

Academic Policy Committee advances curriculum examination plans

By **Brian Cook**
Transcript Reporter

The Academic Policy Committee's (APC) proposal to create General Education Work Groups to examine the curriculum has brought some debate among the faculty as to how the process will be carried out.

"Some faculty raised concerns about how faculty would be selected to the General Education Work Groups," said Paula White, chair of the APC and professor of education, in an email to the faculty.

"Others raised concerns about whether the Faculty Handbook permitted the creation of Work Groups when the tasks fall under the purview of a standing committee."

In addressing these concerns, White said in the email that she brought the issue to the Executive Committee of the Faculty.

"Executive recommended that APC follow the model that (Faculty Personnel Committee) used to generate the 'Personnel Policy Working Document,'" she wrote. "Executive Committee further recommended that APC create a General Education Subcommittee that would consist of three to four APC members who would work during the summer."

The Personnel Policy Working Document is a document created by the FPC which addresses potential changes to the way faculty are evaluated and incentivized.

Senior Krina Patel said she would like to see more communications classes added to the curriculum, as well as more seminar-based classes.

Patel also said likes that the school makes the students take quantitative classes and writing-intensive classes to make them well-rounded students.

"I think it's good that we have the 'R' and 'Q' requirement," she said.

One of the downsides to the diversity of the curriculum, Patel said, was that she did not feel like she had a good opportunity to become exceptionally skilled in any particular area.

White declined to be interviewed for this story, saying that there are too many uncertainties with the resolution to comment.

Professor of Anthropology Jim Peoples, a member of the APC, declined to talk to The Transcript, calling the deliberations "strictly confidential" and saying he could only talk in general terms after seeking permission from the committee to agree to an interview.

After originally agreeing to an interview, Registrar Shelly McMahon, who holds an administrative position on the committee, declined to answer questions about the resolution.

Former student charged with felony

Prosecutor: Threats made against specific students, involved firearm

By **Noah Manskar**
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A former Ohio Wesleyan student is out of jail awaiting indictment after being arrested and charged with inducing panic, a second-degree felony.

Delaware Police Department (DPD) arrested junior Brian Bowers on Dec. 3, the same day a report was filed that he threatened to kill people at the university, according to Sgt. John Radabaugh.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kyle Rohrer, who is handling Bowers' case, said he threatened use of a firearm against specific people and the university at large. A statement from University President Rock Jones said he was never known to have had a weapon on campus.

Cole Hatcher, director of

Media and Community Relations, said Bowers made the threats in text messages and non-public Twitter exchanges.

Radabaugh said DPD made the arrest so quickly because of the gravity of the situation.

"I think, certainly, if you look at probably the past decade of American history, if there are threats of violence against the school, they have to be taken very seriously," he said.

Director of Public Safety (PS) Robert Wood said Bowers was off-campus when PS was notified of the incident around 11:10 a.m. on Dec. 3. He turned himself in to DPD voluntarily after another local law enforcement agency located him.

Wood said PS notified Student Affairs and DPD immediately after the threats were reported.

Rohrer said Bowers has

waived his right to a preliminary hearing. A grand jury now has 60 days to bring an indictment against him in the Court of Common Pleas, where felonies are tried.

Bowers is being monitored by a GPS tracking device and is prohibited from entering OWU property or making contact with anyone at the university. The terms of his release say he must seek mental health treatment and, if recommended, enter a restricted-access mental health facility.

Rohrer said the court issued the order because there were indications Bowers was struggling with mental health issues.

Radabaugh said DPD does not encounter many cases like this. Hatcher said he cannot recall another similar incident in his time at OWU.

Rohrer said most cases of inducing panic he has seen in his time as a prosecutor in-



Delaware Police Department
Brian Bowers

volve juveniles perpetrating a "really bad prank."

"These things that Mr. Bowers said go beyond the realm of a prank," he said.

Rohrer said Bowers could be sentenced to a prison term of two to eight years according to the felony statute.

If he is indicted, Rohrer said he will then be arraigned in the Court of Common Pleas. The case has been dismissed from the Municipal Court's jurisdiction.

Delaware police investigate accidents involving officers

By **Spenser Hickey**
News Editor

Internal investigations are being conducted for two Delaware police officers who hit student pedestrians in separate accidents in the past two weeks.

Senior Rachel Parfenchuk was hit while walking through a crosswalk at the intersection of West William Street and Elizabeth Street at 11:14 p.m. on Dec. 3.

She was knocked down and suffered some bruises but was not seriously harmed. According to the police report, she declined medical treatment.

Officer Greg Bates, the driver in the second accident, was cited for failing to yield

the right of way at a crosswalk.

According to court records, Bates pled no contest and paid a fine on Dec. 9.

"There's a lot of distractions in cruisers," Delaware police chief Bruce Pijanowski said in an interview with the Columbus Dispatch regarding the accident and one from Nov. 28 where another student, junior Caroline Welker, was hit by a DPD Ford Explorer driven by Officer Mark Jackson.

Welker was returning home from the Backstretch Bar and was in a crosswalk with the right of way when she was struck.

Her injuries were reported in last week's edition of The Transcript.

Pijanowski said the department would conduct an internal review into whether changes should be made, and that the incidents were rare.

"I can't think of a time where we've had a cruiser strike a pedestrian," he told the Dispatch. "To have two of them is alarming, to say the least."

"I can't really explain it," he said in a brief statement to The Transcript, speaking about the two accidents and the close timing involved.

At the time of publication Jackson had paid the \$135 fine for the same traffic violation with which Bates was charged, and the footage from his cruiser's dashboard camera was released.

"Our primary concern has

been for the continued recovery and health of Caroline Welker," Pijanowski said in a statement to NBC4. "As protectors of the public, it is extremely upsetting that she was injured."

He went on to say that Jackson had been a Delaware police officer for ten years and was "hard working and dedicated" and acted appropriately after the incident, calling paramedics and administering first aid.

"Pursuant to standard procedure, a urine sample was collected for analysis, the results of which are still pending," Pijanowski said to NBC4 on Dec. 4. "We do not anticipate that alcohol or drugs were any way involved in this incident."



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WCSA welcomes newly elected class representatives



By **Spenser Hickey**
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After a week of campaigning via flyers and Facebook, six students—juniors Liam Dennigan and Emma Goetz, sophomores Amanda Liu and Emma Drongowski, and freshmen Jessie Choate and Lee LeBoeuf—were elected as class representatives on the Wesleyan Council of Student Affairs (WCSA).

As representatives, the six will serve on WCSA's executive board for the next two semesters, providing a voice for their classmates in the student government and acting as a liaison between the student body and the administration.

Drongowski, who was re-elected as class of 2016 representative, was the only candidate with prior experience on the executive board, although junior candidate Ashkan Ekhtera and sophomore Hannah Henderson had served as residential representatives.

Drongowski served as the executive board's Campus



Relations chair this past year. She said that while she accomplished a lot of her goals already, there is still a lot more to be done.

"I would really like to continue the social media campaign that I began last year," she said. "We increased WCSA's presence on Facebook, Twitter and Vine, but I think that we can do a lot more with it."

She sees tuition costs and food quality and pricing as key issues for the student body, and hopes to work with clubs and build a master student calendar to spread events out.

"On many occasions, two or three great events happen on one night, and students have to choose between them," she said.

Dennigan and Liu both said they saw overall communication between the student body and administration as an issue.

Dennigan said having a town hall forum could provide a solution, while Liu



said she wanted to increase advertising of what WCSA does for the students and provide a platform for students to voice their ideas.

"My major goal is to try and achieve better communication between the student body and the administration, including student needs (and) suggestions...as well as the achievements and plans of the administration," she said.

"The administration can sometimes fail to see what is important to students and the students don't always understand the constraints the administration is working under," Dennigan said.

He also thinks food prices are an issue, as is what he sees as a lack of variety in residential life options.

LeBoeuf, who partnered with Choate in a joint campaign, said she thought their success came from their involvement in the arts and dance program and athletics. LeBoeuf is a member of the field hockey team, while Choate performed in the Or-



chestrated dance concert.

"One of my personal goals is to improve attendance at sporting events, productions put on by the art department, and school spirit in general," LeBoeuf said. "I think this would allow the OWU student body to grow more as a community through the shared support of all of our individual pursuits outside of the classroom."

She said she also hopes to improve sustainability at the university through WCSA action.

"I am only a freshman, so the relationship between WCSA and the student body is relatively new to me, but I hope to only improve upon the relationship," she said.

Drongowski said that while WCSA members work "tirelessly" to provide University President Rock Jones and the deans with information on student needs, she thinks the students are largely unaware of their efforts.

"I think that we, as WCSA, can do a better job communi-



cating all of the other important work that we do on campus to the student body," she said.

The representatives used a variety of tactics in their campaigns, particularly Facebook events, distributing flyers and talking to constituents personally.

"Whenever I was in class or hanging out, I would remind people about the elections, and ask them for their vote," Drongowski said. "I think just having casual conversations was really effective."

Goetz used a Facebook event encouraging supporters to vote for her and said she decided to run because she was looking for a new experience.

"I felt this was a good option," she said.

Dennigan served in student government in high school and felt he would regret not doing so again. He encouraged his friends to vote and spread the word.

"My goals don't consist



Photos from Facebook

From left to right: Liam Dennigan, Emma Goetz, Emma Drongowski, Amanda Liu, Jessie Choate and Lee LeBoeuf

of singular issues but rather I hope to make a positive impact on a broad level here at OWU," he said. "These goals can be accomplished by being receptive to problems students may see and then taking action to better the situation."

Drongowski said she hopes to continue improving both WCSA and the school by working with campus administrators.

In addition to its executive board, WCSA is also made up of residential representatives, SLU and Greek representatives and at-large members. Elections for these positions will be held next semester.

Several candidates who sought class representative election have already announced their intention to run again for one of the positions.

Sound-Off OWU



"In order to do well on my exams I usually spend a lot more time by myself studying and relaxing to get as much unnecessary material out of my head. It helps me be more efficient and productive."

- Kevin Ford '15



"I'm going to spend a lot of time telling myself not to procrastinate. Then, to alleviate my subsequent feeling of guilt over procrastinating anyway, I'll probably eat a lot of carbs."

- Becca Caserta '15



"My finals week strategy is to review my in class and personal notes in the quietest place I can find, like the library on the third floor. I relax by turning off my phone so I won't be distracted by things and focus."

- Alex Dawson '17

What is your finals week strategy?

Students dry up waste streams for a week

By Jija Dutt
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A group of Ohio Wesleyan students abandoned trash cans last week to heighten their consciousness of use and waste.

Jim Merkel’s book “Radical Simplicity” inspired then-junior and member of the Tree House Aidan Williamson, to organize a “No Throw Away Week” in the fall of 2012.

His goal was to challenge students to carry their usual waste products in a trash bag all week to reduce their environmental footprint on an individual level.

This fall, senior Michael Cormier, a current member of the Tree House, a Small Living Unit (SLU), who was inspired by Williamson’s house project last year, decided to continue his vision this year.

The 33 participants were asked to carry around a bag filled with items they would normally throw into a waste basket from Dec. 2-6. They were also encouraged to continue recycling and composting anything they already would.

“It really opened my eyes to how much I consume in a week (and) I felt it important to keep the challenge going at least once a year, if not once a semester, which is why I chose to do another one,” said Cormier.

At the end of the week, they weighed the bag of trash they had accumulated “to have tangible, numerical evidence of exactly how much waste they produced over the course of one week.”

Cormier said he was pleased to see more people take on the challenge than last year.

“The results are certainly more personal than overarching,” he said.

Senior Karli Amstadt, who participated in this year’s challenge, said she wanted to be a part of it to “bring an awareness of it as we treat everything in our society as disposable.”

“I would like to see an acknowledgment on campus that everything has value and everything we use and consume has energy in it so we shouldn’t treat it as disposable,” she said. “We have to value everything on this earth instead of taking it for granted. I would also like to see



Photo from Michael Cormier
(From back row, left) Mark Chalmers, Michael Cormier, Ellen Hughes, Melissa Guziak, Reilly Reynolds, Michelle Smith, Erika Kazi, Alex Kerensky and Susannah Waxman show off the waste they carried for Cormier’s “No Throw-Away Week” project.

more people reduce their own waste and hopefully that would help the composting program as well.”

Cormier said he thinks all the participants this year had different personal goals and approached the challenge in their own ways.

“Some wanted to continue consuming as if it were just another ordinary week to get as objective a result as possible,” he said, “(O)thers challenged themselves to change their habits during the week to get as little trash in their bag as possible.”

Cormier said he believes the response was positive and “an eye-opening experience” for the participants.

“We don’t often consciously think about the waste we produce amidst the hustle and bustle of academic life.”

With a trash bag full of cream cheese packets and empty pretzel bags, Cormier said he is going to now “very consciously avoid those products, as they cannot be broken down and simply end up in a landfill.”

The week ended with a discussion on the topic in the lower Zook Nook cafe of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center on Dec. 9.

Cormier said the discussion was productive in terms of planning for the fu-

ture.

“The meeting served to help us brainstorm ways to have an event next semester in conjunction with green week that reaches a much wider audience,” he said. “I hope to work with ResLife (Residential Life) and the Greek community to encourage everyone to make teams in their residence halls/fraternities to track the amount of waste produced over the course of a week.”

Cormier said he realizes it might be a hard challenge to pay full attention to and enforce, but he believes having teams will help people with support groups to fall back on.

As an overall goal, Cormier said he hopes the project will expand knowledge and awareness on this issue beyond the Small Living Unit (SLU) community, as most participants were SLU residents.

“We’re all humans living on what appears to be the only planet we’ll have access to for a long time,” he said. “My hope is that continuing to raise awareness on campus outside of the SLU community will serve to unite the student body towards a common goal, a goal that, whether or not it’s on the forefront of people’s minds, is going to deeply affect every person of any given race, religion or sexual orientation.”

Cheerleading team soars to new heights

By Olivia Lease
Transcript Correspondent

First-year cheerleading coach Emily Smith said no one could recall the last time the cheerleaders performed a halftime show. That changed during last week’s game against the College of Wooster when a new squad, not even three weeks old, took the floor.

Their routine was due to the collaborated efforts of Smith, her daughter junior Buzzy Biddinger and recent OWU graduate Tessa Cannon, Biddinger’s girlfriend.

Cannon graduated this past spring and is currently in graduate school in Oxford, England. She had flown back

to Delaware a few weeks ago to support the dancers in Orchestis and while back, she helped the basketball cheerleaders with a tryout dance routine.

“She is an amazing choreographer,” Biddinger said. “While she was still in town, (Coach Smith) asked if she would be willing to choreograph a piece to ‘Carol of the Bells.’”

Cannon was more than willing, and the show’s opening dance she choreographed included six cheerleaders doing ballet, three of which were showing off their skills on pointe shoes.

“We had all of these girls fresh out of Orchestis, so I thought, ‘Why not use their

talents?’” Smith said.

After the brief ballet exhibition, the rest of the squad took to the floor for tumbling and performing other tricks with the Battling Bishop joining them.

The performance ended with a dance number choreographed by Biddinger, who has been cheering for 15 years, two of which were at OWU.

This wasn’t her first time choreographing. According to Biddinger, she has choreographed numerous dances for different school cheerleading teams, all-star teams and dance teams.

With tryouts having occurred just before Thanksgiving break, some may have

expected the squad to ease into the season. However, Smith said the squad only had two and a half weeks to learn this show before performance time.

“We emailed the music and choreography to (the team) over Thanksgiving break for them to learn,” she said.

Biddinger said that she thrives on performing and that “it was fun hearing the crowd’s reactions.”

All Division I school cheerleading teams perform a halftime show.

“Just because we are a D3 school does not mean we should deliver anything less than a D1 caliber show,” Smith said.

Free Store encourages use of old items for new purposes

By Allie Le
Transcript Correspondent

The Environment and Wildlife Club and the Tree House are aiming to inspire students to recycle by holding the “OWU Free Store” event on Friday.

The event is held as part of “No Throw Away Week 2013.”

As it’s name suggests, everything is free at the Free Store. According to senior Erika Kazi, who helped plan the event, the concept of the Free Store conveys three main objectives: “diverting waste from a landfill, encouraging alternative consumption, and the reuse of perfectly good items,” reinforcing the idea that “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.”

The short term and long-term goals focus on helping students understand the values of their possessions.

As a result, students will pay more attention to the environment, and help reduce the university’s waste stream in order to lessen impact on the planet.

The Free Store encourages students to recycle useful objects in their daily life.

Through the Free Store students have the opportunity to exchange and share things with others who can make better use out of them.

Even if students do not have anything to bring, they can come and take what catches their eye.

The Free Store’s items vary from televisions, clothes, microwaves to books, furniture and many other objects. The more items students contribute, the more items they will get to take.

The “Free Store” concept has been introduced to OWU students since fall 2012. Until now, students have successfully held five Free Store events, including the one that took place last Friday.

The origin of the event was the tail end of a project called “May Move Out” conceptualized by senior Sarah D’Alexander.

The store’s model was based on as similar event held at The Ohio State University, and the Free Store concept has been widely used in colleges across the U.S.

“The one-day Free Store idea was just a chance to show the administration how essential and successful the Free Store is to students—to hopefully enable us to get a permanent location in the near future,” Kazi said.

According to Kazi, hosting the event alone was overwhelming, since she didn’t have the additional help of the sustainability coordinator, who is no longer employed by the university. Keeping the store organized is another challenge.

Junior Duc Vu, who got a flat screen television at the recent Free Store event, cannot wait to participate in the event again.

“The flat screen television that I got is huge and amazing. I am thankful that there exists some sort of free store so I can come and find what I need, yet leave what I do not need for others to use,” he said. “I am so excited to find new stuff at this coming event.”

The event was held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 outside of Hamilton-Williams Campus Center bookstore.

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There are not many times when seniors have the chance to have a drink with University President Rock Jones and many Ohio Wesleyan professors.

The annual President's Ball, sponsored by the President's Club, offers such an opportunity.

Seniors were able to come early to Schimmel-Conrades Science Center dressed in their best cocktail attire, and enjoy the sounds of OWU's Park Avenue jazz band, which Jones said is always a favorite of his at the annual event.

According to senior Megan Pinto, the club's co-chair, this year's theme of "A Holiday Classic" was chosen because the club wanted to celebrate the tradition of the President's Ball at OWU and give the event a quirky, vintage flair.

"It was really fun to be able to mingle with our professors outside of the classroom setting," said senior Annaliese Harvey.

Nancy Rutkowski, the assistant director of Student Involvement for leadership, said she appreciated this year's theme, "A Holiday Classic," because she enjoys celebrating OWU's heritage and history.

"At the President's Ball, we all celebrate together," she said. "This is what makes it special."

However, not all were pleased with the evening.

"Cocktail hour was classy, but I was disappointed there were no cocktails," Harvey said.

With the cost of \$5 to get in, students from other classes came eager to dance with friends and indulge in the multitude of food starting at 9 p.m.

After the jazz band finished serenading the seniors and faculty, sophomore Bhuneshwar Arjune, also known as "DJ Bhunesh," took over the music selection.

"I thought the music was great," said junior Karli Sturgill, a member of President's Club.

Junior Ryan Kaplan, another President's Club member, said lot of planning went into the event "we met every Wednesday this entire semester, and is a whole club effort."

"Overall, it looked like everyone was having a great time, and I think we had a great turn out," Sturgill said. "Planning was stressful and a lot of work, but the end result made it worth it."

Senior Haneya Hasan Zuberi, a member of the club, the event was conceived more than 20 years ago.

"President's Ball was started back in 1985 during President David Warren's time," she said. "It was during the President's retreat that a student, E. Gay Grossman of the class of 1988, suggested having a formal ball where the entire campus community is invited."

Thanks to the founding of the President's Ball in 1985, every year since students have been able to come together for a night to remember.

"President's Ball is a tradition that has been at Ohio Wesleyan University for more than 25 years," Jones wrote in a campus-wide email. "It reflects our commitment to bringing together the entire OWU community for a memorable experience."



President's Ball: A vintage tradition



Photos by Jane Suttmeier

Top: Seniors Meg Greff and Stephen Coyne and juniors Shannon Dean and Ryan Haddad share a dance at the President's Ball on Dec. 7. The President's Club sponsors the annual event.

Bottom: Students dance the night away to music provided by sophomore DJ Bhuneshwar Arjune.

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Nelson Mandela - activist, politician and philanthropist - died on December 5th at age 95. He was instrumental in ending South Africa’s segregationist apartheid policies and was the nation’s first black president. University graduate Timothy Moloi, ‘98, was featured in a memorial video honoring Mandela’s achievements; he is a leading vocalist in South Africa.

President Rock Jones sent an email to the campus Dec. 6 on Mandela’s life and legacy.

“He, indeed, is an example of a moral leader in the global society,” Jones said. “His work to end apartheid in South Africa demonstrates the power of one man to make meaningful, inspirational change.”

At Ohio Wesleyan, students frequently protested apartheid by calling on the Board of Trustees to divest from companies in South Africa. The trustees finally agreed in June 1990 after over a decade of protests. A key tactic of Students Against Apartheid was the two-year long placement of a shanty in front of Slocum Hall which represented the living conditions of black South Africans.

Students speak out on body image, self-esteem

By Olivia Lease
Transcript Correspondent

Students were given the opportunity to discuss body image, self-esteem issues and self-image at the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) event “Written on the Body.”

The body image speak-out is in its fifth year, and the WRC continued to create a safe space for students of all genders so they would feel comfortable speaking candidly in front of those in attendance.

The speak-out is a chance for audience members to express the struggles they have been through as well as give advice and encouragement to others.

“Loving your body is hard,” said junior Lauren Rump, a WRC intern. “It’s not as easy as turning a switch on or off. But it is possible. Everyone is capable.”

Rump coordinated the event with her fellow WRC interns, and it was also her house project for the Women’s House.

An uplifting Christina Aguilera anthem radiated throughout the room as the audience assembled in Bishop Cafe at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Once everyone was ready, the atmosphere became quiet; an eagerness to share and to listen filled the room.

Rump started out the night by



Poster designed by Frida Hess

The poster advertising the WRC event last Thursday.

stating that this was a safe place to share body image stories and that confidentiality was key, and to “be respectful of your audience,” she said.

WRC advisor Sarah DelPropost and Brian Ward were also present and available to anyone who might need their counseling services.

The majority of the audience was female, with only a handful of men.

Senior Skylar Drake, a WRC StAP intern, said the event was open to students of any gender, despite it being mostly attended by females.

“Men are always more than welcome at Written on the Body, it is a speak-out for all genders,” Drake said.

Sophomore Kaila Johnson, a WRC intern, said she wishes more males would attend.

“I think it would have been nice to have a greater male presence, especially to have more males speak,” she said.

Rump said “Written on the Body” is relevant to everyone.

“A positive body image is an important issue for all genders,” she said. “While we tend to think of women as ones with having body image issues, men also deal with their own set of standards set by society.”

Overall, Drake, Johnson and Rump were pleased with the outcome of the event.

“I think the speak-out went very well,” Drake said.

“We had to hold it fairly late in the semester, but despite the pressure of finals we still got a great turnout and a lot of audience participation.”

The final part of the night was a reading of “Real Women,” an essay by Hanne Blank.

The essay’s core thought is, “There is no wrong way to have a body.”

The participant who read the essay found it three years ago by accident and has read it at every “Written on the Body” since. This is the first time it was read at the end purposefully.

The WRC believed it contained an uplifting and important message fitting for the end of the event.

After the speak-out, Rump said she hopes students walk away feeling empowered and not alone.

The WRC, located in room 207 in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, aims to provide information and programs which empower women to deal with the unique challenges they face on campus and become advocates for women in the local, national, and international sphere.

The WRC plans or assists with events throughout the year, including “The Vagina Monologues” and the National Young Feminist Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Kwanzaa celebration keeps holiday values alive

By Sarah Thomas
Transcript Correspondent

Students gathered together to celebrate the festival of Kwanzaa, a time of community, values and family.

The Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA) hosted the event last Friday, Dec. 6, as a way to relax prior to finals week.

Kwanzaa is a secular holiday observed by African Americans from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 as a way to celebrate their cultural heritage and values.

Because students will not be on campus for this time, SUBA condensed the holiday into one night.

Although this is an African American holiday, all members of the community were welcome and encouraged to participate in the event.

Judylyn Ryan, an associate professor of English, was scheduled to give a speech at the event.

Due to weather she was unable to make it, but Terree Stevenson, the director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, presented her speech instead.

Stevenson addressed the seven principles of Kwanzaa and how they could relate to students. The principles are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

“I think that the principles are applicable to all of our lives, not just during Kwanzaa but for the rest of the year as well,” said junior Alicia Brow.

The freshmen representatives from SUBA provided a brief description of each principle and then proceeded to light the candle for that day.

They also poured water into a plant to symbolize the harvest, as “matunda ya kwanzaa” means “first fruit of the harvest” in Swahili.

At the end of the speech, Stevenson led a time of reflection on loved ones who have died and for influential people, such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Olive Day, the first black graduate from Ohio Wesleyan.

This was the first time senior Jenea Dominguez had attended Kwanzaa, and she said she enjoyed the celebration.

“I really liked the moment we prayed for our ancestors or remembered them by watering the plant of life,” she said.

During the speech, Stevenson also paused for everyone to stand and silently reflect on the life and death of former South African president, Nelson Mandela.

The event also provided a free dinner and included a raffle drawing for “zawadi,” or “gifts.”

The gifts were either books or care packages full of fruit, granola bars and water to help with upcoming finals.

Opinion

Quote of the Week: “I think, certainly, if you look at probably the past decade of American history, if there are threats of violence against the school, they have to be taken very seriously.”

-- Delaware Police Department Sgt. John Radabaugh

A bittersweet farewell to the paper I love

I write this, my last column ever as editor-in-chief of The Transcript, with a bittersweet taste in my mouth.

It has been an honor to serve the Ohio Wesleyan community at the helm of this newspaper. Since January, I and the rest of the dedicated editorial staff have done our best to deliver relevant, timely and powerful content to students faculty and staff

I feel we’ve done our job well and have made overall improvements to The Transcript. There have certainly been times when we’ve fallen short. But we take every concern seriously and correct any inaccurate reporting.

But the job, especially this semester, has taken its mental and physical toll on me. It has not been easy for the editors and I to guide The Transcript through the journalism department’s transition and into the coming overhaul.

So like those before me, I am ready to hand over the reigns. I know OWU’s independent student newspaper will be in good hands with Spenser Hickey in the spring and Ellin Youse in the fall. I am sure they will work wonderfully together to take The Transcript to new heights, and I have the utmost faith in them as journalists, leaders and people.

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pendent news organization that follows the standards and methods of professional newspapers since its inception. We abide by the Society of Professional Journalists’ Code of Ethics, and seek to conduct ourselves as though we were the Delaware Gazette or Columbus Dispatch.

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Sometimes the stories we publish will make people in the campus community unhappy. It’s not easy for us to make decisions like naming Brian Bowers in the story on the front page. But we did it in the interest of keeping the community safe and informed, and was the journalistically responsible thing to do.

The values we prioritize most are respecting the humanity of our stories’ subjects and practicing journalistic responsibility. We feel these go hand-in-hand, and they guide every decision we make.

It’s been a pleasure to serve and be in dialogue with the community where I feel so wonderfully at home. Thank you so much for your criticism and support.

This is what I love to do, and it’s been an honor to do it for all of you.

Noah Manskar
Editor-in-Chief

Pedestrian safety as crucial as ever

By Thomas Wolber
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Across the nation, there has been an unexpected spike in pedestrian injuries and deaths in recent years. Delaware, too, has had its share of injuries and even deaths.

There are multiple reasons for that development, but it is clear that increased pedestrian and driver distraction is a major factor.

As someone who walks, bikes and drives, I know the dangers first-hand.

There were times when I was almost hit by careless drivers, and there was one time when I myself came close to hitting a drunk person who suddenly staggered in front of my car during a dark and rainy night.

Please permit me to make some common-sense suggestions to my fellow walkers and drivers as well as to the administrators of Ohio Wesleyan and the city of Delaware.

Pedestrians and drivers need to be vigilant at all times. Both parties must exercise due care.

When walking, do not step onto a public street without stopping and looking in both directions first. Many accidents occur in the dark, so visibility is key.

When walking at night, pedestrians should wear reflective strips and/or bright clothing to aid motorists in seeing them. When I am out at night with the family dog, I carry a flashlight as a signaling device.

Use crosswalks only. Don’t cross in mid-block unless there is no other way.

Praying and preaching is good, but concrete steps are even better....The college sends students around the world, but cannot guarantee safe passage across the local streets? There is something wrong with that picture.

Even when you have the green light and/or the right of way, that does not mean the driver will see you and stop for you. I always wait when a vehicle approaches and try to make eye contact with the person behind the wheel.

Considerate drivers will stop and signal for you to walk, but don’t count on it. Too many motorists show no respect for pedestrians at all. If you are busy texting and not paying attention, you might get hit even when in a crosswalk with a green light.

Therefore, when crossing a street you must keep your eyes and ears open and be able to respond quickly to what’s going on around you. So, put down that cell phone when walking and don’t wear headsets.

“Texting while driving” is illegal, but perhaps “texting while walking” should be illegal as well. Hooded jackets can also be dangerous because they block your side vision.

University and city administrators as well as private businesses could also take certain steps to decrease pedestrian injuries and deaths. A public-education campaign is the first step, but some of that

Unfortunately, Americans cities have not been designed with pedestrians in mind. The car is king.

Unlike in Europe, there are few pedestrian zones. Delaware has started to build a separate network of multipurpose trails and bridges for walkers and bikers, but the downtown area remains a danger zone.

Crossing South Liberty is a daily hazard for OWU students. Crossing William Street and Central Avenue is risky every time.

The planned widening of East William Street means the situation in Delaware will only get worse for pedestrians.

It shouldn’t be that way. The two recent incidents involving OWU students should be regarded as a wake-up call.

The college sends students around the world, but cannot guarantee safe passage across the local streets? There is something wrong with that picture.

There will always be tragic accidents, but the community needs to work on finding a sustainable balance between drivers and pedestrians. Currently, we are still a long way from reaching that goal.

There are numerous streets outside the downtown area that don’t even have sidewalks yet.

Stratford Road is one of these danger zones despite the fact that it is densely populated.

Delaware should have a community-wide conversation on the topic, and City Council should eventually enact and fund the appropriate ordinances.

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Arts & Entertainment

Art faculty practice what they preach

By Adelle Brodbeck
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Ohio Wesleyan's fine arts faculty have put their work on display in Ross Art Museum in the biennial faculty exhibition titled FA8.

The opening reception last Thursday evening introduced the show of sculptures, paintings, prints and other forms of mixed media to the Delaware and Ohio Wesleyan community.

The first faculty art show went up in 2002 and has reoccurred every two years since then. Tammy Wallace, assistant director for the Ross, said the biggest changes that have happened are personnel changes that have come about over the years.

"Some faculty have retired or left and new ones have come in," she said "Just looking at the faculty who has been here for those eleven years, though, some have changed a lot in their focus while others have continued to explore the same avenues."

Wallace said the two faculty who have remained constant over the years are Justin Kronewetter and Jim Krehbiel.

Kronewetter focuses mainly on photography. In his artist's statement for the exhibit, Kronewetter used the phrase "visual scavenger hunt" as a way to describe his specific photographic technique.

The images that Kronewetter produced highlight very detailed areas of seemingly mundane surroundings. For example, his series titled "Junk Yard Abstraction(s)" feature extreme close ups of items found in junk yards.

The photographs are so close to the physical object that it is difficult to determine exactly what it is at first. Instead, the viewer is forced to focus on other aspects of the photograph, such as the fierce color contrasts shown in many of his pieces.

As Kronewetter puts it, "(T)he images themselves are typically of common things seen in an uncommon way".

Krehbiel's work has stayed on the same track for the past eighteen years. However, it



Photos by Adelle Brodbeck

Above Left: Adjunct associate fine arts professor Johnthon Quick's sculpture titled "Iron Lung" is on display in Ross Art Museum as part of the "FA8" art exhibit that features works from eight Ohio Wesleyan fine arts faculty.

Above Right: A sculpture by associate professor and ceramics sculptor Kristina Bogdanov titled "Fairy of Souls." In her artist's statement, Bogdanov said her work on display in the exhibition "dwells within the complex system of synthesized values deposited in the philosophical, historical and cultural interpretations of human condition and experience."

Right: A close-up of Crit Warren's graphic design piece titled "Rhizome2," which reads "For today and all your tomorrows."

stems from a much different outlet than that of Kronewetter's.

Krehbiel said he has found much of his inspiration from observing and traveling through the four corner region of the United States.

His work is very much centered on specific places in America.

For this exhibit Krehbiel honed in on his interest in astronomy.

"All of these pieces in this exhibition are direct responses to my past two year archaeo-astronomical findings in the field" he said. "Each piece is created to become a narrative about what was discovered at a particular place."

OWU junior Ayana Colvin attended the opening Thursday night.

"I try to support the Ross Museum as much as I can because last year I spent a lot of time there as a gallery management student," she said.

"The fact that I know they will be serving stuffed mushrooms at these receptions doesn't hurt either."

Gallery openings at the Ross are not just about introducing a new exhibit. They are occasions that provide solace for art enthusiasts.

In addition to the stuffed mushrooms Colvin mentioned, the opening also featured live musicians and a wide array of wine options.

Wallace mentioned being concerned with attendance due to unfavorable weather predictions for the evening, but she was pleased with the amount of visitors that came.

The warmth and abundance of intriguing art and friendly faces welcomed in each and every entrance "ding" from the front door.

In addition to the work shown by Kronewetter and Krehbiel, six other faculty showcased their most recent pieces.

Kristina Bogdanov, the associate professor of ceramics who joined the OWU staff in 2007, presented a series of multi-media works including vases, tea pots and a terra cotta painting.

Overall her work centered on a theme of maternal love and its relationship to life itself.

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Frank Hobbs, an associate professor who teaches painting and drawing, presented serene paintings of Italian landscapes and various other locations around America that reflect his feeling toward the importance of paying attention to one's surroundings.

"In a world that is increasingly mediated by technology

and language, the act of consciously taking time to experience an actual, concrete place in the world would seem almost an act of rebellion," he said.

Colvin said she particularly enjoyed the photographs by associate professor and two-dimensional design specialist Jeff Nilan.

Nilan's work showed an emphasis on the simplicity of rural living as well as "the thresholds in our experiences," according to his artist's statement.

Many of his photos were in black and white and focused on one small detail of an environment, such as the light shining in from a window to illuminate a large cross hanging on a bedroom wall.

He also created a tiny village of simple houses using scrap paper including a restaurant receipt that called for an order of hashbrowns.

His attention to detail en-

couraged Colvin to keep returning to look at his pieces.

"I kept coming back the entire time I was there," she said. "They were all I wanted to discuss."

Also featured were the works of Jonathon Quick, Cynthia Cetlin, and Crit Warren. Each professor presented a unique and novel series of works to the exhibit.

Quick showcased elaborate metal sculptures such as a piece titled "Iron Lung" that properly showed his admiration for working very "hands-on" with materials.

Cetlin produced intricate felt landscapes and wearable jewelry whose color palettes helped to emphasize her concern for the current state of the environment.

Warren presented larger than life digital prints bursting with color, enticing images and typography that illustrated a more modernized outlook on art.

Sports

Men's basketball falls to conference rival Wooster

By Philippe Chauveau
Transcript Reporter

The Ohio Wesleyan men's basketball team suffered their first home loss last Wednesday, Dec. 4, in a 79-71 effort against the College of Wooster's Fighting Scots.

Wooster was ranked third in the nation according to NCAA.com, promising a tough matchup for the Bishops. The Bishops ended the game on an 18-7 run, but shot only 14 percent from the three-point line (3-22).

"We shot terribly and only assisted on 44 percent of our field goals," said junior guard Nick Felhaber. "That's not like us at all."

Wooster started the game with a 9-0 run after the score stood tied 4-4 in the first minutes. The Fighting Scots increased the lead to 11 with another three-pointer, prompting the Bishops to call time-out.

After the time-out, OWU came out on the offensive. The Bishops forced a turnover and some bad passes, leading to easy baskets.



Left: Freshman guard Seth Clark drives to the goal in the team's first home loss against Wooster.



Middle: Senior point guard Reuel Rogers shoots a two-point jumper with over a minute to play.



Right: Junior wing Nick Felhaber hits a three-point attempt from the top of the arch in the 79-71 loss.

Photos by Jane Suttmeier

Senior center Reuel Rogers and senior forward Dre White contributed to a small run, cutting the deficit to three to make the score 21-18. However, the Scots answered with a 10-2 run of their own, expanding the lead back to 11.

"Wooster just kept hammering us with those scoring runs," junior Ryan Kaplan said. "Every time we fought

back, they answered better. It was a tough game."

The first half was low-scoring, with Wooster leading by a margin of 12, 39-27. The Bishops uncharacteristically went 0-8 from beyond the arc. Senior Taylor Rieger was off the mark that night, as he averages over three made three pointers a game.

Halftime meant it was time for the OWU cheerlead-

ers' holiday routine. The new cheer program prepared a couple of special routines for the game.

The start of the second half saw the Fighting Scots take even more control of the game.

Wooster led by 18 five minutes into the second half, and they would hold that lead until 10 minutes of playing time were left. That's when

the OWU started chipping away at the lead.

The Bishops were once again able to force a couple of turnovers, including shot clock violations, and get some easy baskets.

Rogers and freshman guard Seth Clark both had layups, while Felhaber hit a three-pointer shortly after. With three minutes left, the Wooster lead had been cut to

seven, and the Scots called a time-out.

After the time-out the Bishops kept up their good defense, but had two crucial turnovers and could not cut the lead beyond a deficit of six.

In the end, the Fighting Scots held on to a narrow victory 79-71. Rogers led the Bishops with 18 points and eight rebounds. Clark added 17 points and eight more rebounds, plus a team-high five assists.

"We're disappointed that we didn't get a win, but we can definitely learn from this game," Felhaber said. "We didn't shoot well at all and were still in the game with the number three-ranked team in the country. That says something about us."

Junior forward Robby Rinehart shared Felhaber's pride in the Bishops' effort.

"We didn't play well, but Wooster is still a very good team," he said. "With that being said, I'm still proud of our efforts, and I know that we'll do better when we face them again."

Men's and women's track and field looking to top NCAC

By Sadie Slager
Transcript Reporter

A trip to the NCAC championship tournament may be in the cards for the men's and women's track & field squads as they head into their indoor season.

The women's team, who won the NCAC indoor championship last winter, hopes to maintain their conference winning streak, while the men's team looks for a first-place finish as well as an All-Ohio Division III championship.

This year, the men's and women's teams include many strong freshman and upper-class athletes who are expected to contribute to the team's success.

These athletes include national champions, national qualifiers, All-Americans and school record holders.

Junior Katie Reid, an NCAA All-American, school record holder in the 800-meter and a three-time NCAA qualifier, will most likely compete on the 4x400-meter and distance medley relay (DMR) this season while fo-

cusing on the 800-meter.

Reid, who is also a member of the women's cross country team, said she is "absolutely thrilled" for the indoor season to start.

"I feel really good about the upcoming season after just coming off of a successful cross country season," she said. "My indoor track season had a lot of ups and downs last year, so I want the chance to redeem myself."

The biggest difference between indoor and outdoor track seasons, Reid said, is not having to worry about weather conditions.

"It's nice not having to worry about weather affecting how you compete," she said.

Reid, who did not compete at the team's first meet on Dec. 7 because she just finished cross country season, cited Mount Union and Oberlin as this season's biggest competitors. She said the team's main goal is to keep their conference-winning streak going, but they also hope to win the All-Ohio Championship as a team. Reid said indoor season is fo-

cused on training to peak during spring competition.

"Ultimately, it's about having fun and staying injury free," she said.

Senior Antoinette Joliff, who specializes in pole vault and hurdles, has won a total of four NCAC championships. She said she feels great about the indoor season.

"I have been working hard and practices have been going really well," she said. "In comparison to the beginning of last year I am months ahead of where I was. I have been lifting weights and doing the workouts to the best of my ability."

Joliff said the team has the ability to win any Division III meet this season, but it will come down to which team wants it more because other teams such as Oberlin are very talented as well.

"I myself am determined to get as many points in conference as I am able to and I know many of the girls on the team, if not all, are willing to give the same effort," she said. "We have heart and dedication beyond belief and in the odd chance that Oberlin

comes out of nowhere I am proud to be part of the family no matter what."

A school record holder and NCAC champion, sophomore Sara Johnson, will compete this indoor season in many events including relays, the pentathlon and hurdles, her specialty.

Johnson said she hopes this year stands up to the team's high expectations. She said both the freshmen and seniors look strong.

The fastest hurdler in the NCAC last year, Johnson said she will also "keep an eye on Mount Union and Oberlin."

"Indoor is much different from outdoor from the events, to the environment, and the competition levels," she said. "For me, indoor is like a building block for the outdoor season."

Sophomore All-American Adam Turner said last year's indoor season was "a big learning experience."

"It took me a while to adjust," he said. "I will be going into this season with much more confidence and without that adjustment period because I know what to expect."

He said he is hoping to perform at a high level and possibly represent OWU nationally.

Turner said he has been getting ample rest to prepare for his first races so he can perform at a high level in hopes of eventually helping the team to a first-place finish, taking the title from Wabash.

"I believe Wabash will be our biggest competitor even though we only see them near the end of the season," he said. "They are our in-conference rivals and are extremely competitive and talented."

A team goal, Turner said, is getting as many athletes as possible to qualify for nationals, either individually or as a part of a relay.

"It will be tough to follow last year's results as our team was 7th place nationally for indoor, but we are working hard and trying to do big things."

Sophomore Tyler Jenkins, a decathlete who specializes in pole vault, will compete in as many as ten events over two days during the outdoor season. These events will in-

clude long jump, pole vault and hurdles.

He said he feels confident about the upcoming season.

"We have a very young and talented team," he said.

"The intimate setting is great for loud cheering from teams lining the track. The energy level, especially at a big meet, is extremely high and it is great that you can see all of your teammates compete."

His personal approach has echoed coach Kris Boey's holistic approach to training, Jenkins said. He said he has improved on some weaknesses by bettering himself in many areas.

"By emphasizing the weight room, training hard with the team, taking care of myself physically, testing new methods, and paying attention to the details throughout the day, I feel well prepared," he said.

Jenkins said with the talent the team has, conference, All-Ohio, and national titles are all "in the realm of possibilities."

The Bishops next meet is at home on Friday Jan. 17.