith dialogue can help us make that a reality..

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Arts & Entertainment

James Blake makes thunderous return

By Matt Shriver
Transcript Correspondent

Twenty-four year-old British producer James Blake exploded onto the electronic music scene late last year with a series of three EPs (extended play records), each more unique than the last.

Early in 2011, he released his eponymous debut LP (long-playing record) and stunned the music community.

His sparse compositions do have more in common with Springsteen’s Nebraska, Beck’s Sea Change, or Portishead’s Dummy than with his contemporary electronic music producers.

On Oct. 10, Blake released his most recent EP, “Enough Thunder,” on Universal Republic Records. The album expresses Blake’s innermost thoughts while keeping up with his now distinctly recognizable style.

One of the standout songs on this six-track EP is “Fall Creek Boys Choir,” a collaboration with fellow crooner, Bon Iver.

Another noticable track on “Enough Thunder” is a cover of Joni Mitchell’s “A Case of You” from her classic 1971 breakup album, “Blue.”

On the second track, “We Might All Feel Unsound,” Blake pulls out all the stops and unleashes his vast array of production techniques to create an explosion of power and emotion.

The track, “Not Long Enough,” however, seems to draw on a little long and breaks the focus of an otherwise breath-taking effort.

Continuing to defy classification of genre, Blake uses his production techniques influenced by the jungle, house, UK garage, 2-step, and dubstep music of his home country.

But Blake is unlike any electronic musician to come before him. His R&B-ready vocals, sparse, open-air recording style, and occasional piano accompaniments separate him above and beyond his contemporaries.

James Blake is a must-hear for all who are interested in the future of music.

Grade: A-
Key tracks: “Fall Creek Boys Choir”, “We Might All Feel Unsound”, “A Case of You”
Catalog choice: James Blake
Next stop: Gil Scott-Heron and Jamie xx – “We’re New Here”
After that: Burial – “Untrue”



Chung brings Korean couture to campus



From the Catwalk to the JAYWalk

By Alexis Williams and Katie Carlin

Stylish sophomore JaeMin Chung is a full-fledged fashionista. From head-to-toe, the art major and self-proclaimed “girly-girl” said she always tries to look her best. Her chic ensembles frequently get her noticed on the JAYWalk.

“Some people ask me, ‘Hey, why do you dress like that?’” she said. “But it’s not like I’m trying to show somebody up. I just like to dress up.”

We caught the South Korean stylist in Beeghy library wearing a long sleeve red dress with gold buttons. With gold stud earrings and brown leather boots, Chung was dressed to impress for the fall season.

“I like to wear something that looks different,” she said. “I don’t like something simple. I love color, something really vibrant like a strong red or strong blue.”

Chung’s shopping secret is the Korean store Vanilla Girl.

“My dress was from Vanilla Girl, she said. “It’s like Forever 21 of Korea.”

Though she said the typical Korean style includes skinny jeans, we rarely catch her following that trend.

“I like wearing tights and skirts,” she said. “I don’t really like to wear jeans; they’re pretty uncomfortable. I think skirts are more comfortable.”

Chung said many young women in Korea dress like the music group Girls Generation.

“I think a lot of people, especially girls, like to follow what they’re wearing,” she said. “They are really young, like early 20s, and perform dance music.”

But this fashion trailblazer is not swayed by the group.

“I have no style inspiration,” she said. “I sometimes look at magazines but don’t try to buy the exact outfit. Maybe something similar.”

For Chung, no outfit is complete without a least one piece of jewelry.

“I like earrings the most,” she said. “I don’t like to wear everything at one time like earrings, rings, bracelets and all that.”

Though fashion is her passion, Chung said her mother occasionally chimes in to give her tips.

“One thing I was really surprised about was that girls like clothes from Abercrombie and Hollister,” she said. “So I bought a couple outfits and my mom said, ‘Is this clothes?’”

Besides Vanilla Girl and Forever 21, BeBe is Chung’s fashion mecca.

“They have really pretty clothes,” she said. “Really girly stuff.”



Photo by Alexis Williams

Sophomore JaeMin Chung strikes a sophisticated pose in a red dress and brown leather boots.

Heritage Day features service and photo contest

Calling all students, faculty, and staff: do you fancy yourself a photographer?

This year’s Heritage Day will recognize Residential Life, and we need your help.

Snap a photo of the place you live on campus and send it to the 2012 Heritage Day photo contest. Your photos could be selected to run in the 2012 Heritage Day book.

Those who know OWU best can capture images of the campus throughout the 2011-2012 year.

Start today. Email photos to heritageday@owu.edu.

In addition, Heritage Day: Day of Service is on the horizon. Those interested in participating in the service activities



on Wednesday, Nov. 9, should sign-up in the Ham-Wil atrium during the week of Monday Oct. 31, to Friday Nov. 4.

The celebration will include: a Habitat for Humanity shed build, a toiletry collection

and a sleeping bag sew for the homeless.

The service activities will take place on the JAYWalk and in the Benes Rooms.

There will be a noon-time presentation in addition to the

service activities, and the event will conclude with a bonfire on the JAY in the evening.

For more information on this year’s Heritage Day celebration, contact Clare Whitaker at ccwhita2@owu.edu.

Bachelor of the Week Chivalrous stud searches for sweetie

By Cara Foley
Transcript Reporter

Cleveland-born junior Newt Kimberly is looking for a girl and can be the answer to your new love wonderings.

Kimberly knows the ins and outs of “The Buckeye State” and is ready to show someone a good time.

Kimberly said his interests include snowboarding, football, community service and dogs.

He spends his time focusing on his major in sociology.

“People and their behaviors are fascinating to me,” he said.

This singleton describes himself as “outgoing, adventurous and kind.”

Kimberly said he does not find playing hard to get with girls effective.

“I choose not to play games because I don’t really see the point in it.”

This guy knows what he wants and goes for it.

Don’t waste your time with other guys who don’t have a clue, make sure to make a note of this bachelor!

He said his perfect date at OWU would be going to see a movie at The Strand and dining at 1808.

Kimberly is a good old-fashioned gentleman.

“I am really just looking for someone who likes me for who I am and who I can have fun with,” he said.

In his spare time, Kimberly plays intramural sports, listens to music and catches up on current events.

Such cosmopolitan bachelors don’t come along too often.

Be sure to get this one while he’s hot!

“A potential girlfriend must have a good sense of humor and someone who has a very go-with-the-flow attitude and way of life,” Kimberly said.

His go-to tune is “The Town” by Macklemore and his favorite chick flick is “You’ve Got Mail.”

Snuggle up with this bachelor to watch some good times with Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks.

I’m sure you won’t be



Kimberly

sorry!

One of his biggest pet peeves is lying. “It is one of the few things that drives me crazy,” he said.

Kimberly said he truly believes that everyone has a soul mate somewhere out there.

“I hope to find mine soon,” he said.

If he was given a superpower Kimberly said he’d chose super speed.

“I would choose this merely to have more free time,” he said.

You can’t argue with that logic.

In five years, this bachelor sees himself working as a substance abuse counselor.

Make a note girls: if you are confident and a go-getter this is your man!

“The thing that confuses me most about girls is why more girls don’t ask guys out,” he said. “It’s always baffled me.”

Kimberly said he does not believe in love at first sight.

“I think you can fall in physical love at first sight, but to me, love is progressive.”

Good news for all the single ladies out there is that he believes that chivalry is still alive.

Interested individuals can reach out to Kimberly on Facebook or by email at ns-kimber@owu.edu

Looking for love but down on your luck?

If you are interested in being featured as the bachelor or bachelorette of the week, contact Transcript reporter Cara Foley at cafoley@owu.edu.

Bishops Sports

Men’s soccer trumps the Tigers

By **Cara Foley**
Transcript Reporter

Ohio Wesleyan men’s soccer team defeated the Wittenberg Tigers despite their early lead in the game last Saturday night.

The victory over Wittenberg helped the Bishops maintain their winning streak, making this their 36th win in conference games. As well as keeping the Bishops streak steady, the win for OWU was head coach Jay Martin’s 598th win which moves him into second place on the all-time, all-divisions victories list in men’s college soccer.

Wittenberg’s Shawn Doak scored the only goal for the Tigers throughout the game at the 5:02 mark making the score 1-0. Before Doak’s goal, OWU had not been scored on by Wittenberg in a regular-season game since October 12, 2002.

Freshman Mason Hoge said he is proud of the team.

“We responded to adversity very well, letting up the early goal we came right back and scored and didn’t look back,” Hoge said.

Four minutes following Doak’s goal, sophomore Jon Stegner scored for the Bishops tying up the game at 1-1. The Tiger’s lead ended there for the remainder of the game.

“I thought we played extremely well against Wittenberg last night,” said senior Steve Gobel. “Even though we gave up an early goal, we responded a few minutes later with the tying goal and then scored again shortly afterwards.”

In the 25th minute, Hoge sent the ball to freshman Colton Bloecher who then scored for OWU making it now a 2-1 lead for the Bishops. About ten

minutes after Blocher’s goal, in the 36th minute, Bryant shot and scored making the score 3-1. Senior Tyler Bryant also scored for the Bishops in the 65th minute when he sent the ball into the Tiger’s net making the final score 4-1.

“What was done well by the team was how we responded to their goal,” Bryant said. “It seemed to wake us up and we never looked back because after they scored we were on the front foot for the rest of the game which was great.”

The Bishops outshot the Tigers 27-4. OWU goalies, junior Paul Hendricks and Gobel had a combined 2 saves for the Bishop goal. Wittenberg’s Michael Lambeck and David Rea combined for 5 saves in theirs.

Gobel said he thinks they need to work on communication, especially in the back and they need to lessen their turnovers.

“Most of the time, teams get scoring opportunities against us when we make dumb passes from the back instead of playing it safe over the top,” he said.

The Bishops’ next home game is at 7 p.m. on Oct. 26 against Kenyon.

Bryant said that as the end of the season looms, the team needs to prepare most for every game and every team that we play from here on out.

“We need to not worry about postseason play just yet we still have a few regular season games to go,” he said. “We need to take it one game at a time.”



Photo by Cara Fowley

Senior Tyler Bryant dribbles the ball during the Bishops game against Wittenberg. Bryant scored one of the four Bishop Goals.

Women’s golf team satisfied, ready for spring season

By **Tori Morris**
Transcript Reporter

The Lady Bishops finished their fall season in a tournament on Oct. 8 and 9 and said they look forward to preparing for the spring season.

Ohio Wesleyan came in 12th place out of 15 teams at the Pat Clouse Invitational Tournament, hosted by Wittenberg last weekend in Springfield.

Washington (Mo.) came in first place with a two-day total of 610, DePauw came in second place at 633 and Wittenberg in third place at 642.

Freshman Sarah McQuade had the leading score for the Bishops and tied at 51st place with an individual score of 178 for both days. Freshman Courtney Tincher finished with a tie in 63rd place with a score of 187, and Freshman Allison Lichwa tied for 76th place with a score of 198.

Lichwa said she was happy with her performance.

“I thought I played well and my goal for the season was to break 100 in tournament play, which I did both days with a 99,” Lichwa said.

Freshman Katy Kecker finished in 80th place with a score of 204 for both days, and sophomore Alison Falk finished in 81st place with a score of 205 for both days.

Lichwa also said the team had room for improvement and learned what they need to work on.

“The team played ok but everyone has their ups and downs...we could play better than we did,” she said.

Lichwa said the tournament helped the team improve for the spring season.

“This will definitely help for the spring season because now we know what we need to work on individually and as a team,” she said.

Leaps and bounds of growth for women’s rugby

By **Alex Hooper**
Transcript Correspondent

Women’s rugby is not a varsity sport but players say through their hard work and commitment they are beginning to make a name for themselves on campus.

According to the OWU website, the women’s rugby team was restarted in 2009, after the death of their volunteer coach in 2007.

Because rugby is not a varsity sport they don’t have a head coach and players take turns running practices and matches.

Players on the team said that they have grown tremendously over the last three years as a team.

Junior Abigail Godfrey joined the team three years ago when she first enrolled at OWU, there hadn’t been a team the year before so a collective group of students started it from scratch.

Godfrey said as a team they

have had to teach themselves about the game and have learned a lot over the years.

“We kind of started it from scratch,” Godfrey said. “It was pretty rocky at first because none of us really knew what we were doing but we had a lot of fun teaching ourselves. The new rookies have no idea how lucky they are that there are people on the team that now know enough about rugby to be able to teach them. We have grown so much as a team both on the field and off. It has been pretty amazing to be a part of the progress.”

Godfrey said that running the team without a coach can be difficult at times but she is content with the way herself and the rest of her teammates have handled it.

“Running the team without a coach can be very challenging,” Godfrey said. It puts a lot of pressure upon the leadership of the team. We have a captain who is in charge of organizing things but essentially

there are five people who share all the work because it is a lot to expect from one person.”

The team has three experienced players who take turns running daily practices and a member who serves as a team manager; she organizes matches and hires referees for games. Junior Sophia Rogers serves as the team’s head captain to talk to referees before the game. But overall players said that leadership is a shared responsibility among each other.

Junior Gabriela Melgar said although they are not a varsity sport the rugby practice schedule is just as intense and demanding. She said the team practices for two hours a day: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday (if a match is not already scheduled).

They always begin practice with a one to two mile run, followed by stretching and then work on specific drills. Melgar said practices vary depend-

ing on who is running it for the day because everyone has their own style of teaching.

Melgar said a head coach would really help the team develop, and reach a potential that they are currently striving for.

“We do wish that we could afford a coach,” Melgar said. “I think we would be a much more solid team if we did have one. It would take the pressure off of the more experienced players to be coaches, so that everyone could focus on their own skill goals and working together as a team. But I am so proud of what we have accomplished in such a short amount of time and I really hope they the team continues for years and years to come.”

There are currently 22 varsity sports on campus and rugby is not one of them.

Godfrey said she is glad it’s not a varsity sport because she believes it would change the whole dynamic of the team.

“I don’t think I would have

played if it had been a varsity sport,” Godfrey said. “Mostly because they are a huge time commitment. Club sports are really great because you get out of them what you are able to put into them.

Everybody is really understanding of conflicts because we are all students. Our main goal is to have fun and we absolutely have a blast.”

Because rugby isn’t a varsity sport, players aren’t allowed to see the athletic trainers, use equipment or have access to the fields like the other teams. Godfrey said it’s hard to be taken seriously with these limitations.

“It would be nice if the school started taking us seriously,” Godfrey said. “Because we work just as hard and take ourselves just as seriously as some of the varsity sports. There is so much more to the sport than people think, I strongly urge people to come to our games and learn more about the sport.”

Volleyball youth finishing hard and ready to work in off season

By **Spenser Hickey**
Transcript Reporter

The Bishops’ Volleyball team played a total of nine games in the last week. The Bishop’s started this run of games facing Marietta, Hiram and Bethany on Oct. 7 and 8.

The team lost all three games in 3 sets each, but their 0-9 record didn’t reflect how close the games were.

Assistant Coach Dava Kaltnecker said she is proud of the team’s effort.

“Even though they got in a hole, they kept fighting and didn’t give up,” Kaltnecker said. “That’s difficult to do.”

Head Coach Taryn Haas said she was also proud of the team for their determination.

Their first game, against Marietta on the night of the 7, ended with scores of 25-21, 25-14 and 25-17.

Juniors Megan Weissenberger and Brittany Vickers, along with sophomore Katie Fain, bolstered the offense, while freshman Margaux Erilane led the bishops’ defense with four blocks.

“Our offense didn’t come through and allowed Marietta to go on several scoring runs,” Weissenberger said.

“The defense did well and tried to save us, but the offense was off a bit,” Fain said.

The Bishops game against Hiram saw a similar result, with the Bishops losing 25-12, 25-16 and 25-10.

Once again, Weissenberger, Vickers and Fain led the team on the offense. But the defense was caught off guard by the Terriers’ faster offensive style.

“The blocking wasn’t there and the defense wasn’t on the top of their game,” Weissenberger said. “But the team still hustled and tried their best.”

In the game against Bethany the Bishops lost



Photo courtesy of Brittany Vickers

The lady Bishops huddle together before the game. The Bishops are working hard under new head coach Taryn Haas and assistant Dava Kaltnecker and plan to continue into the off season.

the first set 25-12 before rallying back and narrowing the scores to 25-22 and 25-19.

Fain and Weissenberger both credited the offense and defense’s improvements in the third game as making the rally possible.

“Our offense was faster, and our defense was scrappy as well,” Weissenberger said. “Our intensity really picked up as we started the rally; it was self-perpetuating.”

Haas said she attributed the rally to the fusion of offense and defense that emerged in the third game.

“We found a lot of holes on offense, and made some great plays on defense as well,” she

said. “The rally showed that we don’t quit.”

Haas recognized Vickers, Fain, and Weissenberger’s roles in leading the team, also giving credit to freshman defensive specialist Alyse Conrad for her play in the back row. Vickers had 15 kills, 59 assists and 25 digs; Fain had 20 kills and 17 digs; Weissenberger had 21 kills and 27 digs, and Conrad contributed 11 digs to the defense.

The Bishops went on to play six more games the week of the 10th. They lost four conference games to Allegheny, Wooster, DePauw and Kenyon and two non-conferences matches against Bluffton and John Carroll.

Despite the losses, the team still has high hopes for the rest of the season and next year.

“We really hope we can end the season on a strong note,” Haas said.

The team will continue working together after the season ends, a fact both coaches stressed.

“We’ll be having spring practices in March and April where we’ll work on lifting, conditioning, playing and fundamentals,” Haas said. “We hope to get a lot of new recruits next year to add depth; competition will breed improvement and success.”

The team’s recruitment drive was already active: in addition to looking at top high school seniors from around the state and nation, they also work to build a presence in the Delaware community, hosting a summer camp for middle and high school students interested in volleyball.

Haas and Kaltnecker also said the team’s lack of seniors is a great for the future, as all the players will be returning next year.

“Even though we’re a young team now, that’s a huge advantage for the future because we’ll have the same players next year and more, which will help us rebuild and continue to improve,” Fain said.

In addition to their recruiting efforts and returning seniors next year, the coaches and players also credited the players’ camaraderie as one of the team strengths.

“Off-court we do a lot of activities, like team meals and meetings on the weekends,” Weissenberger said. “We also try to support each other’s activities,” she said, explaining how the whole team showed up when sophomore Middle Hitter Tamra Londot took part in Sigma Phi Epsilon’s belly flop fundraiser.

“We want the girls to have a fun season and come together as a team, both on and off the court,” Kaltnecker said.