

Table Tennis club hits it off

Leaders use new equipment, schedule games with other nearby club teams with newly formed on-campus group

By Sara Schneider
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Ohio Wesleyan's new table tennis club aims to foster friendly competition within the university and between OWU and other schools.

According to senior Anuk Yingrotetarakul, the club's current president, the motivation to form the group was to gain access to "proper" equipment to enhance the playing experience.

"I came to OWU and got to play with some friends during my freshman year at Smith Hall," Yingrotetarakul said. "However, the tables were in poor condition and were soon removed. I never got to play again until my junior year.... The idea of forming a club led to thoughts about competing as well," he said.

Yingrotetarakul said the club was approved late last spring and only began meeting this semester. He and sophomore Shashwat Rijal, the club's treasurer, petitioned to start the group.

"We organize practice/meetings and provide better equipment," he said. "We are also currently attempting to organize friendlies against other universities to get a feel for the competitive nature of the game."

Rijal said he wants to participate in tournaments. The table tennis season spans the entire school year, beginning in the fall and ending in the spring.

Senior Daniel Khan, a member of the club, said he started playing table tennis with his friends in a senior-exclusive house on campus and thought it would be good to play with the group.

The club meets every Thursday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Branch Rickey Arena, where tables are set up and all equipment is provided.

After mid-semester break, depending on the athletic facilities available, the club is hoping to add Tuesdays to their meeting time, as well as the original Thursdays.

Board of Trustees hold year's first meeting

By Brian Cook
Transcript Reporter

The Board of Trustees set many different objectives for the academic year at its first meeting last Friday.

One of the objectives set in the meeting, according to a statement to the faculty from University President Rock Jones is to increase retention rates and graduation rates, with a comprehensive report to be prepared for the Board meeting in May 2014.

In terms of facilities, the Board wants to start the restoration on Merrick Hall, as well as fundraise for the renovation of Edwards Gym and the Pfeiffer Natatorium.

The Board officially passed a resolution to go forward with the restoration of Merrick Hall, with construction to begin in February.

No resolution was passed to fund the position of sustainability coordinator despite student protests.

However, Michael Long '66, chair of the Board of Trustees, said he was pleased with the students who showed their support for sustainability.

He said he also appreciated their respectful demeanor and their useful information on the issue.

The students held signs supporting a sustainability coordinator outside the Benes rooms at the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center in a demonstration during the Board of Trustees and faculty dinner the previous evening.

Another talking point of the meeting was the need to im-

prove student housing.

According to Jones, the Board directed the administration to bring a plan to the winter meeting about implementing what the Board calls the "Student Housing Master Plan."

Some Board members recommended the administration consider debt as a way to finance the plan as quickly as possible.

The Board also charged the administration to consider how it distributed need-based aid versus merit-based aid.

"In the coming year, we will... (c)onsider the relationship between need-based and merit-based financial aid and the impacts of each on the composition of the student body and net tuition revenue," Jones said.

The Board said it wants to improve technology on campus, and to that end they encouraged the administration to start a campus-wide conversation about the role of technology on campus.

They commended Rebecca Eckstein for her work as vice president for Enrollment and Communication.

According to the Board, Eckstein plans to leave the university in November.

To that end, Jones formally announced the hiring of Dave Wottle, Eckstein's interim replacement, to university employees.

Wottle previously worked at Rhodes College for 27 years as dean of Admission and Financial Aid.

He also won a gold medal in the 800-meter run at the 1972

Olympic Games in Munich, tying a then-world record.

He is the most recent American to win the gold medal in the Olympics in the 800-meter run.

Jones said the Board and he agreed that the future at Ohio Wesleyan is bright.

"Clearly, we have an ambitious year ahead, and the Board commended all of you for helping to create such a wonderful beginning," said Jones to the employees.

"The Trustees also expressed their continuing faith—as do I—that together we can achieve our strategic objectives and establish OWU as an exemplar of liberal arts teaching and learning for this century—and those to come. As always, thank you for all you do that makes us distinctively Ohio Wesleyan."

The Board also welcomed six new trustees at the meeting: Doreen DeLaney Crawley '91, Jason Downey '02, Kamila Goldin '13, Rob Kail '71, Jack Luikart '71, and Frank Quinn '78. Goldin is the class of 2013 Representative to the Board.

Additionally, the Board passed a measure that formalized how the university stores critical and non-critical documents.

"The record retention policy is effective immediately, and all OWU employees are responsible for following its guidelines," Jones said in a statement to employees. "The policy reflects good practice and also allows us to answer in the affirmative an important question on IRS Form 990."



Photo by Brian Cook

Trustees members munch and mingle with each other during the Board's first dinner of the academic year. The next day, the Board met to discuss and approve projects, policies and objectives for the upcoming year and into the future.

For more information on the student protest for a sustainability coordinator, see Pages 3-5.

Homecoming reunites faculty, students and alumni

By Jija Dutt
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Ohio Wesleyan students, faculty, family and alumni from around the country gathered to celebrate yet another Homecoming weekend from Friday, October 4, to Sunday, October 6.

The Spirit and Homecoming Organization (SHO) planned events for students throughout the week leading up to homecoming weekend. Free cookies in the campus center, a tie-dye shirts day on Williams Drive, banner making competition among various organizations and a homecoming dance were among a host of other events.

A student-faculty soccer game scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 3, was later canceled due to lack of participation.

Senior Sarah Hartzheim, vice-president of SHO, said her favorite part of Homecoming is involving people from across the community in a fun, stress-free celebration of everyone's time at OWU.

"Homecoming this year involved a lot more people as SHO has grown significantly this year," she said. "We're really excited about all the underclassmen getting involved and showing such leadership potential."

Hartzheim said every year SHO increases the amount of shirts, cups and food allotted for the week and weekend because the number of people attending increases each year.

This year's Homecoming court winners were crowned at halftime during the Homecoming football game on Saturday. Seniors Tim O'Keefe and Marilyn Baer were crowned as king and queen and juniors Morgan McBride and Ayana Colwin were also crowned as prince and princess.

The Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops went on to beat the Allegheny Gators 50-7 in the game.

According to Brenda DeWitt, director of Alumni Relations, homecoming is an OWU tradition.

"Over the years, there have been many different types of activities associated with the weekend," she said. "Currently our focus is engaging alumni through various affinity groups such as Greek, ath-



Photos by Ellin Youse

President Rock Jones embraces new OWU royalty, seniors Marilyn Baer and Tim O'Keefe, who were crowned Homecoming king and queen Saturday.

letic, and activity."

This year's special events included Alpha Sigma Phi's sesquicentennial celebration and three 25th "cluster reunions" for the classes of 1987, 1988, and 1989.

Former members of OWU's now-defunct chapter Sigma Alpha Epsilon also had their reunion, and OWU held the 53rd annual Athletics Hall of Fame Induction and the Alumni Association Board of Directors also met during the week.

DeWitt said "a student-focused event" was Munch

and Mingle, a networking program held at noon on Friday, Oct. 4. It was an opportunity for students to interact with alumni in their field of interest.

Emily Roudebush, assistant director of Alumni Relations and Event Planning, said planning for homecoming begins in the early spring of each year. She and her colleagues "get down to the nitty-gritty details" after Alumni Weekend in mid-May.

Much like family weekend, Roudebush said all of the University Advancement office pitches in to help plan Homecoming.

"Also, many student activities take place during the weekend, so I try to work with all of them to make sure their events are on the Homecoming weekend schedule," she said.

DeWitt said close to 500 alumni were scheduled to be on campus attending various events throughout the weekend. Roudebush said the office sends a mailing to alumni in the 13 states closest to OWU: Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Multiple emails about the weekend are also sent out to all alumni.

Tricia DiFranco '09 said it was a good to be back "catching up with old friends and seeing the improvements to campus."

Freshman Becca Manning said her favorite part of her first Homecoming weekend was seeing all the students of each class "dancing together and having fun."

Roudebush said her favorite part of Homecoming is usually the affinity reunion dinners.

"Those groups are usually so enthusiastic and excited to be back on campus with their respective groups," she said. "It's fun to get to see them all interact with current students as well."

DeWitt said she enjoys "watching alumni reconnect with each other, with the campus and with students."

"There are some alumni who haven't been back to campus for years and it is fun to see them get excited about the changes on campus," she said.



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INDUCTEES:

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Jennifer Durgin '98, Lacrosse

Kevin McGurn '98, Lacrosse

Abigail Jenkins Sliemers '01, Soccer

Steven Walton '77, Tennis

Michael "Ike" Reid '00, Football and Track & Field

J. Phillip Roach '61, The Robert Strimer Honor Award

\$ALT helps \$tudents \$ave

By Sam Simon
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Students and recent graduates now have all the benefits and free access to a new program called SALT.

SALT is a money management education resource that helps students reach their financial and educational goals. American Student Assistance (ASA), a non-profit organization, created the program to help students reach their financial goals while working for a diploma.

Students can access online and offline support to figure out the best ways to borrow less, take out the right type of loans and learn life financial skills.

When users log onto salt-money.org, they can access a personal dashboard where they can review all their federal and private loans in one area.

SALT teaches students and alumni the basic financial fundamentals including income, expenses and savings. Students can review SALT's tips on paying for next semester, repaying student loan debt, paying bills and making a large purchase right after signing up for an account.

Another feature SALT offers is career advice and guidance.

After enrolling in the program, users can access SALT's database with over 50,000 jobs and internship opportunities from more than 23,000 employers.

Along with those benefits, there is also a continuously updated list of more than two million scholarships worth \$15 billion.

According to saltmoney.org, SALT manages a portfolio of 1.4 million college student borrowers, 94 percent of whose loans are in good standing. For four years in a row SALT has beaten the national cohort default rate by 54 percent.

Director of Financial Aid Kevin Paskvan said the university felt the need to partner with a company like SALT because of the national increase in student loan borrowing.

According to an Affordable Schools Online article citing U.S. News and World Report, many students "suffer from a lack of financial literacy that leaves them unable to navigate the complex maze of financial aid applications and loan options, further adding to their money troubles even after they leave school."

The article also said national student loan debt is now more than \$1.1 trillion. The average student accumulates

more than \$26,000 in debt by the time he or she graduates.

In some instances, this debt occurs from students simply not understanding the loan process, and not being educated in personal finance.

Paskvan said that having access to SALT could assist students with their personal finance goals and with managing their overall loan debt. The program includes important financial literacy to help students become more aware of what they are getting into, and how to manage everything.

Paskvan came to the university in July, and at that time the decision to implement SALT had already been made. He said he has been responsible for setting up the service.

According to Paskvan, since the program just recently went live it is hard to tell how many students have actually enrolled.

Paskvan said the university had not participated in a program like SALT in the past, and that its yearly membership is approximately \$5,000.

"I really do feel this is a great benefit for our students and families. Anyone can sign up free of charge to use SALT," he said. "There is a lot of great information on the site, and I would encourage everyone to use it."

Students bid farewell to illegal downloading

By Sadie Slager
Transcript Reporter

To prevent copyright infringement and potential lawsuits against students and the university, Information Services has blocked file sharing applications like BitTorrent from being run on campus.

These peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing systems are used to share legal content among millions of computers. They are also used to illegally distribute copyrighted content, which leads to copyright violations, which consist of copying and distribution.

Chief Information Officer Brian Rellinger said Information Services receives 15 to 20 copyright violation notifications per semester, but some go unnoticed.

"Certainly more students are using these applications but do not get caught," he said.

Rellinger said other universities have similar policies in regards to file sharing.

"More and more are blocking the applications just as we are to reduce the exposure," he said.

When the university re-

"Failure (to stop illegal downloads) could lead to lawsuits against the student and university," said Brian Rellinger, Chief Information Officer at OWU.

ceives notices of copyright infringement, Rellinger said, Information Services is required to stop the student who has done it.

"Failure to do so could lead to lawsuits against the student and university," he said.

Recent copyright infringements on campus include illegal viewing, copying and distribution of popular television shows, such as the fifth season of "Breaking Bad."

In this case, the student was committing a violation against Sony Pictures Television, Inc., who owns the show's copyright.

Rellinger said Information Services does not seek out P2P activity, but copyright

owners track violations.

"Copyright owners monitor traffic and report violations to the university," he said. "Once we are notified, we trace the IP address back to the specific student so that we can address the issue.... This typically involves shutting off that student's network connection, finding the illegal content, and deleting the files along with the program used to download it."

According to Rellinger, blocking P2P applications serves a number of purposes, including freeing up bandwidth for all students.


"P2P applications can consume the network's capacity if unregulated on a college campus," he said.

Rellinger said blocking the applications also greatly reduces legal warnings of copyright infringement on campus.


"We believe that this is the correct course of action to provide a better level of service to all students, as well as reduce the amount of illegal content being shared on the OWU campus," he said.

The block will go into effect after mid-semester break.


Sound-Off OWU




What was your favorite part of Homecoming Week?




"The general school spirit and the free shirts."
- Haley Wallace, '17




"Interacting with alumni."
- George Dousmanis, '17



"The Homecoming dance on the hill!"
- Meg Finke, '16



"Watching OWU beat Allegheny."
- Dan Kasian '16



"I enjoyed watching the men's soccer game."
- Sam West, '15

'Tent City' protest sparks sustainability conversation

By Spenser Hickey
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"It's like a two-year-old putting on clown shoes."

That's senior Erika Kazi's view on the effectiveness of the university's current system of handling sustainability efforts; Kazi is one of two composting interns now working with concerned students and the Presidential Task Force on Campus Sustainability to carry out such efforts.

According to Professor Tom Wolber, current chair of the sustainability task force, its membership - comprised of faculty, students and staff - has not been decided yet, and they have yet to hold a meeting.

"The problem is that faculty, staff and students come and go and that we don't know yet for sure who the representatives of the various campus entities will be for this academic year," Wolber said in an email.

Professor Shari Stone-Mediatore, former chair of the task force, said that the university had made "some important advances in sustainability" including hiring Peter Schantz, the new director of Buildings and Grounds and the University's physical plant, who will also work to increase energy efficiency on campus.

These efforts were previously handled in part by sustainability coordinator Sean Kinghorn, who worked for the University from March 2011 to June 2013; his salary was paid for by a state grant on energy and conversation.

After the grant funds ran out, university administrators decided to rely on currently employed personnel and the two student interns, rather than create a permanent coordinator position and allocate a salary for Kinghorn.

University President Rock Jones said that the Board of Trustees looks to the administration to prepare a budget for review, and so the Board had not taken a position on adding a new position at this time.

"Rather, the Board directed the administration to consider all possible avenues for addressing sustainability on campus as it develops budget models for the future, and to include in future budget reports to the Board an update on sustainability on campus," Jones said.

Dissatisfied by the lack of a permanent coordinator, senior Karli Amstadt and sophomore Ellen Hughes led a protest last Thursday through Saturday, camping on the Corns lawn with a number of other students.



Photo by Spenser Hickey

Senior Karli Amstadt, center, announces they have more than 900 signatures on their petition in support of a permanent sustainability coordinator role on campus; sophomores Ellen Hughes, left, and Camille Mullins-Lemieux, right, react to the news.

University officials, including President Rock Jones and numerous trustees, said they were impressed by the students' efforts and are interested in improving sustainability as the budget allows.

The Numbers Debate

While both the student demonstrators and members of the Board of Trustees said they valued improving the university's sustainability efforts, the central matter they disagreed on was how the position could be funded.

President Jones said that the position could be funded with another grant or by reallocating university resources, but at the cost of defunding another existing staff position.

"We will explore all possibilities for advancing the sustainability agenda in the most robust way possible," Jones said via email.

"Many of us (on the task force) regret that the university does not have the funds to continue the sustainability coordinator position," said former chair Shari Stone-Mediatore.

"We believe that, if funds can be found to

support the position, the position would be well worth the investment."

She listed advantages of it as including supporting and overseeing student-initiated projects, allow for visible sustainability activity to attract prospective students and allow for theory-practice grants on sustainability.

Gene Castelli, Senior Director of Dining Services, said he thinks someone from Buildings and Grounds should have responsibility over sustainability efforts so they can better communicate with the companies that handle composting.

Castelli served on the sustainability task force last year and manages the two composting interns paid through Chartwells.

"Every small step gets you closer to the end of the journey," he said.

"So to that end we're going to keep doing the small steps, we're going to keep composting."

Cathleen Butt, '91, an Alumni Association representative on the Board of Trustees, said that while sustainability is important, funding and the university's budget are the issue.

"Unfortunately, there are a lot of different demands for money, and that's the reason we have committees, to work out budget issues like that," said West Ohio Area trustee Robert Roach, '68.

"It's a tough issue, but I feel that we'll address it. I'm just not sure how it's going to be done."

Roach said that the issue would be addressed by the Board's Finance and Operations Committee.

Former trustee Katherine Comer, '76, agreed, saying that the issue is with funding and dividing available money between good causes and determining their priority.

Non-voting life trustee George Conrades, '61, said that he wasn't sure that it would be an expensive endeavor to have a sustainability coordinator and unpaid student assistants.

"I think that's the most powerful model of all, have someone to coordinate but instead of staff, use students, cause then you'll all learn more," Conrades told the demonstrators.

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Digging through trash: why student volunteers help with composting

By Spenser Hickey
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Twice a week, a small group of students gather in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center by the mailroom, walk through a maze of hallways to the garage, put on a pair of thin gloves and dig trash bags of food scraps, dirty plates and cups and spilled soda and condiments; occasionally they'll find flies or maggots living in the bags.

Several of them do this weekly work; only two of them are paid - a stipend of \$250 a semester each for their overall work, regardless of the hours.

Even if they weren't paid, they'd still do it.

"We're doing it anyways and it's just an incentive," said senior Erika Kazi, one of two composting interns working with Chartwells dining services.

According to Gene Castelli, senior district of dining services, composting is part of a cycle - leftover food is divided into what is compostable, which is sent to a mulch facility.

The mulch is then sold at a high discount back to the university for use in the student garden; Chartwells then buys the produce at market price from the garden.

Sending food to be composted turns it into organic matter for plant growth, according to Kazi, an environmental studies major.

"Carbon is trapped in the soil and that can be used by plants to grow," she said; in a landfill, the food would rot and carbon dioxide would be released into the atmosphere.

Each week, they usually sort through "20 to 30 bags of compost" according to Kazi and separate out two to three bags of garbage and one to two of recycled goods.

Sophomore Ellen Hughes, the other composting intern, was offered the position because she'd worked sorting

through compost last year; like Kazi she would be doing it even without the stipend.

"I would be doing it anyway, so it's just sweet that I'm being paid for it now," she said.

A lot of their work comes from non-compostable items being placed in the bins by mistake; part of the interns' job is to design signs listing what is and is not compostable.

"If there is more than 5 percent of contamination, which is non-compostable items, in the compost, (the University) gets fined for it," Hughes said.

Kazi said that two weeks ago the compost bins were picked up earlier than expected, before any students could sort out the waste, and the university would be fined \$100 if there was the 5 percent of contamination.

Hughes said she digs through the compost as a way to clear her head if she's having a bad day.

"You're digging through this gross bag of trash and junk and maggots, really gross smells, ketchup, all this stuff... even though what's left in the bag is really gross, you're taking out all the trash," she said. "...What you have left in the bag is pure compost, which will be made into soil which can feed plants and create gardens.

As gross as it is, I kind of enjoy it, because its just really rewarding because when you finish you're feeling kind of gross but you can shower and wash your hands and you're like, 'yeah, I just created a bag of compost.'"

Sophomore Cecilia Smith started composting recently and has only done it twice but said she'll probably do it regularly; she heard about it through Environment & Wildlife club emails.

"Both Erika and Ellen have sent out emails and mentioned it during meetings," Smith said.

"I think in general composting is E&W's project,

so naturally those in the club know about it."

She said she thinks composting is worth it because it diverts waste that would otherwise go to a landfill and helps provide for the student garden.

"Overall, I do the composting because I want to do my part and I value sustainability and taking care of the environment," Smith said. "By sorting through the compost, I'm doing something tangible to realize these ideals."

She said that sorting through compost has taught her about some of the intricacies of what is and is not compostable. For example, paper Coke cups are compostable, but the plastic lids and straws often left on them when they're thrown away aren't.

"You have to pay attention to the little things because they can add up in both percentage of contamination and in someone else's time in trying to get everything out completely," she said.

Freshman Cindy Hastings said that she thought the issue was that students weren't aware what was and wasn't compostable, rather than deliberate throwing non-compostable items in the bins.

"When composting this year was first started up, we found around 50 pizza boxes (which are not compostable) in the compost bags," she said in an email.

"Signs were then put up that the pizza boxes belonged in the trash, and this past week we only found a few in the compost."

Hughes, though, was less optimistic about the success of the signs.

"There was definitely a lot more (non-compostable items in the compost bins) at the start of the year, honestly I haven't noticed a huge, huge improvement," she said.

"It kinda fluctuates, some weeks it'll be really great and some weeks it'll be terrible, so it's hard to tell if it's actually getting better."



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Sophomore Ellen Hughes pauses after putting a bag in the compost bin.

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Vice President for Finance and Administration Dan Hitchell said the sustainability coordinator position came up “quite often” during Trustee meetings throughout the week.

Hitchell, also treasurer for the Board, said that reinstating it did not come up during conversations he was in, but that he was not present for all conversations.

For the demonstrators, the financial issue was very clear - hiring a sustainability coordinator would save the university money in the long run.

As proof, they point to Kinghorn’s projected ten-year report, which detailed how the university’s costs on energy and waste disposal services, among other expenditures, would be reduced by sustainability efforts.

The projected savings totaled \$1,633,430, not counting a planned program in Gordon Field House that was not implemented. After subtracting Kinghorn’s \$60,000 per year salary, the protesters argued, the university would save around a million dollars or more.

“(Kinghorn) saved the University more than he’s salaried, yeah, that’s absolutely correct,” senior Karli Amstadt said. “...(The 10-year projection is) just from the savings he generated in his first two years here, so if he was actually here getting more annual savings that number would be even higher.”

“I just think that there’s no counter argument,” said sophomore Ellen Hughes. “...There’s no way you can disagree with that, you know, those are the numbers and those are the facts and that would save the university a million dollars in ten years...It just doesn’t make sense, with all the great stuff that Sean Kinghorn did for us and all the money he saved and just how inspiring he was to students...it’s just really disappointing that he’s no longer here.”

She said that it would have cost the university money at first, like anything business-related, but would soon lead to savings.

“The thing about a green program, like composting for example, that costs money to start, but think about how much waste we’ve reduced already by having it,” Hughes said.

Amstadt, too, used the compost program in particular as an example of a green program that could save money.

“As far as the composting program, it can save the university money because we pay for trash pickup by weight, whereas our compost pickup is free,” Amstadt said. “If we had 100 percent compost that would be optimal.”

Jones said he was reviewing the data on projected savings, and it will inform his thinking about the issue.

“(The students) are articulate in making the case for these causes, and they are very good at gathering data to support the case,” he said.

However, he also said he believes existing staff members can achieve the cost reductions Kinghorn was projected to.

“It is not accurate to say that these savings cannot be achieved without a sustainability coordinator,” Jones said.

Amstadt, however, was skeptical the savings could be maintained without a permanent coordinator.

“Sean invested so much time writing grants for programs, executing programs, and some things, like May Move-Out are simply not possible without a permanent sustainability coordinator,” she said.

“Giving more faculty and staff members who are already extremely busy more responsibilities is not the answer and is not a sustainable model. It is an issue of time, coordinating all of the sustainability work on campus is a full time job-if it wasn’t there wouldn’t be so many other GLCA colleges with a sustainability coordinator... If the administration does not see the necessity of a permanent sustainability coordinator then they need a wake up call because the facts support us.”

Solidarity for Sustainability

The high point of Amstadt and Hughes’ demonstration was their ‘stand of solidarity’, which they used to bring the issue to the Board’s attention.

While the trustees ate dinner in the Benes rooms Thursday night, the students gathered in a circle outside the window and held signs, first sitting and then standing to be more visible.

“I think it was by far the best event we planned,” Hughes said in an email.

She added that the event “brought the subject of sustainability to the forefront of their minds” and that this was the ultimate goal.

“(T)hey could not ignore us so our voices were heard but it was also respectful,” Amstadt said. “Many trustee members came out to talk to us so it also opened up the doors of communication between students and trustees.”

Their signs contained messages such as “Sustain OWU,” “Let’s not fall behind” and “62 percent of prospective students consider sustainability.”

It wasn’t long into the stand before members of the board came out to talk to the students, voicing respect for their efforts and listening to the concerns.

“I wanted to commend you, actually, for your activism and the manner in which you’re doing it,” Chairperson of the Board Michael Long told them when he came out to address them.

“You’ve gotten the trustees’ attention, you’ve gotten my attention,” he said. “We understand your cause and you’ve got some empathy on the Board for your cause. And Rock Jones is working on these issues, as you probably already know.”

Daniel Glaser, a trustee-at-large, joined the protesters for a photo. He said that his daughter, a

senior in high school, was very interested in sustainability and he hoped seeing the event would persuade her to apply.

Glaser said that concerns over sustainability are taking place worldwide, so he wasn’t surprised by the demonstration.

“I actually find it encouraging, I certainly believe student activism is a positive rather than a negative,” he said.

“...At the end of the day, do people have to be engaged with taking steps to make a more sustainable planet? Absolutely, and we have to do that not just as a school but in our home lives as well, you know, so ultimately I think it’s an issue for every citizen of the world.”

Trustee Chloe Williams, ‘11 and a representative of the Alumni Association, said she thought having a forum like this was “the coolest thing about OWU.”

“Students are so engaged and standing up for something they believe in,” she said.

Williams said that the university had taken a lot of important steps on sustainability recently and that was to be commended, but didn’t have a comment on she thought the protesters would consider the loss of the position a step back, as she was still learning about the issue on campus.

Freshman Haven Wallace, one of the protesters taking part in the stand of solidarity, said she was “definitely surprised” by the administration and trustees’ response.

“A lot of members were very supportive of our efforts and even came out to shake our hands and thank us for what we were doing,” Wallace said in an email.

“I assumed there would be more tension and resistance.”

Senior Ashley Taylor, a protester and treasurer of Environmental and Wildlife Club, said she thought the reactions were “super positive.”

“Protests don’t have to be violent or obnoxious to have our message be heard,” she said.

Freshman Reizo Prakash said the trustees were open to discussion and asked their own questions.

“(T)hey ensured that everyone knew what they were talking about and actually wanted it,” he said in an email.

Some protesters had initially worried the stand of solidarity would be seen as disrespectful by the trustees, but Chairperson Long assured them it was not.

“You’re not being disrespectful,” he told them. “You’re students and you’re trying to advocate a cause and there’s nothing wrong with what you’re doing.”

‘Tent City’

While it may have been the most noticeable part of the overall protest to the trustees, the stand of solidarity was only one part of the events.

They began at 7:30 that morning, setting up tents on the lawn between the Corns building and Beeghly library; and they slept there Thursday and Friday nights before taking them down Saturday after the Trustees left.

“I think (camping out overnight) makes a bigger impact,” Hughes said. She said that they weren’t sure they’d be able to sleep there overnight and considered staying there during the day, leaving at night, and coming back the next day at first.

Amstadt said she got the idea to sleep out in tents while reading old yearbooks in the library one night and read about a similar event aimed at persuading the trustees to divest funds from business operating in South Africa due to apartheid in the 1980s.

“Students did the same thing and students successfully won over the university so there’s no reason why we can’t do it again,” she said.

She added that she hoped the tents would show the trustees their strength in numbers.

“We’re hoping a lot of people will turn out, and I think it shows what a priority it is, that we have the commitment to put this whole protest together and stay out overnight,” Amstadt said. “I think that shows a lot of commitment to the issue and shows that’s it’s top on the students’ priority list.”

Senior Erika Kazi, E&W president, also said that students at other colleges had held similar events to put pressure on their administrations to create a sustainability coordinator position.

“The schools always respond really well, but the other schools have implemented full-time staff members,” she said.

Kazi and Amstadt started planning the event in the spring and then Hughes got involved during the summer.

“The idea started floating around last spring, but we decided that the timing wasn’t right,” Amstadt said. “So we tried to approach the issue by being more cooperative with the administration back then, but after those efforts seem to have failed and sustainability continues to be on the backburner, we decided it’s time to take more direct action.”

President Jones said that he was “impressed” by the students’ initiative and their positive expression of their convictions.

“Our students are passionate and committed to important causes that matter to them and that matter to our campus and to the larger world,” he said in an email. “...We need more civil dialogue about issues that matter greatly, and our students have offered a wonderful example of how to initiate such civil dialogue. I commend the leaders of this effort and all who participated in it.”

The “tent city” aspect of the protest also attracted attention from trustees and students, as many came over to find out what was going on.

Thomas Tritton, ‘69, an at-large trustee and vice chair of the Board, was one of the trustees who came over to learn more, as was former



Top: President Rock Jones meets with (left-to-right) senior Karli Amstadt and sophomores Reilly Reynolds and Lane Bookwalter to receive the petition Thursday afternoon.

Above center: Senior Alex Kerensky designs a sign reading ‘Students can’t do it alone’ before the stand of solidarity Thursday evening.

Below center: Amstadt, left and freshman Aletta Doran, right, dance to “Give Peace A Chance” during a break in the protest Thursday.

Bottom: Protesters line up for a photo to be taken by Delaware Gazette reporter sophomore Camille Mullins-Lemieux, freshman Aletta Doran, senior Karli Amstadt, sophomore Ellen Hughes, and sophomore Schley-Ritchie, sophomore Ellen Hughes.



Photos by Spenser Hickey

Top: At-large trustee Dan Glaser ('82) joins freshman Aletta Doran (left) and junior TJ Clark (center) for a photo with the protesters Thursday evening.

Above center: President Jones (left) and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Michael Long (center) commend the protesters for their efforts during the stand of solidarity.

Below center: Amstadt (left) holds the petition while freshman Haven Wallace signs it; Wallace later joined the protesters during the stand of solidarity.

Bottom: Senior Stacy Kess before the stand of solidarity Thursday. From left to right, Amstadt, junior Michelle Smith, sophomore Reilly Reynolds, sophomore Addison Hughes and senior Michael Cormier.

trustee Kathy Comer.

Comer said she'd been unfamiliar with the issue, having missed the trustee's May meeting, but thought the campout was a good start.

"Homecoming weekend and Trustee weekend is a great time to do it," she said.

Tritton spoke to the students and said that "sustainability is an issue on a lot of college campuses, even for prospective students visiting (there)."

The Princeton Review's 2012 survey on college admissions found that 62 percent of prospective students considered a school's environmental commitment to some degree in their decision to apply; this finding was the basis of the protesters' '62 percent' sign.

In addition to and during their camp out, the protesters also gathered signatures on a petition in support of a permanent sustainability coordinator.

"(The petition) was a great idea to show that we have a lot of student interest in this even though we might not have as many (students camping out)," Hughes said.

They began circulating the petition two weeks before the demonstration began and gathered 300 signatures in the first 24 hours, according to Kazi.

By the time they presented the petition to President Jones outside the camp around 4 p.m. Thursday they had more than 900 signatures, just under half the student population.

Not all signers were students, though - life trustee Andres Duarte, '65, signed the petition after visiting the tents and talking to protesters.

Amstadt said before 'Tent City' began that their goal was to get 1,000 signatures but she didn't know if they'd meet it.

When asked afterward if the petitioning worked well, Hughes replied "yes and no."

"I think it would've gone better if we had had more time, but we got over 900 signatures in 2 weeks, so I'd say it was pretty well circulated."

They will have time to gather more signatures, though - after reviewing the petition Thursday, President Jones returned it for them to continue circulating and gathering more support.

Freshman Miranda Wilde signed the petition in Welch as members of the protest went door to door seeking signatures.

She said she hadn't heard about the petition beforehand but decided to sign because she liked the steps that Kinghorn had put in place and wanted them to continue.

Sophomore Lauren Kiebler was another petition signer, and said she encouraged others to do so as well.

She said she decided to take part in the protests because she is critical of the university's green efforts and whether they recognize their environmental impact.

'A Bandage on the Situation'

During his two years at Ohio Wesleyan, Sean Kinghorn accomplished a number of successful green projects, according to many of the protesters.

Erika Kazi worked as a StAP (Student Assistantship Program) intern with Kinghorn last year and worked with him on a number of projects, including starting the composting program, OWU free store, 'Green Week', recycling and lighting surveys and installation of more-energy efficient lights around campus.

In addition to having Kazi as a StAP intern, Kinghorn also worked with two recycling interns, Sarah Alexander and Reed Callahan, both graduates.

The three intern positions also lost funding after the grant ran out and are no longer active, leaving only the two composting interns and the sustainability task force.

Amstadt also listed the hydration stations in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, expanded recycling, installation of water-efficient toilets, and the controversial low-flow showerheads, which she said saved the university \$75,000.

"You have to determine if it's worth it, and I think the answer is yes," she said.

Hughes said that in addition to his work spearheading projects around campus, Kinghorn was also "a great mentor" who listened to student's ideas and helped act on them, and its hard now without someone filling that role full-time.

She said she wasn't involved in these efforts as much as she wishes she was last year as a freshman.

"He (Kinghorn) did some great stuff and he started some awesome programs," she said.

Amstadt and Kazi both echoed Hughes, saying Kinghorn had helped in classes as well.

"(He) worked with a lot of students on projects related to their classwork," Amstadt said.

"He was a mentor," Kazi said. "In my environmental geography class, he came in and he helped every single student - there was a class of like ten students - he helped every single student on their project that was designated to help make this campus more sustainable."

She added that he also worked with all the Tree House projects and other SLU house projects focused on sustainable efforts and helped WCSA and the Service Learning Office in other efforts.

"He was a huge advocate of sustainability being more than just the techno-buzz of building, you know, a green building," Kazi said. "...It's more than just that, it's about creating a community and educating people through conversation and through experience and through digging through compost together."

Senior Ashley Taylor, a protester, E&W treasurer and Tree House resident, said that the coordinator position also "becomes the connection that students and faculty need to promote and actually make sustainable projects a reality."

Kinghorn now works as a sustainability

coordinator at Otterbein University. Despite this, the protesters still said that sustainability is an important thing to strive for, both in college and in the world.

"To me, and I feel like to a lot of other students and faculty, the position is the number one priority at this point," Hughes said.

She said that in the absence of a full-time coordinator, many of the responsibilities were delegated to other personnel to balance with their official role.

Kazi said that not even 20 faculty, staff or students, handling sustainability efforts part-time in addition to full-time work, could fill Kinghorn's role.

Amstadt said that the current group of students and staff are doing the best they can but are fighting an uphill battle.

"Does it make up for the loss of the position?" she asked. "Of course not, and we never thought it would, but we're just trying to basically put a bandage on the situation, (and) hope things will change for the future."

'You Have Not Seen the Last of Us'

Both Amstadt and Hughes said they considered the event a success at achieving awareness, but Amstadt said getting a coordinator would be a more long-term process.

"It will only be announced if they decide to get a sustainability coordinator position, which could be written into the budget in spring," Amstadt said. "If they do not they will not announce it they will simply ignore the fact, that is why we have to hold the university accountable."

She said that while the event started a conversation she is focused on results, and the result they want is the creation of a permanent sustainability coordinator.

"I am very pleased with how the protest went, in fact it couldn't have gone much better, but I do not think we should start celebrating victories we haven't achieved yet," Amstadt said in an email.

Hughes said the sooner the position was written into the budget the better, but she didn't know when that would be.

She said the protest still had the impact they wanted it to, showing that students consider sustainability a priority.

"The Board members were wonderfully impressed and told us how supportive they were of our efforts," she said. "I don't think that the Board of Trustees knew how much sustainability meant to the students of this school until now."

Amstadt and Hughes also said that the event attracted increased numbers of student support. During the stand of solidarity, several students who were holding up signs had not been active in the events beforehand.

Freshman Reizo Prakash was one of those who joined in for the stand.

"I was returning to my dorm, eating dinner on the way when I saw the event," he said in an email.

Prakash added that he decided to join because the university needs a coordinator to spread awareness and be a resource for information and management; he joined the campers after the stand of solidarity and slept there both nights.

Hughes said she was "totally swept away" by the amount of student involvement in the event.

"It was awesome because we actually recruited a few students who didn't know about the sustainability coordinator before Tent City," she said.

She said the tents were "a great visual message" because they got the attention of students walking by on the JAYwalk.

"Many students were unaware of how much money the position saves the school, what an asset he was for student's academic pursuits, and the fact that an overwhelming number of GLCA schools have this position," Amstadt added. "I would say it was extremely well received."

Hughes said that she thought it would be better to work with the administration now that the event had raised awareness of the issue and the level of student support.

"They were fairly accommodating throughout the Tent City planning process and I think that they are feeling more pressure to improve our school's sustainability efforts," she said. "That said, if no progress is made whatsoever for this issue, I'm sure more direct action will be taken."

Amstadt, however, was more insistent on keeping the possibility of direct action open. "This is our university and as students we should have a voice," she said in an email.

"If we continue to be ignored then we have no choice but to take direct action. As soon as we take pressure off the university, the issue will fall into oblivion."

She said they were still determining action moving forward.

"I can guarantee that you have not seen the last of us," she said. "We won't stop until we have a full time permanent sustainability coordinator and we will not settle for anything less."

Hughes said that she, Amstadt and Kazi were heading up the protest but weren't the only ones who wanted it to happen, and so Amstadt and Kazi's graduation at the end of the academic year would not diminish efforts for "a greener and more sustainable school."

"I'll just say that we have plans to continue this if it doesn't work, but again, I'm optimistic that it will," she said.

For live coverage of the "Tent City" events as they occurred, check out *The Transcript's* Facebook and Twitter profiles; we will also have updated coverage on the protest results.

Opinion

Quote of the week: “I can guarantee that you have not seen the last of us.”
--Senior Karli Amstadt on the student protests for a sustainability coordinator

Media’s vapidty undermines national consciousness

Police in Georgia killed a black man in his own home last week.

Jack Lamar Roberson, a 43-year-old resident of Waycross, Ga., appeared to be having complications with his diabetes medication on the evening of Oct. 4, so his family called 911. Instead of paramedics coming to help him, police officers showed up and shot him dead.

The officers say they were responding to Roberson’s home for threats of suicide, and were told he had become “combative,” according to local First Coast News. They say he brandished weapons at them.

But Roberson’s fiancée, Alcia Herron, said he had “nothing in his hands” when the police arrived or in the time they were in their home.

Jack Lamar Roberson was gunned down, defenseless, in front of his fiancée, his mother and his eight-year-old daughter, according to online news outlet NewsOne. And the police officers who killed him maintain a story that is so obviously a lie.

This is something we, as human beings, should be upset about, to make an understatement. It is an abhorrent instance of grave injustice that has resulted in the loss of an innocent life and left a fiancée without a partner, a mother without a son and a daughter without a father.

But this happens on a regular basis.

The American justice system is rife with failures, and those failures have a face. But it is not the face, for the most part, of a white man.

It happened to Trayvon Martin. It happened to Marissa Alexander, the Florida woman who shot her husband while defending herself from his violent attacks. It happened to Wendy Maldonado, a woman who endured 20 years of violent abuse, torture and death threats from her husband before she and her son killed him to end the suffering.

Trayvon Martin’s killer was declared not guilty by an all-white, all-woman jury. Wendy Maldonado, a white woman, is serving a 10-year prison sentence; her son got a 75-month penalty. Marissa Alexander, a black woman, was sentenced to 20 years in prison; she has a new trial pending.

Jack Lamar Roberson’s story has not reached the mainstream media, and more than likely will not. Nor will the story of Jordan Davis, another innocent 17-year-old black man shot dead by a white man. Nor will the stories of countless other people killed or assaulted by those whom our society privileges and holds blameless.

The American media have failed to do its job. It has not made audible the voices of the people who are so often not heard. It has not held accountable the institutions or the people who are responsible for the miscarriage of justice in these cases.

In her interview with Rolling Stone, Miley Cyrus noted that her performance at the Video Music Awards was at the forefront of the national conversation for longer than the verdict in the trial of George Zimmerman, the man who killed Trayvon Martin.

As offensive as her VMAs fiasco was, Cyrus is right. The American media do not have their priorities straight.

The coverage of John Boehner’s immature congressional antics is endless. Nancy Grace seems to sacrifice her sleep and airtime to sensationalize trials that seem to come out of a soap opera. Bill O’Reilly never hesitates to admonish poor people with myths that have been consistently proven false.

But no one will give Jack Lamar Roberson’s case the attention it deserves.

The media are responsible for the content of our national consciousness, and right now our national consciousness is focused on a group of childish white men in suits and who celebrities are sleeping with.

Our attention should be on issues of greater importance. If the media will not create a responsible national consciousness, we must do what we can to create our own individual responsible consciousness.

Our country cannot progress if it is unconscious.

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#ShutItDown:

By Natalie Duleba
Managing Editor

A few weeks ago, a housemate told me about a new smartphone app called Lulu, and we both downloaded it onto our phones.

The concept is relatively simple: sign into your Facebook account to confirm that you are listed as “female” on your account, share your location and start anonymously rating your male Facebook friends.

You can also find men from different areas to look at.

You search through men in your area, and you can favorite them as well as rate them. You can rate as a friend, a family member, a crush, a partner, an ex or a hookup.

Depending on what your relationship is to the person you’re rating, you can comment on different aspects of them. No matter what, you rate on appearance, manners, humor, commitment and ambition. If the nature of your relationship has sexual potential, first kiss and sex get added into the mix.

Your answers all boil down into a numerical value on a scale of 1-10, and any user can see a person’s average rating next to their Facebook profile picture on the dashboard screen and then can look at

It’s not evening the playing field, so to speak; it’s allowing women to belittle men with no accountability.

individual reviews and ratings by selecting them specifically.

As I was going through it, those who I rated I did so honestly, with good intentions and in a light-hearted manner. I wanted my guy friends to have high scores because they are good people.

What my housemate I spent the most time laughing about was the positive and negative hashtags you can give to each person you review. Positives include “#OpensDoors,” “#Giving...,” “#WillSeeRomComs” and “#LadiesFirst.” Some negatives are “#AlmostTooPerfect,” “#CheaperThanABigMac,” “#ADD,” “#WearsEdHardy” and “#PlaysDiggeridoo.”

They range from the sexual to funny to rude, but it’s possible to ignore the negatives of the app, especially when there are hashtags like “#CantBuildIkeaFurniture” and “#BurnsCornflakes” as a bad review. I certainly did at the beginning.

I soon grew bored of it, and the more I heard people talking about it (“Have you heard of Lulu? Yeah, I have a good score!”), the more I started to

think critically about it and the message it was sending.

Most people seem to think it’s fine, that that’s there’s nothing really wrong with it besides the fact that it may be bordering on creepy. But if a similar app was going around that allowed men to anonymously rate women on their looks and sexual prowess, it wouldn’t be tolerated. It would immediately be called sexist, objectifying and morally wrong.

The thing is, Lulu is no different.

I thought it was funny and wouldn’t really hurt someone. But it’s anonymous, and we all know what anonymity does on the Internet: people get fearless and, more importantly, ruthlessly cruel. Look at any YouTube comment thread and you’ll see proof of it.

Not only that, but the options for rating men are disgusting. For the sex and first kiss sections, the answers that will result in a lower rating are mean and vulgar (“I think about sex with this person when...I don’t want to cum too fast.”).

Not only that, women can submit men problems they have in the “Dear Dude” section, and someone, supposedly a man, replies. Some of the responses are surprisingly supportable, with an attitude of sexual acceptance, honesty and bit of humor thrown in.

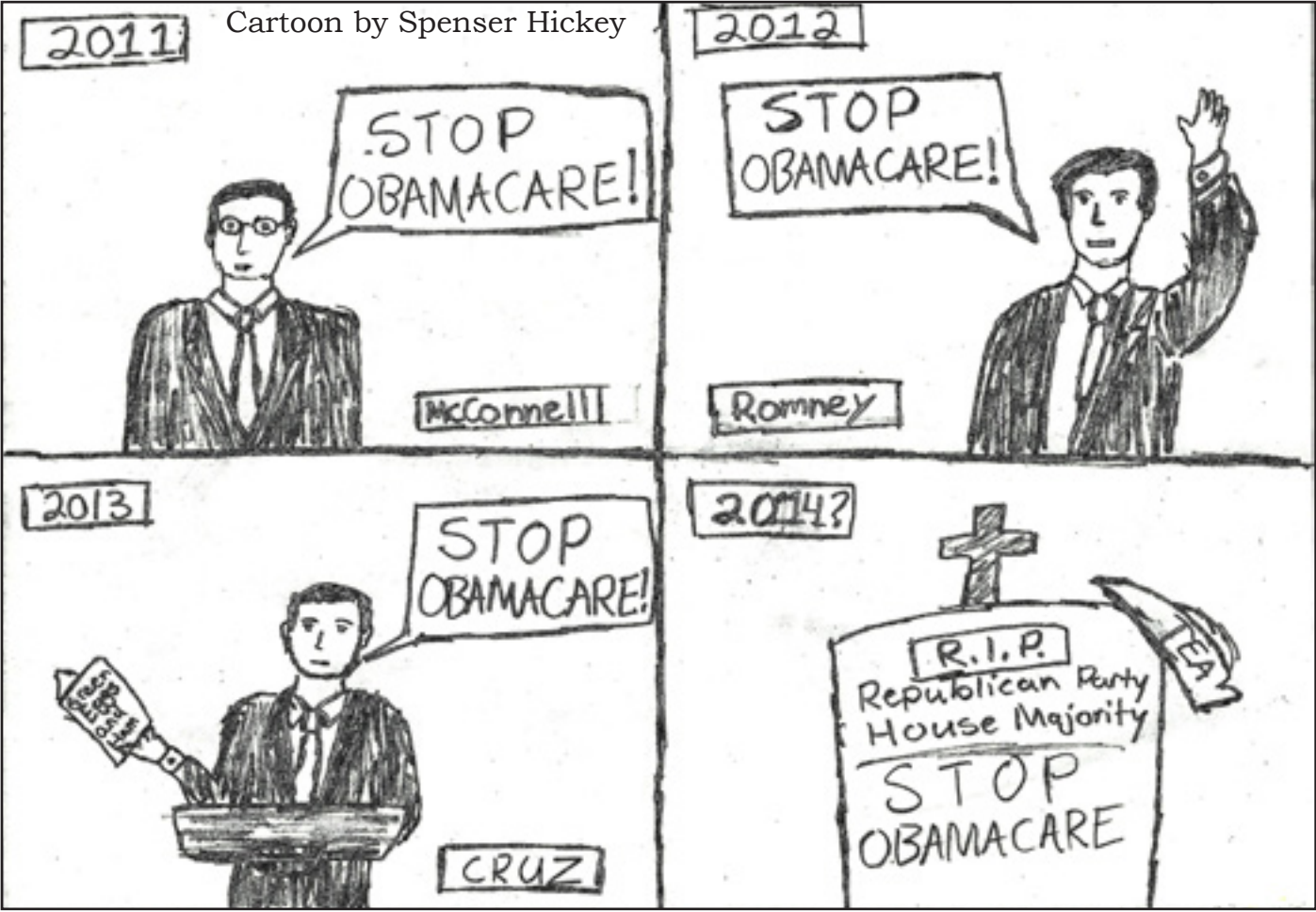
But every one that I’ve read starts off really well and then ends on a sour note in some way: a stereotype, over-sexualization, aggressive language or a condescending tone.

It’s supposed to be “by women, for women,” but it’s hardly empowering. Yes, there is the initial rush of “I can say what I want to say about this person” in order to benefit other women who may encounter them at a bar, work or somewhere else.

But it’s not evening the playing field, so to speak; it’s allowing women to belittle men with no accountability.

That’s not something anyone should be supporting. It’s not something even to be laughed at, as easy as that is given some of the response options (“The first kiss gave me...a lady boner/a mouth-gasm.”).

If you look at Lulu, really look at what the message is behind everything, that a person, in all their complexity, can be reduced to a number, is unacceptable.



Corrections

According to Dana Behum, assistant director of Student Involvement for fraternity and sorority life, the Sept. 26 article titled “‘A united front against a single enemy’: Memorandum frustrates fraternities” did not contain any factual errors; she was only concerned with the fact that it was printed three months after it was written. However, she takes issue with the Sept. 19 article titled “Communication issues impact Greek community.” Behum said some of the quotes in the story were given in relation to another topic, and she was not contacted to speak about the published story.

Last week’s Homecoming Weekend graphic did not include two Homecoming Court candidates: senior Anthony Lamoureux for king and junior Jacob Henicheck for prince.

Last week’s article “Barley Hopsters hops down the road” should have said senior Cary Boucher currently works at Barley Hopsters.

Last week’s column titled “Government shutdown exhibits political absurdity” should not have said Social Security and the United States Post Office were affected by the government shutdown.

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Arts & Entertainment

New faculty-written play gives artists freedom, challenges

By Nicole Barhorst
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Students, faculty and Delaware residents witnessed the world premiere of “The Secret War of Emma Edmonds” last weekend.

According to the production’s flyer, the play is “based on the true story of a woman who disguised herself as a man to serve in the Civil War, also known as Franklin Thompson of the 2nd Michigan Infantry.”

The play is an original work by Ohio Wesleyan theatre professor Bonnie Milne Gardner. According to the theatre and dance department’s website, more than 20 of Gardner’s plays have been produced in professional, community and academic theaters.

Costume designer Jacqueline Shelley said the biggest challenge for her has been getting the play’s star, sophomore Margot Reed, in and out of her many costumes smoothly.

“She has nine costume changes and they are all quick changes,” she said. “We rehearsed the changes two nights in a row and timed them accordingly.”

Shelley said this was her first time working with military attire and creating historically accurate costumes has been a major task. A reenactment historian was enlisted for help.

“We’ve tried to get things as near to true as possible, but sometimes the budget plays a big (role) in what we can achieve and what we can only come close to,” she said.

Director Kerry Shanklin said her biggest challenge in producing the play has been “creating a smooth flow with so many different locales and with the title character’s many changes.”

Throughout the play, Reed appears as both a man and a woman, as well as at various ages.

Junior Ryan Haddad said producing the play for the first time didn’t add extra pressure on him as the show’s

co-assistant dramaturg.

“As this is a premiere, the actors and design team really get a chance to create unique performances and visuals,” he said.

“There is no precedent for how the play should be done or has been done before, so they get to start fresh, which is very exciting.”

Gardner served as lead dramaturg, while Haddad and senior Matthew Jamison were both assistant dramaturgs.

As dramaturg, Haddad said he was one of the people in charge of researching information about the Civil War time period and giving it to “the cast, director, and technical staff, usually upon their request.”

He said he spent 10 to 15 hours doing research during the rehearsal process.

Haddad said he and Jamison also helped with outreach for the show. He was in charge of contacting local schools and historical organizations that might be interested in attending the production.



Photo by Jane Suttmeier

Professor Bonnie Milne Gardner helps junior Ian Boyle with his costume during a rehearsal of the theatre department’s latest production, “The Secret War of Emma Edmonds.” Based on actual events and people, the original composition by Gardner tells the story of a woman who disguises herself as a man in order to serve in the Civil War. The show’s final performances are Oct. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 13 at 2 p.m., all in Chappellear Drama Center.

No disbanding for nameless student rock group

By Adelle Brodbeck
Transcript Reporter

After a last minute change of location, Ohio Wesleyan’s best known student band with no name played a successful show for fellow students in the basement of the Chi Phi fraternity house.

The band is comprised of OWU seniors Erika Nininger, Michael Cormier and Sam Sonnega and junior Connor Stout. The quartet has been playing together since Stout’s freshman year.

The band had originally scheduled to play in the largely unused “amphitheater” located near the Benes

room. But when they realized that the weather reports called for thunderstorms, they were forced to change their venue.

“You can’t be mad at the weather,” said Cormier, the band’s drummer.

Despite the last minute rearrangement, attendance was still relatively high. The band had scheduled to begin performing at 8:30 p.m., but in true rock star fashion, did not actually begin playing until 9 as Cormier warned on the event’s Facebook page.

Most students trickled in and out of the concert as the night progressed, however there was a solid line of en-

thusiastic audience members dancing in the front throughout the show.

“We’ve played in Chi Phi before,” said pianist/vocalist Nininger. “And the last show we did here had a great turnout.”

The band said they had not planned a back-up location, but bassist/vocalist Stout volunteered Chi Phi as the new venue, and his fellow brothers were willing to open up the house to the band and their fans.

The venue allowed for the band to have a more complex setup then they are usually accustomed to. Chris Hinshaw, a technician

for OWU’s Buildings and Grounds Department, helped set up a more professional and fully equipped sound system.

In addition to the more elaborate sound setup, there was a light show that colored the whole room in blue, red and yellow hues. The room exuded a tranquil and hip aura, right down to the candle carefully placed on Nininger’s keyboard and Sonnega’s t-shirt that said “I came to get down.”

Throughout the three years they have been together, the band has played in many venues, including J. Gumbo’s and Tree House,

but they have yet to settle on a name despite a mutual desire for one.

According to the band, it has been very difficult to choose because they have come up with so many different names. Cormier said they keep a list of all of the ones they have thought up in the past.

Currently they refer to themselves as Vladimir Tootin’s Theory of Everything, but Sonnega said it’s a bit of a mouthful. After some debate among the members they said that the name they were using previously was Twitch, but they weren’t satisfied with that either.

“I mean, would you go to a Twitch show?” Nininger said.

Their flexibility with the name also transfers into their song choices. According to Cormier, the band always changes up its set list based on their moods or the environment or the attitude of the audience. The band said they tend to play a lot of covers in addition to their own original pieces.

The band said they hope to continue to play at OWU throughout this year, as well as after they graduate.

“It’s all we’ve got going for us,” Cormier said between laughs.

East Asian artists give audience an authentic musical experience

By Julianne Zala
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On Saturday, Oct. 5, Yumi Kurosawa and Deep Singh offered Ohio Wesleyan students, faculty and Delaware residents an opportunity to experience traditional Japanese and Indian music in Jemison Auditorium.

Yumi Kurosawa played a 20-stringed variation of the koto, a traditional, 13-stringed Japanese instrument similar to a harp. The koto originated from China, and was then adapted to Japanese culture well over 1,000 years ago.

According to Kurosawa the koto, originally served as religious spiritual music, which was later adopted by monks, monarchs and eventually the general society.

In the first set of the performance, Kurosawa played solo on her koto. Selections included “Rapture 3,” which she wrote for the independent short animated film “Rapture.”

She also performed “Midare—Disorder,” written by Kengyo Yatsuhashi, one of the most well known composers in koto history.

The piece emphasized the concept of “ma,” which ju-

nior Marisa Lucian, a Japanese major, defined as “the sound (or lack of sound) that follows a movement or action.”

“It’s a ‘felt’ experience and not measurable, similar to meditation,” she said.

Kurosawa also played “Inner Space,” her first ever composition, inspired from looking at shrines in Japan.

Tied into the concept of “ma” are the traditional movements Kurosawa used as she played. These movements symbolized grace, purpose and respect as she played, remnants from the traditional origins of koto.

Deep Singh, a tabla drum performer, joined Kurosawa after the intermission. A native of northern India, Singh works as a composer, producer, Hindustani vocalist and engineer.

He also plays many different percussion instruments, harmonium, keyboards and bass guitar. Singh has toured the globe with artists such as Hariharan, Anup Jalota and George Harrison.

The two performers met five years ago, and their paths have crossed frequently since then. They first collaborated a year ago, and plan to tour Brazil together later this year.

The pair opened with a

piece called “Enchantmentica,” which demonstrated a mix of their two cultures. They then performed “The Harvest Moon,” a piece featuring electronic sounds inspired by Kurosawa’s image in “Looking Up At the Sky.” Kurosawa said as performers they can “pray and move forward.”

Singh played on two drums: the small dayan and the larger bayan. The drums, made from taut goatskin, produce a high pitch. The drums had a black spot in the center, made from fine iron mixed with rice paste, to make the sound resonate. As he demonstrated the rocking movement his hands make to play the instruments, Singh described the sounds as a spoken language, which translated into the drumbeats.

Lucian said she thought Kurosawa and Singh’s performance was a manifestation of differences between Eastern and Western cultures.

“The Japanese put great emphasis on order, silence and peace in many forms of art and music,” she said.

The east Asian studies and music departments co-presented the performance as the final event in the fall season of OWU’s Performing Arts Series.

Hot Ticket

Oct. 13
Art Exhibit: Melinda Rosenberg
and Rod Bouc
Richard Ross Art Museum

Oct. 13
Faculty and Guest Recital
3:15 p.m.
Jemison Auditorium

Oct. 22
Faculty Recital
8 p.m.
Jemison Auditorium

Oct. 25-26
“The Stonewater Rapture”
8 p.m.
Chappellear Drama Center

Oct. 27
Junior Recital featuring Grace Thompson
and Caitlen Sellers
3:15 p.m.
Jemison Auditorium

Sports

DeAngelis and Erb pace Bishops cross country

Both teams battle the heat at All-Ohio meet

By **Ellin Youse**
A & E Editor

Ohio Wesleyan’s cross country teams are staying optimistic despite feeling the heat at last weekend’s All-Ohio Championship in Cedarville.

The men’s team finished 22nd out of 41 teams and ninth out of 21 Division III schools at the meet, while the women finished 16th out of 42 teams and seventh of 21 Division III.

Junior Landon Erb said there were several reasons that affected his individual performance, but overall he was content with the overall result of the team.

“I personally did not do as well as I would have liked,” he said. “I had an average performance, but a lot of things can effect that. Like the temperature being 85 degrees.”

Erb wasn’t the only member of the team who felt he underperformed as an individual at the meet. Freshman Sarah Fowler said although the heat among other factors affected her performance as an individual, she felt optimistic about the performance of the team. She said two OWU women got All-Ohio honors at the meet.

The meet might not have been a success across the board, but the general consensus of cross country runners interviewed was highly positive. Head Coach Matt Wackerly said the meet held many victories for the team, including the return of several injured runners such as senior Cara DeAngelis and junior Katie Reid.

“Cara was our number one girl and her junior year she broke a bone in her foot and couldn’t run,” Wackerly said. “But she was always coming to races and cheering us on and calling us to wish us good

luck when she couldn’t, so seeing her back in the action was great.

“Our other injured athlete, Katie, was able to run for the first time this season.”

While Reid said the meet wasn’t ideal, being able to run at all was a victory in her mind.

“On paper, All-Ohio might be one of the worst races I’ve had so far in my career,” she said. “However, it was my first race back after getting a stress fracture (third metatarsal) in July. There are a lot of positives to take away from the race.

“I’m pretty thankful my foot has healed up nicely. I went out and competed despite my lack of mileage, so overall, I’m pleased with my effort.”

Erb said he was pleasantly surprised with the team’s performance while Madonich was away.

“Our younger runners really stepped up, especially Woody Jamiel,” he said.

Wackerly said the team’s overall youth is a huge advantage for the years to come. With most of the top runners as underclassmen, Wackerly said he predicts long-term success and achievement for the team.

“We are a really young team with most of our top athletes in their freshman and sophomore years, so the future is looking very bright,” he said. “Most people might not believe us to be able to do great things, but our little family would say otherwise.”

Wackerly’s mention of the runners as being a “little family” is a quintessential description of the team. Fowler said the team is constantly bonding and pushing one another closer to their goal of qualifying for nationals at the end of the season.

“Even though cross country could be called an individual sport, it is very team-oriented,” she said. “I don’t think it is hard for our team to bond at all. We all like each other and get along. We do sometimes get competitive with each other though, like during workouts and races. I think it’s a healthy competitiveness. On easy runs we all can run together perfectly fine.”

Reid said the team’s familial bonds are what gives the team the push runners needs as individuals to succeed.

“It’s cliché, but the team really is like a second family,” she said. “We’ve been with each other every day since pre-season camp. I think it’s clear that we all want to be the best and fastest at what we do. A little competition during workouts can be a good thing.

Erb said the desire to succeed as individuals contributes to the team’s overall success, but the competition they feel towards one another as teammates is constructive to their goal of making nationals rather than destructive.

“It’s the nature of the sport,” he said. “I gain more motivation to improve from my teammates than from anyone or anything else. They make me better. This year bonding has not been issue. People’s roles are understood on the team and everyone brings something different to the table.

Wackerly said qualifying for nationals is an attainable dream due to the tight-knit nature of the team.

“Our runners really are like a family, and that kind of encouragement contributes to success in so many ways,” he said. “We might not be at full strength now, but we will be stronger than ever at the end when it counts.”



Photo by Hannah Rawlings

Freshman midfielder Haley Savoie battles an Earlham attacker in the Bishops’ 3-0 win on Tuesday, Oct. 1. OWU outshot the Quakers 29-9 in the Homecoming Week game.

Field hockey drops one and wins one during Homecoming Week

By **Philippe Chauveau**
Transcript Reporter

The Ohio Wesleyan field hockey team left Selby Stadium on Tuesday afternoon with 3-0 win over the Earlham Quakers.

The Battling Bishops started strong. Two minutes into the game, sophomore attacker Montana Knapp hit a shot close to the left post to start the scoring for Ohio Wesleyan. One minute later, after a couple of passes into the circle and a number of shot attempts, the Earlham defense was able to clear the ball out of danger.

Ohio Wesleyan put the Quaker defense under intense pressure. With 26 minutes to play in the half, freshman midfielder Haley Savoie had a shot blocked by the Quaker goalie. Three minutes later, Savoie took another shot, this one redirected by senior de-

fender Jenna Ortega into the Quaker net. The score was now 2-0 for the Bishops.

The Quakers made it to the Ohio Wesleyan goal for the first time with 21 minutes left in the first half, but the shot that was saved by sophomore goalkeeper Karson Stevenson.

At the end of the half, the Quakers made a push for a goal. They had several blocked shots and three corner shots in a row, but the Ohio Wesleyan defense managed the pressure with poise and denied Earlham their first goal.

Ohio Wesleyan started the second half strong. There was good ball movement, with runs being made at all times and defensive pressure on the ball carrier.

Two minutes into the half, the Bishops had several corners. The Earlham defense blocked each of these shots.

To assert their dominance, senior Sadie Slager redeemed herself for her miss in the first half and scored Ohio Wesleyan’s third goal. Sophomore midfielder Venessa Menerey crossed the ball to Slager, who tapped it into the net. With the score at 3-0 for the Lady Bishops, the Quakers called a time-out.

The Bishops kept the pressure on the Earlham defense and with 14 minutes to go in the half nearly scored again with a sequence of four shots at the Quakers goal.

The Bishops maintained their advantage, and the game ended was a victory in which they outshot the Quakers 29 to 9.

Ohio Wesleyan dropped a game to Denison on Saturday Oct. 5 and their record on the season dropped to 5-6.

The Bishops’ next game is Oct. 12 against Oberlin in Oberlin, Ohio.

Men’s golf perseveres despite Gordin Classic losses

By **Taylor Smith**
Sports Editor

The men’s golf team may not have had their best showing last week at the Gordin Classic, but it shows the team has time and room for improvement between now and spring’s conference championship.

The annual tournament was held at Columbus Country Club last Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The Bishops finished 12th out of 12, 58 shots behind tournament champion and conference rival Wittenberg.

Ohio Wesleyan has hosted the Gordin Classic since 1991, which features the top 11 NCAA Division III teams from the previous year’s NCAA championship tournament and the Bishops.

The tournament is named in honor of longtime Ohio Wesleyan golf coach Dick Gordin, who coached the Bishops from 1955 to 1993. Named the NCAA Division III Coach of the Year in 1987 and 1993, he led 22 of his final 25 teams to the NCAA Division III or College Division championship tournaments. Gordin brought home six top-5 finishes in his final eight years of coaching and 12 league titles (seven Ohio Athletic Conference and five NCAC) over a span of five decades.

Men’s head golf coach Ian Miller said while he the scores weren’t great, he was pleased with the team’s effort.

“They all gave good effort all the way through even if they didn’t play well, as far as scores are concerned, but they stuck

“Those feelings and thoughts if you carry that to practice everyday and then carry it to tournaments--that’s where confidence comes from,” said Ian Miller, head coach of the Ohio Wesleyan men’s golf team.

to the game plans and they remained pretty patient out there,” he said.

Miller said the team once again struggled most with their own confidence, more than any other part of their game.

“We just need to play with more confidence and more, what I call, ‘hate to lose’—sometimes when things aren’t going well you just have to will it in the hole, for a lack of a better term, and I don’t think we’re doing a real good job with that right now,” he said.

The team was sitting in sixth place, their overall finish at last year’s Gordin Classic, after shooting a combined 304 during the first round on Monday. However, Miller said the team failed to maintain momentum and stay confident during Monday’s second round as they fell to a tie for 10th place, 35 shots behind the leader, St. John Fisher College.

Freshman Chris Pavelic was tied for 12th among individuals after shooting a one below par 71 in the second round and before his struggles midway through the third round. He finished tied for 29th with a nine-over-par 225.

Pavelic agreed with his coach and said the team struggled

with their confidence during the second and third rounds. He added that he felt struggled with multiple aspect of his game aside from confidence and was not happy with his performance or confidence.

“Being our home tournament I felt that we were very pressured to do outstanding,” he said. “We had a little too much riding on our shoulders and we just didn’t go out and perform the way we should’ve. Myself in particular I was lost on the golf course, I wasn’t focused to my full potential and I wasn’t hitting the shots I needed to hit.”

Sophomore Mitch Rice also said the team’s confidence was low, but he thought he did do other things well.

“I felt like I had great course management by just playing smart all week,” he said. “I felt like I may have struggled a bit with my tee shots. Basically putting myself out of position on a few of the key par-fours.”

The team has two more tournaments before the conclusion of the fall season; the next will be Oct. 13 to Oct. 14 at the Peter C. Rossin Memorial Tournament in Canonsburg, Pa.

Miller said the Gordin Classic gave the team an excellent learning experience and a sense of urgency, but it must now handle that urgency and turn in good scores.

“We’re going to talk everyday in practice about being more competitive and hating to lose, desire to go out and win,” he said. “Those feelings and thoughts if you carry that to practice everyday and then carry it to tournaments--that’s where confidence comes from.”

Weekly Scoreboard

Oct. 1
Field Hockey 3-0 Earlham
Men’s Golf, 12 of 12 at Gordin Classic
Women’s Soccer 0-1 Case Reserve
Volleyball 0-3 DePauw

Oct. 2
Men’s Soccer 2-0 Capital

Oct. 4
Men’s XC 22 of 41 at All-Ohio
Women’s XC 16 of 42 at All-Ohio

Men’s Soccer 6-0 Wittenberg
Women’s Soccer 0-3 Wittenberg

Oct. 5
Football 50-7 Allegheny
Field Hockey 1-2 Denison
Men’s Tennis 8-1 John Carroll
Women’s Tennis 0-9 John Carroll

Oct. 6
Women’s Golf, 1 of 6 at Ohio Northern Invite