

## Hydration stations to increase sustainability on campus

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Transcript Reporter

Three new hydration stations have been added on campus as one of the many sustainability efforts that various members of the Ohio Wesleyan community have done to increase sustainability on campus.

The new hydration stations will be placed throughout campus in Edwards Gym, Schimmel/Conrades Science Center and the second floor of Beeghly Library. The stations should be up and running within the next few weeks.

The initiative was funded through the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs.

Junior Erika Kazi said that after the first hydration station was such a success, they knew they needed to place more stations throughout campus.

“We discussed locations and allocated funds to B&G to pay for the hydration stations,” Kazi said. “Since it was desired by many people, it was a simple process, we all wanted these on campus.”

Senior Melissa Guziak, president of the Environment and Wildlife Club, said they were extremely excited to get more hydration stations placed throughout campus.

“The interest of E&W and WCSA, along with motivated individuals is what makes these projects possible,” Guziak said.

The Environment and Wildlife club has been engaging in multiple initiatives, like the hydration stations, to help increase environmental awareness on OWU’s campus. According to Kazi, these initiatives include composting in the student food court of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

“We are also working on revamping the recycling program and are working with local businesses in a ‘green’ survey,” Kazi said. “We are always looking for ways to make this campus more sustainable. Simple things like switching light bulbs, to even bigger things like the hydration stations, we’ve got a lot of plans in action.”

Guziak said the E&W club was also merging with the Tree House to provide even more sustainability programs to students and members of the OWU community.

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## Armistice Day recognizes unsung heroes

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While Armistice Day may be a single day of the year, the effects of war are felt daily.

The goal of Armistice Day is not to glorify war or justify conflict, but to recognize and appreciate the sacrifices made by those who have served and are still serving.

On Nov. 9, OWU students, faculty and staff recognized Armistice Day near the war memorial plaques outside Beeghly Library. The plaques list the names of OWU alumni who have died in war.

Speakers at the event were Shari Stone-Mediatore, professor of philosophy, Chaplain Jon Powers, junior Erika Nininger, Jim Underwood, adjunct professor of journalism and a Vietnam War veteran, Matthew Jordan ‘11.

Nininger planned the event as part of her independent study with Stone-Mediatore.

Nininger said the event started as a way of acknowledging the plaques outside Beeghly Library.

Nininger said her goal for the event was “to spark, as well as contribute to, the discourse about war,” and “to get people thinking about the current war, which is hidden from us.”

She also said she wanted to remind the campus community of Armistice Day’s history.

“It’s good to critically think about what this holiday stands for, and understanding our history is very important because it can prevent us from automatically going with ideologies that are otherwise made attractive to us,” she said.

Armistice Day was originally a



Photo by Taylor Stout  
Jim Underwood, adjunct professor of journalism, speaks in front of Beeghly Library on Armistice Day, Nov. 9, about his experiences as a United States Marine in Vietnam. Underwood recognizes his time in Vietnam as why he celebrates the sacrifices men and women have made in times of war.

day to recognize the moment in 1918 when World War I was declared over. The end of the war was declared on the eleventh minute of the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

At this moment, millions of Ameri-

cans held two minutes of silence as a recognition of the end of all wars.

“Armistice Day, which is still called Armistice Day in some countries, Remembrance Day in others, is now called Veteran’s Day here,” Nininger

## False alarms may come at a heavy price

By Sadie Slager  
Transcript Reporter

A late-night evacuation on Halloween was among the most recent incidents in string of unplanned fire alarms in Ohio Wesleyan’s residence halls.

These alarms, particularly in Smith Hall, are attributed to substances other than smoke setting off the alert system. There have been no legitimate fires in Smith this year, but multiple alarms have been caused by fire extinguishers being removed from hallways and the contents being sprayed throughout the building.

Sergeant Chris Mickens of Ohio Wesleyan’s Department of Public Safety explained the dangers of removing fire extinguishers as a prank.

He said if the pin is removed from an extinguisher and the foam is sprayed, the alarm system for a whole building can go off, forcing all residents to evacuate until the coast is clear.

“People may think the substance that comes from fire extinguishers is smoke because of what it looks like, so it can cause a panic,” Mickens said.

In the early hours of Nov. 1, powder from a fire extinguisher was found in the Smith East elevator. The extinguisher, half empty, was found in the hallway of the building’s fifth

floor. While the alarms in individual rooms can be set off by common aerosol substances, Mickens said this incident was caused by the extinguisher’s foam activating a full-building alarm or someone pulling the alarm after seeing extinguisher foam in the air.

“With the detectors in Smith rooms, hairspray or deodorant can activate the alarm, but it won’t activate the full building alarm system,” he said. “When a certain amount of particles of dust or bugs block a certain part of the smoke detector in a room, it can be set off as well. However, if a substance is in the hallway, like a sprayed fire extinguisher, the whole building alarm can go off.”

Mickens said it is very difficult to find out who has removed extinguishers without hearing from someone who witnessed the incident. He said it is dangerous to remove extinguishers because they are there for a purpose and are a part of the larger fire safety system.

“Throughout my time here, we’ve only know about 10 percent of who removed the fire extinguishers, and it’s usually by luck if we can find this out,” Mickens said.

With it being such a small campus students are sometimes hesitant to report other students for such actions, Mickens said.

Mickens said the only two fires on campus this year were at Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta, and both were caused by a discarded cigarette.

While he can’t recall an alarm being pulled as a prank this year, Mickens said this has sometimes been an issue during his 13 years at WU. He said that for about a third of his time here, Smith, Bashford Hall and some fraternities have had frequent instances where fire alarms were pulled when there was not a fire. Some alarms could have been accidentally bumped, because some old pull stations were easily set off. Pull stations now have glass covers so they aren’t as easily set off.

Mickens said that pulling a fire alarm as a prank could lead to a charge of criminal activity as well as fines for a residence hall.

“In an event when we find out that someone is pulling alarms as a joke, they would be charged and send through the student conduct board or could be charged by the City of Delaware,” he said. “The only way an individual can be charged, however, is if we find out who pulled the alarm.”

Mickens said there may be traces of ink on a person’s hand if they intentionally set off a fire alarm, and this is a good indicator or who has pulled it.

Charges can come from Delaware’s fire department in the event of too many false fire alarms from a residence hall, Mickens said.

“With excessive false alarms, the fire department does have the ability to assess a fee to the university,” he said.

These charges, however, would be paid for by the university and not by individual students unless it was known who caused the false alarm and if they did it with malicious intent.

“The fee assessed by the fire department does not go into the same category as community damages, and students would not pay for it,” Mickens said.

Fire Inspector Charlie Cooperider said recent fire alarms have been caused by funny business as well as students having problems with microwaves.

“We are seeing a lot more students with microwave ovens in the rooms,” Cooperider said. “Also it seems that the students are easily distracted with other things like homework, Facebook and friends and they get sidetracked and forget they put something in the oven. We also still have the ones that think it is funny to pull a fire alarm so they can laugh at their friends as they are standing out in the weath-

er.”

Cooperider, who works with the Risk Reduction Division of the City of Delaware Ohio, said there are different ways the fire department deals with false alarms.

“We do have a city ordinance that allows us to charge for alarm malfunctions,” he said. “If a fire alarm is activated due to overcooked popcorn, steam from a hot shower, or even someone pulling a pull station just for kicks, those alarms would be false alarms and not alarm malfunctions.”

In the case of alarm malfunctions, Cooperider said fees can be charged to the residence which houses the faulty alarms.

“If we determine the alarm keeps going off due to a malfunction, after the third time we can charge a \$50 fine,” he said. “And that fine will escalate each time the alarm malfunctions until the alarm is fixed.”

If an alarm does its job correctly, he said, no one will be fined.

Cooperider said the fire department is thinking of limiting the number of microwave ovens in dorm rooms or not allowing them in order to eliminate some issues with fire alarms. Another way to deal with this, he said, is to cite student for “inciting panic due to carelessness.”



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# Students learn how to ‘Talk to the Hand’ with the ASL club

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“Talk to the Hand” is the Ohio Wesleyan American Sign Language (ASL) Club which gives students the opportunity to learn a new skill in a variety of creative ways.

The club meets weekly to learn ASL, to gain an understanding for the deaf culture and to improve their signing abilities.

According to the ASL webpage, “ASL is a complete, complex language that employs signs made by moving the hands combined with facial expressions and postures of the body. It is the primary language of many North Americans who are deaf and is one of several communication options used by people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.”

Junior Thomas Liwosz, the president of Talk to the Hand, said the club uses different techniques to help members learn sign language and to expand on the topics they know.

“At club we learn sets of signs and practice them,” Liwosz said.

“For example, we may pick the topic food or countries and the vocab will focus on that for the week. There is usually a game or activity that helps us learn and practice. We also may just practice conversation skill through story telling.”

Junior Stephanie Toole, treasurer of Talk to

the Hand, agreed with Liwosz and said the club tries to cover a variety of areas of interest when they study ASL.

“We learn about different topics at each meeting, ranging from the alphabet and numbers (near the beginning of the semester), to classes and majors, as well as holiday-themed signs, like Halloween, for instance,” Toole said.

The club plans a variety of events throughout the year for members and OWU students. Liwosz said they have worked to share and improve their sign language skills though the use different art forms.

“So far this year we have attended a event at OSU to watch the performance of a deaf poet, and we learned to sign ‘Call Me Maybe’ to perform at Culture Fest,” Liwosz said. “We plan on learning another song this year, and there are other possible events, but nothing has been decided yet.”

Toole said the club does volunteer work in addition to hosting events to educate the campus community about the ASL.

“In the past, we have attended a basketball game at a deaf school, which we are hoping to do again this year,” Toole said. “We also participate in CultureFest each year to teach the OWU community more about deaf culture.”

Toole said the club has helped her to better understand the deaf community and to improve her signing abilities.

“I joined Talk to the Hand because speech and hearing is my sorority’s (Delta Zeta) philanthropy, so I was very interested in learning more about the deaf and hearing impaired and sign language,” Toole said.

“I have gained more knowledge about sign language and communicating with the deaf and hearing impaired since I joined, and I have also been able to meet some wonderful people through being a member of the club.”

Sophomore Megan Keppler agreed with Toole and said she joined the club because she has an interest in studying ASL.

“I joined the ASL club because I love learning new languages and knew that ASL could be quite interesting and useful,” Keppler said.

“What I am getting out of it is that I get to learn about a whole ‘nother culture that most people don’t think about and I can meet new people who I wouldn’t have otherwise.”

Liwosz said he joined the club because of his prior interest in ASL. He agreed with Toole about the club improving his signing abilities and said the club has taught him other skills as well.

“My interest in Talk to the Hand started because my mother taught me some signs and I took a course on sign language during my senior year of high school,” Liwosz said. “I have gained some leadership skills from ASL.”

He said the opportunity to take on a leader-

ship role started two years ago.

“At the end of my freshman year, I was elected public relations officer and last year I was elected as ASL president. ASL has also helped me become a better teacher because I have been planning the meeting lessons, and sign language is being used more and more in education.”

Liwosz said the club has helped him to find new ways in which he can use sign language, which come in handy in his daily life.

“When I am struggling with studying for an exam, I sign my notes to myself and it always sticks better when I do that,” Liwosz said.

“Needless to say, when I am at a party with music blaring, it is easier to sign to my friends than to yell things at them they will never hear.”

The club meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Welch TV lounge. Liwosz said all students are welcome to come regardless of their experience with sign language and attending meetings is not a requirement of membership.

“The important thing to remember is members can join at anytime and are always welcome,” Liwosz said.

“Even if they know no or little sign language or are advanced, everyone is welcome. We usually have between 5-10 members at a meeting, but there are a large number of students who follow club event and do not come to meetings because of other commitments.”

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An NPR investigation found 40 percent of soldiers returning to Fort Carson, Colo., had some kind of brain injury that was missed by military health screening.”

Nininger said she and Stone-Mediatore contacted a variety of possible speakers, including veterans and alumni who are working for peace.

“We foremost tried to find veterans so that there could be a first-hand story,” Nininger said.

Underwood spoke of his experiences as a member of the United States Marines during the Vietnam War.

“I know of the horror of war,” Underwood said.

“As a young Marine who served in the I-Corps region of South Vietnam in the late 1960s, my feet were barely on the tarmac of Danang Air Base when I saw the body bags waiting to be processed at the morgue located only yards away from where our plane landed.”

Underwood said to this day, the memory of stepping off the plane still resonates with him.

“Today that image of those body bags is seared in my mind, an indelible, almost iconic memory of why I will celebrate with you today the service and sacrifice of the young men and women who have risen up in defense of our nation, but I will not celebrate with you the love of war or the glorification of conflict,” Underwood said.

When Underwood returned home from Vietnam, he joined a group called Vietnam Veterans Against the War, a national veterans’ organization dedicated to the fight for peace and the rights for all veterans.

“While I am proud of my service as a U.S. Marine, I am also proud that I stood shoulder to shoulder with other veterans some years ago to turn our nation toward peace instead of war,” Underwood said.

Powers, who spoke at both Nininger’s event and the Kristallnacht commemoration, said their concurrence was moving and “profoundly significant.”

“Here we are, such a united yet eclectic campus community, celebrating two amazingly powerful moments in history at the same hour—both a compelling symbol of the need for peace and understanding,” he said.

“Both a cultural memorial to the destruction of humanity that occurs when we allow hate, ignorance and prejudice to prevail.”

Powers said Armistice Day gives him an opportunity to “celebrate annually both perspectives” on war.

“Personally, as an officially registered Christian Conscientious Objector (to war of any kind), whose father was a decorated WWII Navy torpedo instructor/combatant, and who had six brothers who served during the Vietnam War era, I am particularly sensitive to the profound tension we as Americans feel between our deep dedication to military service and our deep abhorrence for war itself,” he

said.

“I have lived that tension in my bones (and in my family) most of my life, and I take it seriously.

“I hold a deep sense of honor and gratitude for every veteran and every member of the military, even as I hold a profound respect for every conscientious objector.”

Jordan also spoke about his efforts in working towards peace.

Jordan works at the Christ House in Washington, D.C., a medical facility for homeless men and women in the D.C. area.

“Something that occurs to me a lot, working in Washington, D.C., is that how, a lot of the time, the discourse of the national narrative is very much driven by force, and force is used as the only way to accomplish things,” Jordan said.

“What it really comes down to is a lack of imagination.

“When we’ve come to think of security only in terms of force we’ve truly lost sight of the core concept of securing the daily lives of Americans.

“When we’re unable to imagine the terribleness of war, to recognize history and to really bare witness to it, we can’t really see that there is an alternative to using force and I think this brings us to the question, what does it mean to work for peace?”

For Jordan, working for peace starts by working on a small scale.

He said it’s working to restore security in ones community by bettering education and early childhood development, by decreasing poverty and by

helping to eliminate crime.

“We can’t achieve economic security or peace without first eradicating poverty, and I think that comes down to working to address poverty in our communities,” Jordan said.

Armistice Day is a day about recognizing those who fight for peace as well as honoring those who fight for freedom through serving the country, Jordan said.

Sophomore Jonathan King-Kaplan is a member of the Unites States Marine Corps and has served for the last four years.

“I don’t think it should be one day dedicated to supporting the troops,” King-Kaplan said.

“I think it should be a day of reflecting on the sacrifices made so that people can have the luxury of not having to worry about how they’re going to get food or where they’re going to get medicine.

“There are people that don’t realize the sacrifices that kids just like them have made.

“It’s people down the street from you that join the military and sacrifice their bodies so that the rest of America doesn’t have to,” he said.

Nininger said she hopes to plan a similar event next year.

“(I want to) to shed light on Veteran’s Day as a holiday with historical significance,” she said.

“(I want to) demonstrate against the current wars and raise awareness on a lot of pretty devastating facts that I think many students are not aware of.”

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“Other sustainability projects going on right now include the Bishop Bike Movement, Veggie Meal, No Throw Away Week and a showing of ‘TAPPED’ the documentary,” Guziak said.


“Next semester E&W is going to be working on the community garden, further promoting the Bishop Bike Program, working on a ‘Lights Out’ campaign in the science center and creating a ‘Green Room’ program, to inspire students to make changes in their dorm rooms to live more sustainably.”

Sean Kinghorn, energy conservation and sustainability coordinator, said they are looking at ways to incorporate renewable energy on campus, and they are looking to use student’s input to help them continue their efforts.

“We’re continuing to focus on energy efficiency and conservation and waste reduction. Anyone interested in being involved or has ideas should feel free to contact me,” Kinghorn said.


The Environment and Wildlife Club meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Welch Hall.

CORRECTION: In last week’s article “WCSA candidates announce their platforms,” it was incorrectly reported that Saar Rajpuria had been endorsed by Andrew Paik and Memme Onwudiwe as a candidate for treasurer. The byline for the photos of each president and vice president candidate said the photos were taken by Spenser Hickey. They were provided by the respective campaigns.

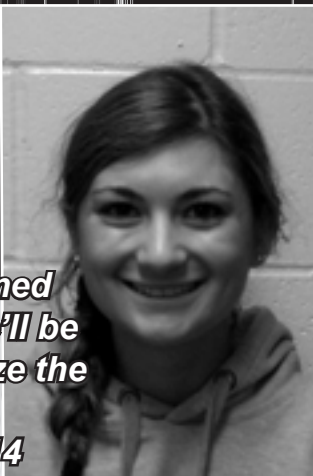


# Sound-off OWU


## How do you think America will do in the next four years?



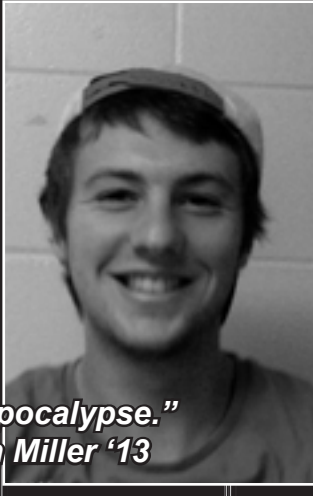
*“I think America will do wonderfully. People put too much emphasis on the president and not on other factors.”*  
- Addison Miller ‘14



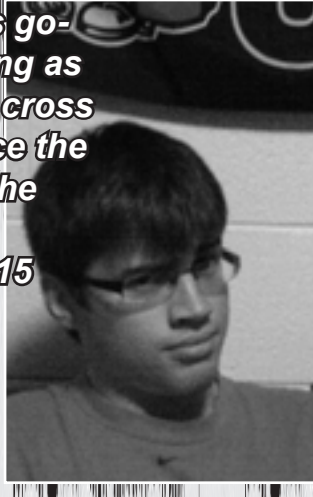
*“I think Obama earned his re-election, so he’ll be able to further stabilize the United States.”*  
- Anne Frissora ‘14




*“I think we’re going to be fine. People are overreacting about the re-election, but we need to have faith in our president in order to prosper and uphold our freedoms.”*  
- Elise Pitcairn ‘15



*“Zombie apocalypse.”*  
- Hudson Miller ‘13



*“I think America is going to be fine as long as Obama is willing to cross party lines and voice the true opinion of the nation.”*  
- John Peranzi ‘15



*“The United States will be fabulous if every state legalizes marijuana so we can increase the GDP.”*  
- Lauren Salustro ‘14

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# Soccer for Food collects funds for CARE

By **Chrissy Wesney**  
*Transcript Correspondent*

The weather was nice, the music was loud and the soccer balls were flying as students and faculty played soccer for CARE.

The second annual Ohio Wesleyan University Soccer for Food competition took place on Nov. 10 and 11 at the practice field across from the Meek Aquatic and Recreation Center.

The competition raised money for CARE, a humanitarian aid group in East Africa. The organization is for famine relief that also helps with medical supplies, families and orphanages.

Senior Sarah Johnston said she got the inspiration for this event after she studied abroad in Tanzania for wildlife conservation two years ago.

“I want over for the animals, but I think I fell in love with the people more than the animals,” Johnston said.

Johnston said that she would play soccer every day with the children while in Tanzania and was inspired by how happy they were.

“I learned Swahili, but the only words that I can remember are the soccer terms,” Johnston said. “It was kind of like soccer became the universal language that we didn’t have to understand each other, per se, to play together.”

After she came back, she discussed with friends what they could do to help the children in Africa.

“(The kids) wouldn’t be playing with shoes; they wouldn’t have eaten that day. Just worst case scenario, typical stuff you see on commercials. But you never really know until you see it, and you’re so affected by it,” Johnston said.

Johnston said the whole point of the competition was that she didn’t want to “beg people for money, or show pictures of dying, starving children, but to recreate when (she) got to out and play soccer.”

Senior Magdalena Jacobo said she decided to participate in the event this year because she heard about the competition last year, but was unable to attend.

“I think it’s a good event because besides different organizations coming together for a cause, there is a fellowship among the participants even if the matches become sort of competitive,” Jacobo said.

This year, 11 teams participated in the competition, which is less than the 16 teams that participated in last year’s event.

“We have a few less teams this year because of sports tournaments, and fraternity and sorority events,” Johnston said. “That’s unfortunate, but we still have a great amount.”

Last year, the competition raised around \$1500, and Johnston said that this year’s goal is to get just over that amount.

Johnston said one thing that is amazing about this year’s competition is the prizes for the champions.

“Last year, we had a prize for the champion, but it was just shirts because we didn’t have any additional funding,” Johnston said. “But this year we’re having medals and Amato’s donated \$100 in gift cards, bringing other people to donate as well.”

Johnston thanked the volunteers who helped her run the event.

“It’s really cool that we get faculty members to participate and students from (different clubs),” Johnston said.

# Carrying trash encourages compost, helps ecosystem

By **Rachel Vinciguerra**  
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Junior Aidan Williamson challenged Ohio Wesleyan students to carry all of their waste products in a trash bag everywhere they went last week in order to confront their ecological footprint.

As a member of the Tree House, a Small Living Unit (SLU), Williamson is required to complete a project every semester that relates back to the theme of the Tree House and is open to members of the OWU community.

“No Throw-Away Week is a project aimed at acquainting its participants with the size of their waste stream,” Williamson said.

According to the Tree House blog (treehouseowu.blogspot.com), Williamson was inspired by the book, “Radical Simplicity” by Jim Merkel. The book serves as a guide for people concerned about their ecological footprint and how much of the earth’s ecosystems they use.

Williamson said that he considers reducing the amount of non-recyclable, non-compostable material that is deposited in landfills to be the second most important aspect of reducing your ecological footprint, after dietary changes.

“My goal with this project is to encourage thinking about our trash and how our lifestyles create our trash,” Williamson said. “I want more people to be critical of every item they decide to take responsibility for, to ask themselves whether they really need to buy or consume all the things they do.”

Some members of the Tree House, a few students from outside of the SLU community, and a professor took part in this project.

Over the course of the week, each participant was asked to carry a trash bag with them at all times to deposit their waste into. At the end of the week they weighed their trash and found out just how much they would have thrown away.

Williamson said the feedback has been mostly positive.

“Dr. Shari Stone-Mediatore in the philosophy department was very keen on this project and has been wonderful to talk to thus far. She was telling me that most of her trash so far has been facial tissues. When I told her that she could compost those, I could tell it was the best news she had heard all week,” he said.

Williamson said the best part of his project has been that it makes him critical of his own consumption. The worst part for Williamson has been forgetting to put trash into his bag.

“A few times I have had to fish something out of a trash can after accidentally tossing it,” Williamson said.

One student said she was interested in the project when she first heard about it, but decided not to participate



Photo by Rachel Vinciguerra

Juniors Sam Sonnegga (left) and Mike Cormier (right) display the bags full of trash they carried all week to support junior Aidan Williamson’s Tree House project.

in the end.

“It was kind of gross carrying around your trash all day, but mostly it was just hard to do when I’m out of the dorm for the whole day,” she said.

Junior Ashley Taylor said that as a member of the Tree House she thought it was a great idea from the beginning, although she was worried that people outside of Tree House might not be open to it.

Since the project ended, she said she feels the same way.

“I wish more people would have been involved and showed more interest. I still like the idea that it opens your eyes to what you are throwing away if it can’t be recycled or composted.”

Taylor said the project has made her even more conscious of what she throws away.

“I wish I could eat more things that are not packaged,” she said. “It’s so easy to just toss things into the trash-out of sight, out of mind—but it definitely made me think about the things I do throw away and where they end up. Also, as much as I do recycle and compost, it’s sad to think that I am still contributing to the pollution of the landfills.”

Senior Chris Marshall said he thought the project sounded comical at first.

“It seemed silly to imagine all of campus carrying bags of trash around,” he said.

But Marshall was curious to participate in Williamson’s project and he said it has made him think about how much waste we produce as a society.

“Say you generate just a pound of waste in a week. Expand from that small amount to the American population, 300 million strong. In a week, that’s 300 million pounds of waste, 150,000 tons. Where does that all go? To a landfill, to islands of trash hidden from view so we don’t have to think about them. Because I had to keep my trash all week, I was much more aware of what I was purchasing, trying to be careful not to add to my trash bag because I didn’t want to carry so much crap around.”

He said disappointed to see his trash bag fill so quickly throughout the week.

“The worst part was watching my waste pile build even while I was trying to limit the things I was using, eating and buying. I realized I am caught in a consumerist web,” Marshall said.

Senior Melissa Guziak also participated in Williamson’s project. She said she realized that she generates a lot of trash very easily.

“A lot of this trash could be avoided if I thought ahead with the food decisions I choose to make throughout the day,” she said.

In particular, Guziak noticed that she accumulated a lot of small plastic yogurt containers that cannot be recycled.

“Looking at the bag at the end of the week I see all of the trash and realize that’s going to sit in a landfill forever. I can get rid of the bag and get it out of my mind, but it will be sitting somewhere on our earth forever,” she said.

Senior Amanda Fawcett said the project has opened her eyes to the trash she generates every day, but she was not excited about carrying waste around with her all week.

“I did this project to support my housemate Aidan, even though I wasn’t looking forward to carrying around a trash bag with me for a week,” she said.

Fawcett was especially hesitant to carry around the plates and bowls from the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center covered in food. Despite the smells, she said, she was happy with the outcome.

“I was pleased with myself because I didn’t generate much trash apart from the unavoidable items like the disposable plates and bowls in the cafeteria. I avoided a lot of waste by carrying around a metal spoon and fork with me, which is something I did even before this week,” Fawcett said.

Marshall said he feels confident that Williamson’s project can be applied to the everyday lives of students at OWU and people everywhere.

“Aidan’s house project serves as a model for how people should consider their waste, not just for a week, but year-round,” he said.

# Newly elected WSCA reps challenge campaign norms

By **Margaret Bagnell**  
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*Transcript Reporter and Correspondent*

Last Friday, juniors Martin Clark and Tim O’Keeffe were elected the next president and vice president of the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs. They defeated two other candidate pairs: juniors Ariel Koiman and Anthony Fisher, and junior Andrew Paik and sophomore Memme Onwudiwe.

Clark and O’Keeffe will be joined on the executive committee by their two sophomore running mates, Maria Urbina and Lauren Holler, who were elected secretary and treasurer.

Urbina ran unopposed, while Holler defeated juniors Peter Reveles and Saar Rajpuria.

Clark said the decision to reach out and meet with campus organizations benefitted his campaign.

“(Meeting with organizations) put us in a good position to win,” Clark said.

He also attributed their success to their social media and word of mouth campaigns, as well as getting the freshman class involved.

Paik said while the result wasn’t what he’d hoped for, he wasn’t surprised by who won the election.

“Martin and Tim were the front runners from the start,”

Paik said. “They had a very large base of supporters, and coupled with the support they’d get from Maria and Lauren’s supporters, we had (our) work cut out for us.”

Although Fisher said he was surprised by the outcome, he has confidence in Clark and O’Keeffe’s abilities.

“The students voted on who they felt will do the best job and work for them,” said Fisher. “I know Martin and Tim will do a good job.”

Paik, Fisher and Koiman said they thought the new system started by Clark and O’Keeffe—combining their campaign with those of secretary and treasurer—should not continue.

Paik said he was unaware of Urbina and Holler’s plans to run with Clark and O’Keeffe until they started campaigning, but if he’d known beforehand he’d have created a joint campaign of his own.

Paik said running against a joint campaign without having one was a “competitive disadvantage.”

Koiman said having the joint campaign was “an uphill battle” to compete against and “shut out” Rajpuria and Reveles, who weren’t endorsed.

Both Paik and Fisher said future joint campaigns would also hinder diversity among the WSCA executive committee.

Fisher said regular divided campaigns were beneficial to the campus because it allows for greater diversity.

“(Divided campaigns allow) more people from other social circles of campus a chance to be a part of WSCA,” he said.

Clark said he is not sure if the joint campaigns will continue. He said he, O’Keeffe, Urbina and Holler were already “very close” before they decided to run together.

“It was only natural that we decided to do this together,” he said.

WSCA candidates spent weeks campaigning their platforms to the student body and held a forum debate in the atrium of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center on Nov. 7.

The debates were overseen by the current WSCA president and vice president, seniors Anthony McGuire and Carly Hallal.

Candidates were asked about what improvements could be made on campus and what changes could be implemented quickly. Clark and O’Keeffe claimed they wanted to be more active in the government and reach out to students to make a positive change in the university.

O’Keeffe ran for the position of vice president with a campaign strategy that reflected how OWU is a proac-

tive community and Holler said she has already thought of ways to help club spending.

“I want to see the accountability for these clubs and make sure they do meet the guidelines by and checking up on the groups,” Holler said.

Junior Elise Pitcairn challenged the candidates once the forum opened up to the students.

“How are you all involved on campus already, and how do you plan to get more involved?” questioned Pitcairn.

The candidates were given the opportunity to respond by listing their accomplishments and involvement in other clubs.

Sophomore Philippe Chauveau also questioned the candidates during the debate.

“The majority of the students don’t know what the WSCA positions are running for and there is not very much publicity for the students to understand what you’re all about,” said Chauveau.

With the debates over, and the outcome of the election determined, students can expect to see the student government take a more active role in the community.

However, McGuire said only 24.9 percent of students voted in the election.

This number is a decrease in voter participation. In 2011 25.3 percent voted,

while 52.5 percent voted in 2010, the first year of online voting.

This drop came despite increased campaigning by all candidates, particularly via social networking and the candidate debate.

McGuire said the low number of voters was unexpected.

“I got the feeling that this campaign season was more passionate and fierce than last year’s or the year before,” McGuire said.

He said the drop may have been caused by internet problems; users of Google Chrome in particular reportedly had difficulty voting on their J/CX accounts.

The new WSCA governing body already said it has plans in motion to help the OWU community change for the better.

“We have already started to brainstorm on how to get things done properly in office. This semester I’d like to see a lot of changes made especially with housekeeping and the food on campus. Those are the two main issues we would like to make improvements on for the students.

We’re also going to start going to clubs bimonthly for their meetings and make ourselves more well known in the OWU community, especially to the many clubs on campus,” said O’Keeffe.



# Swing states still play important role in election

By **Ellin Youse**  
*Transcript Reporter*

Whether it was Michelle Obama’s voice interrupting a Pandora Internet Radio station to talk about her husband, or Paul Ryan promoting his running mate on Twitter, students had no option in following this year’s presidential election.

With the campaigns hitting social media, when President Barack Obama won a second term as president last Tuesday night, Ohio Wesleyan students, like junior Jacob Beach, had a lot to say about it.

“I was ecstatic when I heard the news Mr. Obama was re-elected as president, but being in a battleground state, I can speak for many when I say, I am glad the election is over,” Beach said.

“Not because of the outcome, but because those political ads will finally stop appearing on the T.V., radio and before every YouTube video I watch.”

Battleground states were especially important this election, as the presidential race was continually close throughout the election season.

The New York Times predicted a 49.8 percent chance Ohio, a battleground state with 18 Electoral College votes, would decide the election on Nov. 6, greater than any other state’s potential to influence the election.

The Times’ prediction held true after CNN announced Tuesday at midnight Obama would remain president, only moments after reporting Ohio turned blue.

This marked the second time Ohio’s Electoral College votes had gone blue for Obama.

Ohio wasn’t the only state that might have changed the tide of the election. Mixed rumors were coming in about which way Florida, a notorious battleground state, would go.

Even after Obama had earned the required 270 Electoral College votes to win the presidency for a second term, Florida was still counting



**Above left: Students mark which states have gone to Romney or Obama with red and blue as the results come in on election night in Benes A on Nov. 6. Above right: President Rock Jones, who attended the election night watch party, takes a look at the map the students have been updating.**



Photo by Ellin Youse

votes to determine which way it would swing.

In the end, Florida went blue for Obama, as it did in the 2008 presidential election.

By the time California’s 55 Electoral College votes went to Obama, it was official that he had been re-elected.

Obama won both the popular and electoral vote, raking in 313 Electoral College votes and 50.8 percent of the popular vote.

Romney received 225 Electoral votes, and 48.3 percent of the popular vote.

After the announcement of Obama’s re-election, cheers and boos alike reverberated through the various hallways of OWU’s dormitories as students celebrated or mourned the fate of their favored candidate.

“For election day I had two computer monitors on different electoral maps and CBS blaring on my T.V. screen,” Beach said.

“I told myself I wasn’t go-

ing to watch it because I was so nervous, but I did anyways and did not regret it.

“Once Ohio went blue I heard all sorts of cheers and car horns from outside my window.

“I stayed up way too late watching the speech afterwards, both Romney’s and Obama’s.

“I must say though, as something that happens once every four years and has a large impact on my life, it was worth going to class a little tired the next day.”

Senior Carly Hallal said although she didn’t have much of a great feeling for either candidate in the election, she was relieved when Obama was reelected.

“I didn’t like Romney’s foreign policies or women’s rights policies either, (and), quite frankly, they were almost scary,” Hallal said.

“What I think is more important, though, is for America to try to become less polar-

ized.

“Part of the complaint with Obama was that he did not do anything the past four years -- well I’m sure it’s hard to get a lot done when the other party is constantly opposing you.

“I can’t stress enough how much I disagree with bipartisan politics and how much we need to do away with this to move forward.”

Hallal and Beach were two of nine students selected to drive in President Obama’s motorcade from Rickenbacker airport to the Nationwide Arena in downtown Columbus for President Obama’s last campaign rally with Bruce Springsteen and Jay Z.

The students each drove a van filled with Obama staffers, campaign coordinators and photographers in the motorcade.

“We had the entire highway closed off to us and were driving 80 plus mph to get to the Nationwide Arena where the president was to give a speech

and Bruce and Jay Z were performing,” Hallal said.

“Once we got there, Obama was rushed to a press line.”

Hallal said she was surprised at Obama’s demeanor.

“We got to meet him shortly after and take a picture with him,” she said.

“He was so genuinely nice and relaxed.

“I have no idea how he would be able to be so relaxed considering the fate of the country and let’s face it, the world, partially relies on his shoulders and he was about to give a huge speech and the election was happening the next day.”

Unlike Beach and Hallal, sophomore Karli Sturgil said she was “really anxious” when Obama was re-elected.

Sturgil said while she is greatly concerned with the economy under Obama, she is staying positive about the future of America over the next four years.

“I was pretty freaked out

and stressed when I heard Obama was re-elected,” Sturgil said. “But at the end of the day, I’m an American first.

“While I worry about some of the people I know back home being affected by Obama’s healthcare and economic plans, I’ve been comfortable in my life this past four years and I’m pretty confident that will continue.”

In his concession speech election night, Mitt Romney thanked supporters like Sturgil while wishing the best for Obama.

“Like so many of you, Paul and I have left everything on the field,” Romney said.

“We have given our all to this campaign. I so wish -- I so wish that I had been able to fulfill your hopes to lead the country in a different direction.

But the nation chose another leader. And so Ann and I join with you to earnestly pray for him and for this great nation,” he said.

## Critical Incident Response Team has campus prepared for disaster

By **Jenna Rodcay**  
*Transcript Reporter*

Though Ohio Wesleyan did not experience severe effects from Hurricane Sandy, the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) met to make preparations in case of the worst.

According to the introduction of the CIRP, the plan “provides a framework to guide coverage, response and notification procedures for any crisis our campus may encounter.

“The plan addresses topics such as: types and levels of critical incidents, composition and responsibilities of the (CIRP), recommended responses to various critical incidents, notification and reporting procedures (and) evacuation and relocation procedures.”

It also outlines the types of critical incidents that may occur, including fire, bomb threats, biological hazards, severe weather and medical emergencies.

According to Craig Ullom, vice president for student affairs, the CIRP gives thought to how the university would come together and respond if an incident occurs.

The CIRT has 12 primary members, and 14 additional members.

“(These members) are called depending on the nature of the critical incident,” Ullom said.

These members include OWU offices and personnel,

such as Rock Jones, Public Safety, Residential Life, the Chaplain’s Office, Counseling Services, the Student Health Center and Buildings and Grounds and organizations in Delaware, such as the Delaware Fire and Police Departments and the Delaware County Emergency Management Team (EMA).

Bob Wood, director of Public Safety, said there is a strong working relationship between the university and the Delaware community, which is what will help make the plan useful in the case that a real tragedy should strike.

“We know resources, we know who to call,” Wood said. “We all work together.”

The CIRP was developed in 2006 when Wood came to OWU.

Wood created his first CIRP nearly 25 years before he came to OWU, while working at the Ohio State University, and played a large role in the creation of the CIRP.

He said the dean at the time left the development of the CIRP to Public Safety and Residential Life.

So Wood and Wendy Piper, assistant dean of Student Affairs and director of Residential Life, were the early developers and co-authors of the plan.

“We looked at a number of plans and developed our (CIRP) based on the models we found,” Wood said.

Wood said the CIRP has been changed and modified over the years but the main

purpose of the plan is bringing together members of the CIRT to address incidents.

“Things happen so fast that we don’t always have time to convene,” Wood said. “So we talk on the phone and (delegate) people to where they need to go.”

Wood said it is important to note the plan doesn’t give the option to flip to a page and read exactly what to do.

Rather, it provides an example, and the protocol should be adjusted to the situation at hand.

He said one of the more serious concerns in this area is severe weather storms, especially in the winter.

Aside from the safety hazards they cause, storms have the ability to knock out the power and restrict travel—leaving students without heat and unable to leave or receive emergency help.

Ullom said the power poses several problems; such as how to get into buildings without swipe access and how to maintain fire safety without alarms.

The campus has five emergency generators located in the R..W. Corns Building, the Hamilton Williams Campus Center, the Powerhouse, the Schimmel/Conrades Science Center and Smith Hall.

The university is also high on the priority list for power restoration, behind Grady Memorial Hospital, the Delaware police and fire departments and local nursing homes.

Ullom said after each inci-

dent the CIRT meets to debrief and decide if the response to the incident was appropriate.

The CIRT then uses these past incidents as starting points when incidents occur in the future and to help educate the campus about how to react in the future.

“The little things are easy to forget,” he said.

An example of the CIRT coming together to respond to an incident is the fire that occurred in the Delta Tau Delta (Delt) house last month.

Team members came from Residential Life, Greek Life, the Delaware Fire Department, and the members of Delta Taut Delta and Sigma Chi, are creating a fire safety awareness brochure to help students stay aware and cautious.

The campus offers several other ways for students to stay prepared for crises, such as the Rape Aggressive Defense program (RAD), Active Shooter Training and the Staying on the Right Side of the Law program, which is mandatory for incoming freshman.

“(The CIRT) works towards the best option in things (they) wish (they) never have to deal with,” Ullom said.

## Students can expect a cramped, expensive flight home for the holidays

By **Margaux Erilane**  
*Transcript Correspondent*

With turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, biscuits, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, family, friends and pie just around the corner, how could anyone not be jumping for joy at the prospects of the upcoming holiday season?

The excitement could be put on hold for those planning to fly home.

It’s not news that the days before and after Thanksgiving are the most travelled days of the year.

But according to Airlines for America, 150,000 more people are expected to travel by air this Thanksgiving than did in 2011.

So you can say goodbye to the possibility of having an empty seat next to you. And good luck finding room in the overhead compartments for your carry-on.

With nearly 24 million passengers, A4A projects flights will be 90 percent full on top travel days (Wednesday, Nov. 21, Sunday, Nov. 25 and Monday, Nov. 26.)

Sophomore Ashkan Ekhtera said he lamented the news that his flight back to Chicago is likely be full.

“I’m 6’2” and I already feel cramped on planes,” he said.

“If my flight is full and I can’t spread out and get comfortable, I’ll be very grumpy when I get off the plane.”

Space isn’t the only thing there will be less of. Ticket prices have also increased due to rising jet fuel prices.

Ekhtera said his flight was \$420 - more than he’s ever paid for a flight home before.

A4A stated that despite the 5.6 percent increase in traveler revenue, fuel prices have risen 6.2 percent.

This leads to only a 0.2 percent profit margin (approximately 50 cents per passenger), hence the increased prices.

Sophomore Mike Serbanoiu, a native of New York, said he won’t be flying home this Thanksgiving break.

“I’m really lucky that I live close enough to drive home because a round trip ticket to JFK costs about \$500 right now,” Serbanoiu said.

Although today’s prices appear high to consumers, A4A said, with inflation, airfare is actually 16 percent cheaper this year than it was in 2000.

Ekhtera said he hates dealing with all the airline hassle when trying to go home for holidays.

“I kind of wish I could just teleport home,” Ekhtera said. “That way I could avoid the lack of space and the cost.”



# Kappa Alpha Theta goes presidential for charity

Photos by Samantha Simon

Right: The candidates for Mr. OWU: First Ladies and Presidents line up on the stage during the formal wear portion of the event. Kappa Alpha Theta puts on the male beauty pageant every year to raise funds for its national philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Eleven candidates competed for the title, seven representing fraternities, three representing sororities and one representing the Women's House.

Below left: Junior Jordan Grammer, the Delta Tau Delta fraternity candidate, impersonates American television host and painter Bob Ross as he attempts to paint a kite, one of Theta's symbols. Senior Grace Wallace, his Theta coach, acts as an assistant.

Below center: Junior Nick Ehlers, the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity candidate, sings "Dream a Little Dream of Me" with guitar accompaniment by freshman Chris MacDonald. Each candidate showcased a talent, competed in a money run and answered three interview questions.

Below right: Sophomore Jonathan Duncan, the Sigma Chi fraternity candidate, is crowned Mr. OWU 2012 with senior Clare Whitaker, his Theta coach. Duncan raised the most money during the two minute money run and earned the title. Duncan's victory is the second time in a row that Sig Chi has taken home the crown of Mr. OWU.



## Harvard professor connects disease, diet and the food pyramid

By Carly Shields  
Transcript Correspondent

The health and diet of American citizens and the progress, or lack thereof, made so far was the topic of discussion last week.

Walter Willett, the chair of the department of nutrition at Harvard Medical School, spoke on Tuesday, Nov. 6, on the issues of the food pyramid and the connection between food consumption and disease.

"Nutritionists agree that the food pyramid from the 1970's was really off," Willett said. "We need oils and fats. Eating fish and nuts is better than eating red meat."

Christopher Fink, assistant professor of physical education and director of the Sagan National Colloquium, also agreed that the 1970's food pyramid had good intentions but was wrong in its message.

"I agree with Dr. Willett entirely on the food pyramid," Fink said.

"I think it intended to do good things, but that it was misguided and resulted in some confusion relative to healthy eating behaviors, because of the emphasis on carbohydrates and the lack of specificity about what kinds of carbohydrates were most nutrient dense."

Willett said that the food pyramid from the 1970's is one of the causes to the unbalanced and unhealthy diet in Americans.

The 70's food pyramid tells us large amounts of carbohydrates are good and small portions of oils and fats are bad, but Willett said this is not true.

"The 2005 food pyramid is useless as well," he said.

"It doesn't tell you what to avoid and the 2010 new food plate diagram is not much better.

"It says you need a glass of milk at every meal but really water is the beverage of choice."

Fink said he agrees with Willett that the intent of the 2010 food plate has made improvement but is still not accurate on what to eat.

"Still, it lacks specificity about the various kinds of grains and protein foods that are most nutrient dense and associated with lower risk of chronic disease, and I think it's still too friendly to specific lobbies, such as the dairy industry," Fink said.

Willett said he has done research on different diseases such as breast cancer, heart disease, Type 2 Diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

He said he has tested to see if there is any correlation between animal fat and breast cancer mortality.

"We look at how diet affects heart disease or cancer over time," Willett said.

"Most cancers have already started growing before they

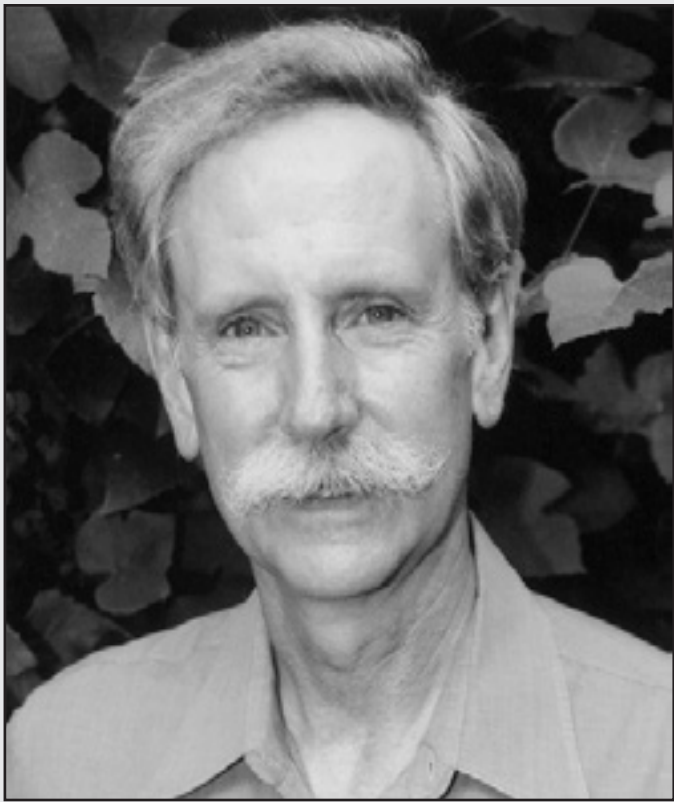


Photo from Oregon State University

Professor Walter Willett

were even tested for."

Willett said he discovered higher rates of fat and weight gain after age 18 leads to high rates of breast cancer in women.

He said this has to do with estrogen levels as well.

"You want to maintain your body weight and try and keep your weight as close to as what you weighed at age 18," Willett said.

"Women in Asia actually decrease in weight after they turn 18, making their risk for breast cancer decrease even more."

Willett discussed how everything became fat-free in the 90's because there was a scare that fat was the cause for many diseases and cancers.

Women and men were eating fat-free everything.

Willett did a research project on trans fat and what it does to the body. Trans fat is correlated to coronary disease.

Willett said he discovered a correlation between men with coronary heart disease and Omega 3.

He said he discovered there is a decrease in deaths of men

who have high rates of Omega 3.

Willett said in modern food productions, the food industry hydrogenates Omega 3's to be able to sit on shelves for a long time.

But by hydrogenating the Omega 3's out of the food, Willett said the nutrition in the food is also diminished

"Nuts are high in Omega 3 and people who consume nuts most days of the week have a 30 percent less chance of coronary heart disease," Willett said.

Willett discussed the common idea that fruits and vegetables will help keep all diseases away, but said this is not true.

"There is no correlation between increase of produce and decrease in cancer," Willett said.

"However there has been a 30 percent decrease in cardiovascular disease with produce intake.

"So keep eating your fruit and vegetables."

Willett discussed the rapid increase of obesity in America.

He said high levels of glycemic loads increases Type 2 diabetes.

Willett said doctors were telling women to increase their glycemic loads before they understood the correlation between high levels of glycemic intake and Type 2 Diabetes.

High levels of glycemic intake are even worse if a person is overweight or obese.

Willett also discussed the connection between milk and prostate cancer. He said there is evidence that milk is related to the cause of prostate cancer.

He also said there is no evidence that milk supports bones.

"We really don't need that much milk and we really don't need that much calcium either," Willett said.

However the higher levels of Vitamin D the lower risk of colon cancer.

Willett said the lifestyle for lowering the risk of heart disease is the same lifestyle for lowering the risk for Type 2 Diabetes.

These low risk factors include not smoking, exercising for at least a half hour every day and having a good, balanced diet, which includes low trans fat, low glycemic load, high cereal fiber, high fish and low alcohol consumption.

Fink said he would like students to understand that there are "good scientists," like Willett, working to help the public understand health and diet are always evolving.

"I think that Dr. Willett brought the discussion about the mutually transformative relationship with food into the arena of medicine and health," Fink said.

"Certainly, with all of the focus on health care, medical costs, and the rise in various chronic diseases associated with our diet, we shouldn't have a series focused on our relationship with food without speaking about the health impact."



Opinion

Vandals, no vandalizing!

This weekend, an alumnus and I were walking around Stuyvescent Hall. He had not seen the new building since its renovations occurred after his graduation and wanted to see the changes made. He was pleasantly surprised by the new flooring, fireplaces and lobby settings. And as we entered the courtyard, he happily pointed out how beautiful it was with its new staircase and sitting area. He was also happy to see the new fountain running.

“It was just a big hole in the ground when I was here,” he explained to me and another student.

However, as we got closer, we noticed that one of the three frogs of the fountain was not on the perimeter with its brethren, but instead had decided to take a dip in the water.

Or rather, it was involuntarily thrown in.

This is not the only report on vandalism we’ve had on campus, though it is arguably the saddest.

This is, for all intents and purposes, a new building. The university spent a lot of money and a lot of man-hours in creating a nicer place to live for the students.

This year’s freshmen don’t know the world of exploding heaters, lack of air conditioning and subpar appliances. It is reasonable to say OWU has given the building a new facelift.

So isn’t it a blatant insult to the university that students have the audacity to ruin the work that has been done, for no real reason?

Stuy isn’t the only building that’s been victimized.

Smith’s residents have wracked up quite a debt, between \$35-40, because of bulletin boards being ripped off the walls and other such shows of immature idiocy.

And, I don’t know the whole story about this, but Sunday morning I noticed a shutter on one of the fraternity houses hanging haphazardly as it had been ripped from the building’s façade.

Even the Delt house is looking more abandoned than ever, since someone broke a window on the basement floor and a plywood board has covered it.

Even personal property is not protected on the streets of OWU.

Stories of students having their side-view mirrors damaged and bikes being stolen or molested have been heard through the student grapevine.

Students don’t seem to have much respect for anyone or anything on campus, save their own things.

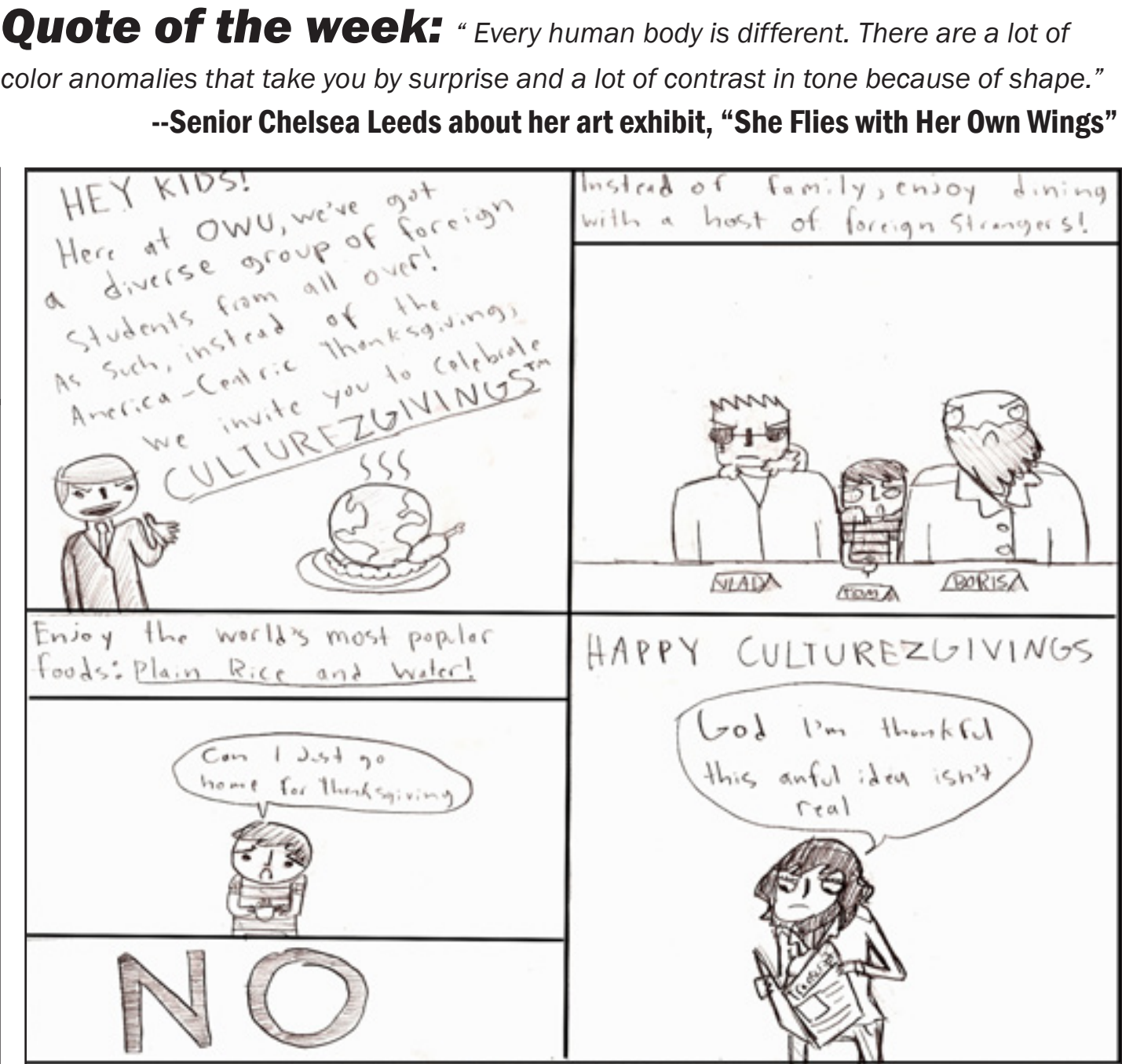
I’m not sure what you’ve been taught, but how much destruction done does not give you a measurement how great the night before was.

I know most of you who are committing these acts of violence won’t be reading this, so I can’t say, “shame on you!” and expect you to hear it.

Perhaps some of you don’t even remember doing the things I’ve listed.

So let me just say the amount of vandalism, and with it the astounding lack of respect we see on this university, is unacceptable for “young adults.”

Elizabeth Childers  
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By Lucas Peters

The silo: annoyance, deadly reminder, work of art

By Rachel Vinciguera  
Transcript Correspondent

We’ve all seen the silo in the middle of HamWill. It seems like everyone’s got an opinion about it. “It’s in the way.” “That thing gave me splinters!” “Did you know you can climb inside...?” Like anyone else, I’ve got my opinions too.

The Silo as Art.

First and foremost, the silo is meant to be a part of a larger art project that you may have noticed pieces of around campus.

We all seem to complain about the silo, but how many of us have taken a chance to read the sign that hangs only a few feet away?

I’ll fill you in.

Abram W. Kaplan, an environmental studies professor from Denison, created this art piece as a reaction to the American food system and how he has come to understand it.

Kaplan was partially inspired by a field trip during which he took his students to a farm and spoke with the farmer about where our food comes from. He came to see food in a different way, and the silo seeks to help us see our food differently, too.

The sign reads, “through art, through communication with one another, through experiential activities, we may arrive at new ways of knowing.”

And that, right there, is the beauty of the silo.

You can say it is in the way.

You can say it has caused some injuries.

*“The silo reminds me that there are things happening every day, all over the world, and right in front of me, that I don’t take the time to understand or even be informed about.”*

And, yes, you can ignore the fact that it is a piece of art by climbing inside. But you can’t say it hasn’t caused discussion; that it hasn’t created experiences.

The Silo as an Annoyance

The placement of the silo in, debatably, the busiest spot on campus has caused a great deal of discussion among students.

It sits in the center of the atrium, smack dab in the middle of our central gathering spot.

And let me tell you a little secret: I love that it interrupts our daily routine.

I love that people are bothered by it.

That’s my favorite kind of art.

The kind that stops you in your tracks.

The kind that makes you wrinkle your nose and furl your brow like you just got a whiff of skunk.

The kind that pisses you off.

That means it’s doing something! That means you’re thinking!

And doesn’t it also serve Kaplan’s purpose? We eat food every day, it may not be good, it may be Chartwells, but we all eat every single day.

Food itself is a pretty constant and permanent presence in our lives, isn’t it?

Just like the silo.

And I think the placement is perfect.

The Silo as a Relevant Issue

For all of you New York Times readers out there, you will probably remember that a couple of weeks ago an article was published: “Silos Loom as Death Traps on American Farms” by John Broeder.

Broeder wrote about the more than 80 silo-related deaths that have occurred over the past five years: almost entirely young men.

And almost entirely preventable.

He discussed the process of sending boys (as young as 14) to loosen the grain from the inside walls of the silo with a steel rod, and how very often that grain would fall from the sides suddenly and suffocate them underneath.

The safety codes in place for many farms, because they tend to be small family-owned organizations, are not the same as in other workplaces.

Under the assumption that parents will treat their own children better than random employees, many farms are not required by the government to undergo the same safety inspections as other organizations, and this leads to the injury and very often death of these young male employees.

Tommy Osier was 18,

when, as he was loosening the grain, it piled down on top of him and suffocated him to death.

Wyatt Whitebread, only 14, was sent into a silo to do the same--not aware that he would suffer the same fate.

And these are just a couple of the many boys who have been killed the same way.

This is something that happens every single year to young boys working on farms around our country, and we never hear about it.

No, the silo is not meant to be a looming symbol of these devastating accidents, but that is what it has become in my mind.

To me, that is the silo’s most significant purpose.

For me, it serves as a reminder of these young lives lost.

And, more than that, it reminds me that there are things happening every day, all over the world, and right in front of me, that I don’t take the time to understand or even be informed about.

Every time I see the silo I am reminded of Tommy and Wyatt. And I am reminded of a problem that has yet to be fixed.

It may not have been Kaplan’s goal when he created the work and honestly, I don’t know how he would feel about my reaction.

But that’s the other great thing about art: everyone sees it differently, and its meaning can change over time as the world around us always changes, too.

It really is all about perception. And I think art is especially exciting when our perceptions can be changed by events going on around us.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Women take flight in senior art show

### Student paints portraits of the inspiring women in her life

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Many artists chose to capture the beauty of landscapes or objects in their work, but senior Chelsea Leeds found inspiration in the beauty of her closest friends.

Leeds’ exhibition, “She Flies with Her Own Wings,” contains 19 portraits of Ohio Wesleyan students and some faces from Leeds’ hometown that were painted from pictures or from a live model.

Leeds said she began working on her paintings over a year ago in hopes of having a collection.

“It’s really cool to see your artwork on a wall. It’s kind of neat and surreal,” she said. “It’s a good sense of accomplishment.”

For Painting III, students are instructed to have a theme of subject matter, style or artist.

Leeds said she decided on her theme as she was “reflecting on school and all of my friends and sisters” over summer break.

“I paint the women in my life that inspire me,” she said. “We have such a lack of young women these days who are as put together as the women I know. I’m blessed to have these women in my life who are so put together and well balanced and interested in self-growth.”

While strong women have been a consistent inspiration for Leeds.

She said it has grown since coming to college as she has become more interested in women’s issues, especially in mental health, and how students develop as adults during college.

“My friends are open-minded, incredibly passionate



Left: Junior Kate Johnson rides her bike on Rowland Avenue. Senior Chelsea Leeds used this picture as the basis for her painting. Right: Senior Chelsea Leeds’s painting of junior Kate Johnson, which is a part of her exhibit, “She Flies with Her Own Wings,” currently on display in the Werner Gallery in Edgar Hall.

Photos by Chelsea Leeds and Emily Hostettler

and all have a very good sense of self,” she said.

“They’re not pompous. They all have a good sense of humility and are very grounded, which is rare for 20-something women to be because we all struggle with so many things. (I) look to them as positive examples.”

Senior Amy Siemon sat as a live model for Leeds. She said it was interesting to see how Leeds painted and created her art.

“It was slightly awkward at first because I’ve never done

that before,” Siemon said. “I was honored (to be painted) because I knew the project and the other women she asked to paint. It was fun to be like, ‘I’m art.’”

Senior Allyson North was also painted as a live model. She said she is amazed by Leeds’ passion and was excited to see her at work.

“She is one of my closest friends at Ohio Wesleyan, and I know that she too is a strong, confident woman,” North said. “Her collection is full of paintings of women that I admire

very much.”

Siemon said the paintings portray the inner beauty and good qualities of the subjects in the artwork.

“It was very personal for her to use that (inspiration) and open up to the community with something that is so close to her heart,” Siemon said.

Junior Kate Johnson said Leeds took pictures of her to paint in April.

She rode a bike for at least 15 minutes as Leeds aimed for the perfect shot.

“I was flattered when Chel-

sea asked me to pose for her,” Johnson said.

“I was nervous about the public reception of the painting simply because I’ve never been displayed through such a medium (on canvas) before. I also didn’t realize how big the canvas would be but, when I saw the painting, I wasn’t nervous or anything because Chelsea did a beautiful job.”

Leeds said she depicts her female subjects as individuals because they are so independent.

“(My inspirations) are very

selfless and have a huge interest in bettering the people around them and the community around them,” she said.

“They are involved in school and are dedicated to their academics and dedicated to their friends.”

Compared to painting still lifes and landscapes, Leeds said she never becomes bored with painting the human body.

She finds the female figure much more interesting than the male figure.

“Every human body is different. There are a lot of color anomalies that take you by surprise, and a lot of contrast in tone because of shape,” she said. “It’s not something I’ve perfected. It’s a constant struggle and I’m constantly learning more.”

Even though Leeds is surrounded by her inspiration, she said she still has off days and often has to paint over her work to start over again.

“It can be difficult sometimes because art is based on feelings and mood and whether or not you feel inspired at the moment,” she said.

“... You have bad days. You can’t press undo buttons on paintings which is frustrating.”

To make sure she is still accomplishing something during off days, Leeds said she has started working on more than one painting so she can switch back and forth.

After graduation, Leeds is not leaving her inspiration behind her.

She is planning on applying for graduate school for art therapy and counseling and wants “a world where all 20-somethings will have a positive self-image.”

“It’s something that will hopefully stay with me for the rest of my life,” she said.



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Left: A portrait of junior Kelsey Ullom painted by senior Chelsea Leeds is featured in her exhibit “She Flies with Her Own Wings,” currently in the Werner Gallery in Edgar Hall. Center: A portrait of Amanda Collins, Leeds’ hometown friend, featured in the same exhibit. Right: A portrait of Taurey Overturf ‘12.

## OWL provides students an opportunity to write for leisure, fun

By **Emily Feldmesser**  
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College students have enough academic writing to do for class, but some OWU students take time out of their busy lives and write creatively for their own enjoyment.

The OWL, Ohio Wesleyan’s annual literary magazine published in late spring, is where they can publish their poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, literary journalism and art.

The OWL is open to students of all majors and publishes a wide va-

riety of works. “Satisfying pieces of writing and art is the only theme we have,” said senior Anni Liu, one of three co-editors of The OWL.

In the past, the English department funded magazine has also published academic essays by faculty and students, interviews, music and translations. It was read last year at Beehive Books.

According to Liu, the mission of the magazine is to provide a venue for what could be called the literary arts and they “publish current and past students’ writing and seek to

promote our burgeoning authors”.

“If it can be reproduced, folded to size and made relatively flat, then submissions might include charts, maps, spreadsheets, prints, drawings, designs, tiles, graphic novels and pop-up books,” Liu said.

“We only publish writing that seems to embody fresh, witty, polished, moving and thoughtful writing.

We usually receive about a hundred submissions each year.”

Junior Ellie Feely, co-editor of The OWL, said it is important to ex-

plore other facets of writing.

“It’s important to write without any ulterior motives,” Feely said. “With classes, it’s easy to be confined to certain types of writing, but with creative writing, you’re not confined.”

Senior Chris Marshall, co-editor of The OWL, said it is important to read and write for enjoyment.

“We encourage escaping the required reading so that students can enjoy reading and writing,” Marshall said.

By breaking out of the assigned

readings and writing, students are able to find their own voice, said senior Chelsea Zwyer, co-editor of The OWL.

“When reading and writing what others tell you to, it’s easy for outside sources to influence you,” Zwyer said.

“Creative writing gives you more of a personal voice.”

Jillian Maruskin, public services librarian, said that creative writing helps engage students in their classwork and get a different perspective on the writing.



# Bishops Sports

## Men’s swimming and diving plans to improve and grow as a team

By Tim Alford  
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Only a few weeks into the season, the men’s swimming and diving team won their second meet against Urbana over the weekend.

According to junior diver Anthony Peddle and sophomore swimmer Thomas Horsfall, the team has started off the season strong.

Peddle said having a diving coach this season has given him more confidence.

“We are all working through our dive lists strengthening what we already have and moving towards newer dives, as well as increasing our degree of difficulty as we go along,” Peddle said. “We should improve on how we approach competitions. We’re an awesome team, and we can hold our own.”

Horsfall said the team is consistent and is dedicated. He said this is shown by the amount of training that takes place outside of the pool with activities such as running and lifting. Despite this, he said he still thinks there needs to be some improvements with the team.

“What I think the team needs to improve on is communication among the team,” Peddle said. “I feel as a whole, the team can split itself into smaller cliques of people and that causes some separation from different parts of the team. But the season is young and I believe as we get deeper into the season, those walls will be broken down.”

Unlike many other sports teams, the swimming and diving teams are scored together. Also, both the men’s and women’s teams practice and travel to meets together. Junior swimmer Jacob Beach said he has never been on a swimming team that definitively separates the guys from the girls.

“This is a defining characteristic of swimming and I think it leads to why swimming is such a close sport,” Beach said. “You are spending so many hours a week with the same people, you have to love each other.”

Peddle agreed with Beach and said the teams work together well.

“Our camaraderie is unlike any other team, in my opinion,” Peddle said. “We have men and women, swimmers and divers, mixed grades. We don’t have starters...we’re all

one team and compete as such. I love this team and I’m so lucky to be a part of it.”

Horsfall said that while he thinks working alongside the girl’s team and the dive team opens up more possibilities for friendships and building unity, he feels it can divide the team sometimes.

“I hear people disagree with listening to members of the team for that reason,” Horsfall said. “We are a team. Yes, by gender we are different, but we all make up the OWU swim team and that (disagreement) is something that needs to be changed. If we can change that, I think the teams’ unity will be stronger.”

Peddle explained how the scoring for the diving team factors into the team score.

“Diving is an individual scoring event, so each of our dives count towards our personal score,” he said. “(This) will place us first, second, or third, which if you place in the top three, you win points for the swimming and diving team – which determines if we win or lose.”

Peddle said the divers have some goals for this season.

“One goal we all have is to continually improve,” he said. “(Also) beat our scores from our previous meet and learn a new dive, or two, or three a week to increase our degree of difficulty.”

Horsfall said he plans to improve individually but has goals for the team as well.

“For the team, my goals are to win more meets than last season,” he said. “We work hard and I think our new, strong freshman class really gives us an edge on other teams. For myself, the only goals I have are to improve my stroke and to drop time.”

Horsfall said staying consistent in practice will be key to reaching the goals.

“Swimming is a sport where just a few days out of the water is detrimental to what you have been working on all season,” he said. “They say a day out of practice for a swimmer is comparable to three days out for any other athlete.”

The next meet for the team is Nov. 17 and 18 at home for the Corbiere/Merion Invitational. Beach said this meet is a big deal for the team as they swim against several Division II and III teams. At press time, the starting time for the meet was still unannounced.

## Bishop football defeats Wooster to claim their share of the NCAC Championship



Photo from James Dibiasio

**Top: The football team celebrates after their win against The College of Wooster, which secured them the position of co-champions in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC). The Bishops finished their first season under head coach Tom Watts with a record of 9-1, their best record since 2001 and their first conference championship since 1989.**



**Left: Junior nose guard George Newcomb (center), junior defensive end Jonathan Valentine (lower right) and senior defensive end James Huddleston (upper right) work together to tackle a running back in the game last Saturday against Wooster.**



Photos by Spenser Hickey

**Right: The Bishop defense works to prevent the Wooster offense from scoring in last Saturday’s action at Selby Stadium. The Bishops defeated Wooster 36-12 and tied the OWU record for the number of wins in a season.**

## Women’s basketball confident about upcoming season

By Taylor Smith  
Transcript Correspondent

The Ohio Wesleyan women’s basketball team is looking to prove coaches and fans wrong as the they plan to upset the season predictions.

The North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) coaches’ poll predicted the Lady Bishops to finish sixth in the conference. Junior wing, Julia Grimsley said she knows the team can finish better.

“We were really young last year and we have matured and grown a lot since last year,” Grimsley said. “Predictions of finishing sixth in the conference doesn’t mean anything to me because it is just a prediction, anything can happen.”

The team is returning all their starters from last year as only one senior, Elyse Wenger, graduated last year. Grimsley said Wenger was very positive and always encouraging others, whether she was on or off the court.

“She was also a really hard worker and never took a rep off,” Grimsley said. “We plan on filling that hole by being loud on the bench and continuing to communicate and encourage each other on the court.”

Senior post Tamra Londot said it is a new year and, as a team, they’re focusing on mental toughness and game mode versus practice mode.

“We have different things that differentiate game mode versus practice,” Londot said.

Sophomore guard Sarah McQuade, an honorable mention all-conference pick for last year’s All-NCAC teams, said the team is looking to improve team communication and team chemistry on and off the court this season.

“This year were going to try and be a more disciplined defensive team and change our attitudes,” McQuade said. “We have been looking to stay positive and encouraging throughout any bumps in the road we may have. The coaches plan to let us loose during games because they will have the trust in us that we will be able to do what needs to be done in order to win.”

Grimsley said the team is continuing to work hard and getting better at the things they struggled with last season.

“We have pretty much the same routine as last year except we are more experienced and more mature from last year,” Grimsley said. “We also have a better understanding of what our intent is as a team, which is to use our opportunities to better ourselves everyday as a basketball player and individual.”

Londot said the freshmen players are fitting in great with the team.

“They really have the will to win and

will do anything for the sake of team,” Londot said. “They have been participating in team workouts and leadership since the first week of school so they’ve learned the team dynamics.”

McQuade said all five of the freshmen are looking to contribute right away.

“They are giving us more depth in all positions and have fit in perfectly with our system,” McQuade said. “We all get along with each one of them and each one of them brings a positive attitude everyday to practice.”

Londot said the team to beat right now and always is Denison. She said DePauw and Wittenberg are also tough opponents. Grimsley said the team plays in a very strong conference and can’t take any other team for granted.

“Our conference is unpredictable in the sense that ‘upsets’ happen all the time,” Grimsely said. “Therefore, we have to watch out for every team in the conference and bring our ‘A’ game every time we step on the court.”

“If one of our teammates struggles to bring their ‘A’ game and they are having an off day, then it is our job as a team and family to step up and help pick them back up.”

The Lady Bishops open their season tomorrow against Baldwin-Wallace College at the Franklin College Tip-Off.

Weekly Scoreboard:

Nov. 9 - Men’s Soccer v Centre College (1-2)

Men’s Swimming & Diving v Urbana University (105-100)

Women’s Swimming & Diving v Urbana University (112-71)

Nov. 10 - Men’s Cross Country at NCAA Regional Championships (15th of 37)

Women’s Cross Country at NCAA Championships (13th of 33)

Football v College of Wooster (36-12)

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