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The early bird
 gets a better
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By Marissa Esber
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Students may now have incentive to wake up at 6 a.m.

The class registration system is going online this semester, giving students the opportunity to register for classes as early as 6 a.m. on the day beginning their registration week.

Registrar Shelly McMahon said the school chose to switch from paper registration forms to an online “cart” two years ago. The system is now active to register for the Spring 2012 semester.

McMahon said the system was changed to give “more functionality for the students.”

The new program on the OWU Self Service website not only gives students the opportunity to register online, but also for advisors to give authorization of schedules, McMahon said.

She said this is an important detail of the new system, because students are required to meet and talk with advisors before they can register.

“Advisors have more control over making sure students come to see them,” McMahon said.

McMahon said the online system makes it easier to search for classes, and also lets students know immediately if they are closed out of a class or have class overlap. Professors also get access to electronic class waitlists.

A big change from the paper system is that students are now able to register for classes on a first come, first serve basis. McMahon said that in previous years, the Registrar’s Office would just shuffle registration sheets and choose who registered first at random.

Now, after getting authorization from advisors, students can wake up on their registration date as early as 6 a.m. to sign up for the classes they put in their carts.

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WCSA election a run-off for top dogs



Clark
 By Brittany Vickers
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The WCSA elections ended in a run off for president and vice president positions between juniors Anthony McGuire and Carly Hallal, and Iftekhar Showpnil and Guanyi Yang.

Campaigning for run-offs begins Nov. 4 and elections will be held on Nov. 10.

Sophomore Martin Clark was voted the new secretary over sophomore Arlal Koiman, and junior Marshall Morris ran unopposed for the treasurer position. 25.3 percent of the student body voted in the election.

McGuire and Hallal campaigned on the basis of WCSA transparency and student participation.

“If elected, I would hope to bring more issues to the student body that people can feel passionately about and engage through an open dialogue,” McGuire said. “WCSA cannot be seen as an aloof, exclusive group.”

McGuire said he believes the power



McGuire and Hallal of the university “lies within the students” and hopes to provide an environment where they are able to “step up and voice their opinions on the grandest scale possible.”

Hallal, vice president candidate who partnered with McGuire, said they are looking to “make it easier for students to voice their concerns to us.”

She listed town hall meetings, referendums and the WCSA website as possible ways to reach out to students.

Yang and Showpnil both bring knowledge about the student body as second year RAs. They’re also focusing on creating a more transparent student government.

Yang said they also want to “keep on the tradition of WCSA [through] academic endeavors, healthy bishop movement, residential affairs and the environmental movement.”

In addition, Yang and Showpnil want to foster a feeling of community on campus if elected.

“We want to strengthen it as a bridge between the administration, board and



Showpnil and Yang the student body,” Yang said. “[To] develop a channel for students to voice their opinions and let the administration board hear what we need.”

In their campaign, Yang and Showpnil said they are looking to implement ideas which come directly from the student body.

Also running for president and vice president positions, respectively, were sophomores Chris Litzer and Jenna Rodcay.

“Every candidate brought something great to the floor and I’m happy for them,” Rodcay said.

Current president Sharif Kronemer said he has been happy with the campaigns so far.

“I have been in close contact with the WCSA Executive Position Candidates,” Kronemer said. “During the elections I emphasized that they run positive campaigns, respectful to all candidates.”

Kronemer said he felt all the candidates ran fair campaigns. He said he is sure either of these candidate groups



Morris will be “passionate and motivated,” and ready to take on the important responsibilities which come with the positions.

“Both Guanyi and Anthony come with several semesters of experience on WCSA that will be helpful in transition and consistency between administrations,” Kronemer said.

Kronemer said he has learned a lot from his experience as an officer and he hopes the new officers will come in with enthusiasm.

“Being in an executive position of WCSA is an extremely rewarding experience, which comes with plenty of responsibilities,” Kronemer said. “These individuals must be prepared to face concerns or debates that may arise at any time. These leaders must be prepared to vocalize steps for success, while remaining transparent throughout the process of resolution.”

Run-off elections will take place from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on Nov. 10, with McGuire and Hallal and Yang and Showpnil on the ballot.

The only thing scarier than tuition prices...



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For Somali immigrants, the American dream isn’t so dreamy

By Carly Shields
 Transcript Reporter

Ismail Ahmed said he is hoping for a new immigration policy to help refugees adjust to life in the United States during a speech on Oct. 25.

Ahmed is a Somali immigrant who came to the United States in 1999 and is now the principal of a Somali school in Columbus.

Ahmed came to the U.S. during a civil war that erupted in 1991 in Somalia. A mass amount of Somalis immigrated out of Somalia during this time, trying to find more opportunities and experiences in new places. But Ahmed said leaving Somalia and starting a new life in a different place was like changing worlds.

The 100,000 Somalis who have immigrated into America were moving into the east coast. Ahmed described the mass amount of immigrants in the 90s as a “wave” crashing into the east coast of America.

Ahmed said the immigration process as a whole could take anywhere from 10 to 12 years. Kenya has the largest refugee camps in Africa. Refugees have been either going into Europe, South America or North America.

Ahmed said it is difficult

to immigrate into America because there is no one to help immigrants find a place in this new, unknown world. People are just expected to do it, without any help, and expected to survive.

The airplane ticket to come to the country is just the first official price of immigrating to America. It’s the first loan in America people have and they must pay back the bill within the first three months of their lives in American.

Ahmed said a house in a rundown society is typically what is given to people, because such houses are cheap and easy to come by. After immigrants have settled in, they are expected to find work within the first eight months if they want to stay in the country.

After arriving in America, Ahmed said people are “apartment ridden” and do not want to leave because of the fear of what lies out in this new world.

But the refugee organizations, he said, expect them to call 10 companies a day and to record each company they have called so the organizations can keep an eye on the refugees and make sure they are searching for a job.

Ahmed said he found this “absurd” because people who

are in a new country and can not even speak English yet are supposed to call 10 companies a day and apply for jobs.

“I could not even get past my name before they would hang up on me,” Ahmed said.

Ahmed said immigrating was a difficult process because the lifestyles between Somalis and Americans are very different.

He said most Somalis do not know how to survive in this new environment where they typically have 8 children and are now living off a minimum wage of \$7.25. He said they must learn to be self-sufficient and rely solely on themselves.

In Somalia, Ahmed said Somali towns are more of a community where one could rely on their neighbors for help if they were in a time of need. But here in America, he said, the harsh and cut-throat environment is a tragic change for most Somalis.

He said most Somalis worry about when they will be able to make enough to be self-sufficient in this new world.

When immigrating to America, he said one loses all they had before: education, family, any previous job experience, everything. People are a blank canvas when walk-

ing into this country, he said, waiting to redo their entire lives, starting over with a price to pay.

For a typical Somali, he said, it takes 12 years to get a GED, between having to learn a whole new language, being able to feed oneself and other family members--if one has any--and keeping a job to be able to survive.

Not only do people have such pressures everyday in this new world, but he said one also has to deal with the issue of race in this “melting pot” of a country.

He said that since Sept. 11, 2001, Americans have looked at Somalis solely as Muslims and one must now change his or her name if they want to be able to keep a job and survive.

“For the first time in your life, you are now Muslim and black,” Ahmed said. “I have never introduced myself, Ismail Ahmed, the Muslim, black and African.”

According to Ahmed, Somali children are now being watched from the ages of 18 to 35 because of their heritage and their race--all due to the terrorism this country has faced in recent years.

He gave examples of the “typical American”--one who sits at Starbucks while drinking a grande skim latte and

reading the New York Times, one who needs 250 channels on their massive HD flat screen television, one who needs Pepsi products and caffeine to survive.

He said these things are foreign to Somali refugees.

“If you continue to practice your culture in a new place, does that make you anti-American?” Ahmed said.

He said people constantly ask him to conform and he faces the expectations of knowing all American aspects of pop culture, media, religion, English and politics.

He said it can also be difficult because children of immigrants often become embarrassed by their “outdated parents” and grow apart from them.

He said it is easier for children to adapt to the new culture because they are still discovering who they are and don’t have the same traditional roots their parents may have been living with for years.

He said immigrants need the energy that is applied to watching over their every move to instead be applied to providing them with assistance and guidance. With this, he said, immigrants would feel much more welcome in America.

Issues 1, 2 and 3 – A guide to the elections

By Spenser Hickey
Transcript Correspondent

In Ohio, the main focus of the Nov. 8 elections will be on three state issues, each of which has caused some controversy.

Ohio Issue 1 deals primarily with the State Supreme Court, and would raise the maximum age for a judicial appointment from 70 to 75.

It would also abolish the General Assembly’s ability to create Courts of Conciliation, courts specifically devoted to resolving spousal issues, and repeal the Governor’s constitutional ability to create a 5-person commission to vote whether cases should be on the Supreme Court’s docket.

The argument for Issue 1 says that the judicial appointment age should be raised, on the basis of improved quality of life and higher mental stability since the last changes to the law in the 1970s, and would ensure that judicial appointees still had a sound mind and body, given the rigorous disciplinary system.

The argument against Issue 1, however, says raising the age will “burden the courts with some judges whose best years are behind them.”

It also says the two other

changes, concerning Courts of Conciliation and the Commissions, should have been a separate issue, which would easily pass without creating controversy over the appointment age.

“The Issue would continue the Republicans’ 6-to-1 majority in the State Supreme Court for another 5 years,” said sophomore Karli Amstadt, president of College Democrats.

When asked about the issue, sophomore Tim Alford, College Republicans’ president, said he was neutral and unsure of his position.

Ohio Issue 2 has attracted the most controversy, with ads opposing it frequently seen on television and the internet.

It was organized to repeal Senate Bill 5, and would require a majority of ‘no’ votes to do so. SB 5, if upheld, would severely restrict the collective bargaining rights of public employees, such as teachers, firefighters, and police officers, and eliminate their ability to go on strike.

Officially, SB 5’s aim is to reduce the budget, though there have been allegations that its real purpose is to break up public unions.

Tim Alford said while the official Republican posi-

tion supports SB 5, there has been significant division in the ranks when it comes to public employees and their families, who would be directly affected and oppose SB 5.

“It comes down to personal views, rather than the party platform,” Tim said. “The best thing people can do is read the text of the bill and try to understand it.”

The Democratic position, however, is firmly opposed to SB 5, a fact Karli Amstadt made clear.

“I have major problems with it,” said Karli. “It would take away union members’ right to collective bargaining, ban strikes, and reduce the amount of sick leave for teachers from 3 weeks to 2. When it comes to the budgetary concerns it’s meant to address, it wouldn’t even be effective.”

Issue 3, voted onto the ballot by popular petition, is a direct response to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, commonly referred to as ‘Obama Care,’ and would seek to prevent the enforcement of the health care reforms in Ohio, making it illegal for any citizen of the state to be compelled to take part in a health care system.

Tim Alford said the majority of Republicans support

the issue. However he also pointed out that several of the Republican Presidential candidates proposed variations on Obama Care, recognizing the need for some sort of health care reform.

“It’s pretty crazy,” Amstadt said. “It would freeze health-care laws the way they are and prevent future reform. If people read what’s actually in it, they won’t vote for it.”

Alford and Amstadt agreed that even if the Issue is passed, it will likely be overturned by the Supreme Court as an attempt at reviving nullification and a violation of federal sovereignty. Nullification was a political theory in the early 19th century that states could invalidate a federal law they believed unconstitutional, and was a main argument for continuing slavery. The theory of nullification was disproven by the Civil War, however, and has rarely been used since.

Amstadt also voiced her support for Delaware City’s emergency school levy.

“They have a lot of really good programs, like English as Second Language (ESL) classes, which they’d lose if they don’t get more funding. We need to invest in our schools to keep the community strong.”

Former students appointed to the Board of Trustees

By Kathleen Dalton
Transcript Reporter

New Appointees to the Board of Trustees hope to share their own passions and expertise in working to improve OWU.

New trustee members said they are excited to continue their involvement at OWU through board positions.

Anand Phillip (‘00) said he decided to become a board of trustees member due to the fantastic experiences he had at OWU.

He said he has sought to continue this involvement in the school ever since his graduation. Phillip hosted students for the Economics Management Fellows Program and helped organize his class’s 10-year reunion.

Kathy Boles Smith (‘71) said she is impressed by OWU’s faculty and administration and the programs they create for students.

She said she wishes to be a part of these programs, while continuing to support OWU and “its mission to prepare students to succeed in today’s

world.” She said she believes OWU is a “family” and was honored to remain a part of this family in a more involved way through her position on the board.

Dan Glazer (‘82) said he was impressed by President Rock Jones’ vision for the future of Ohio Wesleyan and wished to continue his involvement in the school’s activities. Glazer was based overseas and Jones travelled to visit him several times. Glazer said he is honored to have been asked to be a trustee for the school. Smith, Phillip and Glazer’s involvement at OWU reflects their personal career and interests.

“As a parent and former high school teacher and counselor, I have long been interested in secondary and higher education,” Smith said. “I know that OWU’s liberal arts curriculum, small-student-teacher ratio and extra-curricular opportunities all contributed to an environment that really helped me learn the skills and gain the confidence I needed to succeed professionally.”

Smith said she is committed to helping ensure the “first-rate” education she received at OWU is supported in today’s changing and complex world.

Phillip served on the boards of large private and public companies, which Phillip said aided him to develop skill sets useful for working on the board.

Glazer said he is also able to utilize his business experience in working for the board.

“I have spent the past 30 years in the business world focused on issues of growth, innovation, task management and risk management... I bring those perspectives to the board,” Glazer said.

Phillip and Smith are able to focus on particular issues though their work on the board.

Phillip works on marketing, university relations and university investment while Smith works with out-of-classroom activities for students and improving student housing and campus facilities.

Smith said she goes about her position with a particular goal to keep “OWU gradu-

ates informed about life at OWU...and find meaningful ways for them to reconnect to their alma mater.”

Chloe Hamrick (‘11) was elected to serve on the board of trustees, and has been able to recently work on changes to OWU housing, a topic she feels passionate about.

Hamrick said she has been able to meet alums and trustees who share her passion for OWU through her work on the board.

According to Hamrick, the board has focused on “ways to continue to improve OWU, namely ways to make life best for current students.”

Hamrick has been able to bring the prospective of a young alumni and student to the board.

She said she is pleased with the Stuyvescent Hall renovation and the improvements in Hayes Hall this year. “I think residential life overall at OWU will improve dramatically over the next several years,” Hamrick said.

These improvements, she said, began with the Stuy renovation.

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McMahon said this system leaves registration “more up to the student.”

“I think it’s fair,” she said.

Registration dates are determined based on grade level, with students of senior standing registering first. If students choose not to rise early, they are still able to register for the duration of the week, McMahon said.

McMahon said that because it is a new

system, it’s requiring a lot of work. However, she said she was excited, and that it will be great when people are used to it.

She said it was “helping to bring the university forward.”

Sophomore Caroline Roy said she agreed about the newness of the system.

“I think it’s going to take some getting used to by professors and students,” she said.

Roy said she was happy with the system, however.

“I like how you put all of your classes in a cart so you and your advisor can see it online,” she said.

Roy also said: “it’s easy to have everything in one place.”

McMahon said the new system is ultimately for the benefit of the students.

“I really hope this will make students’ lives easier,” she said.

McMahon said she encourages students to come to the Registrar’s Office with questions.

Weekly Public Safety Reports

October 24-30, 2011

Oct. 26 12:22 a.m. - Public Safety dispatched to Bashford Hall on a report of an injured person. The student was transported to Grady Hospital ER by Delaware EMS and later released.

Oct. 26 1:37 p.m. – Delaware Fire Department dispatched to Stuyvesant Hall on a construction fire. The fire was extinguished with minimal damage.

Oct. 26 4:40 p.m. – A female OWU student filed a report with Public Safety after being followed by a middle-aged white male while walking on Rowland Avenue. Investigation is ongoing.

Oct. 27 2:45 a.m. – Delaware EMS was dispatched to the Welch Hall parking lot on an injury report. The injured non-OWU student was transported to Grady Hospital for treatment.

Oct. 28 1:00 a.m. – Public Safety dispatched to Hayes Hall on a suspicious person report. A search of the interior and exterior of the building failed to locate the individual.

Oct. 29 2:45 a.m. – Delaware EMS transported an OWU student from Welch Hall to Grady Hospital ER. Student was treated and later released.

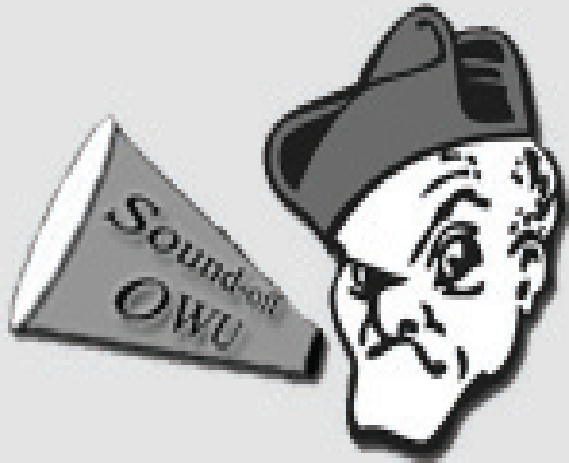
Oct. 29 3:40 a.m. – Delaware EMS transported an OWU student from Bashford Hall to Grady Hospital ER. Student was treated and later released.

Oct. 29 3:45 a.m. – during a routine campus patrol, Public Safety officers discovered the door to the rear entrance of the Welch kitchen open. A check of the area revealed that food had been scattered across the floor and countertops. Investigation is ongoing.

Oct. 30 2:30 p.m. – Public Safety received a report from an OWU student on the theft of a cell phone. The student stated that the phone was first discovered missing while at a local establishment during the early morning hours this date. A report was filed with the Delaware City Police Department.

Oct. 30 2:33 a.m. – Public Safety officers assisted Delaware City Police after an OWU student was assaulted in the vicinity of 14 South Sandusky Street. The injured student was transported to Gray Hospital ER for treatment and later released.

Oct. 30 3:09 a.m. – Public Safety dispatched to Hayes Hall on welfare concern. The student was transported to Grady Hospital ER for treatment and later released.



What can the new WCSA executive officers do to improve OWU?

"I'm pretty darn happy."

-Veronica Duff, '14



"More communication. More transparency. More professionalism."

-Matt Hill, '13



"Communication--they need to respond to student e-mails and if you ask for money, you need to tell us where this money is going."

-Tiffany Saultz, '12



"They need to work on gender neutral housing."

-Sidney Kochman, '13



"They should fund a chess club."

-Jack Fiquett, '13



Soles4Souls offers assistance one step at a time

By Eric Tiffit
Transcript Reporter

What do you do with your old, worn out tennis shoes? Think twice before you throw them in the trash bin down the hall; one club on campus recently took an initiative to collect old shoes for those in need.

Progress OWU, a club at Ohio Wesleyan focused on community service, teamed up with the Sustainability Task Force to organize Soles-4Souls in conjunction with Nike’s Reuse-A-Shoe Program.

Students can donate old shoes to bins on the first floor of each residential hall. Shoes that are in good enough condition to be reused are distributed to people who need shoes within the United States and around the world. Shoes which are not in good condition are sent to Nike’s Reuse-A-Shoe Program.

Nike’s Reuse-A-Shoe program takes old, worn out tennis shoes and turns those into rubber to be used for tracks, athletic fields and playground surfaces.

Junior Ngoc Tran, a recycling educator, said she learned about Nike’s Reuse-A-Shoe program when she heard about Nike installing a playing field made entirely out of used tennis shoes in her home country of Vietnam.

She then brought the idea to the Sustainability Task Force to work side-by-side with Progress OWU’s Soles4Souls program.

“I was surprised at the amount of shoes being thrown away at the end of each school year,” Tran said. “I really hope that OWU can take one more step in becoming a greener campus by hosting shoe drives.”

The shoe drive began in September and will end at the completion

of the Fall 2011 semester said senior Sara Zeller, president of Progress OWU.

“Progress OWU is usually focused on alleviating local poverty through service,” Zeller said. “However, we also take on national and international issues such as this shoe drive.”

The shoe drive has brought in about 35 pairs of shoes. The first batch of shoes were donated on Monday, and the second batch will be sent in December, Zeller said.

“The most important message I want to deliver to OWU’s students is there are plenty of things that can be recycled instead of being thrown away,” Tran said. “A pair of shoes that don’t fit you anymore can cover the feet of a poor child, and your worn-out sneakers can provide a sports field to support the potential athletes in underserved communities.”



Photo courtesy of ProgressOWU

The above image is featured on posters advertising the Soles4Souls program. The soles of donated tennis shoes are deconstructed and used to create playing fields in countries where they need it most. To donate your old shoes to the fundraiser or find out how you can help in other ways, contact a member of Progress OWU.

Immigrants face stereotypes VIVA collaborates to feed OWU

Cox mediates discussion on “American Way”

By Carly Shields
Transcript Reporter

Sophomore Amanda Cox, member of the Modern Foreign Language House, held a discussion on immigration rights for her house project on Oct. 24.

Cox mediated the discussion, asking students to consider the reason for stereotypes of immigration in America, the idea that Americans must maintain their “American Way”, the portrayed images of immigrants in media and the concept and idea of race and prejudice and when it began.

The group discussed the media’s role on immigration and the way television shows portray immigrants as largely uneducated, underprivileged and struggling to make ends meet.

The group that gathered at Corns on Monday night was small, but managed to discuss the topic of illegal immigra-

tion, the border between Mexico and U.S., the history of immigration and ways we can help maintain immigration in America and the ways we can change the immigration system and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The group talked about whether or not America has become decentralized and how people are afraid to hear the unpleasant truth of the mass amount of Mexicans dying each year from trying to cross the border.

They discussed the role people’s emotions partake in such events and how they often don’t want to hear the gruesome truth occurring every day.

The groups discussed how ethics has always played a major role in media but when does the duty to inform the public play a role?

When and where do we know to draw the line between ethics and news reporting?

Junior Kamila Goldin said she was very excited by the discussion Monday night.

“I thought that it was a really interesting discussion, and I was impressed with how passionate the participants were, and how willing people were to express doubts and outrage and differing opinions,” Goldin said.

Cox, a double major in French and Linguistics, said she came to Ohio Wesleyan with an interest in human rights protection.

This discussion, she said, allowed her to learn more.

“I was focused on immersing myself in civil rights and black world studies, but then expanded my studies into Latin America and Hispanic issues,” Cox said.

“I enjoy getting people activated in issues and getting to the root of why people think a certain way, believe a certain way and are a certain way--the root of human nature.”

By Elyse Charlton
Transcript Correspondent

A luncheon provided Ohio Wesleyan students and faculty a taste of Latin America last week.

The luncheon was part of an on-going chain of events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. It took place at noon on Friday in the Benes Rooms of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

Tables were jazzed up with tablecloths, cloth napkins and silverware, and held an array of vividly colored food.

Senior Kamila Goldin said the menu represented cuisine of various Latin American countries.

She and sophomore Hazel Barrera are executive board members of VIVA, the Latin American culture club. VIVA partnered with the club Horizontos International and the Citizens of the World (COW) house to host the luncheon.

Chartwells prepared the meal. Goldin and Barrera said

they had sent Chartwells the recipes, which they had found online, to make sure the food represented a diversity of cultures.

“The idea was to broaden people’s ideas about Latin American food,” Goldin said. “It’s not all just ‘Tex-Mex’.”

Dishes included cucumber and avocado salad, sweet potatoes, a Haitian chicken dish and rum cake.

The cost of the lunch was five food points. Sign-in sheets were set on the tables, allowing students to pay. Everyone was encouraged to donate extra to help support club activities.

A documentary Goldin and Barrera helped make about Latin American identity at OWU was intended as part of the luncheon.

The women started to present it, but had difficulty getting the speakers to work.

After unsuccessful attempts to make the film more audible, they decided not to show it and assured the diners it would be

available to watch on Facebook.

The documentary features OWU students talking about their heritage and identity as members of the Latin American community.

Goldin and Barrera said the idea for the documentary came to them during a VIVA meeting.

“We thought the topic of identity was a cool thing, and we said, ‘let’s make a documentary,’” Goldin said.

Goldin also said the OWU community should keep an eye out for upcoming events. VIVA will be involved with other activities related to Hispanic Heritage Month, she said.

The national recognition of the celebration technically ended earlier this month, but at OWU the events will continue into early November.

Barrera said VIVA displayed an altar in the Ham-Will atrium on Nov. 2, in honor of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

Bloggin’ Bishops: Browne brings big cats and big dreams to Tumblr

By Alexis Williams
A&E Editor

Junior Kristen Browne has found Tumblr to be the perfect place to share her thoughts and dreams.

Her blog, “Somnians” which means “dreamer” in Latin features posts ranging from quotes to animals to food to friends.

“It’s a lot of my day-to-day random, stupid thoughts,” she said. “Like I posted about Pop Tarts earlier.”

Browne joked that though “Somnians” might be too scattered, she does not mind the mess.

“These are the random thoughts of a bipolar child,” she said. “Welcome. I am bipolar actually.”

The zoology major also minors in classics, which she said influences some of her posts as well.

“I’ve posted some things

on my blog in Latin so I guess it applies,” she said. “I’m such a nerd.”

However, Browne said her nerdiness shines most in her posts about animals.

“Puppies,” she said. “I’m notorious for posting pictures of puppies and other furry, little creatures. I’m clearly a zoology major.”

“Somnians” features pictures of painted fingernails, landscapes and photographs Browne has taken herself.

“I do a lot of nature photography on my own,” she said. “I like to post a lot of nature photography because I like being outside.”

Though Browne has 51 people following her, she said follower requests aren’t always a form of flattery.

“I don’t like when people are like Oh my god, totes follow me,” she said.

“I’m against shameless self-promotion for followers.

I don’t care who reads my stuff.”

Rather than venturing to the depths of the worldwide web to look at blogs, Browne said she prefers more familiar territory.

“I actually follow a bunch of people that I know,” she said. “There are only two that I don’t know. One is ‘The Big Cat Blog’ and it’s literally just pictures of big cats and relevant stories about the cat community.”

For Browne, big cats play a big part in her future career plans.

“I want to work in tiger conservation,” she said. “Basically be a vet with a tiger conservation organization.”

“I’ve wanted to be a vet since I was five. I went back



Kristen Browne

and forth about doing equine or doing zoo animals and I finally decided that I want to do large cats.”

At the top of the opening page of “Somnians”, next to an icon of Browne, is a quote from the song, “Everything’s easy” by folk-rock band Girlyman. The quote reads, “Still on most days I hear myself say everything’s easy.”

“That’s one of my favorite quotes from them,” she said.

“I feel like we always bitch about life and things but still at the end of the day, everything’s easy.”

Browne said her blog has become a form of procrastination and a slight addiction.

“I post a lot of things that

go on at OWU or in class,” she said. “Or like my roommate said this, or my housemate said that. A lot about how I don’t want to do my school work, typical college.”

Amidst the various blogging sites, Browne said she chose Tumblr because of its’ simplicity.

“I had a couple of friends who had Tumblrs and I knew I wanted an online blog,” she said.

“It’s easy to use because you literally press a button for texts, pictures or to put in a URL. I don’t have time for things that are complicated.”

This easy, breezy blogger tends to stumble across the pictures she posts on “Somnians” from one main source.

“If I’m using StumbleUpon, like if I find a picture, I’ll post it on Tumblr,” she said. “It’s a website you can sign up for and they give you a list of random things and

you click the boxes of things that you like and save the pictures. It’s such a good procrastination tool.”

Most recently, Browne said she discovered the tagging feature on Tumblr. This allows posts to be grouped together so they are easier to categorize.

“Now I’m tagging everything,” she said. “There’s a little box on the side when you’re making posts and you can write words about what your post or pictures are about.”

Next to the picture of Browne, she wrote: “This is for when I feel too full, when I’m going to overflow.

This is for when I just want to talk. This is for laughter, for tears, for smiles, for anger, for musings, for questions. This is to help me find myself.”

To find out more about Browne and her blog visit somnians.tumblr.com

OWAC strives to bring student-athlete community together

By Alex Hooper
Transcript Correspondent

Members of the Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Council (OWAC) said the organization is helping to bring the student athlete community together and doing positive things on campus.

OWAC is exclusive to athletes, but any athlete is welcome to attend meetings. Traditionally, each team has two athletes nominated by their coaches to be an OWAC representative, which involves attending meetings to discuss any issues relevant to the student-athlete experience.

Senior Katarina Enders said she has been involved in OWAC since her freshman year, originally she was the NCAC conference representative, and she is now the

President of OWAC and the vice president of the NCAC SAAC.

Enders said the program has grown since she started here.

“I think OWAC is always improving,” Enders said. “We have recently restructured in a hope to get more people involved and invested. I think with the additional funding we have received from our administration we should be able to accomplish a lot more this year.”

Enders said the goals OWAC plans to accomplish this year are “threefold.” They want to unify the student-athlete population, serve as a voice for student athletes and to provide service to the local community. In order to meet these goals, the organization is split into three committees:

Social, Ethics and Community Service.

Each committee is headed up by a different member of OWAC. Enders currently serves as the head of the ethics committee.

Enders said she is establishing the newly formed Ethics Committee in “hopes to improve the image of the student-athlete on campus and also educate student-athletes about issues pertinent to them.”

As head of the ethics committee, she attends conferences and discusses issues with the group so that the representatives can go back to their coaches and teams and share the information.

Sophomore Jenna Ortega is the head of the service committee. She said she volunteered to be in charge of the

committee because she has experience planning events, and the previous student in the position graduated last year.

Ortega said the purpose of the committee is to get OWAC and all other athletes involved in service projects. The largest and most well known event the committee puts on is the Bishop Champion Games which is a track and field event that is held for Special Olympic athletes in the spring. The event has been recognized at the national level as an exemplary service event. Members of OWAC and other athletes help out with this event to make it possible.

“We have gotten a few Special Olympic athletes to come support several athletic competitions,” Ortega said. “We also want to get the Special Olympic athletes more

involved in our OWU athletic community by coming out to support our teams, doing a possible coin toss or even a first pitch at a game. We want our members of OWAC to get more involved and plan more events for the OWU community.”

Ortega said currently her committee has ten members and in the past there has not always been as much involvement but she is hoping to turn that around with the new group of members this year.

Senior Natalie Fisher is head of the Social Committee. She said their goal is to hold events on campus so that the community gets to know its athletes as well as create a bond within the student-athlete community.

“It seems like many of the teams on campus don’t know

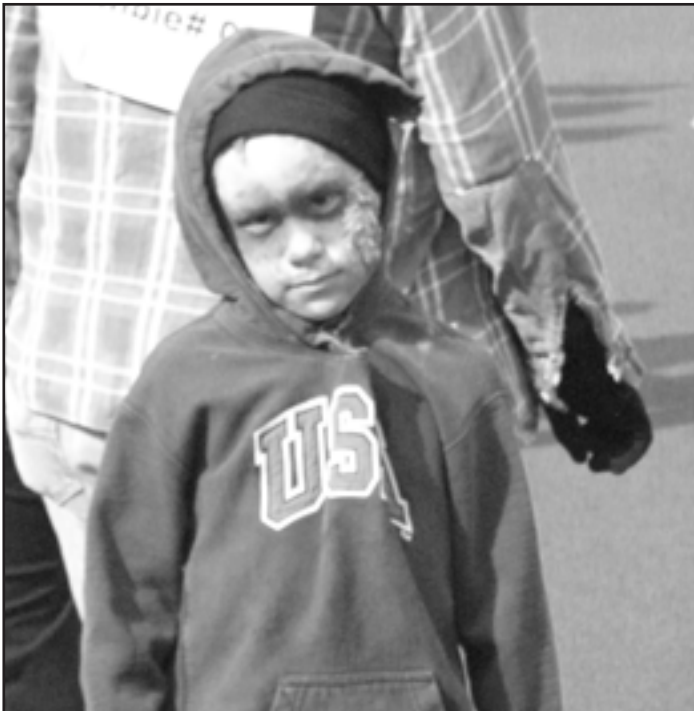
each other,” Fisher said. “In this committee we plan events so different teams can interact with each other and break some stereotypes they may have about one another.”

Fisher said this is a fairly new committee to OWAC but she plans to hold some fun events in the future as well as create fundraising opportunities for sports teams on campus.

At a typical meeting they review updates from each of the committees and discuss any issues relevant to the student-athlete experience.

“OWAC is a great place for athletes to voice their concerns about their experience on our campus,” Enders said “It’s an opportunity for student athletes to get involved in their OWU community and really make a difference.”

Zombies rise from the Dead during Delaware's Hazardous Materials Exercise



Photos by Paul Gruber
Clockwise from above: Zombies played by students reach between the bars of their containment in Selby Stadium; A child definitely looks the zombie part, hungry stare and all; looks like a not so happy end for this bride and groom zombie couple; the Delaware Fire Department treated this exercise in containment with care and precision; two children walk through the 'rain' in their zombie costumes; a zombie participant poses for the camera, showing off the plaque he received for Best Make-Up for this year's drill.



Trick or Treat Street 2011

Trick or Treat Street, an OWU tradition allowing local kids a safe place to obtain sweets and screams on Halloween, gives students the opportunity to have some creative and spooky fun. Far right: Students at the House of Peace & Justice's Haunted Construction Site prepare for the trick or treaters. Right: A student at the Women's House waits in the cupboard under the stairs to pop out at unsuspecting children. Their theme this year was the Wild West.



Chi Phi haunted house provides fun and screams for all



Photos by Taylor Rivkin
Students get ready to participate in the 27th annual Chi Phi haunted house. The house is open to OWU students as well as the community. Left: Be cautious turning corners in this haunted house, you never know what might be sitting there. Above: A student practices scaring students as she decorates the haunted house. Right: Chained and bloody zombies may be the least of your worries on this haunted tour.

The Battling Bishop: The origin of a fierce mascot

By Hannah Urano
Transcript Correspondent

A determined looking bishop may usually be spotted cheering at sporting events. His grimacing mug appears on flags all over campus. The image of a smug looking bishop is even common on Ohio Wesleyan apparel.

Despite it’s prevalence on campus, the origin of OWU’s mascot, “The Battling Bishop,” is a mystery to most students, including freshman Chelcie Miller.

“I have no idea why OWU is called the Battling Bishops, I would assume it’s because of the school’s religious affiliation, but I’m just guessing,” Miller said.

According to the university’s website, “The Battling Bishop” was adopted as the school’s mascot in 1925. The website goes on to explain that prior to this date, OWU was known as “The

Black and Reds” or occasionally, “The Methodists.”

The website states that in April of 1925, Phi Delta Epsilon journalism fraternity held a contest to name the school’s new mascot. “The Battling Bishop,” submitted by senior Harold Thomas, proved to be the most popular entry and was selected as the winning nickname.

After that, the new mascot was “placed before the sports writers of the state as the teams’ official title.” From that point on, OWU has been known as the Battling Bishops and over the years, the mascot has evolved into what is known today.

In 2010, the Battling Bishop mascot costume was given a new look.

According to a blog entry on the Connect2 OWU website by Andrea Misko Strle (’99), this “much needed” transformation resulted in a “more expressive” Bishop who was “not grin-

ning, but also not as stern as OWU’s trademark logo shows.”

The story said many campus offices and student groups were consulted to determine the Battling Bishop’s new look.

As a prospective student, freshman Will McNamara said his first impression of the mascot was not positive.

“My first thought was that it was a funny mascot because it wasn’t intimidating at all, or like any other mascot,” he said. “Then [after seeing the picture] I thought it was really funny because it is just so goofy looking.”

Freshman Hannah Walls said she agreed with McNamara’s initial impression of the bishop.

“When I think Battling Bishop I think of an angry religious person,” Walls said. “I don’t think it’s intimidating at all.”

McNamara said he believed the concept of a

“Battling Bishop” is an oxymoron.

“I always though bishops were supposed to be peaceful,” he said, jokingly.

McNamara, who is a member of the football team, also said that he does not feel that, as an athlete, he represents the Battling Bishops.

“I feel more like I represent OWU as a school because we don’t have a bishop on our uniforms, we don’t even say ‘go bishops’ or anything, we have OWU chants instead,” he said.

Regardless of the fact that they described the mascot as “boring” and “weird,” Miller, Walls and McNamara said they all agree they wouldn’t want to change the mascot because it’s something which is unique to OWU.

According to an internet poll sponsored by a United Methodist group, the Battling Bishop won the award for best church-related mascot in July of this year.

King lecture highlights polarization of upcoming elections

By Suzanne Samin
Transcript Reporter

The Mock Convention continues to build momentum after holding its second event-- “U.S. Political Polarization and the 2012 Elections.”

David King, lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, led the lecture, which took place on Oct. 28.

Ohio Wesleyan professors of politics and government, Joan McLean and Craig Ramsay, joined him.

It was the second of four lectures leading up to the Mock Convention, which will be held in February.

King, whose daughter attends OWU, said he was enthused to deliver his lecture on how political polarization will affect the 2012 elections.

His first point illustrated that “so much of politics ends up being about our belief systems, about what we think is morally right or wrong.”

Using charts and examples he drew on a chalkboard, King explained that our belief systems and how we feel about the government in general would affect how we vote--and this will oftentimes not be on the median.

He also said the nation is a representative republic, and some people choose to be involved in politics, but many do not.

“Almost everyone in here cares a little about politics and a lot about one or two things,” he said.

Using the example of gun control, King said even though more people in the U.S. than less want stricter gun

control laws, they will not get them because of the difference in preference and intensity.

The people who want stricter gun control laws put the issue at a low priority. The people who want to keep their guns put it at a very high priority.

Therefore, despite more people in the U.S. wanting tighter gun control, they probably will not get it because they do not take the issue as seriously as people who want to keep their guns.

King said this interaction between intensity and preference needs to be taken into account when considering elections.

He said most of the candidates and people who take action in these situations would come not from the median, but from the more intense sides.

He said political activity is a choice, and if you say you do not have intense feelings about anything, you probably will not get the vote.

“The middle of the distribution is not that powerful of a place to be,” he said. “You don’t hear many people say, I’m a passionate moderate.”

He said most people who become politically active are normal, everyday people who become activated by highly intense preferences on a single issue.

King introduced the audience to a concept called, “the number.” If someone is running for office they are oftentimes asked what their “number” is: the number of votes they need to get in order to win.

He said politicians are going to do

their best to get their number. They don’t need to appeal to everyone and touch the masses.

King said they cannot normally, because they are on a budget. So, they need to appeal to enough people just to get their number.

“In the process of getting your number, a campaign is not about democracy,” he said. “Candidates are not about democracy. Parties are not about democracy. They’re about getting the damn number.”

He said candidates are going to appeal to those who feel strongly about certain key issues because they are the ones who will help them reach their number.

Where polarization comes in, King said, is that over time we have seen a shift in the two parties. The democrats and republicans have become more ideologically pure. He said the big reason was race--specifically the African American community.

The way race factored into politics in 1932 changed in 1960 because of the Civil Rights Act. He said after it was passed, the location of the Republican Party shifted to the south and west as they became more conservative and southern.

Likewise, the democratic base moved north as democrats became more liberal. Before this, he explained, the Republican Party was more liberal than the Democratic Party.

According to King, this process is continuing as the parties become more and more ideologically pure.

King said there is a seven point

scale for party affiliation: strong democrat, democrat, independent democrat, independent, independent republican, republican and strong republican.

He said many of the polls taken using these scales showed that moderates are more reliable voters than those who consider themselves to be strong democrats or republicans.

He then applied all of the theories and processes he talked about to looking at the 2012 election. He said Mitt Romney, republican and 70th governor of Massachusetts, is relatively moderate and may stand a chance against Obama.

However, those who are more conservative will push for other candidates, or the “Not-Romney crowd.”

If one of these “Not-Romney” candidates gets the nomination, given the extreme ideologies of these candidates, it will turn into what King called a “blood bath for the Republican Party,” and Obama will win.

McLean said the media also plays into this polarization because they tend to publicize these more radical candidates over the more moderate ones.

Taking this point into consideration, King said consuming the media right now is like, “drinking out of a fire hose.”

According to King, “your job as a citizen is to take everything you believe as a hypothesis. Seek out information that challenges your assumptions.”

King concluded by saying, so long as Romney does not get the republi-

can nomination, he is willing to bet money that Obama will win re-election.

King took time to answer questions at the end of the lecture. One member of the audience asked him if he felt Washington was broken, and he said he believed it was.

Senior Kristen Suarez said she found the lecture enlightening.

“I actually thought it was really interesting,” she said. “I expected it to be kind of boring because I’m not really interested in polarization, but it was good. I liked his graphics and drawings. He was really interesting. He was easy to follow.”

Upon reflection on King’s words, McLean said she thinks the subject of polarization within elections is important to consider.

“Well I think what Professor King was able to do is in a very brief time show why polarization is in effect but why it can also be counterbalanced as we hear more about what the distinct differences are,” McLean said. “But, in this primary cycle, the candidates are talking to their sides, so to speak, and it’ll be the general election where it’ll be figured out which one of them is skilled enough to find the middle. And then media impact, you can’t dismiss it, because if they emphasize polarization because it’s a much more interesting story, then we’re going to be skewed as to what’s at stake.

The event was sponsored by the Arneson Institute for Practical Politics, Mock Convention 2012 and the department of politics and government.

OWU students Up ‘Til Dawn to raise funds and awareness

By Samantha West
Transcript Correspondent

Students are working together to fight childhood cancer, led by the student-run group Up ‘Til Dawn.

The group concentrates on fundraising for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and kicked up its efforts last week during what it has dubbed “Up ‘Til Dawn Awareness Week.”

The group set up a table during the lunch hour in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, where they gave out cards with information about Up ‘Til Dawn. Taped to the cards were candy Lifesavers.

“Help save lives,” the group members said.

At the table they also informed students about their event on Nov. 29. Students who participate will bring the names and addresses of 50 family members or friends, and will fill out form

letters asking for donations to St. Jude. There will also be free food, raffle prizes and games, said Up ‘Til Dawn president senior Erin Clayton.

The event costs \$5 to attend.

“It is so important to raise money with this hospital because it takes \$1.7 million a day to operate,” Clayton said. “[The hospital] is run pretty much run off our donations because they never turn a family away for inability to pay.”

Group members went dorm-to-dorm this week collecting donations of spare change and food points.

Up ‘Til Dawn is a national organization specifically for college students who want to help St. Jude, according to junior Ellen Defenderfer, the group’s fundraising chair.

“We have a representative from the hospital’s fundraising department who works with our group to make sure that we have the resources we need,” she said.

Defenderfer said the hospital provides fundraising materials, such as t-shirts, posters and information cards.

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital has been in operation since 1962. The hospital’s website lists the different kinds of cancer in which they have made breakthroughs--one of the more dramatic examples is acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a cancer of the blood. Since the hospital’s opening, 5-year survival rates of this cancer have increased from 4 percent to 94 percent.

Several Up ‘Til Dawn members have personal ties to cancer.

“My younger sister was diagnosed with cancer three years ago, so obviously children’s cancer research is a cause very close to my heart,” Defenderfer said.

The founder of OWU’s Up Til’ Dawn, Alexa Von derEmbse (’11), also had a sister who was a patient at St. Jude’s.

For more information or to register for the letter-writing event, students may visit www.myuptildawn.org.

Senior offers Spanish education to youth

By Tim O’Keeffe
Transcript Correspondent

Senior Madeline Hargas is preparing the next generation of America’s youth for a more interconnected world by teaching Spanish to children at Ohio Wesleyan’s Early Childhood Center.

Hargas works with three different classes of four and five year olds, helping them to learn the Spanish language.

“The mission of my teaching is to introduce the Spanish language and help my students get a grasp of and enthusiasm for the language,” she said.

Another teaching aide, junior Mhaya Harrison, said she admires Hargas for her effort.

“This age group is particularly hard to

have them focus for enough time to teach a lesson,” Harrison said. “[Hargis] does a great job by using TPR to keep the kids active while having them learn Spanish.”

Hargas’ efforts don’t stop when she finishes her lesson. She integrates Spanish into the teacher’s lesson plans by having the question of the day be in Spanish, and also by labeling certain objects around the school in Spanish.

Senior Holly Gillbert, also a teacher’s aide, said she thinks the program is great for the children.

“Kids really enjoy their lessons with Ms. Hargas and right now is the best time of their life to learn another language,” Gillbert said. “They are also picking up on it really fast.”

Hargas’ endeavors may be seen pay-

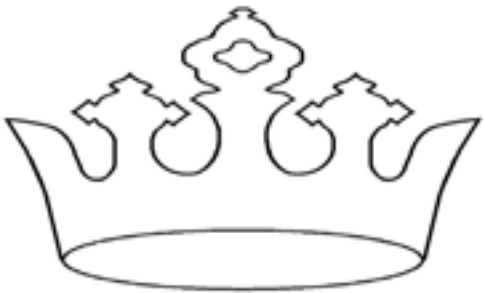
ing off when the children understand her questions and respond in Spanish.

The main concepts she will be addressing this year are greetings, body parts, colors, shapes, numbers, weather, seasons, holidays, traditions, days of the week, months of the year, family members, clothing, and the culture of some Spanish-speaking countries.

Hargas said she plans to incorporate these concepts with various projects.

“I will be teaching these topics through the use of songs, rhymes, movement, literature, finger plays, art projects and simple conversations,” she said.

The Early Childhood Center is a preschool facility which also acts as a laboratory for students pursuing a career in early education.



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Quote of the Week: “If you continue to practice your culture in a new place, does that make you anti-American?”
–Ismail Ahmed, principal of a Somali school in Columbus

From the Editor:

The life of an extra

Being a movie star is hard work. I never realized how much time and effort goes into every second of a movie until I took the time to be in one myself. Over the summer, RJ (Managing Editor) and I, along with my friend Brad from my hometown of Brunswick, drove to Kenyon College to be extras in Josh Radnor’s new independent film, “Liberal Arts.”

Being a huge “How I Met Your Mother” fan (in which Josh Radnor plays the protagonist, Ted) I was extremely excited. We were instructed to dress in clothing suited for early April, despite the fact that it was a hot, sunny day in the beginning of June.

We each had to bring two additional outfits, just in case the ones we had chosen ourselves weren’t appropriate. No stripes, logos or words were permitted on any of our clothing; nothing flashy and nothing branded was allowed in the vicinity.

Upon arrival at 8 a.m., our outfits were approved and we were directed to sit in a holding room until needed. Because the director did not want any white noise, we had to sit silently while waiting in the holding room.

We didn’t have any trouble amusing ourselves during this time, though. We passed the hours playing tic-tac-toe, taking pictures and, of course, eating snacks. When the time came for extras to be needed, the three of us sprang to our feet to be the first ready volunteers.

We were included in the filming of a lunch scene in the cafeteria between Josh Radnor and the teenage protagonist. Along with some other students, Brad and I were instructed to walk, in timed intervals, behind the two as they were conversing. We had to film the same scene over and over again, walking back and forth each time.

Some of the other extras were not paying attention and walking when they weren’t supposed to, so the person in charge of the extras began communicating with me across the room and I ended up giving people instructions on when to walk. This made her very pleased with me, which proved beneficial in the long run.

Filming the scene took hours, and because I was doing the same thing over and over again, it felt even longer. We had to film the same scene from four different angles. I had no idea that directors filmed the same scene multiple times from different viewpoints. They pay really close attention to detail.

We were also filmed walking through the halls of the school while the main characters talked. Faking a happy conversation down a long hallway with a stranger over and over again can be quite a challenge, but it was also a good chance to make friends.

I even met an extra who was married and had children, but dressed up as a student so she could get some face time. My moment of glory came toward the end of the day. The manager of the extras, who had said she liked me for helping her organize everyone earlier, noticed me standing in the background.

There were some girls seated at a table and she asked one of them to leave and let me take her spot. Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen’s little sister, Elizabeth Olsen, came and sat down in-between one of the girls and me. She introduced herself, got to know us, and even went so far as to compliment me on my aspirations, saying how cool they were.

I was surprised by her interest in my life when she was the one living in Hollywood! In the scene, we pretended to have a conversation with Lizzy until Josh came and sat directly across from me. When the scene cut, we introduced ourselves and he walked away.

I was STARSTRUCK.
The main character from my favorite TV show had just sat across from me at a Kenyon lunch table. I couldn’t imagine a better end to my day.

I still brag about meeting Josh Radnor whenever I get the chance. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, but were exhausted by the end of it. I even fell asleep as Brad was driving us home.

We didn’t arrive back in Brunswick until evening, having spent all day filming probably 10 minutes of the movie. Movie-making is hard work, but a lot of fun. When I got an e-mail from OWU admissions inviting me to be a part of the new recruitment video about downtown Delaware, I did not hesitate to accept the offer.

Being on film is a uniquely exciting experience. Even though I’ve only seen a small piece of the process, I can now appreciate the immense amount of time and attention to detail that goes into one. If ever presented with the opportunity, I definitely recommend being an extra.

by Marissa Alfano
News Editor

A journalist gabs about grammar gems



Every now and then, people have to stand up for what they believe in, right? I recently have gotten into several Facebook status fights with people I don’t even know, trying to defend my views on homosexuality. This, in and of itself, is a whole different column.

But on my daily Internet ramblings and even the non-Internet ones, I unfortunately come across some other form of ignorance. And not the “I hate Muslims because I listen only to Republican debates” kind of ignorance. The “I don’t like/don’t know proper grammar” kind of ignorance.

Now, I’m a journalism major. But I know there are others out there who give a damn about looking intelligent and who don’t spend hours a week in a newsroom. I’ve written about it before and I will write it again! If you are trying to hold an e-mail conversation, or fight with someone on Facebook, or make a point...maybe I can key you in on a few little grammar treasures.

This country has a language problem. I’m not talking about the blatant misspell-

ing of “Krusty Krab.” I don’t care that Toys “R” Us is both frugal with letters and trying to confuse me. I’ll even let Fergie Ferg and will.i.am spell it “‘t’ to the ‘a’ to the ‘s-t-e-y.’”

No, we have a much greater problem, one so elementary that even my 11 and 14-year-old brothers could spell it out for you.

My fellow speakers of the English language, allow me to make one important distinction for you.

“YOUR” AND “YOU’RE” ARE NOT THE SAME WORD.

I encounter the confusion of these two words on a daily basis. Facebook. Text messages. E-mails. Tweets. Status updates. Even advertisements and ABC 6 special reports. Apparently, everyone and their mother wants to make me cringe.

So for you grammar heathens, I’m going to review what we learned in first grade. We’re talking about “Schoolhouse Rock”-type lessons, folks. Stop eating Play-Doh and coloring outside the lines, and listen.

“Your” is possessive. It indicates something which belongs to the person you are addressing. It can be singular or plural. Example: Your grammar is atrocious.

“You’re” is a contraction of the words “you” and “are.” It’s a being verb. Example: You’re making me question how intelligent you are when you butcher the English language.

Please do not use these words interchangeably. You look like an idiot to anyone who knows better if you do, and your English teacher may or may not have a heart attack.

Letter to the Editor: Misleading headline sparks confusion

Transcript Staff-

I’m wondering if the person who wrote the headline for the cover story actually read the story? The only mention of Winter Break is in the Facebook post that opens the story. This headline is misleading, misinforming and completely false.

I’m also curious as to when Facebook statuses became reliable sources for stories?

This is not a policy change; staying on campus for free was a privilege to international students, not a right. If you read the student handbook, pages 91-92, it says “All residential facilities will close during break periods (Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring Breaks). Break housing may be available when residential facilities are closed for an additional fee with prior approval and registration. Break housing, if offered, will be available on an extremely limited basis for an additional fee.”

“Students will be expected to consolidate during winter break to one residence

hall or Small Living Unit. There are no food services available during break periods. Students who plan to remain on campus after the closing and during the break MUST register at the Residential Life Office, Room 225, Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.”

“Those registering should be prepared to pay any applicable fees at the time of registration. Students are strongly encouraged to vacate campus during break periods and to make arrangements to live elsewhere during this time.”

This information can also be found at reslife.owu.edu/breakhousing.html. Students are allowed to stay over breaks, the difference is that everyone has to pay now.

As a member of Residential Life, I am offended by the biases of this headline. As a student, I am concerned that The Transcript has decided to relay false information to the student body. If international students have an issue with paying, realize that a student from California, who

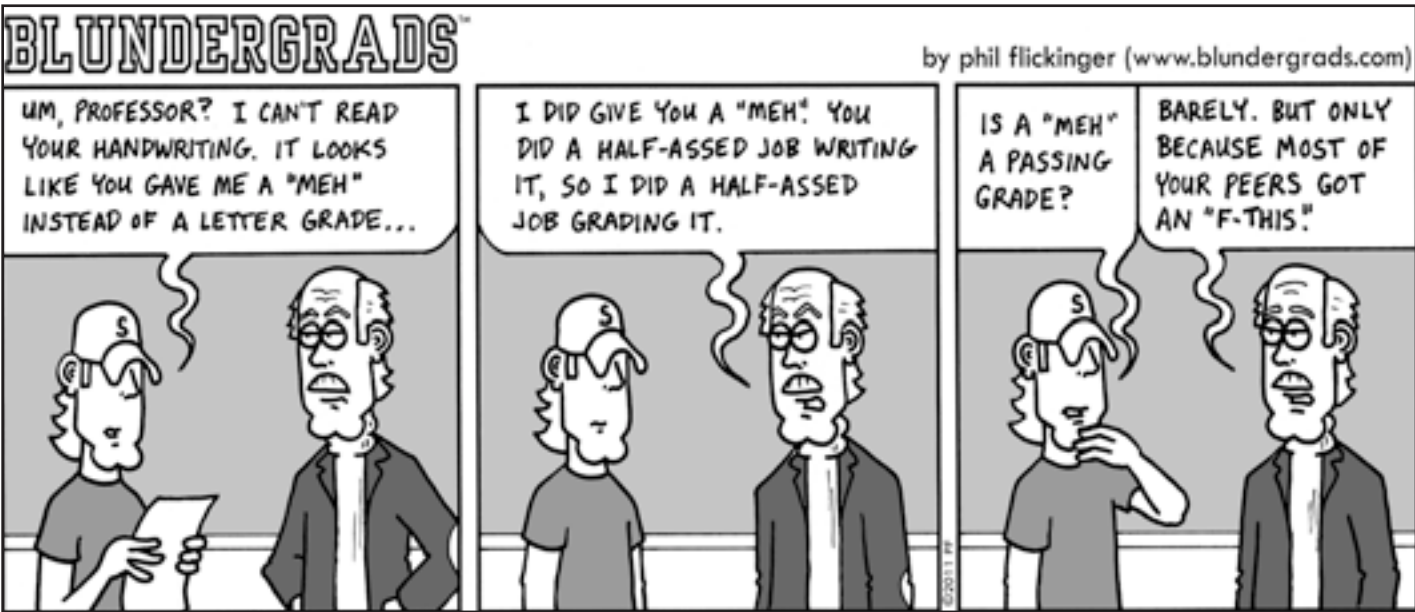
may be farther away from home than an actual international student (like someone from Canada), has to pay just because they are not “international.”

The actual policy is more fair than the original implementation of it to all students, and that is what Residential Life is trying to convey. Wendy Piper says this, but I feel the message is lost by the untrue headline.

Rumors are not newsworthy. I would appreciate if The Transcript staff worked harder to get their stories correct before publishing them and sending misinformation to students.

I respect Elizabeth Childers for trying to get every side of the story, but headlines are attention grabbers (and most of the time, the only thing the reader will take from the story), so I would appreciate if your headlines matched your stories.

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Arts & Entertainment

Culture Café showcases student creativity

By Lauren Rump
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With the smell of coffee in the air, student musicians, singers, poets and dancers took the stage in the Internet Café for the second Culture Café last Thursday.

Established in the spring of 2010, Culture Café is a laid back environment where student artists show off their talents to peers.

The event opened with a cover of the Poison song “Every Rose Has Its Thorn” performed by Grizzly Biplane.

The group consists of sophomores Alex Michener and Will Conway.

Gandhi’s Lunchbox took the stage next to perform two medleys which mixed original pieces with the songs, “I’m Gonna Be” by The Proclaimers and “Pumped Up Kicks” by Foster the People.

The band includes fresh-

men Harris Schaffer, Noah Mcknight and sophomore Alex D’Amore-Braver.

A Hairy Tribe of Conquerors performed acoustic songs including one original.

The tribe features sophomores Brihat Sharma and Alex Michener.

Junior Jennifer Schafer performed two poems, and discussed with the audience how reading F. Scott Fitzgerald’s journal had inspired some of her writing.

Juniors Jordan Ahmed and Kathleen Dalton brought dancing to the stage with their style of “non-traditional partnering.”

Freshmen Todd Zucker and Rob O’Neil performed a cover of Dawes’ “Million Dollar Bill,” and Senior Bobby Kuhlberg performed two songs on the guitar.

Sophomore Alex Michener, who performed with both Grizzly Biplane and A Hairy



Photo by Pete Szabo

Members of A Hairy Tribe of Conquerors, Brihat Sharma (left) and Alex Michener (right) performed last Thursday at Culture Café.

Band of Conquerors, said the other acts were “phenomenal” and is looking forward to play-

ing at the next Culture Café.

“Playing music for an audience is always a great ex-

perience for me,” he said. “Even my blatant mistakes and wrong notes get lost in the

thrill of it all.”

Freshman Jordane Faith said it was exciting to see a casual event like this at OWU.

“I loved the spontaneity of it,” Faith said. “It’s interesting to see people up there doing something you never knew they could do. I will definitely be coming to the next one.”

The event, which will hopefully be held once a semester, was a great success for this semester, said librarian Pete Szabo.

“It is probably one of the biggest turnouts we’ve had in terms of audience and variety of performers,” he said.

Although the Culture Café organizers had hoped people would sign up first, many acts popped up that night ready to perform.

Thankfully, the audience was ready for them.

In the end it is an “opportunity for people to perform and share creativity,” Szabo said.

Art from OWU alums adorn campus museum

By Andy Wittenberg
Transcript Reporter

Two exhibits, “Sarah Rhymes with Clara” and “Microscopy” are on display at the Ross Art Museum.

The exhibits were created by two distinguished OWU alumni, Susan Paulsen and Dennison Griffith.

Justin Kronewetter, director of the Ross Art Museum, said although Paulsen, (’80) and Griffith, (’74) are best friends, their art could not be more different.

Kronewetter said “Sarah Rhymes with Clara” is so literal that anyone can understand it.

“Microscopy” is more abstract and requires greater sophistication and art background to fully grasp.

Paulsen’s artist’s statement explained that her exhibit embodied the simplicity of beauty.

“Sarah Rhymes with Clara” is a series of framed photographs which include passive and active scenes, nude models, dead animals, flowers, mundane objects and other scenes that are pictures of “Paulsen, her life, beauty, humor and the melancholy pleasures that [she] finds ordinary.”

Griffith’s muse was his father.

“Microscopy” is a series of watercolor, oil and beeswax paintings with differently colored orbs, ellipses and ovals.

Griffith was inspired to make these paintings after investigating his father’s leuke-



Photos by Andy Wittenberg

Above: “Microbial Landscape” by artist Dennison Griffith (’74.) His exhibit “Microscopy” was inspired by his father’s battle with leukemia.

Below: “Ossining” (left) and “Wilmot” (right) by photographer Susan Paulsen (’80.) Her exhibit “Sarah Rhymes with Clara” features nude models, animals, flowers and various objects.

Paintings by Griffith and photography by Paulsen are currently hanging up in the Ross Art Museum until Nov. 13.



Bizzarro makes international apparel appealing to campus



From the
Catwalk
to the
JAYWalk

By Alexis
Williams and
Katie Carlin

Trendsetter and world traveler Diane Bizzarro never fails to make a fashion statement. With a major in English and two minors in French and theatre, it is astonishing to us how she finds the time to pick out her daily outfits.

Last Monday, we found Bizzarro hanging around the Zook Nook wearing an off-white and grey shirt, black studded skirt, patterned tights and brown leather boots. The overflow of fashion was almost too much for us to bear.

A notorious thrift and vintage shopper, Bizzarro said her outfit was no exception.

“My shirt was from a thrift store, skirt from Urban Outfitters,” she said. “The boots I got in New Mexico a while ago when I was in high school. I wear them every day in the winter.”

Bizzarro said she finds fashion inspiration everywhere.

“Often international style, the colors and pictures you see in National Geographic.”

For this fashionista, a combination of “bright prints, beautiful materials and truly unique-looking fabric” makes the perfect outfit.

“I can find something I like

in everyone’s style,” she said. “For me, mixing and matching is the most fun part of dressing.”

Though Bizzarro enjoys shopping all over the world, Delaware has provided her with some sufficient styles.

“Anthropologie is my favorite store, but it’s a bit pricey for a college student’s budget,” she said. “I also love vintage and thrift stores. Perusing the antique shops in Delaware is a favorite weekend activity.

She describes her style as classic, fun and inventive. Though she occasionally dabbles in boutiques and classic stores like Gap and J.Crew, labels do not matter to Bizzarro.

“I don’t really care about the brand name,” she said. “If I like it, I’ll wear it.”

Bizzarro likes to deck out her outfits with international accessories.

“I also love wearing pieces I bought in other countries, she

said. “Like jewelry I got in Africa. Few people have them.”

A trendsetter rather than follower, Bizzarro said she hardly keeps up with the times.

“I try not to take myself too seriously,” she said. “I dress according to whatever mood I’m in that day.”

However, she said she doesn’t mind if a trend happens to find her.

“I don’t pay close attention to what’s ‘in style,’” she said. “But I’m glad ponchos are trendy right now because I have quite a few of them in my closet. I’m a bit more inclined to wear them now.”

As far as OWU style goes, Bizzarro said she has seen too much of the same thing.

“Uggs and leggings,” she said. “Even though I’m guilty of wear leggings a lot. I wish people took more chances with what they wore, instead of just following the norm.”

Be on the lookout for more stylish Bishops!

Bachelor of the Week: Pinkerton’s new love owed to The Transcript

By Cara Foley
Transcript Reporter

Last April, senior Adam Pinkerton was a single bachelor prowling the streets of Delaware for a ladylove.

This once bashful boy now finds himself in a loving relationship with his girlfriend, fellow senior Ellie Brennan. Pinkerton and Brennan started hanging out in April after the column hit the campus.

“I played it cool and didn’t seem too eager at first,” Pinkerton said. “It must have worked because she and I were dating by May.”

Pinkerton said after *The Transcript’s* bachelor piece was published, he felt more acknowledged by the female community on campus.

“Girls started hitting on me left and right at the bars,” he said.

Once a coy, young boy, Pinkerton said he is now a man with confidence from his lady.

He said the article helped put himself out there for available lady Bishops.

“I was noticed quickly and it felt great,” he said. I am a true believer of the ‘power of the print.’”

Pinkerton said he feels at home in his relationship.

“The best part about being in a relationship is knowing



Brennan (left) and Pinkerton (right)

that I have someone I can always talk to.”

He said it’s important to trust in one another and said it’s nice to not have to put forth a huge effort since he has the girl he has always wanted.

Pinkerton said the couple shares an interest in Ohio sports.

“Just last week we attended the Ohio State football game,” he said. “It was a great day.”

Pinkerton said his favorite trait about Ellie is that she doesn’t know how to eat mashed potatoes.

Brennan said she is very happy to have met the bachelor in his prime. She said it’s helpful that they now have the same group of friends.

Tired of being alone? Ready for love to come your way? Contact Cara Foley at cafoley@owu.edu or friend her on Facebook to be the next bachelor or bachelorette of the week!



Photo by Alexis Williams

Senior Diane Bizzarro brings it with this casual, coordinated ensemble. Complete with tights and boots, she’s transitioned into fall effortlessly.

Bishops Sports

Men’s basketball team headed into season with both new and old

By Tim Alford
Transcript Correspondent

Head men’s basketball coach Michael DeWitt is heading into his 13th year with a team of mostly upperclassmen. Scott Cooper and volunteer Jason Guyer have joined Mark Bollinger as the assistant coaches.

Guyer graduated from Otterbein College this past spring. He served as an assistant coach last year at Westerville North High School.

Cooper, who graduated from Allegheny College, said he is hoping to bring a new perspective to the team after assistant coaching at Alderson-Broadus College and playing and assistant coaching

at Allegheny.

He said he thinks his knowledge of the teams in the North Coast Athletic Conference will be an advantage to the team.

DeWitt said he appreciates his assistant coaches.

“Coach Cooper is a positive addition to our staff,” DeWitt said. “He does a great job of working with our post players and we have already seen some good improvement in that area.”

Andrew Martin (’11) was the only player who graduated last season for the Bishops.

DeWitt said the key returners to the team include senior Tim Brady and juniors Marshall Morris and Andy Winters.

Winters, a point guard, said

the chemistry of this year’s team will hopefully make them stronger.

“Our age and experience will be much different from last year’s team,” Winters said. “Most of the players have at least two years of games under their belt and the sophomores made a big contribution last year.”

The team’s record was 11-5 in the conference and 16-11 overall last season.

While the team has had a winning record for the past five seasons, the Bishops haven’t finished first in the conference under DeWitt yet. The closest they have come was in the 2008-09 season with a second place finish. They went on to win the NCAC tournament for the first time since 1988.

“We need to build upon our success in the second half of last season and continue to learn what it takes to win by playing unselfishly and with high energy,” DeWitt said.

The Bishops started their practices two weeks ago. They have been lifting and playing in open gyms during the off season since arriving, Winters said.

Brady, a guard, said off-season workouts contribute to a healthy team dynamic.

“Everyone has been working extremely hard, so practices have been very productive,” Brady said. “Practices are better this year because we have an older team so everyone knows how hard you have to work if we want to be successful this year.”

Cooper said the team has a good base defensively, but they need to continue to improve offensively. He said they have guys who can score, but they need to work on shooting.

“We have worked to address some of those things offensively, but you can’t go from nothing to the top of the league,” he said.

Brady said that while the team is older, both Cooper and Guyer--the new assistant coaches--are helping the team make improvements.

“The addition of both Coach Cooper and Coach Guyer has been great,” he said. “They are both extremely knowledgeable of the game and have been able to add great insight for our team’s success this year.”

The team’s first game is Nov. 13 at Hanover College. With this coming up, Cooper said a key for the team is to pick up the tempo and try to get extra possessions.

Winters said they will continue to stress team dynamics in practice.

“Coming together as a team is very important in our success,” he said. “When you have players that understand their role on the team, it can create a very successful season.”

DeWitt said he feels good about the season.

“We feel like we match up well with anyone in the conference and should compete for the regular season championship,” he said.

Campus thanks Jay Martin

By Brittany Vickers
Sports Editor

The Benes rooms were crowded with students, athletes, and current and previous faculty and staff to honor Jay Martin, men’s head soccer coach. The ceremony took place on Wednesday, Oct. 26 honoring Martin for his 600th career win in the Bishop’s NCAC 5-1 victory over Denison on Oct. 22.

Several people spoke on behalf of Martin at the luncheon. Each gave their words of congratulations to Martin on his accomplishment.

In his speech President Rock Jones said Martin’s milestone is “extraordinary,” and his impact on the campus has been inspirational.

“Jay’s official title is professor of Physical Education and Head coach but his real vocation is teacher,” Jones said. “He teaches in the classroom, the locker room, on the field, off the field and in everyday conversations with players and students. I feel like I fall into that last category, a student of Jay Martin.”

Jones said Martin’s devotion and the example he sets on campus are well worth this honor.



Photo from Communications
Head men’s soccer coach Jay Martin was honored Wednesday for his 600 wins

“This is more than a congratulation,” Jones said. “This is a thank you.”

Athletic Director Roger Ingles also spoke highly of Martin as a coach and colleague. Ingles said he was a part of the organizational team that put together the ceremony. Ingles and the Athletic department, the President’s Office, specifically Jones and Lisa Jackson, assistant to the president and the Office of Marketing and Communications Office came together to organize the lunch to honor Martin.

“Jay touches a lot of lives,” Ingles said. “It’s great to see some retired faculty out today; it’s a great mix of folks.”

Ingles said they knew this would happen, they just didn’t know when. He said he thought the event was very successful.

Assistant coach and former student Brandon Bianco also spoke. He described Martin as an extremely humble person and the leader of some of the best soccer in the nation.

“Jay’s prepared, creative, thoughtful and competitive,” Bianco said. “When he hired me he said the two hours spent at practice are the easiest two hours of the day, it’s the other 23 that make all the difference. He’s created the environment and culture here.”

The communications department honored Martin with a photo collage before Martin addressed the crowd.

Martin began with, “this is embarrassing.” He said he felt he was only doing his job.

“I can look at my colleagues out here today and I know they’ve had many more than 600 successful classes,” Martin said.

Martin told his audience about his past and his hopes for the future. Martin also talked about his family, getting emotional at the mention of his parents.

“I need to thank two great parents,” Martin said. “I wish they were here to see this--they laid the foundation and the values in my life. I’ve tried not to let them down.”

Martin gave thanks to several people in his speech including his wife, previous faculty members who influenced him, current faculty members and the men on his team. He accredited his success to good players and a little luck.

“I think anybody who has a milestone like this and doesn’t use the word lucky just doesn’t get it,” Martin said.

When interviewed after his speech Martin said, “I don’t know how I’m supposed to feel about this. I woke up last year and someone said hey, you have 30 games until 600. I didn’t know; I’m only doing my job.”

Martin said he did agree that reaching the 600-mark is an accomplishment to be proud of, and not one he set out to do.

“It just happened,” Martin said. “The university makes it easy to recruit. It’s the coach’s job to create an environment where players can and want to get better. It should be motivating, challenging and fun. The real reason is we get good players here.”

Martin said it would be nice to break the overall win record of 608 wins, which would make him the men’s college soccer coach with the most wins of all time, in any division.

Since Martin’s 600th win milestone the Bishops have gone on to clinch the NCAC title for the fourth year in a row, beating both Kenyon and Allegheny. This gives them the number one seed in the tournament and Martin win number 602. The Bishops hosted Allegheny on Nov. 2 for their first NCAC tournament game.

Fall sports wrap up for the season

By Tori Morris
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Three seniors: defender Kelsey Morrison, midfielder Alyse Marotta and attacker Macie Miller finished their college field hockey careers on Saturday at Selby Field.

Field hockey wrapped up their season with a loss to Kenyon, 0-2. Sophomore defender Steph Martineau said she felt the team improved as the season progressed.

“While the scores did not always reflect how I think our team played this season, we definitely grew as a unit and got stronger as the season progressed,” Martineau said.

Martineau said she will miss the graduating players, but looks forward to the new players to come next season.

“I will miss our 3 wonderful seniors, but look forward to getting a great group of incoming freshmen,” Martineau said.

Sophomore midfielder Meg Greff said she was frustrated that Kenyon took advantage of small mistakes to win the game.

“I thought we played well in the game, but it was frustrating because they capitalized off small mistakes and ended up winning, so we just need to focus on beating them next year.”

Greff said the season went well overall, and that she will miss the graduating seniors.

“Our season wasn’t perfect and we had a small team, but [overall] it went pretty well,” Greff said. “I think we’re developing as a team and definitely improving, but it’s also going to be hard without our seniors coming back next year. We’re all looking forward to spring season and next year.”

Sophomore attacker Sadie Slager said she thought the season was successful considering the team’s small size.

“I thought the season went well for the difficulties we went through such as having such a small team and having to recruit a goalie from the people already on our team,” Slager said.

“It was definitely a building year and everyone got the chance to have a lot of playing time due to the small team size. This experience will definitely be beneficial for everyone next season.”

Field hockey isn’t the only fall sport to end for the season. Also done for the season are men and women’s golf, men and women’s tennis and volleyball.

The men’s golf team finished their fall season with a shared fifth place finish out

of 19 teams at the Wittenberg Rosencrans-Maurer Invitation. The invitational was held Oct. 1 and 2.

The Bishops shared the fifth place with Otterbein College, both scoring a team total of 609 compared to the winning score of 572 by Wittenberg University.

Seniors Justin Akers, Caleb Chiero and Nate Fridley will begin their final spring season when the team resumes with the Taylor-Made-adidas Intercollegiate tournament in Beaufort, S.C.

Women’s golf also completed their fall season at Wittenberg University with a 12th place finish at the Wittenberg Pat Clouse Invitational.

The Bishop’s had only two seniors, Courtney Durham and Emily Olmstead, in only their second year of competition.

They were led by their youth in the fall season, and head coach Jana Shipley said she is looking forward to this off season in order to work on the team’s game.



Photo from Communications
Senior Macie Miller finished her final season as a Battling Bishop on Saturday. The field hockey team finished 6-12 overall and 4-10 in the NCAC.

The team will begin their spring season with the adidas Intercollegiate tournament in Dataw Island, S.C.

Men’s and women’s tennis finished their fall seasons as well. The women ended by sending sophomore Jordan Leslie, senior Becky Simon, senior Emily Kiourtsis and freshman Lydia Tritschler to represent the Bishops at the USTA/ITA Division III Women’s Tennis Central Regional tournament, hosted by Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Mich.

All four played in the singles tournament and Leslie and Simon and Kiourtsis and Tritschler competed in the doubles competition.

Kiourtsis advanced to the semifinals of the consolation bracket in both singles and doubles.

The Bishops will resume their season in the spring against Otterbein, marking the last spring season for Kiourtsis, Simon and fellow seniors Mackenzie Conway and Katherine Jenks.



Photo from Communications
Senior Nate Fridley led the Bishops in the annual Gordon Classic that took place Sept. 25 through the 27 in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. The men’s golf team finished their fall season in early Oct. and will continue in the spring.

The men finished with the USTA/ITA Division III Men’s Tennis Central Regional tournament hosted by Washington University in St. Louis. Representing the Bishops were junior Will Thieman, sophomore Richie Karban and junior John Rissell.

All three competed in the singles tournament, Thieman and Karban both advanced to the second round of the singles championship bracket before losing.

Karban and Rissell competed in the doubles championship losing to Wheaton and Bishop Bass.

The Bishops will pick up in the spring in an NCAC match up against Wabash. Senior Ryan Leslie will be the only graduating player this year.

New head coach Taryn Haas and the OWU volleyball team ended their season last week with a five set match against Denison on Saturday, Oct 29.

The Bishops lost to the Big Red with scores of 25-18, 20-25, 25-27, 25-14, 15-10. Haas said she thinks the off season

will be extremely important for the Bishops development as a team.

With no seniors on the team the Bishops will head into next season a more experienced team Haas said. Four juniors will return next year, outside hitters Megan Weissenberger and Heather Kuch, middle hitter Ashley Haynes and setter Brittany Vickers.

Still competing this fall for the Bishops are men and women’s cross country and men and women’s soccer.