

Student
arrested
for burglary,
voyeurism

By Marissa Alfano
 Editor-in-Chief

An OWU student was arrested for burglary, indecent exposure, voyeurism and disorderly conduct on Saturday, Dec. 1, according to Delaware Police Department incident reports.

At 1 a.m. freshman Waleed Osman was written up by Public Safety after a freshman female student reported that she noticed a male inside the girls Thomson Hall bathroom watching her take a shower. The victim was able to identify the suspect.

At 2:10 a.m. Osman was again cited by Public Safety after a junior female student reported a burglary at 70 S. Liberty St., the address for Bashford Hall. She told officers she was sleeping in her bed and awoke to a strange man in her bedroom. He was arrested and charged with burglary, indecent exposure and disorderly conduct.

These two cases have been combined into one, according to DPD Captain Robert Penrod. He said after charges are filed, the person in custody has a right to a preliminary hearing within 10 days. He said it is not unusual for a case such as this to go to a grand jury. Osman was being held for \$150,000 cash bond or surety.

Penrod said OWU Public Safety did a good job of gathering information and working with DPD.

“It was a great job by OWU PS in their response,” Penrod said. “A very astute officer took the first report, and then the officer who wrote the second thought it was kind of suspicious and they might be connected. He contacted us and the investigation went on from there.

“The student identified him, we took him into custody and questioning and he was charged with four charges. He was transported to Delaware County Jail to wait for his bond hearing. It gives credit to our working relationship with them (PS). That is a big part of why it came to fruition.”

Penrod said it was important for OWU students to remember common safety tips when on campus.

“Keep doors locked in your dorm rooms and be careful who is following you home,” Penrod said. “Walk in groups and report all strange incidences even though they might seem justifiable at the time. You can always call 9-1-1 or go to PS as well for help.”

Efforts to reach Dean of Students Kimberlie Goldsberry before publication failed.

OWU takes same-sex marriage debate to Heidelberg

By Noah Manskar
 Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan’s production of “8,” a play about the legal battle over same-sex marriage, was revived on Sunday for a performance at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio.

Chris Tucci, director of theater at Heidelberg, said he invited the “8” company of OWU students, faculty and staff to perform after seeing videos from rehearsals for September’s OWU production online. He said he met senior Leah Shaeffer, director of “8,” when they worked together at a summer camp two years ago.

Tucci said he thought it was important to inform the Heidelberg community about same-sex marriage as it becomes a more prevalent national issue.

“If the Supreme Court doesn’t make the decision for the country, Ohio’s going to have that fight on its hands, and I wanted our students to have the opportunity to see what happened in California first hand,” Tucci said.

Shaeffer said Tucci told her he wanted the message to come from an outside perspective to show students outside Heidelberg were passionate about the issue, and “what theater could do as a political tool and as a tool for social change.”

Tucci said he knew Sunday’s performance would be different from the OWU production. Because of Heidelberg’s smaller size, abundance of first-generation college students and popularity of “traditional” majors like business



Photo by Cara Slotkin

Juniors Nick Elhers and Kati Sweigard battle over same-sex marriage in the performance “8” at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio. Chris Tucci, the director of theater at Heidelberg University, invited the OWU students, faculty and staff involved in the production to perform. Tucci said he felt it was important to inform the Heidelberg community about marriage equality.

and physical education, he said, there is less “diversity of thought.”

“All of your cast, they had friends and family and supporters in the audience (at the original performance),” Tucci said. “We don’t have that here. You’re going to have folks who are going to take what you say at its value and not give you any benefit of loving you right off the bat. In fact, they may be antagonistic from the beginning.”

Shaeffer said her expectations of how Heidelberg would

be different were mostly met. She said Tucci told her about 10 people walked out during the performance, seemingly as a “form of resistance.”

“I am glad that we caused so much controversy that people felt the need to walk out of our theater production,” Shaeffer said.

Shaeffer said she expected Heidelberg’s environment to be less familiar than OWU, where she said the goal was to “amp up” existing support rather than changing the audience’s opinion.

“But at Heidelberg it was totally different, and I hope that we actually opened or changed some minds,” she said.

Heidelberg student Logan Burd, who attended the performance, said he didn’t think there would be a large variety of opinions among Sunday night’s audience.

“I don’t expect a lot of people to come out that aren’t really in support of what the play is representing, at least not in the numbers that I would hope so,” Burd said. “I would hope

that people would be here from both sides, so it’d be fairly represented and nonbiased.”

The company conducted a talkback following the performance, as it did at OWU.

Shaeffer said she didn’t feel they received the hostile questions she was expecting, but that acceptance was probably because most opponents had left.

Burd said he felt both sides of the issue were presented equally in the play.

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Hostess goes under, 15,000 left unemployed

By Samantha Simon
 Transcript Reporter

On November 30, a bankruptcy judge approved bonuses for the management team at Hostess, while allowing the company to liquidate.

The move calls for 15,000 people to immediately lose their job, with an additional 3,000 expected to work for one more year before the company shuts down entirely.

The shutdown and closure of the company gained national attention as a result of the Teamsters, a union representing the drivers, choosing to accept the terms Hostess put forth to remain in business.

The other union, The Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM), has more workers and chose unemployment over reduced wages and benefits.

The company’s shutdown was also noteworthy because of its nostalgic and well-known brands of Wonderbread and Twinkies.

The bankruptcy judge’s decision will force the eventual end to 33 bakeries, 565 distribution centers, approximately 5,500 delivery routes and 570 bakery outlet stores throughout the U.S.

In Ohio, it is estimated that between 800 and 1,000 workers will lose their jobs. The company will shut down three bakeries in Cincinnati, Defiance and Northwood.

Drivers throughout the state will

also lose their jobs, as well as those individuals who worked at the five Hostess bakery outlet stores.

The company had already shut its Columbus Wonderbread plant in 2009, citing diminished demand for its products.

Some students are upset about Hostess closing, realizing that many of their favorite treats may be unattainable in the future.

Junior, Rebecca Overbeeke said she will forever miss many of the treats especially HoHo’s.

Senior Andrew Sloan said it is unfortunate the company had to close, but realizes it is a profitable brand name and someone will probably buy it and redistribute it.

If the products are not redistributed, students can turn to hundreds of fans who are “pinning” recipes for Twinkies, Snowballs and more on pinterrest. Junior Meg Greff said “if we can’t count on Hostess, what can we count on?”

Eating habits have changed as the focus on diet increases, and Hostess has battled the growing acceptance of lower carbohydrates in one’s diet leading to a drop in demand for its bread and snack items by between four and nine percent per year, over the past three years.

Increased competition from grocery store brand items that are similar in nature to Hostess’ well know dessert and snack products also weakened the company’s fiscal health.

While blame has been pointed in many directions, unions have been targeted as being unrealistic, with respect to their wage demands, when working for a company that was struggling financially.

Conservative groups have criticized the unions for opting to collect unemployment checks, rather than reduced paychecks.

The management of the company has also been criticized for voting for their own reasonable raises and bonuses, and liberals have faulted the investors and company management from trying to profit at the expense of laborers.

The primary investors, Ripplewood Management, a private equity hedge fund, have also been critiqued for their approach to handling labor negotiations.

Ripplewood enlisted the services of former Senator Richard Gephardt, in the hopes that he would convince the unions to give in to the demands of the company.

There was instant distrust on the part of the unions when Gephardt’s son was appointed to the board of directors with a \$100,000 salary and Gephardt had an equity stake through his consulting group.

“I voted no to the proposal. I need a job, but it became pretty clear that one way or another we were going to go out of business. No one could trust anyone. Management didn’t know what they were doing, and we could take a pay

cut, but we all knew that a few months from now, they would be asking for more concessions,” said David Kellogg, a 47-year-old worker from the Northwood bakery and a member of BCTGM.

Steven Rogers, a member of the Teamsters union from the Toledo area and a delivery man for Hostess products, said he was not happy with the “bakers” whose vote effectively left him without a job.

“I have to be honest,” Rogers said. “If I would see a baker right now, I’d have to be restrained. Sure things are not great. And they have a point that management wasn’t changing any of our marketing or approach to selling Twinkies, but I need to work, and I was hopeful, that once we got things going in right direction, we could eventually be making good money again.”

Rogers said he would have preferred to have a job during the holidays, as his kids are going to be disappointed this year.

While blame goes around, and conservative and liberal pundits offer their views on who is at fault, the end result has been an investment company that will lose most if not all of their 125 million dollar investment.

Union workers who voted to save their jobs and union workers who voted to end their jobs are out of work leading to 18,500 jobs lost on a food product that may have passed its shelf life, even if it was a multi-year expiration date.



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Freethinkers discuss what separation of church and state means for the holidays

By Liza Bennett
Transcript Reporter

Ohio Wesleyan’s Freethinkers focus on religious, secular and human based ethics as they discuss winter holiday displays in relation to the separation of church and state.

The discussion was held in the Beeghly Library Café where nine students discussed their opinions of religious displays on public and governmental property.

While the discussion varied in views, the majority of students discussed the need to be inclusive, not exclusive, in regards to holiday displays.

All of the students also agreed that placement of religious displays should be placed in the hands of citizens and not the government.

Sophomore Avery Winston, co-president of Freethinkers, said he felt government employees specifically should not set up religious displays or have the power to decide whether or not to do so.

“I believe that religious displays can be on governmental property but only placed

“Honestly, all I want to say is that we have a fairly pervasive reputation as ‘those wacky atheists’ and I just want it to be known that we aren’t all atheists and that we aren’t faith haters,” said Adam Coles, co-president of Freethinkers.

there by a non-government employee and they have to allow anyone to put up their display whether it be a menorah, kinara, happy human, or even the flying spaghetti monster,” Winston said.

Senior Adam Coles, co-president of Freethinkers, said the decision to display holiday signage should be placed in the hands of citizens.

“Personally, I think that we should keep them off of governmental property. This sort of thing belongs to private citizens, not the government,” Coles said.

The Freethinkers is a group

that discusses religious and philosophical topics through the lens of reason and promotes secularism and human based ethics.

The purpose statement of the Free Thinkers is “an organization dedicated to the discussion of religious topics through the lens of logic and reason.

We take ourselves and our prejudices out of the equation and talk about these important topics without coloring them with our personal opinions.”

Senior Amanda Boehme joined the Freethinkers because as a member of the Inter-

Faith House.

She wanted to begin attending the meetings because the discussions are relevant to her house’s mission.

Boehme said the discussion was good and explored both the political and social side of the issue.

Coles said although the discussion was a little more chaotic than usual, overall it went well, and he hopes more members of the OWU community will become involved in the discussion of faith and ethics.

“Honestly, all I want to say is that we have a fairly pervasive reputation as ‘those wacky atheists’ and I just want it to be known that we aren’t all atheists and that we aren’t faith haters,” Coles said.

“Give us a chance, and we’re decent folks, just trying to understand the world we’ve been given.”

Freethinkers next event is Dec. 3 in Bishop Café with OWU Better Together as a forum for members to share their stories of discrimination, marginalization and the misunderstanding as members of this social group.

Weekly Public Safety Reports

- Nov. 26 – Dec. 2
- Nov. 26 4:10 p.m. – Public Safety dispatched to Haycock Hall on a report of approximately 300 pounds of scrap metal missing from the exterior of the building.
- Nov. 26 11:45 a.m. – A resident of Smith Hall reported being bitten by a pet rat while attempting to cage the rodent.
- Nov. 27 2:31 p.m. – An OWU student was transported from Science Center to Grady ER by Delaware City EMS.
- Nov. 27 7:50 p.m. – A Smith Hall resident was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- Nov. 27 – two separate bike thefts were reported to Public Safety. Investigations are ongoing.
- Nov. 28 1:50 p.m. – an ARAMARK employee reported damage to their vehicle while parked in the Beeghly lot.
- Nov. 28 8:46 p.m. – Several Bashford Hall residents were referred to student conduct for underage consumption and violation of residential housing policies.
- Nov. 28 9:14 p.m. – A Bashford Hall resident was transported to Grady ER by Delaware EMS.

- Nov. 30 8:05 p.m. – An OWU student was transported from the Ham-Wil to Grady ER by Delaware EMS.
- Nov. 30 8:05 p.m. –Two television sets were reported missing from the third floor storage room at 20 Williams Drive.

- Nov. 30 9:30 p.m. – A Smith Hall resident reported the theft of a Bishop Bike that had been left unsecured in the vicinity of the Ham-Wil.

- Nov. 30 11:05 p.m. – An OWU student reported the theft of a book bag and contents valued at approximately four hundred dollars.

- Dec. 1 1:12 a.m. – A Smith Hall resident was transported to Grady ER by Public Safety personnel.

- Dec. 1 10:15 a.m. – An OWU student was taken into custody for questioning, and later charged with several criminal offenses by Delaware City Police, following two separate incidents that occurred on campus.

- Dec. 1 3:05 p.m. - an OWU student reported damage to her vehicle while parked in the Welch Hall lot.

- Dec. 2 12:30 a.m. – Delaware City Fire and Public Safety were dispatched to Bashford Hall on a full building fire alarm. The cause of the alarm was due to an expended fire extinguisher located in the third floor stairwell.

- Dec. 2 11:50 a.m. – Two OWU students reported the theft of their personal property from a downtown Delaware establishment. Investigation is ongoing.

By Chrissy Wesney
Transcript Correspondent

On Sunday five clubs put on their baking aprons to make cakes to benefit and raise awareness about “The Other Side of Sandy” at a Cake Walk in the Milligan Hub.

Black Men of the Future, Rafiki Wa Afrika and VIVA put on the Cake Walk to raise money for victims in the Caribbean affected by Hurricane Sandy.

The event followed a discussion held on Nov. 29 about the impact of the hurricane on the Caribbean.

Junior Ashley Madera, vice president and treasurer of VIVA, said she thinks it’s important to focus on the Caribbean because of the lack of media coverage the area got after the hurricane.

“We all noticed that other areas outside the United States were not covered, especially the Caribbean,” she said. “This was our way of helping an area that probably will not be covered in the news in the near

future.”

Sally Leber, director of Community Service Learning, works with Pwoje Espwa (Project Hope), an orphanage in Haiti, and was able to talk to them after the hurricane.

“We know from our partners down there that when Sandy went through, there was just tons of flooding and a lot of their sustainable agriculture projects were really messed up. And there were some roofs torn off too,” she said.

Clubs donated a \$15 entrance fee to enter a cake in the competition.

With a small donation of \$1, students were able to sample the different cakes and vote on their favorite. Sisters United’s rum cake won the taste contest, and its winning recipe will be featured in the bakery.

“We were hoping for the whole community to sign up, but five is good,” said junior Hazel Barrera, the president of VIVA,

Madera said she came up with the idea for the event after gaining inspiration from

community centers that have done cake walks.

“It’s a fun way, and a delicious way, to raise money, so I thought students would really be into that,” she said.

Sophomore Mariah Powell, the president of Sisters Untied, said she participated because it was another opportunity to help hurricane victims.

“When Hurricane Katrina occurred, my mom was really big on donating (things like) water and diapers,” she said. “I felt like this could be a good way to give back on my end since it’s a new tragedy that occurred.”

Barrera said while she is grateful for all the participants this year, she is looking forward to expanding the fundraiser for next year.

“We hope to do something like this next year and gain more support from OWU students and staff,” Barrera said.

Sisters United’s rum cake recipe will be at the bakery later this week.

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“One side clearly kind of came out on top, both in the courtroom and in, I think, the hearts of the audience,” Burd said.

“But it tried to kind of portray both sides fairly.”

Shaeffer said the message of “8” is close to her personally.

She said she hopes those unsure of their position on same-sex marriage were “knocked over the fence” after the performance, and she said also hopes those who oppose it “had a seed planted in

their brains that might someday sprout and open it up.”

“Marriage equality is our generation’s civil rights fight, and I have every bit of faith that it will be legalized nationwide in my lifetime,” Shaeffer said.

“But I would prefer it to be sooner rather than later so that I can marry my girlfriend in the next five years, which is probably unrealistic.

“I would like our relationship and the relationship of every gay couple who wants to consider themselves married to be valid everywhere in this country.”

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Sound-Off OWU

What do you think of the Stuy Café?



“I think it is alright, it is nice in there but they really don’t have as much food as they made it seem.”
- Meg Greff, ‘14



“It is very cozy, and I liked how there is a place to get coffee.”
- Kathleen Sloan, ‘16



“I think the new café is an awesome place to study, but my dog is not really a fan.”
- Sarah Wodenshek, ‘14



“I think the café has good hours for late night studying.”
- Dylan Porter, ‘14



“I love it so much I want to go everyday.”
- Livvy Coseriu, ‘15



“The coffee does not taste good, what is up with that?”
- Maria Urbina, ‘15

Students and faculty celebrate “Living Colorfully”

Discussion among students who orchestrated, worked and attended OWU’s President’s Ball



By Margaret Bagnell, Banita Giri and Rebecca Muhl
Transcript Reporter and Correspondents

Black suits, sparkly dresses, high heels, smiling faces: OWU students crowded the Schimmel Conrades Science Center for this year’s President’s Ball on Dec. 1.

This year marks the fourth in recent history the event has been held and was complete with refreshments, music, dancing and a cocktail hour for the senior class, according to the President’s Club website.

Tickets were \$5 for students to attend the “colorful” event. Senior Megan Pinto, co-president of the President’s Ball committee, said thanks to funding from the Wesleyan Council of Student Affairs and the President’s office, the annual party was just as good as last year’s.

“Our theme involved a lot of fun decorations and lighting; it (was) sure to make the space look beautiful and exciting,” Pinto said. “We also (had) lots of yummy snacks, as well as everyone’s favorite – the chocolate fountain.”

This year’s event theme was “Live Colorfully,” and drew its inspiration from the designer Kate Spade, according to senior Claire Whitaker, co-president of the President’s Ball committee.

“I wanted the theme to be something bright and cheerful, but not over the top,” Whitaker said.

“I’m pretty satisfied with the choice. Everything looked so classy.”

Senior Zeke Brechtel, a member of President’s Club said in order to make President’s Ball a reality, the President’s Club put in a lot of hours “planning, advertising and prepping.”

Whitaker agreed and said the President’s Club members were very helpful.

“We had to hang decorations in the atrium, distribute invitations to mailboxes, and sell tickets,” Whitaker said.

“We even distributed hot chocolate with colored umbrellas to get everyone excited about the event. All of us were pretty busy, and I don’t think that one single person could have done everything on their own.”

Brechtel said everything came together for a successful event.

“I’m proud of the entire club and it seems as though everyone had fun at the event,” he said. “I even got to

dance with some of my professors, and I only heard positive feedback.”

In past years, President’s Ball offered a photo booth to students. However, this year the President’s Ball committee decided to change it up. A graffiti wall was available to students instead.

“The graffiti wall (was) located in the Science (Atrium) and function(ed) as a photo station/interactive projection screen,” Whitaker said. “Students pose(d) for a snapshot in front of the screen and then once the image is captured they (could) decorate as they see fit.”

As student’s approached the Science Center, they were greeted with colored luminaries along the walkway. The sounds of the OWU jazz band could also be heard from outside, senior Emilie Schachtner said.

Inside the Science Center atrium, a spread of food was available for both students and faculty.

“The food was fantastic,” Schachtner said. “They had everything from a spread of hummus to mini crab cakes ... Everything looked and smelled so delicious; I didn’t know where to start!”

Schachtner said she had a really great time.

Chartwells was also present at President’s Ball. Donned in white catering gear, Chartwells’ employees assisted with setting up, attended to the refreshments and helped keep everything clean.

Junior Maria Jafri worked President’s Ball for Chartwells last year as well as this year. Despite the crowd, she said she believes this year’s President’s Ball was better organized and well-executed.

“I felt that this year things went very smoothly; there was a decent system in place,” said Jafri.

“When certain problems came up, we were prepared to deal with them appropriately.”

The problems that took place last year did not happen this year, Jafri said.

“A few students had managed to get into an unlocked room, people had left empty bottles of alcohol around, there were lost phones, ID cards and glasses,” she said of last year’s President’s Ball.

Jafri said working President’s Ball was worth it, and she had fun even though she was on the job.

“I got to see everyone and enjoy their company for short periods of time, but still got to work and make money,” she



Photos provided by the President’s Club website

From the top, then clockwise: Students danced the night away in the Science Atrium; Decorations were based on the theme “Live Colorfully” and were provided by the President’s Club; Rock Jones and colleagues attend and mingle with students; the OWU Jazz band performing for the first two hours of the night; Chartwells provided refreshments; Christmas trees with presents decorate the atrium; A student “spray paints” the photo taken of her and her friends by the graffiti wall photo booth.

said.

Sophomore Deki Pelmo, a Chartwells employee who also worked President’s Ball, said it didn’t feel awkward to work the event.

“When I see students working hard at an event, I respect them for working hard and

making money,” she said. “I’d expect others to look at me the same way.”

Pelmo said working President’s Ball was not much different than working other events on campus.

“With every event, the work is the same,” Pelmo said.

“It starts out slow at first and then becomes busier as more people come and there are more plates to clean.”

“If the crowd is difficult that’s what makes the event hard for me,” she said.

Pelmo said she enjoyed herself at President’s Ball this

year.

“As a senior my favorite part was the cocktail hour, but I also really enjoyed the live band,” she said.

“It was just great to see both faculty and students celebrating being with each other and enjoying a fun evening.”



On Sunday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a walk held for Breast Cancer Awareness, beginning outside the Sigma Phi Epsilon house and ending at Selby Stadium. Wear Pink and bring your friends to support this great cause!

El Salvador mission trip raises funds to help children

By **Ellin Youse**
Transcript Reporter

Although they may have been primarily focused on the guacamole, the students gathered in Benes Room C last Wednesday were supporting the Love and Hope Ministries’ efforts to assist dispossessed children of El Salvador.

The Love and Hope Ministries hosted its “Taco Fiesta” luncheon Nov.28 to raise money for their annual mission trip to El Salvadore as part of a Chaplin’s Office Spring Break Mission Trip.

Six students will travel with David Eastman, assistant professor of religion, and Lisa Jackson, assistant to the president/secretary to the Board of Trustees, the advisors for the trip.

Each year the group travels to the Love and Hope Children’s Home, founded by Cleveland native Rachel Sanson in 2003 after visiting Nejapa, El Salvadore with her church in 2001. The home houses around 20-30 children.

In past years, students visited the original home in Nejapa, but in September 2012 the home relocated to Los Planes de Renderos to better serve the needs of the children.

Once in El Salvadore, the mission team will work around the house attending to everything from painting the home to building chicken coops.

Senior Katie Jacob is the team leader for next semester’s trip.



Left: Students and members of the mission trip team sit with one another after enjoying their lunch and supporting a great cause. Right: Junior Ane Shoemaker enjoys the buffet at the Love and Hope Ministries Taco bar Wednesday, Nov. 28.



Photos by Ellin Youse

An active participant in the Love and Hope Mission Trip since her freshman year, Jacob said the Children’s Home is dear to her heart.

“The home provides a loving environment for kids who would probably be living on the street without it,” Jacob said.

“The kids call the woman who founded the home ‘Mamacita’ which in Spanish means little mother. I think

this is a testament of the environment of the home. The kids love Rachel so much and she loves them so much that the children really view her as a mother.

“Rachel has given these children the life and love they deserve, a life and love that all children deserve.

“I truly admire Rachel and all of the people who work in the Home and I feel blessed to have been able to take part in

the ministry of Love and Hope Children’s Home.”

Junior Laurel Fuller has participated in two mission trips in the past, but will be traveling to El Salvadore for the first time this spring.

“I was very excited to be selected to be a part of this incredible group,” Fuller said.

“I think that this cause is very important because I believe we are all global citizens and have a responsibility to

help when we are able.”

Jacob said because the opportunity to participate in the mission trip program is part of the reason she decided to come to OWU, they are the most important and influential experience of her college years.

“Meeting kids and playing with them is easily the most rewarding part (of the trip),” Jacob said.

“They have taught me a great deal about myself and

the world.”

Fuller also said the children are the most exciting aspect of the trip.

“I love to see the enduring impact of service in a person’s life,” she said.

“We are going to be working closely with the children of the home and I am excited to see the positive change that will result in their life from being given the opportunity to succeed.”

Greek life unites to light up the holiday season



Top left: Senior Devin Steinberg and junior Elly Pastor hold up lights for Delta Gamma. They said they enjoyed spending time with their sisters and decorating the house.

Middle left: Delta Zeta decorates for the holidays, using garland and Christmas lights.

Above: Delta Delta Delta members stand on the porch of their newly decorated house and admire the view.

Bottom left: Kappa Alpha Theta members took advantage of their houses columns when putting up lights for the competition.



Top right: Kappa Kappa Gamma decorates the lawn of their house with Christmas lights in the shape of their letters for the holiday season.

Middle right: Junior Amelia Randall, senior Meredith Wholley, and junior Hannah Zacharias of Delta Gamma share sisterhood and smiles at the Greek lights event. The three sorority women hold hot chocolate for the judges.

Tri-Delt came in first, DG came in second, Theta came in third and Sigma Chi fraternity and the Modern Foreign Languages house both earned honorable mentions in the competition.

Faculty and staff create a gingerbread OWU



Photos by Sadie Slager

Counterclockwise from left: Development Officers Jenny Jo-erger, David Chambliss and Amanda Compton get to work creating their department’s gingerbread house, which they planned to be a replication of Hamilton Williams Campus Center; Emily Winnenberg, assistant director of Annual Giving, puts the finishing touches on her department’s gingerbread house. It is a gingerbread version of Mowry Alumni Center and the JayWalk in front of it, complete with a replication of the fountain; Two completed gingerbread houses of Elliott Hall and Beeghly Library on display in HamWill atrium. The gingerbread house created by Ohio Wesleyan’s Department of Annual Giving. Every house created by faculty and staff was entered into the contest, where students and faculty alike could view the finished products and vote on the best one.



Get to know the SLUs in time for SLUsh

By Transcript Staff, Katie Wiskofske and Nicole Barhorst
Transcript Correspondents

Every year, the Small Living Units hold their version of rush: “SLUsh.” SLUsh is a series of events held at each of the SLUs for students interested becoming part of the community to learn more about the individual houses, their missions and members.

This is the first part of a series of profiles on the SLUs so the campus can get to know them better house by house.

House of Thought

Many students may walk by the House of Thought (HoT) on Rowland Avenue and not know what the mission of this SLU is.

The HoT mission is to encourage and enable critical thinking on campus and examine issues in the world. According to Ohio Wesleyan’s website, HoT “inculcates inspired inquiry and action.”

HoT, located on the corner of Rowland Avenue and Liberty Street, is one of the smallest SLUs on campus, with 10 current members. Currently the house has five seniors members, all of which must be replaced by the end of the year.

Senior Erinn Colmenares, a second year member of the house, said she likes living in HoT because she gets to live with the “closest people” she has on the OWU campus.

“There’s nothing to beat that,” she said.

She said she first became interested in HoT after attending a free write project by one of the previous house members.

“I was just inherently interested in a collection of students that had critical thinking at a top of a pile,” Colmenares said.

Senior Natasha Franczyk, a second year member and moderator of the house, said she just had to join the house because of the community it represented.

“I joined the house because I could do nothing else,” she said. “HoT is, was, and forever will represent my family.”

Junior Alex D’Amore-Braver, a second year member of the house, said he became interested in living in HoT as a freshman. He said he preferred HoT to living in the dorms.

“(I like the) communal feeling of a SLU, in which you know and hang-out with everyone you live with,” he said. “We have more open space to call our own, which to me creates a more homey feel. Also, we have our own kitchen, and I love to cook.”

Junior Maxwell MacKenzie, a first year member of the house, said he likes the community feel of the house.

“The 10 members really get

along,” he said. “They’ll always help me out.”

D’Amore-Braver said he was also interested in the house because of the members.

“It was a community of people who were intelligent and engaged, but also knew how to have a good time,” he said.

“I really liked how they pursued academic issues all the time, engaging in long and dynamic discussion about issues within and outside of their major. The house has always had members with a wide variety of interests both academic and non, and therefore tackles every issue from multiple perspectives.”

Franczyk said the atmosphere in the house has been a special thing to see this year.

“The house has grown very close this year,” she said. “House of Thought, like all SLUs, has periods of greater and lesser closeness. My freshman year, the house was very close, and it is very close again this year. It has been inspiring to watch my housemates strive to ‘be better’ this year, per our house motto. We all try to take care of one another, in a way that I love.”

House projects HoT has put on include Connect the Dots, a musical concert, “Res Nova” the literary magazine and Socrates Café.

Socrates Café is a discussion-based event where a question is asked and answered with several perspectives. A professor and a student take a major position on the question posed and a small debate takes place with one rebuttal to each side. The discussion is then opened up to others perspectives from the rest of the gathered students.

Socrates Café was Colmenares’ house project this semester, and she said the event is important because it broadens the idea of a debate.

“The point of this is to promote the notion that students can find an engaging discussion without the necessary experience in argumentative environments or formal debating,” she said.

“It is also meant to challenge the belief in there only being ‘two sides’ to a question in which one is correct and the other is differentially wrong by showing a multitude of possible (and) probable answers or replies.”

D’Amore-Braver and MacKenzie worked together for their house project this year. They compiled a cookbook full of recipes from students and faculty. The cookbooks were then sold to benefit Local Matters, a local food charity.

The only thing Colmenares would change about HoT is she would like to “add insulation to the walls.”

“Please interview if you like having yelling matches, wolfing down sarcasm and thinking in plus outside the box,” she said.

D’Amore-Braver said the thing he would like to change is the fact the house theme is too general.

“Critical thinking applies to the themes of all the other SLUs and most projects that you could do!” he said. “I feel that sometimes this can cause a lack of unity and sometimes even apathy in our doings.”

MacKenzie said he would change the house projects so that they would be more open, “allowing us to help different groups on campus, and not so focused on SLU life.”

Franczyk said HoT has many opportunities for new members.

“The house offers new members a supportive, dynamic environment in which to grow and learn. We provide a safe place to think critically all day, every day,” she said. “House of Thought is a place where your ideas and beliefs will be challenged constantly, not antagonistically, but so that we might all grow intellectually.”

The Women’s House

This year, the Women’s House (WoHo) is looking to continue its legacy of a supportive, loving environment for people of all sexes and walks of life by attracting new members through SLUsh events.

WoHo was established at Ohio Wesleyan as SLU in the 1980s, and is one of three SLUs located on Rowland Avenue, right next to the Modern Foreign Languages House (MFL) and the empty lot where the Creative Arts Houses (CAH) used to be.

It is the mission of the house’s members to “encourage diversity while creating a community framework through which successful programming can occur; provide a resource for women on campus; provide a safe place for women on campus; and fight oppression and the restriction of freedoms, with special consideration towards women and members of the (LGBTIQA) community,” according to the Ohio Wesleyan website.

Junior Jenna Culina, a second year member of the house, said she became a member of the house because of its members as well as its mission.

“(Deciding to join WoHo was) a spur of the moment decision that was more so spawned by my love for the people that were living in the house,” she said.

Senior Leah Shaeffer, a third year member of the house, said she joined the house to grow as a person and a feminist.

“I joined the house because I was looking for a way to branch out, make new friends, and become more involved with and educated about social justice issues,” she said. “It worked.”

Senior Alex Crump, a third year member of the house, said she joined WoHo mainly because of the house’s

mission.

“I joined because the mission of the house really spoke to me, I really felt I would fit there,” Crump said.

Senior Paige Ruppel, a third year member and the moderator of the house, said she had similar reasons for joining WoHo.

“I joined the women’s house because feminism, women’s rights and equality for all are issues that have implications for me politically and personally,” Ruppel said.

“Being moderator the past two years has been a wonderful experience and has helped me grow a lot personally and as a feminist. I have been able to incorporate feminist values into my leadership style, and more greatly influence the community within the house.”

Sophomore Kyle Simon, a first year WoHo member, said he joined the house because he wanted to live in an environment where he wouldn’t be judged for his sexuality and where he would be encouraged to be more involved in service and activism.

The Women’s House provides a voice for feminists and members of the LGBTIQA community at OWU. The members of the house put on events revolving around these issues every semester as a requirement for living there.

While there are some projects that are consistently put on by the house, such as Love Your Body Day and Take Back the Night, but members also organize unique projects from semester to semester. House projects from this semester include “Anatomy of Hate,” slam poet Theresa Davis and SlutWalk.

Ruppel said she has watched the house improve over the past two years as moderator.

“I am very proud of the ways in which we have grown as a community and the improvements in some of our programming,” she said.

WoHo members also participate in activities to strengthen relationships within the house, such as a retreat and brunches.

Simon said these events are beneficial to the dynamic of the house.

“(The events help us become) more emotionally attached to one another,” she said.

“(It was) surprising to see how many of us had intersecting lives, not in a physical way, but in how we experienced life individually. Even though all of us are uniquely different people, we come together and share in a passion that brings all of us together.”

Culina said some of her favorite memories of living with this “all-inclusive group” have been of sitting in the common room talking with her roommates, whether they are a “having a heart-to-heart discussion or simply being idiots.”

Crump said she also likes the vari-

ety of conversation in the house is her favorite part of living there.

“The ability for me to come in the common room and have a really serious conversation about feminism or a relevant issue one day, and to come in the next and be laughing so hard I’m crying about something stupid (is my favorite part),” she said.

Shaeffer said the community aspect of the house is her favorite part of living there.

“There is almost always someone to hang out with, and who will listen to you, be excited for you or sympathize with you,” she said.

“My favorite times have been when we have all been hanging out together and being really silly, like during SLU wars or our murder mystery party.”

The WoHo has eight seniors currently living in the house, meaning all those positions in the house must be filled by the end of this year’s SLUsh and interview process.

Simon said prospective members of WoHo should be able to balance involvement in the OWU community with having a great time.

Culina said the WoHo is a place not just for women but also for anyone interested in “the blossoming of knowledge and intelligence.”

“We strive to build bridges and not create drawbridges (some may cross while others have to wait for their turn), as our society is so apt to do,” Culina said.

Crump said new members have many opportunities in the house, both personally and within the mission of the house.

“I think the house can offer new members a place to grow and to find their place in feminism,” she said.

Shaeffer said new members would have a strong community at the WoHo.

“Not only is WoHo a way to make new friends and contacts, become more educated about and involved with social justice issues like feminism, LGBTIQA issues, body image and more, but it also offers you a support system,” she said. “Your housemates will always be there for you.”

Sophomore Meredith Harrison, a first year member of the house, said the WoHo has a lot to offer new members, especially in the area of personal growth.

“The Women’s House offers a safe environment for people regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation and expression, racial and ethnic identity, and social class,” she said.

“As a new member this semester, I have become tremendously involved in clubs, organizations, and programming, and I owe that living in this house. I have a better understanding of who I am and what I believe in. I don’t think I would have figured that out this semester if I were living in a dorm.”

Opinion

College liberal regrets attitude of Democratic peers

By Spenser Hickey
Transcript Correspondent

As a proud liberal, a member of OWU’s College Democrats, and a former volunteer with President Obama’s re-election campaign, I am ashamed of the judgemental behavior referenced in last week’s editorial “I’m not stupid. I’m a Republican.”

I am writing to express my sympathies for the closeted Republican who wrote it – and anyone else here on campus in a similar situation – and to make it clear that such negative attitudes are not the position of all College Democrats or, I hope, those of the majority of Democrats on OWU’s campus.

No one should be dismissed as unintelligent or idiotic simply because of party affiliation, and I am discouraged to hear that some of my liberal peers on campus have acted so inappropriately.

I would argue that those, like the anonymous writer, who identify with a party – either one – but take the time to look at each issue and determine their own position, even if it’s against the party line, are the smartest and best of us all.

I admit I am not entirely blameless in this; I have dismissed those in the ‘Obama is a Kenyan/Muslim/communist’ camp as deluded and candidates such as Todd Akin as ignorant on basic science.

Perhaps I should not have done so.

Regardless of this, these groups are but a fringe of the GOP – though a frighteningly vocal one – and their views should not be applied to all Republicans.

Throughout the campaign-

ing season, I saw Republican candidates pushing each other to go farther and farther into ultra conservative territory in order to appeal to the more fanatical members of their party.

As a Democrat, I watched this with some trepidation, fearing what would happen if they were elected and retained their views in office, but mostly I was pleased to know that their far right stances were handing us moderate votes on a platter.

As an American, though, it made me sad.

If the Republican Party continues to put more emphasis on appealing to the uber conservative, rather than the moderate American, they may jeopardize their position as an equal opponent to the Democratic Party.

The need to maintain that balance is far more important to me than the benefit an overwhelming majority it would give my party.

So bravo to you, sir or miss, for having the courage to retain your political affiliation while also having the integrity to determine your own view on issues today.

I am sorry you have been victimized for being a Republican.

I hope that those around you will recognize your views and the thought you have put into developing them, rather than disparaging you on account of your informed party allegiance.

I would be honored to hear from you and to discuss the issues as Americans, rather than opponents.

You are, in this humble Democrat’s opinion, an exemplary Republican and citizen.

You are not stupid.

Quote of the week: “Marriage equality is our generation’s civil right’s fight, and I have every bit of faith that it will be legalized nationwide in my lifetime.”

--Senior Leah Shaeffer



Comic by Lucas Peters

Wikipedia can only go so far

By Thomas Wolber
Associate Professor of MFL

This is the time of year when student papers are due. So, let’s have a closer look at what constitutes proper, original research as opposed to dubious, unreliable second-hand information based on misconceptions.

Wikipedia, widely used by students, is a good case study to investigate the question.

Students are sure to have been told that “Wikipedia is not an authoritative source of information and should not be used as evidence when writing a paper,” to quote an OSU history professor.

Why is that? Isn’t Wikipedia a great source of valuable factual and verifiable information for all kinds of things?

It is, and I myself use it frequently when I am in a hurry and need to have a quick look at an unfamiliar topic.

But just because a source of information appears in print or on the Internet does not make it trustworthy and truthful.

Before adopting something as a fact, you should always scrupulously investigate its authority, accuracy and currency.

The main problem with

“Wikipedia, built on mass consensus, is open and democratic. But factual, empirical knowledge is not a matter to be voted on.”

Wikipedia and similar data-delivery systems, as I see it, is that they rely heavily on conventional wisdom and established viewpoints.

Opposing and unpopular viewpoints get marginalized or even rejected. The majority view trumps the minority view, regardless whether it is right or wrong.

Therefore, it must be understood that Wikipedia is not in the business of weighing claims and ascertaining the truth.

As a result, untrue myths get perpetuated whereas new knowledge on the forefront of scholarship and science gets short shifted.

Wikipedia, built on mass consensus, is open and democratic. But factual, empirical knowledge is not a matter to be voted on.

A million people may indeed believe that the earth is coming to an end soon, but that does not necessarily make it true.

The use of Wikipedia

nored and attacked, although that is slowly beginning to change. Adherents are marginalized and – unlike in other countries – not yet in leadership positions.

It will take decades and generations for this paradigm shift to reach full attainment.

Eventually, however, yesterday’s heretics and dissidents will become tomorrow’s movers and shakers, and their view will become the prevailing one while it will be proponents of the “ancien régime” who will be on the defensive.

In these epic battles of minds and ideas Wikipedia is of little help.

Original, out-of-the-box research, thinking and perceptive knowledge is needed, not the mindless repetition of old bromides.

Colleges and universities such as Ohio Wesleyan are the places where true knowledge is discovered, described, and imparted to new generations of students and scholars.

Wikipedia provides you with factoids and is a good starting point.

However, it does not give you the deeper insights and wisdom needed to understand and navigate the many intricacies and mysteries of both the physical and the metaphysical world.

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Arts & Entertainment

Chamber choir is singing its way to Italy



Photos by Emily Hostettler

Left: Members of the Chamber Choir, seniors Bret Irvine and Angel Spencer, and sophomore Calla Loadman sing part of their repertoire for their performances in Italy. Right: Freshman Alex Armstrong, sophomores Alan Klinect and Rachel Ward and seniors Samantha Mason and Evan Sponholz perform songs from the Renaissance and Baroque periods.

By Emily Hostettler
Assistant Copy Editor

Ohio Wesleyan’s Chamber Choir will be showcasing their voices while learning music history abroad next semester as they travel together to Italy.

A selection of 24 students from the Choral Art Choir were chosen for the Chamber Choir that will be traveling to Italy with their director, Jason Hiester, assistant professor of music, over Spring break as part of a traveling learning course.

On Saturday, the Choral Art and Chamber Choir performed in the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center Benes rooms to raise money for the Chamber Choir’s trip.

The money made from the concert will be split between the students, in addition to the \$24,000 grant from OWU that is being split between the Chamber Choir.

The choirs performed a collection of Italian songs, with introductions to each song by the students explaining the music or performance quality of the pieces.

Senior Elizabeth Blakeslee informed the audience that the first piece performed as the choirs marched into the room was a balletto by Giovanni Gastoldi, a genre meant to be sung, played and danced as balletto comes from the Italian word “bolero,” to dance.

Hiester said the pieces surveyed at the recital were from the Renaissance and Baroque period and were secular, non-religious, or sacred, religious.

The choirs performed 10 pieces for the audience and some songs even included percussion accompaniment.

Next semester, the Chamber Choir will continue to increase their repertoire as they prepare for their performances in Italy.

The choir will be traveling to Venice, Sienna and Florence to perform three to four times, while learning about Italy, Italian culture and music history.

“There’s a wealth of amazing choral music in Italy that came out of Italy,” Hiester said.

“In fact, it was just a major musical center for so much of the renaissance, so much of the baroque, so

much of the classical.”

After doing a lot of research on Italy, Hiester thought it would be a great idea to take the chamber choir there to learn more about the master composers’ work.

“It’s a place I wanted to come more acquainted with on a personal level, to be there and to just walk in the shoes of what other composers have done,” he said.

The choir, along with Hiester and several other chaperones and guests, will leave for Italy March 9 and return March 18.

Sophomore Calla Loadman said she is really excited about leaving the country for the first time and traveling to Italy.

“Italy is one of those spots you have to go to,” she said.

“Dr. Hiester wants us to have the opportunity to be in that type of setting and to see where the music we are singing came from.”

One of the places the choir will be performing is the St. Mark’s Basilica, where they will be singing a mass.

Hiester said it is important for students to experience what they are

learning about outside of the classroom.

“As music students, we sit in classrooms and talk about these masters but, to go there and to actually see the buildings that they worked in,” Heister said.

“St. Mark’s Basilica has been there for over 1,000 years. Major composers, all of them worked in that basilica, and to be able to go into and be able to sing a mass in the place those composers were at that’s pretty amazing to get that close to music history,” he said.

“It’s almost like tasting it and touching music history. And it’s so different from being in a classroom and it being kind of abstract, but to be in there and to stand in the sanctuary and to hear and to see and to taste and to smell and to touch is just real learning.”

Junior Ally Kirchberg has already traveled to Italy twice before, but can’t wait to go back, especially with the choir.

“This will be my third time in Florence and Venice but my first time in Sienna,” she said.

“I love the Italian culture. I love the art, the food and the atmosphere. It’s a place I feel comfortable because I’ve taken Italian for so long.”

Hiester said he wants students “to see what they (the masters) saw that influenced their composition,” but students will also be experiencing some shared musical experience and a cultural exchange as they perform with local choirs at various locations and universities.

The music picked for the Chamber Choir to sing can all be linked back to Italian history.

Hiester said all of the singing is a cappella because transporting instruments would be impractical.

Most of the songs are from the Renaissance period and less of the Baroque period because a lot of Baroque pieces have concertizing music.

When the chamber choir is not performing, they will be sight seeing at major musical and artistic sites in the different cities that they are visiting while keeping in mind relating what they are learning on site to the music history they learned in the classroom.

Muses celebrate the holidays with musical talent



Photo by Jenna Rodcay

The JAY Walkers, Ohio Wesleyan’s all-male a capella group, performs fun. ’s “Some Nights” with the help of Pitch Black, OWU’s all-female a capella group.

By Jenna Rodcay, Liz Anderson and Julia Stone
Transcript Reporter and Correspondents

Milligan Hub, formerly known as the Stuy Smoker, was filled with people on Friday for the Muses’ first ever cabaret show.

The Muses is a student run musical theatre group that works to encourage and promote student performances.

The cabaret was the Muses’ first event of the year and was a winter themed event featuring holiday music and snacks, such as hot chocolate and baked goods. They asked for a donations at the door.

“The event was a fundraiser for the group,” said junior Nick Ehlers, performer and member of the Muses, “Ev-

ery spring semester, we put on a show and the proceeds are going to support it. Next year we’re thinking about doing a show using music that already exists but writing our own text and storyline, but it’s still just in the idea phase.”

There were a total of 11 student performances, including Pitch Black and the JAYWalkers, along with other duets and solo pieces by students.

“There were a wide variety of acts,” said senior Elizabeth Bartz. “It wasn’t just theatre kids singing show tunes. There were some Christmas songs and pop tunes. It was a great time.”

Robert Nims, a part time faculty member in the Music Department, played the piano for each performance that required it.

After deciding on the winter theme, the Muses supplied potential performers with inspiration “to supply performers an idea of what kind of songs would be appropriate for the Cabaret,” said junior Hillary Fowler, a member of the Muses said. Fowler helped plan the cabaret with several other members of the organization.

She said the cabaret began with showcases, in which student performers were able to audition for the show. The Muses use the word “showcase” instead of “audition” to help students avoid being nervous and not wanting to participate in the show.

“We did not want to turn people away from performing for this event,” Fowler said.

Student a cappella groups,

such as the JAYWalkers and Pitch Black, were invited to perform.

Fowler said Muses utilized Facebook to help advertise for the cabaret; students were invited to Facebook events for both the showcases and the cabaret itself.

She said she utilized the OWU Music Group, on Facebook, to invite people to audition and attend the cabaret.

Junior Kati Sweigard performed three different times, for a total of seven songs.

“I felt like all three (performances) were well received,” Sweigard said. “The most fun for me was performing with Cara Slotkin, because we just like to have fun. Our duets come from 1 a.m. jam sessions when we’re avoiding homework, and they’re very low

stress.”

Sweigard said she enjoyed the “many genres of performance music.”

“It was so cool to see people just do what they love in a fun, stress-free environment,” she said.

She said the JAYWalkers were her favorite part of the show.

“They are all really talented, sweet guys and I love watching them perform because you can tell they’re having fun,” Sweigard said.

Fowler said she was extremely pleased with the amount of people that attended the event and thought the cabaret was a success.

“We had people standing and sitting on the stairs to watch the performances because all the seats were filled,”

she said. “For the cabaret not being a large Ohio Wesleyan theatre or music production, and with little preparation time, I thought the quality of the performances was outstanding. This exemplifies how many talented students and performers there are at our tiny liberal arts school.”

Sophomore Sam Walter attended the cabaret to support her friends who were performing.

“It was really nice to see a lot of people on campus that I didn’t even know could sing,” Walter said.

Junior Kenda Patterson said she also enjoyed the cabaret.

“It was a lot of fun,” Patterson said. “There was a good variety of music and it’s always great to see the talent in our friends and classmates.”

Bishops Sports

Men’s basketball 5-1 after defeating Capital, Allegheny

By **Sadie Slager**
Transcript Reporter

The Battling Bishops continued their strong start to the 2012-2013 season with wins over Capital University and Allegheny College last week. Ohio Wesleyan defeated the Capital Crusaders 64-53 in a non-conference game and the Allegheny Gators 76-62 in their first North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) game of the season. This improved their overall record to 5-1 and 1-0 in the NCAC.

In the early minutes of the Nov. 28 match-up at Capital, the Crusaders raced to a 6-0 lead but OWU came back to tie the game 8- 8 and their momentum continued to grow. The Crusaders and Bishops each led the score at different points throughout the first and second halves, and Capital led by one point at half time.

The Bishops capitalized when the Crusader offense failed to follow through to take the lead for good with less than seven minutes left in the game.

Junior wing Dre White said the key to the Bishops’ comeback from the initial 6-0 deficit was persisting and finishing when first shots didn’t make it in the basket.

“The same kind of thing came up later in the game in close situations when the score was tied,” White said. “The team that was able to knock in the easy shots was going to win that game and in that case we were able to do that in some big possessions.”

Senior guard Andy Winters and senior wing Anjuwon Spence both said they remembered basketball is a “game of runs” and knew they had the

ability to come back and win after Capital’s first run.

“We understood it was a long game and that we were capable of getting back into it one possession at a time,” Spence said.

Game announcers for Capital said the Bishops secured the win because they are more physical and experienced than the Crusaders.

White said the team’s experience and high number of upperclassmen are key elements in its success this year.

“In this past we have been the young team, but now with eight seniors we have experience on our side,” White said.

Winters said being familiar with the team is also helpful.

“We have been together for a while and understand each other,” Winters said. “This helps to overcome the obstacles during the game.”

Spence said the Bishops’ toughness is shown by their hard-nosed defense as well as mental and physical strengths.

“We have been in big games in tough atmospheres before, so we know how to respond and overcome adversity,” Spence said.

The Bishops also used this strength in their first NCAC game of the season, beating the Allegheny Gators on the road.

Against the Gators, Winters achieved a personal best and tied a school record with 13 assists, a number which has not been matched since 1977. He also had 12 points and a personal best of 11 rebounds all of which made him the first OWU men’s basketball player to post a triple-double. For his achievements, Winters was named a NCAC Player of the Week for the week of Dec. 3.

Winters said the team will have to continue to work hard for conference wins.

“It is always nice winning a conference game,” Winters said. “Allegheny is a good team and we played pretty well for 40 minutes. Our conference, from top to bottom, is really good this year. We will just continue to play one game at a time and understand that no game is a given.”

Spence said defeating Allegheny was the first step for the team’s goal of winning the NCAC championship.

White called the win “huge.”

“Our conference is always tough, and this year it may be as strong as it’s been from top to bottom,” White said. “So getting a big conference win on the road against a good team was an exciting start to our season.”

White said one of the team’s focuses for upcoming games will be offensive execution and consistency in knocking down shots.

“Right now, our defense and intensity keeps us into a lot of games,” White said. “If we can improve offensively while keeping up that same attitude, it will only make us that much better.”

The win against Allegheny wasn’t easy, Spence said, and showed the team how hard they would have to continue to work this season.

“I think we will have a very successful season if we continue to do what we do best – to defend, compete and play harder than every other team,” Spence said.

The Bishops’ next home game is Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. against DePauw University at Branch Rickey Arena.



Photo from Communications

Senior guard Andy Winters dribbles past a defender in a NCAC game against Kenyon College last season. Winters was named NCAC player of the week for the week of Dec. 3 and was the first OWU men’s basketball player to post a triple-double with 13 assists, 12 points and 11 rebounds in the Bishop’s NCAC win against Allegheny College last Saturday.

Phi Gamma Delta hosts ‘World Cup’ for charity

By **Margaux Erilane**
Transcript Correspondent

This Sunday, Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) will be hosting its first philanthropy event since the unsuccessful lawn mower races it sponsored with Delta Delta Delta sorority at the beginning of the semester.

Fiji’s World Cup will consist of a series of soccer games beginning with pool play. The top team in each pool will then advance on to single elimination bracket play. Bracket play will continue until a winner is determined. Each game will be 5-on-5 with two 10 minute halves.

According to the Facebook event page, “Substitutions can be made on the fly” and there’s to be “no bribing the ref.”

Sophomore Philippe Chauveau, the social co-chair of Fiji, said he expects there to be a great turnout with a variety of participation.

“Often, only other Greek organizations will participate in philanthropy events on campus,” he said. “I know the track team plans to sign and I’m expecting a lot of other clubs to also register.”

It costs \$30 to register a team and all proceeds will go towards Fiji’s philanthropy, the American Red Cross, benefiting victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Sophomore Michael Cook, the historian of Fiji, said the Red Cross is already working with Hurricane Sandy victims providing shelter, food and emotional support throughout the Northeast.

“We aren’t splitting the proceeds between the Red Cross and Sandy,” he said. “All of the money is still going to the Red Cross; we just want to specifically help the hurricane victims.”

Sophomore Kyle Hendershot, the social co-chair of Fiji, said the event is designed so non-participants can come and enjoy it.

“It’s an open event and every one is encouraged to come whether or not they’re participating,” he said. “We’ll be accepting donations at the door. Any help for the cause is encouraged and greatly appreciated.”

Chauveau said there are a lot of prizes up for grabs, too. “Aside from the grand prize that the champions will be awarded, we have gift cards to local restaurants and shops downtown,” he said

Cook said he thinks it’s going to be a worthy event to attend.

“It’s going to be a great competition and a ton of fun,” he said. “Everyone should make an effort to be there.”

The event is this Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Gordon Field House.

Members of Fiji will be tabling in Hamilton William Campus Center tomorrow at noon for people who still wish to register a team.

Track and field breaks records at Marietta

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Ohio Wesleyan University Track and Field kicked off its season at the First Glimpse meet, hosted by Marietta College on Saturday.

The meet, which included competitors from Allegheny, Charleston, Concord, Malone, Marietta, Ohio University and Ohio Wesleyan, was not scored.

Strong performances were made by many OWU track and field members, specifically senior Hannah Benzing.

Benzing won the weight throw with a throw of 51-9½, breaking the school record of 48-4¾ set by Sharon Rymut in 2009.

Benzing said for the first meet she set no expectations, and had in her mind where she wanted to be and was pleased with her personal performance as well as the team’s performance.

“I was hoping for a further distance but I can’t be disappointed with a new personal best starting off in the first meet,” Benzing said. “I imagine I’ll be breaking my own record a few more times this season.”

Junior Sarah Bechtel, who took a first-place finish, winning the pole vault by clearing 11-0, said the meet gave the Bishops an opportunity to gauge how prepared they are for the upcoming season.

“The Marietta meet is mostly just to

shake off the dust and prepare for the season ahead,” Bechtel said. “We’ve put in a lot of work so far this year and it’s nice to see where we’re at.”

Bechtel said she is hopeful for a repeat of last year’s successful season.

“We have a lot of work ahead of us but so far all signs say it will be successful season and I’m sure we’ll have a lot of fun along the way,” she said.

Senior Ethan Freet won two events at the meet. He won the 200 and 400-meter dashes in respective times of :22.67 and :49.71. Freet said he was pleased with where he and the team are in their training.

“We are well ahead of where we were at this point last year and this was a very positive start, we still have a lot of work to do, but this was a good meet to show that the time that we have put in thus far is paying off,” Freet said.

“As a team, we hope to win the All-Ohio championships as well as the conference title, and to ultimately qualify as many individuals as possible to the national championships as we can, I think this is the strongest team that I have been a part of and there is a lot of potential and we just have to stay focused and keep working hard to turn that potential into success.”

Sophomore Matt Hunter had a notable performance that included first place in

the long jump with a leap of 21-7¼ and third place in the 55-meter hurdles. Hunter said it felt great to start the season off with a win the long jump, his favorite event.

“I could not have been happier with my performance at the meet, I competed in four events and set four personal records,” Hunter said. “A lot of returning athletes had the best season opener of their career along with a strong showing from the freshmen class in their collegiate premier.”

The Bishops said they are hopeful for a successful season and Benzing said she thinks many of her teammates will make it to nationals this season.

“We’ve always been a good team, but I know we have what it takes to be national caliber,” Benzing said.

Hunter agreed with Benzing and said the team is most definitely in a position for an impressive post-season performance.

“We are exactly where we want to be right now to set ourselves up for this indoor season where we are looking to defend our All-Ohio Championship and reclaim the conference title,” Hunter said. “After those meets we also expect to have an increasing presence at the national championships.”

The Bishops first home meet will be on Jan. 18 when they host the OWU Triangular at the Gordon Field House.

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