

Super Bowl is a super feast

By Brian Cook
Transcript Correspondent

From Domino's to Papa John's, most Delaware pizza vendors were busy making their specialty pizzas for eager students on Super Bowl Sunday.

A manager at Papa John's said anonymously that specific sales numbers could not be discussed, but most people did not wait much longer for pizza on Super Bowl Sunday than on a typical Friday or Saturday night—40 to 45 minutes for delivery, and 15 to 20 minutes for carry-out.

Domino's Assistant Manager Nick Trainer said while average customer wait times and estimated sales numbers could not be disclosed to anyone other than a franchisee, some students and organizations reported waiting a little bit longer than average for their deliveries, but nothing too out of the ordinary.

The workload at Domino's on Sunday started to wind down slightly around 7:45 p.m., after a heavy stream of orders throughout the afternoon and the early part of the game.

According to Forbes magazine, Domino's said it was expecting a high number of pizza sales for the Super Bowl, in excess of 11 million pizzas.

Eating pizza on Super Bowl Sunday has been a tradition for many years, and for some students it served as a good excuse to indulge in one of their favorite dishes.

"I usually get pizza and wings with my friends back home," freshman Ahmed Abdel Halim said. This year, he watched the game with his new friends in Bashford Hall.

Junior John Bieniek said he preferred to eat free pizza for a while and then leave before the game started.

"I don't watch the Super Bowl for the sake of watching the Super Bowl; I don't watch the Super Bowl to eat pizza," Bieniek said. "I eat pizza and then don't watch the Super Bowl."

Nationally, WHAM Rochester predicted that about 48 million Americans would order takeout for the game, with pizza and chicken wings being the two most popular snacks.

WRTV Indianapolis estimated that Americans would buy approximately \$125 million worth of chicken wings.

According to Forbes, Super Bowl Sunday is the second biggest day for food consumption in America, behind Thanksgiving Day.

WJXT Jacksonville reported that pizza sales are highest on Super Bowl Sunday, followed by New Year's Eve.

Bike thieves caught, more at large

By Taylor Stoudt
Transcript Reporter

Over the last few months, more students across campus have experienced the shock of coming back to where they left their bicycle and realizing it was gone. Sometimes the whole bicycle was taken; sometimes only parts were missing.

For many students, reporting a stolen bicycle can be impossible. While some may know the make of their bicycle and specific physical features, an official police report cannot be filed without the serial number of the bicycle.

According to Detective Ben Segard of the Delaware Police Department (DPD), there have been seven police reports of bicycles stolen from the Ohio Wesleyan campus.

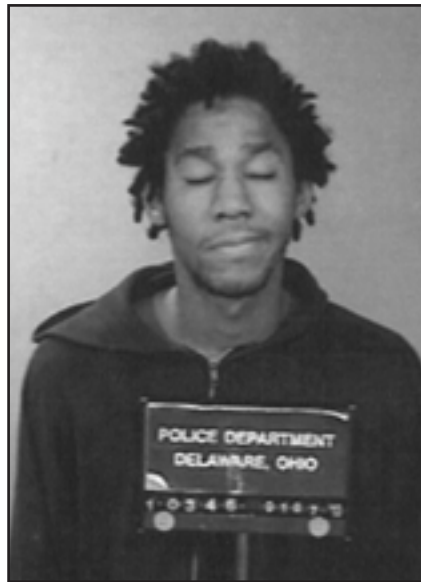
On Jan. 9, two suspects, David Craig and Ian Gray, were arrested and charged with four counts of theft.

"These two guys initially got caught for something else, but I also got them to confess to stealing the bikes," Segard said.

The suspects were originally arrested for more bicycle thefts, but there was only sufficient evidence to go on with four of the charges.

All four charges were for bicycles stolen from the OWU campus. Two of the bicycles were taken from the JAYwalk, one from Smith Hall and the fourth from Welch Hall. All four were never recovered, and three were sold on Craigslist.

"The suspects didn't keep any re-



Courtesy of Delaware Police Department

David Craig (left) and Ian Gray (right) were arrested for the bicycle thefts that have occurred on campus. Since their arrest, there have been two more bicycles reported stolen.

cord of who they sold the bikes to," Segard said. "And on top of that, none of the victims, except for one, knew the serial numbers of their bikes, and it's very difficult to return property to its owner without a serial number because we need to have validation that the property found was the one confiscated."

When posting advertisements for the bicycles, the suspects also used images taken from the internet rather than taking pictures of them, making it even more difficult to identify the stolen bicycles.

Other students have also had their bicycles stolen, including junior Erika

Kazi. Just before final exams in the fall semester, Kazi's bicycle was stolen from Oak Hill Avenue. While Kazi reported the incident to Public Safety (PS), the bicycle had no identification number and therefore couldn't be reported to DPD.

"I never found the bike," Kazi said. "I checked on Craigslist often, but it wasn't there."

PS Officer Christopher Mickens said he believed this year has seen more bicycle thefts than in the past.

"Compared to other years, there has been an increase in the number of bike thefts," Mickens said. "Theft is a crime of need. Some people need transporta-

tion, money, food, and drugs, among other things."

Mickens suggested students register their bicycles with Public Safety.

"We can easily identify the bike as your property in the event that it is recovered after being lost or stolen," he said.

Mickens also suggested the use of bicycle locks as a way of preventing theft.

"One of the best ways to deter thieves from stealing your bike or other property is to make it difficult by securing your bike with locks that are not easily cut, such as a U-style lock," he said. "Most locks can be defeated, but the more difficult it is to steal something, the less likely it will be that thieves will waste their time."

Segard suggested parking bicycles in well-lit areas and places where others may be able to identify a situation in which a bicycle is being stolen. Segard also said knowing the bicycle's serial number is crucial to finding a lost or stolen bike.

"Most important thing is to record their serial number so if their bike is stolen we can put it into a database," he said. "But we can't retrieve a bike if we don't have the serial number."

Bicycles can also be registered at the police station between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. There is a \$2 fee and the following information must be known: bicycle's serial number, contact information of the owner and all relevant

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Rabbi hired to Chaplain's office



Photo courtesy of Jessica Shimburg

Rabbi Jessica K. Shimberg (right), Ohio Wesleyan's new Jewish chaplain, works with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers at Whole Foods in Columbus, Ohio.

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Transcript Correspondent

The Chaplain's Office seeks to offer a place for students and faculty to nurture their connections to their faith on the third and fourth floors of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

Although Jodi Kushins was accessible to Jewish students during her time on campus from 2009 until May 2012, there has been something missing this year: a Jewish Chaplain to represent the Jewish community on campus.

The Chaplain's Office staff welcomed a new Jewish Chaplain, Jessica K. Shimberg, to campus last Friday.

Shimberg said she is "a spiritual being, a passionate

lifelong learner, and an enthusiastic leader of innovative Jewish programming."

She said that she wants to focus on community-building and social action within the OWU community, as well as engage Jewish students on campus with their faith. Drawn to the position for many reasons, she said she has had transformative experiences on OWU's campus, both with the Chaplain's office and at conferences.

Shimberg said she attended a conference at OWU in 2009 "that led (her) to enroll in rabbinical school." Since that time, Shimberg has developed the congregation she co-founded, "The Little Minyan;" served as the Rabbinic Student Intern for Rabbis for

Human Rights; and begun work in Columbus with faith communities to bring attention to modern-day slavery in the agriculture industry.

Senior Tammy Winkler, president of Hillel B'Nai B'rith (Hillel), said she is excited by the opportunities she thinks Shimberg will create on campus.

"We are looking forward to seeing how Jessica can help us build Jewish community amongst Jewish students and the campus at large," she said.

Shimberg said she wants to reach across religions and denominations to make Judaism applicable to today's students.

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Faculty reveal Delaware's hidden gems, music scene

By Hannah Urano
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The city of Delaware is home to many stores and restaurants that some Ohio Wesleyan students may be unaware of, since they live in a campus bubble.

Sophomore Jacquelyn Zola said that as part-time residents of Delaware, OWU students tend to spend the majority of their time on campus.

"When students do venture out, they usually don't go farther than Clancey's or the few restaurants that accept the OWU card," she said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Delaware County had an estimated population of 178,341 in 2011. With OWU students contributing less than 1 percent of that total, it is the full-time residents of Delaware—like OWU faculty and staff—who have suggestions when it comes to what to do in the area.

Richard Hawes, head swimming and diving coach at OWU, has lived in Delaware for 22 years. He said his favorite thing about living in the area is the proximity to work, even without a car.

Sean Kay, professor of politics and government, shared Hawes's sentiments.

"I can get from my house to my office in five minutes, and my children's school is right across the street," Kay said.

As with most college

towns, a certain culture and atmosphere develops that integrates both the university students and the Delaware residents.

Hawes said the cultures in Delaware vary.

"There is one [culture] that is the locals that have lived here all their lives, and another that reflects the younger generation of families and that of the university," he said.

Public Safety (PS) Sergeant Christopher Mickens said in general, the OWU-Delaware community relationship is an amicable one.

"The relationships between the OWU community members and Delaware community members who work on volunteer, service, social justice or cooperative efforts is amazing," he said.

Elizabeth Doyle, assistant director of admissions, said she thinks OWU has a positive relationship with Delaware.

"Community members regularly attend campus events, and students and families patronize local businesses," she said.

According to Kay, Delaware is the typical medium-sized Ohio town.

"It's big enough that one can maintain their own thing, but at the same time, walk to a great place to eat like Buns and have the owner know who they are," Kay said. "It's great."

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BMF looks toward a bright future

By **Spenser Hickey**
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Black Men of the Future provides a safe space for students of color to discuss common issues and works to educate the community about problems of racial inequality and stereotyping. BMF was founded during the 1992-1993 school year, a time when African-American men were under-represented on campus, according to senior Andrew Dos Santos, co-president.

“[BMF’s] primary goal is to provide education and opportunities for engagement about issues concerning African-American men,” said Terree Stevenson, director of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Despite its name, Black Men of the Future is open to male students of any race, as long as they show “a sincere interest in the positive upliftment of black males socially, culturally, academically and politically,” according to their OrgSync page.

Sisters United, a similar group dedicated to promoting women’s issues, works closely with BMF, and members of SU often attend BMF’s meetings.

Both groups are part of the larger umbrella group called the Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA).

SUBA includes other groups such as House of Black Culture, Rafiki Wa Afrika, Gospel Lyres and VIVA LatinoAmerica.

“SUBA serves as a larger institution, a larger part of representing minorities on campus, than these clubs,” senior James Huddleston, BMF co-president, said.

Huddleston said each club

within SUBA serves a specific minority community.

“Our role is to work with male minorities, to be a support system, be an outlet, be a safe zone for males of minority,” he said.

“It’s important for (minority communities) to work together, to support each other,” Dos Santos said. “We’re all, at the end of the day, going to be talking about mostly the same things, and hearing all sides doesn’t only elevate us as a group; it helps us educate other people.”

In its weekly meetings, BMF discusses a variety of issues including gun reform, racism on campus, upcoming events and “anything that’s on our minds, that we’re feeling that day,” according to sophomore Garrison Davis.

To help develop their discussion, members begin the meeting by listing the good and bad parts of their week.

At last week’s meeting, high points and low points included tests, studying, the weather and changing relationships.

In addition to providing a place for students of color to speak openly about the struggles they face as members of minority communities, BMF also works to educate the OWU community and provide positive role models for African-American youths entering college.

BMF regularly holds a presentation on Martin Luther King Day about the life of Dr. King. While it was well-attended in the past, this year’s presentation--BMF’s third--was not.

Senior Andrew Wilson, a speaker at the event, estimated that between 50 to 80 students actually paid attention to the

presentation, which took place in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center’s atrium.

Sophomore Mariah Powell, president of Sisters United, said that “there were posters everywhere; people knew the event was going to be that day.”

Dos Santos said he believed the general feeling on campus was that the holiday wasn’t very important.

Members were divided on whether OWU should cancel classes on Martin Luther King Day so students would pay more attention to King’s legacy.

Freshman Aaron Cameron said he thought OWU should be more proactive about the day.

“It’s a holiday for a reason, and it should be celebrated,” he said.

Davis said he thought students still wouldn’t pay much attention to the purpose of the holiday, even without classes.

“I can’t blame the school, and to some degree I kind of agree with the school that we shouldn’t have the day off, ’cause kids really would misuse it,” he said.

Dos Santos said he would like to see OWU allow students to participate in community service during part of the day rather than attend classes, but doubted it would happen.

“That’s just me dreaming,” he said.

In addition to their frustrations over the presentation’s poor attendance, BMF members also questioned whether the overall community realizes they do other events, too.

“I think that a lot of these people on this campus are unbelievably oblivious to what the minority groups on this campus do,” said junior Mad-

eleine Leader, vice-president of Sisters United.

Dos Santos said students forget the importance of minority organizations once their events are over.

“Any time you have an organization that does anything with food, that’s their event,” he said.

BMF, in addition to their Martin Luther King presentation, recently held a presentation on human trafficking, and will be holding events as part of Black History Month. The group has not yet released a schedule of those events.

In the past, Wilson said, BMF did “some huge events,” including a Teacher Appreciation Day and a lecture by Herman Boone, a high school football coach whose story is the subject of the film “Remember the Titans.”

“We made our presence known on campus, that we are an organization and that we do actually care about the institution itself,” Wilson said. “We’re still in that same (mindset) today.”

BMF also works in the “It Takes a Village” program, meeting and mentoring African-American students preparing to go to college.

“I feel like that falls directly under BMF’s role on campus and at large, just to give a nice black male perspective, which is not always seen or presented,” said senior Nginyu Ndimbie.

Huddleston said being in BMF has allowed him to get as far as he has in college.

“Coming into college, my priorities weren’t where they should be as a college student, and the older guys in BMF left a mark on me, made me want to focus on academics,” he said.

Weekly Public Safety Reports

Jan. 29, 2:49 a.m. – Public Safety was dispatched to Beeghly Library on an alarm housekeeping advised they had set off.

Jan. 29, 11:51 a.m. – Student reported missing bicycle from the Thomson Hall bike rack.

Jan. 30 8:47 a.m. – Student struck by vehicle declined treatment and said she did not want the driver cited for the accident.

Jan. 30, 1:44 p.m. – A fire alarm was reported in zone 11 at Stuyvesant Hall.

Jan. 30, 5:20 p.m. – Public Safety discovered a vehicle with two parking permits belonging to two different students.

Jan. 30, 6:33 p.m. – Public Safety was dispatched to Bashford Hall for a possible gas leak/odor of gas. Delaware Fire Department gave an all-clear.

Jan. 31, 1:26 a.m. – Suspicious person ran from a vehicle at John Street and Elizabeth Street towards campus. Suspect ran from officers and was apprehended at 10 Williams Drive.

Feb. 1, 1:44 a.m. – Public Safety was dispatched to Welch Hall on a welfare concern.

Feb. 1, 5:40 p.m. – Public

Safety was dispatched to 4 Williams Drive to talk to witnesses of a hit-skip incident in the Stuyvesant Hall parking lot.

Feb. 2, 1:05 a.m. – Public Safety was dispatched on a student concern about a roommate using marijuana.

Feb. 2, 2:20 a.m. – Public Safety was dispatched for vandalism at Bashford Hall. An OWU student had broken two windows on the third floor hallway.

Feb. 2, 3:30 p.m. – A HWCC Housekeeper reported the theft of personal property while at work. A report was filed with Delaware Police.

Feb. 2, 3:30 p.m. – Phone received from the mother of an OWU student saying her son had been involved in a traffic accident. The student was located and mother contacted to confirm safety.

Feb. 3, 12:43 a.m. – Public Safety dispatched to 15 Williams Drive on a fire alarm.

Feb. 3, 1:21 a.m. – Public Safety was dispatched to 9 Williams Dr. on a fire alarm.

Feb. 3, 2:51 a.m. – A DPD unit radioed that three or four people were running from them near Noble Street and the bike path. The suspect ran onto OWU property from Henry Street. One arrest of a possible guest of an OWU student was made.

Rafiki Wa Afrika gets ready to show off its best for the GSEF

Date auction seeks to raise money to buy supplies, other essentials for students in Ghana

By **Emily Hostetler**
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Rafiki Wa Afrika (Rafiki), Ohio Wesleyan’s African and Caribbean culture club, is preparing for the Feb. 15 date auction, its first fundraiser of the semester.

The auction’s proceeds will go to the Ghana Student Education Fund (GSEF).

“GSEF is a charity organization started by two OWU students that helps pay for a student’s education in Ghana, (west) Africa,” said junior Alisa Nammavong, president of Rafiki.

According to the GSEF website, the fund was founded in 2006 by Ghanaian students Stan Osei-Bonsu ‘09 and Nick Oteng ‘09. Rafiki receives funding through the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs, so all of the money raised at their events can go to the GSEF.

Freshman Osami Garba, Rafiki public relations chair, said she is excited for the date auction and raising money for GSEF.

“I think it’s a good cause and we are helping students in need,” she said. “I’m also excited to see who is going to buy who.”

Garba said she is hoping to have at least 20 date auction participants, 10 women and 10 men.

In 2006, Oteng and Osei-Bonsu organized OWU’s Global Outreach Show to educate the community about the genocide in Darfur. The benefit show made over \$1,800 that was split between Darfur and establishing the GSEF.

According to the GSEF website, “The fund believes that sponsoring a brilliant but needy child with leadership potential from primary education all the way to the end of their tertiary education (university) will make a greater impact than providing a one year scholarship.”

Rafiki raises money for the GSEF through the Global Outreach Show and other events.

“Last year we rose over \$500 for two girl students to attend school,” Nammavong said.

According to Nammavong, the money goes

toward uniforms, school supplies and anything else the students might need.

“This is something we intend to keep alive because it is so important for the people,” she said. “We pay for their education.”

Although the events have been largely successful in the past, senior Jacqueline Osei-Bonsu said the club might vary some of its events.

“We are trying to change around and adapt some events for our audience in the hope of more people being present at them, because we really would love it if everyone did come and enjoy what we have to offer,” she said.

While Rafiki’s philanthropy may be one of its largest responsibilities, Garba said the club is like a second family.

“Everyone is really nice and really want us freshmen to feel at home,” she said. “They are all open-minded and heartwarming. I know it’s cliché, but it’s true.”

Garba said there are people from Vietnam, Jamaica, Ghana and other places around the

world in the club.

“I’m Nigerian, so I thought it would be really good to be friends with people who have the same background as me,” she said. “It’s not just knowing where I’m from but, others too.”

Rafiki allows students of all backgrounds to attend meetings and events dealing with African culture, and to raise awareness for the GSEF.

Nammavong said Rafiki’s members gain a sense of family and purpose.

“Rafiki is a way to connect to people who are already from there,” she said.

“It helps people adjust to living in the states by meeting people who understand what they’re going through.”

Osei-Bonsu said she hopes the student body understands Rafiki’s message of family.

“To me, Rafiki Wa Afrika, apart from its original meaning--‘Friends of Africa’--in Swahili, means family,” she said. “They are people who are open to new ideas and are accepting and very loving.”



Sound-Off OWU

What community service are you passionate about?



“I’m passionate about Habitat for Humanity because I have a lot of fun.”
- Eilish Donnel, ‘15



“I volunteer for the SARN Program through HelpLine, which is a sexual assault response network. I’m passionate about it because it’s a tough topic and an icky subject, but it needs more volunteers and I love it.”
- Hayley Cook, ‘14



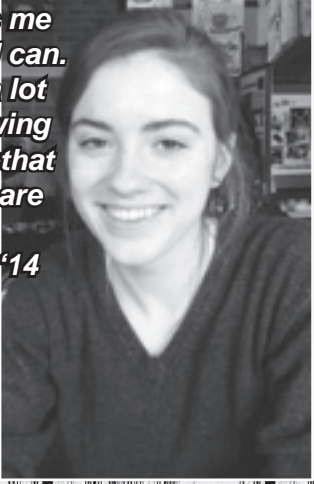
“I’m really passionate about the therapeutic riding program with the disabled and horses. I think that it’s really good because you can incorporate different aspects of the mental and physical sides of therapy” - Bridget Haag, ‘16



“I’m passionate about working with immigrant populations through the culture group VIVA LatinoAmerica. I think it’s a really pertinent subject, especially to the political environment today, and I think that those are populations that can really use a lot of support and understanding.”
- Cali Cornacchia, ‘13



“ProgressOWU allows me to volunteer whenever I can. I go to the free store a lot because it’s nice showing people who need help that there are those who care about them.”
- Sonja Petermann, ‘14



“I volunteer at the Delaware County Historical Society. I like it because I’m a history major and it allows me to learn a lot more about the history of Delaware, Ohio.” - Xandria Titus, ‘14

College Humor founder cracks jokes at OWU

By Emily Feldmesser
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Nothing was off limits at Steve Hofstetter's Jan. 28 comedy show, hosted by Campus Programming Board (CPB) and Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep). The show opened with a performance from Pitch Black, Ohio Wesleyan's women's a cappella group. They performed three songs from their set list from their International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) performance the previous weekend. Hofstetter came on stage for about an hour of stand-up. Hofstetter's website says he practices "comedy without apology."

According to his website, Hofstetter is an original columnist for College Humor. His comedy videos have millions of YouTube views, and he's written three books and made many television appearances. Hofstetter performs at over 100 schools every year.

During his OWU performance, Hofstetter joked about many issues related to students. From the city of Delaware to drugs to airports to the media, nothing was left

uncovered in his show. "It was the kind of humor where you didn't want to laugh because he was harsh," said sophomore Kristen Puckett, CPB president. "But everyone was laughing the whole time, which I was happy about."

According to some members of the audience, though, Hofstetter was not as funny as they expected. "Some perceived him as offensive, which I completely get, but that comes with the territory," Puckett said.

Puckett said she was really happy about the turnout at the show. She said about a hundred people showed up, one of the largest crowds they've gotten in a while.

Junior Jake Miller, president of Sig Ep, said he was nervous about the turnout due to a late start advertising the event.

Puckett said Sig Ep helped bring Hofstetter to campus. Hofstetter is a brother of Sig Ep and the OWU chapter reached out to CPB to bring him to campus.

"Hofstetter has spoken at the Sig Ep National Conclave (a national Sig Ep event) before, so we knew what to expect in his show," Miller said.

The brothers of Sig Ep had



Comedian Steve Hofstetter performed at Ohio Wesleyan on January 28, where he joked about student-related issues. While he received a big turnout, a few students found a few of his comments offensive.

an opportunity to personally meet Hofstetter.

"It was really cool to meet another Sig Ep, and Hofstetter likes to meet different Sig Eps at his shows," Miller said.

Sophomore Kelly Rand, CPB vice-president, said organizations like CPB go to the National Association for Campus Activities conference every year to see and book entertainment.

"[CPB's] purpose is to bring fun entertainment to campus," she said.

Puckett and Rand said they are really looking forward to the events they have coming up in the spring.

Puckett said this event is not a replacement for Cross-

roads or Springfest, but "there was not a good turnout for the amount of work we put into Crossroads or Springfest."

Rand said their next event is the Roller Rink on Feb. 15, which will include a skating rink in the Benes rooms, free food and a photo booth.

Puckett also said CPB has OWU's Got Talent and Daka-

boom, an event with comedians, coming in March. CPB also hosts Day on the Jay in the spring.

Rand said CPB is always open to suggestions from students about what events should be held on campus, but there are no guarantees an event will be held. To contact CPB, see their Facebook page.

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descriptors, like make, model, color and distinct features.

"We find bikes all the time, and if we don't have any information to match the bike with the owner we can't return it to anybody," Seggaard said.

Unclaimed bicycles are auctioned off once a year in a cyber auction on the website propertyroom.com.

Seggaard said he thinks

thefts will still occur.

"Bike thefts are sure to continue around the city and campus," he said.

"They are one of the easiest things to steal because your get away method is the same as what you're stealing. Just because these two guys were caught doesn't diminish the threat of theft. There are plenty of guys like them who will want to make some quick cash."

Even after the suspects were arrested, two more bicycles were reported stolen from the OWU campus.

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According to Kay, one thing OWU students may not realize is that Delaware has one of the best music scenes in all of Ohio.

"I've been a part of it since I started gigging, after a ten-year hiatus, at the Backstretch (Bar) back in early 2001," Kay said. The local scene really reached out and made me feel very welcome. There are a range of musicians that perform at the Backstretch and Roop's (Bar), in particular, that are some of the finest you will ever hear."


Mickens said he considers Endangered Species, the record

store on Sandusky Street, a hidden gem of Delaware.


Mickens also said the West End Bar and Grill is a great place to get breakfast that people usually don't know about.

French Professor Susan Binkley has only lived in Delaware for two and a half years, but she said she has discovered one of the best kept secrets in Delaware: the courtyard behind Chofey's Coffee on Winter Street.

"It's outside behind the coffee shop, and it's completely shaded, and somewhat closed in by the trees," she said. "I love to sit out there in the summertime, but I rarely see others out there."



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A Dance On Knife's Edge

Delaware's paramedics balance ordinary lives with extraordinary deeds

By Samantha Simon
Transcript Reporter

Captain Jennifer Cochran starts her 24 hour duty at 6 a.m. every third day of the week, and she wouldn't trade her career for anything.

It is the job where you can be watching MTV's Buckwild one minute, and on the scene of a fatal car accident the next.

It is the life of a paramedic. "I work 10 full days a month and get to really help people, I wouldn't trade it for any other career," Cochran said.

Cochran knew she wanted to be a paramedic in high school, so she decided to ride along with someone she knew in the fire department to make sure it was the right fit for her.

She loved the energy and it felt right, so she began her first EMT-B class. Upon completion of the course and obtaining a license, she worked for a private ambulance service and then joined Delaware County EMS in 1997. Cochran was promoted to Lieutenant in 2000, and then to captain in 2011.

As Captain Cochran said she was able to expand what she calls her second family, as she oversees a larger group of crew members throughout the county.

"We spend a third of our lives together," she said. "We fight, we take care of each other and we look out for each other."

Cochran doesn't exaggerate when she said she treats her crew like family. Cochran's morning began at Coldstone Creamery to pick up a cake for Chuck's birthday, a paramedic stationed at medic 7 in Harlem Township.

"I usually bake cakes for everyone's birthday, but recently have just run out of time," Cochran said.

Cochran said she has gotten anywhere from zero to 13 calls in a 24 hour shift. This shift appears to be a little different for her as I will be riding along, observing but not intervening.

I am told to stay in the vehicle unless I am told it is clear, and to remove myself if I feel I cannot stomach what is happening.

The two crew members on duty, Justin McLaughlin and Keith Tussey, said they have seen "just about everything."

"The ones involving children are the worst," McLaughlin said. "Those are the ones that really stay with you."

McLaughlin thinks back and remembers some really ridiculous circumstances that he



Paramedic Justin McLaughlin filling out a report during his daily job duties.

Photo by Samantha Simon

witnessed.

Tussey and McLaughlin have been on hundreds of calls together, they tell me, and begin laughing in remembrance.

"The zit incident was probably the stupidest one," they recall.

I sit wondering what the zit incident could even mean. They explain that a trucker at 2 a.m. had a zit that "wouldn't stop bleeding," so they took him to the hospital.

The two reminisce about calls they've had, pausing, to either laugh or remark on how serious or dangerous the situation really was.

"Delaware County is a tremendous place when it comes to resources made available to first responders and paramedics; we have about fifteen units just in this county and the population is only at 100,000," McLaughlin said.

"You can't throw a cat in the city without a unit responding," he said. "We are also fortunate with the quality and range of hospitals nearby; Riverside has a great cardiac program, along with the burn center at OSU. We can transport two patients safely, but there are so many medics around here it's not done very often."

Tussey said that they both have kids so when they go home at 6 a.m. it's nice because they're still asleep.

"I'd rather have 24 hour

"We spend a third of our lives together. We fight, we take care of each other and we look out for each other," said Captain Jennifer Cochran of DCEMS.

shifts, than eight hour shifts and the only thing that really does pose a major problem, is that every third Christmas and Thanksgiving we have to work," Tussey said.

Each county truck has three paramedics.

"Jenny tries to be the boss of us; we give her a rough time because we joke around a lot," Tussey said. "She has to go on most calls, and when she is not needed she still often comes to supervise us. She cares about her job and the people we serve."

Cochran tells me it is time to deliver the birthday cake, and I hop into her truck with my DCEMS jacket on, feeling slightly overwhelmed.

The ice cream cake sitting in the back next to a first-aid bag may have not been the right choice if we need to quickly respond to a call.

Cochran may not have thought the ice cream cake through because this is her life; she squeezes these errands in throughout the day with the ongoing possibility of needing to respond quickly to a scene whether it is life threatening or

just routine.

Pulling up to Medic 7 in Harlem Township, a more rural area, seems quiet and slow paced, but boy am I wrong.

Birthday boy Chuck McNaab is inside with a wide-grin after receiving his red velvet-strawberry ice cream cake.

Cochran asked McNaab to give me a tour of their headquarters, and the tour turns into McNaab's life story of becoming a paramedic.

"We are paid for what we are willing to do," he said confidently. "Back in the day there was no guarantee you could get medical care, prior to that funeral homes had a bed in the back of the car you could hop on and they'd drive you to the hospital. Now, Delaware County has more than enough resources."

"I started in 1997, and have been here 15 years now, I'll be sixty when I can retire," McNaab said. "But that's ok, because I love this work."

He also went on to explain how he quit the fire department because he got too banged up and it was taking a toll on his

body.

"Doing EMS is a whole lot healthier, aside from back injuries," McNaab said.

McNaab made a point of saying that patients come before pride.

"When someone is hurt we will work together to get the job done," he said. "Sometimes after a call where someone dies we often say that we 'killed one today,' we may employ humor as a defense mechanism. We have debriefings for the really disturbingly gory things, but we also have our crew mates to depend on, and look to for support."

McNaab said that sometimes patient stories really stay with you.

He told me about an alcoholic woman in the area who they would get called to at least once a week. Shaking his head, McNaab said that this woman treated the crew the same way every time, where she made two of the crew members bad guys and one would be the good guy.

"I like you, the other two, well those guys steal from me, and I know you can help me," he said, mocking the woman.

"It is always something with her, but then we saw her out on a different call where she sober and not the patient," McNaab said. "She said she was sorry and that she would bake us some cookies and sure enough she baked us the cook-

ies, but then two weeks later we were back at her house and I was the 'idiot' again. That's part of the job and you just really can't let it get to you."

"We have to go, we got a run," said Cochran, hurrying in the room.

I hopped in the truck and learned there was a gas leak at a church, and Cochran will need to stage the scene in case anyone gets hurt.

"We are the furthest away we could possibly be," said Cochran, as she stepped on the gas and the lights and sirens wailed.

I sat and watched the road as cars pulled over for us, reminding myself of why I am in this vehicle. While in route, the dispatcher told us that the call was cancelled and we were no longer needed.

Cochran asked me if I felt scared at all. Immediately I told her no, but also realized there was no time for panic, and understood what the paramedics had been explaining to me all day. That it is a job that cannot allow you to insert your own fears and anxieties into the situation. That to do so, would negatively affect the care of the patient, and would also make the job even more challenging than it already is.

"You get the sad ones," Cochran said. "You get the ones where you get to save people, you also get to change people's lives and intervene, we change showerheads, we clean bathrooms and you do it because you care and it is your job. One of the paramedics even calls to check up on his patients after two or three days to see how they are doing".

"I try to not let any call get to me," Cochran shrugs. "We go on so many runs we need to view every situation as an emergency and not panic, because if we panic everybody else panics. You have to be calm. I once thought about being a nurse, but the constant changing aspect of this job is what I love, and I could never be in a hospital all day."

Paramedics live the life of a normal person for much of the day. One minute they are at a familiar Taco Bell, eating something they probably wouldn't recommend to their patients, and the next minute they are at a suicide shooting wearing a bullet proof vest.

McLaughlin, jokingly said that his wife told him they are only married today because he goes away every third day.

Paramedics possess true dedication. They offer an unparalleled level of care to both their patients and their colleagues.

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Judaism relevant in our 21st century lives."

Winkler said Hillel is excited about their upcoming events, in which Shimberg will participate.

"Hillel is looking forward to some great events this semester, including the Passover Seder, Challah for Hunger, a Purim event and we are looking forward to how Jessica can contribute to that," Winkler said.

University Chaplain Jon Powers said he thinks Shimberg will get along well with students in Hillel as well as students of other denominations.

"She was on campus all last Friday, visiting every table at the Service Fair and meeting random students in the Stuyvesant kitchen," he said.

"It is obvious that she meets and engages students from all walks of life with ease and enthusiasm."

Shimberg said one of the dominant reasons she decided to join the Chaplain's Office staff was because of their commitment to social justice, which she said is "an intense and heartfelt expression of one's faith and values."

Shimberg said Judaism in particular has a history of being connected with social justice in agriculture.

"We began as a people of the land—responsible as stewards of the land, accountable for the treatment of other people and animals," she said.

Shimberg said she hopes to bring more awareness to cases of victimization and slavery in agriculture to OWU's campus.

She said she has been personally involved with the local ecological and food move-

ments in Columbus and environmental justice issues within the country.

She will address students tonight at 7 p.m. in Crider Lounge to share information about agricultural inequities in the fields she has visited in Florida.

"I want to tell students what we can do in Ohio to effect real positive change in the agricultural industry with our awareness and advocacy," she said.

Chaplain Powers said Shimberg's unique skill set, connections and passions will be beneficial to the OWU spiritual community.

"Among other things her passion for social justice and environmental issues, and her deep sense of spirituality in relation to language and personal relationships are an unusual blend of gifts and graces - so OWU," he said.

Corrections from Jan. 31, 2013

In last week's article titled "OWU celebrates past and present," the Martin Luther King, Jr. speech played by BMF was "The Other America," not "I Have A Dream."

In the article titled "Dracula emerges from darkness," Margaret Knecht was said to be a senior, and Zoe Crankshaw to be a junior. Knecht is a junior, and Crankshaw is a sophomore.

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Taking on the night shift

with Public Safety Officer Jay McCann

By Tim Alford
News Editor

“In My Blood”

Throughout the day on Wednesday, the temperature had dropped dramatically and it had begun to snow. Public Safety Officer Jay McCann came to pick me up at Phi Delta Theta so I could ride along with him on his night shift. “How’s it going man?” he said as I got into the car.

McCann was born in Lubbock, Texas and went to Cooper High School. He said he had the typical “Friday Night Lights” kind of high school life being the captain of the football team in west Texas. His dad was a minister and a career paramedic, which is where he got his inspiration.

“Because of Dad’s involvement with emergency services, I have always had first responder in my blood,” he said. “The first call I ever went on was with my dad. I was 10 years old.”

They responded to an automobile accident where there were 12 victims and three fatalities. “It’s just something... that it’s for some people...it’s not for some people,” he said.

We drove down by Selby Stadium as part of the first rounds to physically look around the campus. McCann has been with Ohio Wesleyan for eight years and in law enforcement and security for 18 years.

“I came across information about the 2008 fire on South Franklin Street,” I said. “From what I read, it sounds like it was a pretty intense situation.”

“Ya, we’ll go over there real quick and I’ll show you where it happened,” he said.

“Except by the Grace of God, There go I”

“It’s a night I will never forget,” he said.

“On average, there are seven calls in your career as a first responder, EMS, fire or law enforcement, that usually change your life or there’s something that sticks with you. That’s going to be one of my seven calls.”

When the Fire Department dropped tones for a potential working fire at 1:30 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 28, 2008, McCann was right across the street from the Fire Department and around the corner from where the fire was occurring at 126 S. Franklin St. He decided to go over and check it out because he said sometimes people in that building will call things in that are really not a huge deal.

We turned onto South Franklin Street and he said when he turned the corner on that night, there were people lying in the street and people running from the building. When he pulled up to the building, the large windows were filled with “thick, black smoke.” He could hear people screaming “We’re trapped! We’re trapped!”

When he walked up to the building, he said he just started yelling for people to come to his voice. McCann rescued three people before the fire department got to the scene.

“All in all that night, we had 14 rescues,” he said. “There were no fatalities.”

He said it was probably one of the most coordinated scenes he has been a part of, with himself from the university, the Police Department, five different Fire Departments, and Delaware County EMS.

“You had all of these first responders, and we all came together as one team and we did our jobs,” he said. “It was pretty amazing.”

McCann and the officers

he worked with on that night received the Public Safety Hero Award from the Delaware County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He said they have “a bond that will never be broken.” McCann’s parents were able to be there to see him receive the award and he said it was a second generation thing because his dad had been recognized for a saving a man’s life at a Texas Tech baseball game who was suffering from a heart attack.

“I can’t walk away from somebody hurting or somebody in need of help,” he said. “It’s simply because ‘except by the grace of God, there go I.’ At any given moment, I may need that help, or my kids may need that help, or my wife may need that help, or my friends may need that help.”

Walking on Glass

A few weeks earlier, sophomore Eilee Foley recalled one evening she had after Thanksgiving. She was walking back to campus from downtown Delaware and made the unfortunate mistake of taking her shoes off.

“I walked on glass with no shoes on,” she said. “The feet I guess specifically bleed a lot, so I couldn’t really walk back.” Her feet were bleeding onto the sidewalk, so Foley had no choice at this point but to have a friend try to carry her back.

A bicyclist happened to be coming by, and it turned out to be McCann. He stopped immediately to see if Foley was okay.

“I’m fine. Like just a few Band-Aids and I will be okay,” she said.

“No, no. I insist. Please let me come help you,” he said.

After calling Public Safety to bring a car to where Foley was, McCann cleaned and bandaged her feet up and gave her a ride back.

“He went out of his way to make sure I was fine when I clearly could’ve just gone back and taken care of myself,” she said.

“Coming to Work is Enjoyment”

“Dealing with the intoxicated person?” he said. “Sometimes it can be absolutely comical, sometimes it can be a gigantic pain in the butt, sometimes it can be very dangerous, sometimes it can be very dangerous for the person intoxicated.”

We turned in the parking lot by Stuyvesant Hall, continuing the first rounds. He said dealing with intoxicated people can get frustrating, but he has a different filter because he has a 12-year-old son that is severely autistic and non verbal.

“I will tell you,” McCann said laughing, “there’s not too many things that I cannot filter based on the amount of patience I have had to learn as a father and being a parent of an autistic child.”

He said that his life at home can be somewhat stressful living with a child who is autistic.

“So, strangely enough, I come to work to de-stress,” he said. “To be honest with you, work is kind of my getaway. For me, coming to work is enjoyment, it’s not really work.”

He said it can get frustrating when it’s the same people getting in trouble every weekend and there is the repetitive person who can’t handle alcohol. We turned around the corner of the Hill over by Sigma Chi. He commented on how much he dislikes it when the residents of Sigma Chi leave their door open at night as we passed by.

The day before, I talked to Bob Wood, the Director of Public Safety. He said his view on Public Safety is they are not there just as the bad guys to catch students doing things wrong, but to also help and guide students. He said that there are officers that tend to be a little bit more lenient and others that tend to be more enforcement oriented. The officers that are more enforcement oriented tend not to do as well as those who approach students in more of a parental way.

“Under the classification of more lenient or parental to more ‘I’m going to write you up,’ where would you classify Officer McCann?” I asked.

“On the far side of lenient,” Wood laughed. “And I think of him like that, but you know I’ve been with him where he’s like no nonsense. That’s a violation. You know better than that, give me your ID. He tries to be fair...and when you get a point where you could go this way or that way, he tends to go ‘let’s give somebody a break’ and ‘let’s help somebody’ as opposed to writing somebody up.”

McCann drove the car down Oak Hill Avenue toward Stuyvesant. He said students’ perception of Public Safety tends to change over the years in that many freshmen and sophomores believe Public Safety is just out to get them. Juniors and seniors, on the other hand, come to the realization that someone else was fed up with their behavior so they called Public Safety.

Generally, Public Safety is called with a complaint and they are asked to investigate it. Part of their responsibility is to then document who was responsible. He said that they do use “the magic word” discretion and good common judgment to decide whether students need to be written up or given a ticket for certain actions.

We turned into Welch Hall to go in and lock up the fitness center. Seniors Chelsea Dipman and Sophia Rose were in the fitness center finishing their workout. “How are we doing?” he said to them as began shutting off the machines.

“The 800 Pound Gorilla”

We drove out by Sanborn Hall and Austin Manor, where McCann pointed out a parking lot behind Sanborn that is owned by the university but rarely gets used. He said community gardens are usually put in the area. It’s not advertised as an available parking lot because a lot of people just think its “creepy and weird” back in that area of campus.

I asked what he thought has changed about the university over the years.

He said as far as the academic, facilities and fiscal aspects of the university, he thinks this administration has a really solid grasp on it. He said sometimes it can be difficult for students and staff members though.

“We sometimes feel left out of that scenario simply because it’s sometimes not things that we’re a part of,” he said. “I mean they try to include us and they really do and we’re always well informed. But as far as the business academia part of university, I think they’re doing a great job and they’re on the right track, but I just think sometimes staff feel like we’re left out of that a little bit because we kind of deal in a different way as far as student life goes.”

As far as the social scene, he said he sees things where



Photo courtesy of Jay McCann

McCann holding his Public Safety Hero Award, received for saving three lives at the scene of a fire on S. Franklin Street on the morning of Sept. 28, 2008.

he would like to see improvements and he hears from students all of the time where they would like to see improvement.

We made our way over to Park Avenue, passing many of the houses students live in off campus.

“There aren’t that many off-campus parties going on anymore,” I said.

“No,” he said. “Trust me, I have seen a huge down tick.”

He said there is really no place for anybody to go. We drove down to Sturgis Hall and Slocum Hall and passed Elliot Hall, checking for anything out of place on the academic side of campus.

“Do you think that not having as much off-campus housing has hurt a little bit of the social life?” I asked.

“Oh without a doubt, without a doubt,” he said. “I mean, I’m not really sure what students are doing...It’s been a very strange year.”

He said he has talked to students from every culture, concept, clique, social group, “you name it,” and 80 percent of them say they want to live off-campus their junior and senior year.

The number one reason students say they want to living off-campus is so they have the opportunity to live independently.

“It’s not necessarily just to hold parties,” he said. “They would just like the opportunity to rent and start learning the behaviors of being independent. And I personally think that’s healthy.”

Since OWU is going to be a 100 percent residential campus, McCann thinks there is only one solution, which he calls the “800 pound gorilla” in the room that nobody wants to talk about.

This gorilla is an on-campus club. He said if he had his way, the club would be in Pfeiffer Natatorium since the pool has been shut down and only a few classes held in the building.

The location of the natatorium would provide students



Photos by Tim Alford

Top: 126 S. Franklin St. Building - site of the 2008 fire from which McCann and others rescued 14 people.

Bottom: McCann in Welch’s Fitness Center at closing time.



Mother’s Day

with direct access from the Jay Walk and there are no houses nearby, so the loud music would not be a problem.

“It’s a no brainer as far as I’m concerned,” he said. “But, I gotta find somebody with money to listen to me.”

We turned into Smith Hall and walked into the Public Safety office.

The first part of the night shift was over.

“What I really love about this job is on Mother’s Day, when I’ll have students walk up to me and go ‘Jay, you gotta meet my parents,’” he said. “Or, ‘Jay, if it hadn’t been for you that night,’ or, ‘You made an impact,’ or, they come back and go, ‘One of the best things I remember was that night we went and we talked.’ That’s what makes this job cool.”

Opinion

Petition could give the ERA the life it needs

The Equal Rights Amendment sought to create a constitutional protection against sexual discrimination under the law. From Alice Paul's first draft in 1923 to the bold efforts in the 1970s and early '80s, it met an untimely grave in 1982, falling three states short of ratification.

30 years later, it's time to bring the ERA back to life. Gender discrimination is still an issue. Women, on the aggregate, still only make 77 cents for each white male dollar. The number is even lower for women of color—about 70 cents for black women, and about 60 cents for Latina women.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) ceased to exist because of Republican opposition to its inclusivity of undocumented, Native American and LGBT women; it still has yet to be reauthorized.

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta's edict demanding equal combat opportunity in the military was met with sexist screeds from officers and lower-ranked soldiers.

This is not okay. It's not okay that women have lower workplace opportunities than men; it's even less okay that those opportunities are further restricted for women of color. It's not okay that the most significant method of legal recourse victims of gender-based crimes disappeared at the turn of the year. It's not okay that it's taken so long to lift the combat ban, and that it's still meeting resistance. The ERA would not cure these problems, but it would assuage them. It would make things like biological essentialism in policy, wage discrimination and letting important legislation like VAWA fall out of the law illegitimate.

Some argue gender separation is good—men and women are biologically different, so why not treat them differently? Some express concern that a legal protection against sexual discrimination would mean the abolition of separate bathrooms, since the Supreme Court has declared public facilities cannot be “separate, but equal.”

The High Court has indeed ruled that sexual discrimination is not as insidious as racial discrimination because of the biological differences between men and women; so sexists have a lower standard of legal scrutiny to meet than racists. But to me, that is not okay, either.

This doctrine's foundation is the denial of the fact that gender is socially constructed, just like race is. The Jim Crow era's bigoted arguments were based on a similar denial—racists felt people of color were inherently inferior, so they wrongly treated them as such.

But they were wrong. It's common knowledge that these attitudes are incredibly racist and violative to people of color. In the same way, biological essentialism is sexist and violative to women, as well as people who don't identify within the gender binary.

This is not to compare the struggles for racial and gender equality, nor to excuse the feminist movement's abhorrent racism. To make such a comparison or excuse would be offensive to the immense number of people still oppressed by the racist society in which we live.

The ERA would simply give legal protections against sexual discrimination that exist for racial discrimination under the Fourteenth Amendment. Explicit constitutional prohibitions on both racism and sexism would lay a foundation for an intersectional system of law that acknowledges and addresses the ills of racial and sexual oppression together rather than treating them as mutually exclusive.

A petition on We The People, the White House's official medium for public exercise of the First Amendment, is gaining momentum in putting the ERA back onto the national radar. It has 20,609 signatures of the 25,000 necessary for an official executive response.

Sign this petition. It's accessible through a quick Google search. Add your name and share it with your friends.

By getting the ERA out from its shallow grave, we will make a large step toward the just society that we've been trying so desperately to achieve since our nation's foundation.

Noah Manskar
Editor-in-Chief

Quote of the week: “I can’t walk away from somebody hurting or somebody in need of help. It’s simply because ‘except by the grace of God, there go I.’ At any given moment, I may need that help, or my kids may need that help, or my wife may need that help, or my friends may need that help.”

-- Public Safety Officer Jay McCann

Non-believers: The Invisible Minority

By Avery Winston
Transcript Contributor

Look at the people who are nearby you—what do they look like? You can tell a lot about a person from looking at them, but can you tell what they believe in? Some might say yes because said person is wearing a religious symbol on their neck, on their shirt or even as a tattoo on their body.

I say you cannot, because no specific mannerisms, characteristics, skin color, hair color, eye color, accent or what have you can make you believer or nonbeliever. Belief, or lack thereof, is invisible to the human eye.

Some may be thinking, “What about the people I see wearing a religious symbol around their neck, on their shirt, or even have a tattoo that is religious in some way?”

I have friends who wear said symbols around their necks, on their shirts or have them tattooed on their bodies, but they do not believe in that religion at all. Why, then, would someone wear it or tattoo it on their body?

Some people like the message a certain verse may give, whether they believe in it or not. Some people may believe a cross, a star and crescent or even a Star of David are really cool designs and they want to have a shirt, necklace or tattoo of said thing.

Religion has become a label more than anything. There is rectitude with being a believer, so if you take the label as your own, people will usually think more highly of you. People tend to have common misconceptions of nonbelievers, whether it is that they are immoral, anti-religion or what have you. If you took time to get to know some people who are not believers, you would realize those misconceptions are not true.

You now realize how belief, or lack thereof, is invisible. This is what I want to talk about. It's easy for people to see someone who is a different sex, or who has a different color of skin than them; some may even make the same argument for sexual orientation, but we all know

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-- Avery Winston

that is not always true.

People tend to watch what they do and say when they can see someone nearby who they may offend. Since belief, or lack thereof, is invisible, how can you watch yourself around certain kinds of people and be inclusive of those people who do not stand out?

We could start with the idea of interfaith dialogue. A lot of interfaith groups have been very inviting of nonbelievers to join their conversation which is really a good thing. The issue is in the name “interfaith.” People do not think of nonbelievers as people of faith, so when they hear “interfaith,” nonbelievers are going unnoticed due to faulty language.

After the Newtown Shooting, there was an interfaith prayer vigil in the Peale Chapel, and after President Obama was inaugurated, he attended an interfaith prayer service at the National Cathedral the next day. Because of this, I am convinced that interfaith stuff is for people of belief. I have no issues with interfaith dialogue and events, but if we are to be included, I would rather the name not be exclusive and prayer not be involved.

You read or hear in the news about the Gay Rights Movements, the abortion debate, gun control laws, immigration reform and even stuff regarding religion. Do you ever see or hear the news talk about nonbelievers? Have you have heard of the Reason Rally? I'm not surprised if you have not, because it was hardly covered in any major news source.

On March 24 of last year, 20,000

people assembled on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. to stand up for their rights as nonbelievers. It was known as the largest secular gathering in history, and it was a milestone in the secular movement. You see stuff in the news about abortion and gay rights rallies—but not this.

We are the invisible minority because we don't stick out, and we live in a country that is primarily Christian. I personally believe that if you are Christian in this country, you automatically are privileged in many ways. If you think that is not true, just look up the “War on Christmas”—this is how poeple are responding to others wanting to be included in our society and culture.

The fact that most of our politicians are Christian affects a lot of laws and policies in this country. People ignore the part of our Constitution where it says that the government it supposed to neutral when it comes to religion and how it affects laws and policies, and that is not happening. It is affecting laws that pertain to abortion, marriage equality and separation of church and state. It was also responsible for laws that put segregation into place and laws that prohibited certain people from voting.

Nonbelievers are fighting against these kinds of things right now to make sure that religion is not being used to oppress people at the federal, state and local levels.

I am sure no one knows that this is happening, of course, because we are invisible to society. I am also sure that a lot of people think “how can someone be good without god?” People may also not know that there are actually people who are recovering from religion like people recover from drugs and alcohol. Some people are traumatized by religion, and these things are not known by anyone. But why? People are too busy judging people by what they can see with their own eyes.

Everything we see and go through is invisible, and I am sure if they could see that someone is a nonbeliever, then they would judge you for that, too. Trust me; I have seen plenty of it in my own life.

Stereotypes ignore all Greek life has to offer

By Tim Alford
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This week is an exciting time for all of the fraternities on campus, as we get to extend invitations to men to join our brotherhoods. In this time of things to come, I reflect on my experience of receiving a bid and what being in a fraternity has meant to me.

Coming to Ohio Wesleyan as a freshman, I had absolutely no intention of ever joining a fraternity. I only knew them from television shows and movies and did not have any interest in joining one. I had my group of friends in Smith Hall. Why would I ever need to join a fraternity?

One of the first fraternity men I met was Spencer Meads, who was the president of College Republicans at the time. While he had mentioned Phi Delta Theta (Phi Delt) and invited me to lunch a few times to talk politics, I never really thought much about joining.

By the end of my first semester, a harsh reality began

to set in about my current group of friends: they were all transferring. Many of them were football players from out of state, as far away as New Mexico and Texas.

I didn't really want to leave OWU. I was a leader in many clubs and organizations, and had found my major of politics and government. Leaving didn't make sense to me, but without my group of friends, it would be tough to stay.

A few weeks into the second semester, I got invited back up to Phi Delt for lunch. Spencer was still the only person in the house I knew, but that day, they gave me a bid to join the house. I was stunned but excited to have received the bid. I thought that maybe this was exactly what I was looking for to stay at OWU.

The next week, I signed my bid and officially became a pledge of Phi Delt. Not knowing anyone in the house or anyone in my pledge class made me nervous, but I knew it was going to be the only shot I had at staying at OWU.

Throughout pledging, I expected to learn about the fraternity. I expected to learn the names of some of the guys in the house. I even expected to become decent friends with some of them. What I did not expect was making true, lifelong friends in the pledge process.

This started just by getting to know the guys in my pledge class, and then grew to everyone else in the house. By the time I got initiated, I had become close friends with every guy in the fraternity.

I have lived in the house for almost two years now and have never regretted joining. I have served a full term as vice-president of the house as well as other various positions and committees.

Living in Phi Delt has given me a group of friends that have helped make me a better person. Though positions, I have learned how to work with people and manage the house. While we all have great times at socials and mixers, some of the best times are just going

from room to room to talk, watch a show or play a video game.

So, to those of you receiving bids throughout this week and this weekend, I want to encourage you to really take time to consider joining. Ask questions to brothers in the fraternity. Get into contact with alumni who have been involved with Greek life.

Ask the brothers if you can come and join them for some meals or come and hang out over the weekend.

Express any and all concerns and questions you have to the brothers.

Remember that fraternities do not just hand bids out to anyone. You were given a bid because they legitimately want you in their brotherhood.

I'm proud to be a part of Greek life and I'm excited for anyone who may join. (I'm even more excited for the group of guys who are about to sign bids to Phi Delt.)

It is going to be a great semester for whole Greek community.

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Arts & Entertainment

Creating a medium from the landfill



Above: ‘Quality of Mercy’ is a piece that is part of Project Vortex and is on display at the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus. Right: Robson spoke at Ohio Wesleyan last Wednesday, January 30. Bottom Right: A piece such as this can use up to 100 plastic bottles and take up to two weeks to clean, paint and assemble.

By Taylor Stout
Transcript Reporter

The saying goes, “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure,” and the work of artist Aurora Robson is no exception.

Robson uses plastic taken from the waste stream and junk mail as her mediums for her artwork.

Last Wednesday, Robson spoke at Ohio Wesleyan about her work; her latest collaborative project, Project Vortex; and her exhibit in Columbus.

The lecture was sponsored by The Arts Castle, the Ross Art Museum and the Ohio Wesleyan Sustainability Task Force with funds from PNC Arts Alive.

According to Justin Kronewetter, director of the Ross Art Museum, Wednesday wasn’t the first time Robson’s work has been recognized on campus.

“In 2008, we had several of her works on display as part of an exhibit called ‘Discarded to Distinctive,’” Kronewetter said. “And that exhibition featured work that had been created literally out of discarded objects.”

Robson’s work with plastic is in conjunction with an attempt to intercept the waste stream and create awareness among her audience about waste and plastic debris. Part of the process when using waste is cleaning the debris before it can be put into a piece.

“Most skilled people who help me in my studio or myself could clean about 100 bottles a day,” Robson said.

“And we need to get them perfect so that there’s absolutely no grime or germs or residue, like you’re ready to sculpt with.”

Throughout Robson’s career she estimates having used over 75,000 plastic bottles and 100,000 bottle caps.

“I also like to use excess packaging in addition to plastic debris,” Robson said. “I guess I like to take anything that is on a downward, negative trajectory and try to as practice, as a person, as an artist, and to be honest sometimes I fail miserably - but try to see if I can redirect it with art.”

Robson’s pieces vary in shape, size and color. Some have a tranquil, elegant appeal, while others have a darker message.

“What I was thinking about with these dark pieces was this issue of our relationship to matter and our relationship to what we call waste,” Robson said.

“When we throw something away there really is no ‘away.’ Every single ‘away’ is somebody’s home. They might be microscopic and seem insignificant, but this is the only planet teeming up with life that we’ve discovered this far.”

One of Robson’s first dark pieces is “Belch,” which was completed in 2009 and is made with approximately 6,000 plastic bottles.

“I was trying to draw people’s attention to the issue of plastic debris getting into our oceans and water and the idea of Belch is that it’s something you try to throw away, you try to bury it and it comes up,” she said.

Robson’s latest project, Project Vortex, was founded in 2009 as a collaboration among a group of international artists, designers and architects who are interested in intercepting the waste stream through their work. Robson is its founder.

The project is in collaboration with a water cleanup organization that collects plastic debris from rivers, lakes and ocean shores.

The collected will be used in Project Vortex, and all of its proceeds will be donated to the cleanup organization.

Robson’s work has also had a local impact in Delaware. The Arts Castle is in the process of putting together a series of events centered around the same goals as Robson’s.

“We have lots planned for upcoming months centered around recycling and reducing waste,” said Diane Hodges, executive director at the Arts



Castle. “We will have lectures, workshops, exhibits (and) productions. We have a show lined up called ‘Greenerella,’ which is a play off of Cinderella, but has to do with going green.”

Robson’s work will be on display at the Franklin Park Conservatory until April 28.

The Conservatory also hosts “Cocktails at the Conservatory,” at which Robson’s piece featuring solar-powered LED lights will be lit up for observers.

Summer shirts in sweater weather

By Emily Lunstroth
Transcript Columnist

Since the seasons have officially changed and winter is upon us, the switch from summer and fall clothing must make the move to winter wear. Yes, heavy sweaters and hats are now needed, but that doesn’t mean you have to abandon your favorite gingham oxford or lightweight tee—you just have to layer!

If you are not naturally a cold weather person, layering can be intimidating—how much do you layer? Do you take it all off when you get inside? What do you do with it once you take it off? Let’s break it down item by item.

Start with a basic tank top. It will keep you extra warm and protect from any wind that may sneak through the shirt. Next is a button-down—patterned, colored, anything goes—because then you are going to put a sweater over it.

This can be any type of sweater. Just about every style looks quite cute with an Oxford underneath. But a note: if you think you’re going to want to take off layers, put on a sweater that is not as fitted and easier to get on and off.

Pull both sleeves so they are even on your wrists and then roll them together with the Oxford exposed.

There is a lot of creative freedom here—mixing colors and patterns is fun and allows you to sneak in a little more color on those super grey days.

The last item is a scarf—the chunkier the better in my book, because it will cover your entire neck and keep you protected from the harsh Ohio winds. From there you have a few more options, if you wish: a hat, vest, gloves, ear warmers and all those extra little things that depend on just how cold it is outside.

We’ve covered the top up until now. What about your legs? You can wear this layering combo with just about anything—skirt and tights, jeans and leggings, all of any color.

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Bishops Sports

Track sprinters, Freet and Jolliff, break records at Spire Open meet

By Heather Kuch
Sports Editor

On Saturday, Jan. 26, the Ohio Wesleyan men’s track and field team competed in the Spire Midwest Indoor Track & Field Open meet where seniors Ethan Freet and Silas Jolliff each broke school records.

The meet was hosted by the Spire Institute in Geneva, Ohio, and featured teams from Division I, II, III and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) universities.

Freet and Jolliff competed in the 400-meter dash and finished first and second, respectively. Freet finished with a time of 0:48.36 and Jolliff finished with a time of 0:48.63. Each runner surpassed the previous school record of 0:48.70, set by Tyler Stillman in 2000.

Freet and Jolliff then teamed up with senior Matt Martin and sophomore Brian Cook to place first in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:15.37, the second-fastest time in school history.

Head coach Kris Boey said the team performed well given the tough competition, and Freet and Jolliff’s finishes were especially impressive.

“The Spire Midwest Open meet was high quality, with mostly Division I and II programs represented,” Boey said.

“The fact that we finished 1-2 in the 400 and first in the 4x400 relay is an indication that our athletes are well-prepared and very competitive. The 4x400 ranks 2nd in DIII and it was the 2nd fastest time in school history.”

Freet said the meet went well overall and he was pleased with his performance, as well as those of his teammates.

“Silas and I had a good meet, as well as Matt and Brian on the 4x400 relay,” he said. “We accomplished the goals we set out to accomplish, and it took a little pressure off.”

Jolliff said breaking the record helped him realize what he was capable of and motivated him to run faster in the future.

“Ethan has the record technically now, so obviously I want to run faster to break it, but when I heard we both beat the previous school record I guess it solidified in my mind that we are able to run right up there at the national level,” he said.

Jolliff added that he always admired Stillman, and that breaking the record made him more motivated and eager to see how much faster he can go.

Jolliff said he was happy with his finish in the 400, but he has also found some ways that he can improve and finish with even better times in the future.

“I thought the meet went well,” he said. “I was fairly relaxed going into the meet, but also nervous. But I’m usually always nervous before I run. It’s hard to run a perfect race so I think there were some things I could have done differently during the race to run faster, but that’s in the past and it gives me stuff to work on.”

Freet said his mentality going into the meet played a key role in his success.

“It was exciting to finally go out there and focus on running

a good race,” he said. “Going into the meet, our mindset was more of a ‘Let’s see what we can do,’ as opposed to ‘We have to run a fast time.’”

Following the meet, Jolliff was named a North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Men’s Sprinter of the Week last week. He was also ranked second in the NCAA Division III in the 400-meter dash at the time of the meet.

Jolliff said he is pleased with his accomplishments so far, but he also has big plans for the remainder of the season.

“(M)y main goal is to go to nationals and become an All-American in the 400 and the 4x400,” Jolliff said. “I’ve missed out on that four times now, barely, because of injuries and other things; so definitely becoming an All-American is my biggest goal.”

Freet said he has similar goals to Jolliff for the rest of the season.

“Going forward, I am just going to keep practicing and enjoying what I am doing,” Freet said. “My goal right now is to keep working on the 400 and to break the 4x200 record.”

Boey agreed with Jolliff and Freet, saying he does not expect his runners to be happy with where they stand. Boey said he plans for Freet, Jolliff and the team to continue to their success.

“I was pleased with the results,” Boey said. “We are focused on the process at this point, knowing faster time will come as the season progresses, but their efforts were impressive.”

“However, we are not content and satisfied. Our goals are much bigger and we have work that remains unfinished. It’s the day to day details that have brought them this far and that will continue to allow Silas and Ethan to develop. The best is yet to come.”

Jolliff said he thinks the team as a whole will continue to improve, and he expects them to do well both within the conference and in national events.

“As far as the team I think we have a big season ahead of us as long as people stay focused and are practicing hard and doing the right things,” he said.

“I think this year we will have a good representation at nationals, and at some of the bigger meets this year we will be tough opponents against other teams.

“I love running with all the people on the team and, I think we are gonna see some big things this year.”

Freet said he expects a lot from his team this season, and he thinks the support among his teammates will help them to be very successful throughout the remainder of the season and in post-season events.

“As a team I think this is the best we’ve been across the board since I have been here,” Freet said.

“Everybody is running and competing extremely well at this point, and we are well ahead of where we have been in the past. People seem to be enjoying the atmosphere and being a part of the track team, and I think that that is a huge part of the success. I think that come conference time we should be right there competing for the top spot.”

Taking out the Tigers



Photos by Jane Suttmeier

Top left: Seniors Reuel Rogers (left) and Vaughn Spaulding (center) attempt to block a Wittenberg guard from shooting.

Top right: Senior Andy Winter dribbles around a Tiger defender in the game against Wittenberg. The Bishops defeated Wittenberg 63-51.

Bottom left: Senior Marshall Morris shoots over a Tiger defender to score in the game against Wittenberg. Morris led the Bishops in the game against Wittenberg with 15 points.

Bottom right: Freshman Claude Gray shoots a three pointer past a Wittenberg defender. Gray scored eight total points.

OWU three titles away from winning NCAC All-Sports trophy

By Graham Lucas
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan athletics are closing in on DePauw University for first place in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) All-Sports trophy race.

DePauw leads the race with 52 points, followed by OWU with 50 points and Denison with 45 points.

DePauw field hockey captured their first conference title in history, which highlighted their fall sports season.

OWU men’s soccer won their fifth consecutive conference title, and football earned their first share of a conference title in 24 years.

Head football coach, Tom Watts, said the team had specific goals this past season.

“Our offseason goals were to win a conference championship and become a complete team,” Watts said.

OWU tallied five top-five finishes during NCAC fall athletics.

Men’s basketball ranks second in the conference, only two games behind Wooster. Men’s indoor track currently

ranks second in conference, while the women’s team is in position to win their fourth consecutive title.

“Recruiting is key, and once they arrive, hard work and training takes over,” said Seth McGuffin, assistant track and field coach.

OWU men’s lacrosse, men’s baseball and men’s and women’s outdoor track and field are all favorites to finish in the top three in the conference during the spring.

Athletic Director Roger Ingles said one sport alone cannot win the trophy for the school.

“To win the all-sports program takes a balanced program,” he said. “You have to treat all sports equally. You will annually have different results but the consistency of the programs and the development of staff who buy into a balanced approach are critical.”

OWU has won 135 team championships, amassing nine All-Sports trophies in the conference’s 29-year history.

The All-Sports trophy is given to the NCAC School who performs the best in all 22 sports.

In 2010, the trophy was re-named the

Dennis M. Collins Award, after the late NCAC executive director. Collins was the first and only executive director since the conference’s creation in 1983.

In tribute to Collins, the award also judges academic success, something he saw took priority over athletics. He also served as a member of the NCAA council, NCAA Interpretations Committee and Division III Nominating Committee.

“Well-liked and respected by everyone, he helped start a new league in 1984 and saw it grow into one of the most respected and competitive Division III conferences in the nation,” Ingles said. “It was Dennis’ vision and drive that helped the NCAC as a national leader in Division III.”

OWU won the trophy in 2007 and 2008, and shared the honor with Denison in 2009.

“Success across sports helps us attract talented student athletes in each of our athletic programs,” University President Rock Jones said.

Improved recruiting has resulted in five of the last eight winners of the NCAC Student Athlete Award being Battling Bishops.

Weekly Scoreboard:

Jan. 30 - Men’s Basketball v Wittenberg (63-51)

Feb. 1 - Men’s Swimming & Diving v Kenyon (46-178)
Women’s Swimming & Diving v Kenyon (46-191)

Feb. 2 - Men’s Basketball v Oberlin (68-40)
Women’s Basketball v Oberlin (60-50)
Men’s Swimming & Diving v Denison (87-139)
Women’s Swimming & Diving v Denison (83-134)