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Winter storm gives day-and-a-half holiday

By Phil Salisbury
Editor-in-Chief

Walking in a winter wonderland was not something University officials wanted students to do Tuesday afternoon and yesterday.

Ohio Wesleyan shut its doors Tuesday afternoon and they remained closed yesterday as a result of the snowstorm that crippled most of the state.

A major storm that developed in the Rockies swept across central Ohio early Tuesday, dumping about six to 10 inches of snow before turning to sleet and freezing rain. The same storm moved to the Northeast yesterday, and dropped up to two feet of snow in New England. The storm was also responsible for spawning a tornado in New Orleans Tuesday.

President Mark Huddleston sent a campus e-mail Tuesday informing students and staff about the decision to cancel the rest of classes and events for the day.

Ohio State, Wooster, Wittenberg, and Otterbein were some of the other colleges that canceled classes yesterday.

Huddleston canceled classes

yesterday on Tuesday evening. He said in an e-mail interview he made the decision early to give people as much notice as possible.

"It was clear to me that conditions would continue to deteriorate, a judgment confirmed by the declaration of a Level 3 snow emergency by the county at 3:50 a.m.," he said.

Delaware downgraded to a Level 2 snow emergency in the early afternoon yesterday.

Dean of Students John Delaney said in an e-mail interview it was the first time in about five years that school was canceled due to weather. He said the decisions are based on road conditions.

"It is easier for students on campus to get back and forth through the snow to classes, etc., but the primary concern is for the safety of the members of the campus community and road conditions have a major influence in the final decision on the closing of school," he said. "Some of the obvious guides are the local weather forecasts, particularly if there is an expectation that weather conditions might get worse and pose safety concerns to students, fac-

ulty, and staff members who must commute to campus."

Dining Services offered modified hours during the closings. Welch was open as an all you can eat option from 2 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and Thompson was open for normal hours. Welch operated yesterday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with only a half-hour break.

Tuesday's closings forced the cancellation of the Performing Arts Series presentation of Zephyros Winds, a chamber orchestra, and yesterday's closings forced the postponement of the men's and women's basketball home finales to tonight. The women's basketball game against Wooster will start tonight at 6 p.m., which will be followed by the men's game against Oberlin.

Delaney said he was respectful of the staff that helped keep the University functional.

"Some of these folks have to travel a distance to get to school and they make it a priority to get to work," Delaney said. "Dining Services has pulled together a large enough crew to staff the Welch Dining Hall from lunchtime to around 9:30 p.m. tonight to make sure that students on campus have



Photo By Lori Haught

The intersection of Sandusky and William Streets is piled high with snow Wednesday after Tuesday's wintry weather.

ready access to a dining facility for the large part of the day.

"These are the folks, along with the [Buildings and Grounds] and [Public Safety] staff members, whose efforts need to be recognized and appreciated when we are hit with the type of bad weather conditions we are experiencing

at the moment."

Music Professor Nancy Gamso said they are trying to reschedule Zephyros Winds.

"When the President declared the University officially closed we no longer had the option, due to

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Alpha Sig goes to the dogs

Auction raises \$2K for Canine Companions for Independence

By Myra Blackburn
Staff Reporter

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity held its eighth annual Servant and Date Auction on Monday evening to help Canine Companions for Independence Company (CCI) provide training programs for dogs to assist adults and children with disabilities.

The event took place in the Benes Rooms from 7 to 9 p.m. The event cost \$3 in donations to the CCI. About one-hundred people attended, and approximately 44 members of Alpha Sig performed.

Junior Ryan Adkins received the highest bid, \$100, for his beat-boxing performance.

Other acts included senior Dale Stewart collaborating with junior Nafis Rahman to perform a song.

Rahman was auctioned off for \$20 and Stewart for \$70. Freshman Zack Barbara played guitar and was auctioned off for \$25.

Senior Jason Ramsey said the training program costs CCI \$10,000 to \$15,000 to

train dogs so they can assist the elderly and those with disabilities. He said Alpha Sig raised approximately \$2,000, about the same amount as last year's date auction.

"[The purpose of this event] is to make fools of ourselves for the puppies," Ramsey said. "It's all for the puppies. That's what we say."

Sophomore Barclay Richey, service chair of Alpha Sig, said he enjoyed the mock Spice Girls performance.

"I enjoyed calling them 'Camel toe Spice' because when you see these [men] perform in tight suits, you could see the outline of their body parts," he said.

The men who acted as Spice Girls were auctioned off from \$40 to \$80 for their individual performances.

"Our annual event is to raise money for the dogs," Richey said. "We do two events a year for the CCI, and it's apart of our tradition."

Senior Mehit Ince, who was auctioned for \$40, said they were aiming to get \$30 for each brother auctioned.

"As a fraternity we work together to raise puppies," Ince said. "We practice brotherhood and tried to act as members with good community services in our community."



Photo By Lynne Albers

From left to right, Trevor Jones, Zach Barbara, Matt Garvey, David Garvey and Anthony Rosato performing in the Alpha Sig Servant/Date Auction

Poet Laureate to speak at OWU

By Lainey Cullen
Staff Reporter

Ted Kooser, 2004-2006 National Poet Laureate and 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner for poetry, will read a sampling of his poems on Monday, Feb 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Grey Chapel as part of the Katherine Kearney Carpenter Lecture series.

A professor of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Kooser is the author of 11 full-length collections of poetry including *Delights and Shadows*, winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry and *Weather Central*, according to a recent OWU news release.

In fall of 2004, he was appointed 13 Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry by the Librarian of Congress and was reappointed for a second term in April 2005.

According to the Library of Congress website, Kooser, with the support of the Poetry Foundation, launched the program "American Life in Poetry" (www.americanlifeinpoetry.org), while serving his first and second terms as poet laureate. The program offers a free weekly column to local newspapers around the country, according to Library of Congress website.

"Each six to eight inch column features a brief poem by a contemporary American poet and a sentence or two of introduction by Kooser. This initiative offers the chance for poets to reach tens of thousands of readers" the website said.

Professor Lynette Carpenter, chair of the English department,

said she always advises students to take advantage of opportunities to hear readers and speakers of this caliber.

"Once they [students] graduate, such opportunities—to encounter truly distinguished artists and thinkers—are rare" Carpenter said. "I don't often hear complaints from students afterward; instead, even if I require them to go, students are usually grateful afterward, especially once they sit down in the auditorium and realize how many of the people in the room have been drawn there by a love of the speaker's work. That's one of the advantages of living in an intellectual community for four years—the prospect of a personal encounter with greatness."

As a poet, Kooser is known for the accessibility of his words, language, and ideas. According to a recent OWU news release, he has received two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships in poetry, the Pushcart Prize, the Stanley Kunitz Prize, The James Boatwright Prize, and a Merit Award from the Nebraska Arts Council.

According to Kooser's website, he has written in a "variety of forms, including plays, fiction, personal essays, and literary criticism." His first book of prose, *Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps*, earned him several national awards. Kooser earned a BS at Iowa State University in 1962 and an MA at the University of Nebraska in 1968. He is a former vice-president of the Lincoln Benefit Life, where he worked as

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liability, to continue with the PAS performance," she said in an e-mail interview. "We have agreed to try and reschedule Zephyros Winds as soon as possible, as our mutual schedules allow. We might expect to negotiate a shared cost with their management in the additional travel expenses, but we won't be losing the full fee."

Huddleston said closing the University yesterday gave B&G time to maintain the walkways.

"In addition to the hazardous

driving conditions, my decision was prompted by my concern for the Buildings and Grounds staff, who worked a long, hard day on Tuesday and who would face an equally daunting day on Wednesday," Huddleston said. "I did not want to compound their challenge in keeping the residential side of campus safe (i.e., keeping doors and walkways clear) by having to worry immediately about snow and ice on the academic side of campus."

Forecast Conditions	High/Low °F	Prep. Chance	
Thu Feb 15 Flurries	17°/3°	20%	17°F
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Mon Feb 19 Mostly Sunny	23°/12°	10%	23°F
Tue Feb 20 Light Wintry Mix	37°/27°	40%	37°F <i>Grab Your Shit</i>
Wed Feb 21 Showers	43°/30°	40%	43°F
Thu Feb 22 Cloudy	42°/31°	20%	42°F

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an insurance representative. The Carpenter Lecture Series was established in 1967 by O. William Carpenter in honor of his late wife. It is dedicated to bringing well-known writers to campus. "The department has a long record of bringing distinguished writers to campus, including Na-

tional Book Award winners William Stafford, Tim O'Brien, Joyce Carol Oates and Amy Tan, and Nobel Prize winners Seamus Heaney and Derek Walcott. The list has also included one poet laureate, Howard Nemerov, so Kooser will be our second poet laureate" Carpenter said.

Bishop Bucks to premier at Strand

By McCarton Ackerman
Staff Reporter

With the success of the off-campus food points system, Ohio Wesleyan is looking for other ways to expand the concept. The Strand Theatre will participate this semester in a trial run of the new Bishop Bucks system.

Bishop Bucks is a new debit card system that allows students to use funds in their OWU debit accounts to purchase movie tickets and food from the Strand. Sue Cooperider, director of Administrative Services, said other businesses will participate in the program if the trial run at the Strand proves successful.

"Marcos Pizza, Tim Hortons, and CVS have already expressed interest in being part of the program," Cooperider said.

Any local business may be a part of the Bishop Bucks program provided they can meet payment requirements.

"They have to be able to be able to pay a rental fee for the equipment used to swipe ID cards," said Cooperider. "The rental fee for the equipment is \$30 per week for up to eight-eight weeks. Once

this period is completed, businesses will then own the equipment. They also have to pay an annual maintenance contract of \$350."

An unlimited amount of money may be used she said.

"There will not be a limit because the vendors are utilizing the debit portion of the OWU card," said senior Marie Rymut, WCSA president. "Students are free to put as much money as they would like on that portion of their account."

Businesses may also elect to be part of both off-campus programs. Cooperider said the Bishop Bucks system will be a more convenient way for students to handle money than debit cards.

"Students can use Bishop Bucks on campus for things such as coke machines and laundry," Cooperider said. "They aren't able to do that with debit cards."

While some students are optimistic, junior Pamela Skehan said she don't foresee using it.

"I've got a reliable banking system and do my own finances," she said. "My parents wouldn't put money in my debit card, so it just would not be useful to me."

News Briefs

Career Services Etiquette Dinner

In the Benes Rooms from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 21, Career Services will host an etiquette dinner. The dinner will include a five-course meal and a presentation exploring the ins and outs of polite dining. The program costs \$11 (food points may be used). Space is limited so please RSVP with Career Services (x3152) by tomorrow.

Philosophy professor to hold open forum

As part of the House of Thought's Campus Series, Philosophy Professor Erin Flynn will present original philosophical thought and enjoy the interactive question and answer session tomorrow at noon in the Bayley Room.

Professor to talk on Appalachian art

Donald Lateiner, professor of humanities-classics, will be giving a short presentation on the art and culture of Appalachia. on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Bailey Room. At the presentation, students can make a donation to the Appalachia Service Project spring break mission team.

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Model UN heads to Harvard

Submitted by Robert Shelala

Today, the Ohio Wesleyan University Model UN will attend the four-day Harvard National Model United Nations conference where they will face off against colleges and universities from around the world.

The delegation heading to Boston this year, consists of 13 delegates ranging from freshmen to seniors with experience in Model UN beginning as early as middle school.

Members' majors range from politics and government and international studies to chemistry and English.

OWU's team will represent the African nation of Djibouti at the Harvard Conference.

OWU's Model United Nations team won multiple awards in the Northeastern Invitational Model United Nations conference Sat. Feb. 3 in Mentor Ohio. The team represented different delegations on the simulated United Nations Security Council and the North Atlantic Council (NATO).

Club President Robert Shelala, senior, brought home a Superior Award for his work as the United States of America on the North Atlantic Council and sophomore

Andrew B. Doll brought home an Excellence Award for this work as Russia on the United Nations Security Council. Aside from the individual awards, Ohio Wesleyan University won second place out of five teams present at the conference.

The Model UN club has been consistently one of OWU's most active and ambitious organizations. Members spend weekly

meetings simulating the bodies of the United Nations, such as the Security Council or other international bodies to prepare for the annual Lake Erie Collegiate Model UN held in Cleveland every November as well as the annual Harvard conference.

The club's awarding conference was a new addition to the schedule, and the club looks forward to attending next year.



Photo courtesy of Robert Shelala

Members of OWU's Model UN with their award at the Northeastern Invitational Model United Nations Conference.

New text messaging to reach library help

By Maygen Hall
Staff Reporter

Ohio Wesleyan Library and Information Services (LIS) recently launched a new instant messaging (IM) help service system which provides a quicker, easier way to communicate with OWU librarians.

The service was set up on Jan 22nd and can be accessed through the OWU library website through a link titled Ask-A-Librarian. The IM service can also be accessed through AOL, Yahoo, MSN, and Google Talk IM programs.

According to Thomas Green, associate director of libraries and head of public services, OWU Librarians are trying to make it possible for students to contact them as much as possible.

Paul Burnam, public services librarian, said the idea to have a Live Chat system between student and Library faculty was thoroughly researched before its implementation.

"Attending library workshops indicated that there was a need for more communication," Burnam said.

He said that other Ohio Link members, such as Oberlin College and Ohio University, already have the program in place.

"The [OWU] LIS staff decided that a time had come [to start the new program]," stated Burnam.

When asked what type of questions a student should ask when using the IM system, Lisa Hoops, serials librarian, said students should ask simple, short questions. She also said that IM and librarian availability hours are posted on the OWU website.

According to a document sent out by Paul Burnam to faculty and staff concerning the new system, it is possible that only one librarian is available during the specified hours of Mon-Thurs: 11am-5pm and 7pm-10pm and Fri 11am-5pm.

Because of that, students are asked to be patient when using the IM service.

Burnam said so far about 12 students and several faculty have used the new IM service.

"This [new system] is just one more way for library services to communicate and help OWU students," Green said.

Focus on improving the small things that make OWU

Editor's Note: This is the transcript of the speech senior Marie Rymut presented at the Board of Trustees' dinner on Friday, Jan. 26. This is Rymut's opinions on the state of the University. Last week, we ran Jason Ramsey's senior speech from the same event.

By Marie Rymut

Good evening again everyone. So Jason and I were really into counting the other night. We realized that not only do we have 749 days of OWU completed, but, we also only have 98 more days at Ohio Wesleyan until commencement. This really does not sound like we have a lot of time left here at all. As a WCSA President with a one-year term, I realized something early on: one-year is not a whole lot of time. And because Ohio Wesleyan sent me back home over the summer and during winter break, I really only had nine months to effectively change OWU. And now that I am finally starting to navigate this bureaucratic hierarchy of Ohio Wesleyan, the Registrar is telling me that I have to graduate.

My acknowledgement of my very near end prompts me to ask the question, what did you, students, alumni, and trustees, do in your four short years at Ohio Wesleyan? I would guess that the students in this room today would remember events such as President's Ball and the Homecoming bonfire or the simple moments like watching "Grey's Anatomy" or just talking with their friends in the residence halls. And though we may not remember what we learned, we will remember the amazing faculty and the feel of success and even sometimes failure. But I remind you; I still have 98 days left at this school. I still have 98 days to make OWU what it can be for all those students that are here right now.

With the advent of the strategic marketing initiative earlier this year, OWU has seen a quick progression of change. But I would be lying if I stood up here and told you that students completely understand and appreciate the new branding initiative

and the university communications department. We do agree that in order to attract the "better" Ohio Wesleyan student, it is appropriate to create a clear and concise image that really tells the story of Ohio Wesleyan. But, a stronger student product that graduates from our beloved institution can only come about with an increase in the satisfaction of all of us who are here right now.

Changing our brochure does not change who current Ohio Wesleyan students are, how current and prospective students will feel about OWU once they are here, or our general satisfaction on campus. And for all of us students whose time at Ohio Wesleyan University is right now, it is hard to be appreciative of an entire new office of publicity liaisons when there are so many other problems that directly affect today's students. And many of these problems can be alleviated in the college lifespan of a current OWU undergraduate.

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-Marie Rymut

Today's students, some of who in 98 short days will become tomorrow's alumni, are not going to give back to Ohio Wesleyan because of our new marketing strategy as amazing as it may be. We are going to give back because we felt that for our time we spent here and for the sacrifices that we made to be Bishops, we got an excellent education and more importantly a satisfying college experience.

But tonight, I come here in front of you to really address all the small things. Students love OWU so much because we have so many distinct opportunities that are absent in our peer institutions. Non-OWUians do not know what SLUs are or understand Mock Convention or have so many mission trip opportunities. During my time here though, the ability for Ohio Wes-

leyan to support our uniqueness has been debilitating. The Student Involvement and Greek Life offices have been in serious need for additional staffing. For the last three years, there has been no Ohio Wesleyan yearbook. There is not a lack in desire, but rather the support staff needed to assist students publish such a publication is just not there. Students are busy being students and need the support of staff to make experiences outside the classroom feasible. Ohio Wesleyan prides itself in being anything for anyone, but as new clubs and organizations are created for students, the support offered by our professional staff cannot handle the influx.

So what more can we do in our four short years here? My peers and I have seen the need on campus for small improvements in wireless technology, in security with a full-time public safety dispatcher, and in an increase in supporting reasonable compensation for our own student resident assistants and house moderators. As you can witness in the photographs on your tables, simple residential hall and SLU improvements would wholly improve the quality of campus life. With the small amount of change that I have experienced at Ohio Wesleyan such as the addition of the library café and the renovation of Smith Dining Hall, it is amazing how little fixes make huge differences in changing the atmosphere of campus.

Most recently, the third floor of Thomson Hall where I live had new windows installed over Winter Break. Upon returning to campus, my room is not only less drafty, but it is also more modern and welcoming.

Over the past year, a change has been occurring. Dr. Huddleston has heard the voice of the student body. As Conor McHale stood up here last year and expressed a need for a place where students at OWU could simply just be, Dr. Huddleston responded by finding funding to convert the former ATO fraternity house next to Bashford Hall into a student center on the residential side of campus.

Currently, students seek off-campus venues and do not utilize our current campus center at

night and on the weekends due to its distance from dorms and its formal administrative tone. The new center will allow students a place where they can feel safe and welcome to be with other Ohio Wesleyan students. As the plans of the building are still in quite

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a dynamic phase, students hope to see areas for relaxation, food, and fun. Adding a bar to the center would not be unprecedented for Ohio Wesleyan and would be a way for students to enjoy their weekend activities within the safe confines of campus.

Having a place that students could truly call their own would fundamentally change the activities and attitudes of the student body. As great as the idea of the center may be now, it is not a permanent or all-encompassing fix. Funding must be found that will allow for further renovations of the building and as it currently stands, Student Involvement staffing at OWU may not be able to handle the oversight of the facility.

Back to the little things. Cultivating student morale and unity takes more than a single building. We also need to appreciate and support what we have. A prime example is the Willa B. Player Black Resource Center often referred to as the Cave.

The Cave has evolved into a resource center functioning as a place for study, social and academic activities and hosts meetings by diverse student organizations and has always been a vibrant place of African-American political and social culture. Even more important though, Willa B. Player was the first black woman trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University. She was only here for four short years, but she was a leader during a time when she was not really accepted. How will we be remembered?

Ms. Player made her mark on

this university and we cannot let that honor and that commitment for Ohio Wesleyan simply fade away. Yet we have. Even as residential improvements in Stuyvesant Hall where the Cave is located have been furthered, the Player Resource Center has not been touched. There is cardboard in the windows and dilapidated furniture and flooring that is not conducive to a resource center. Is this how Ohio Wesleyan honors its distinguished alumni once they are gone? Perhaps in square footage it is extremely small, but somehow we have to raise money to fix that center and bestow the honor that Ms. Player deserves.

Things like the new student center, Cave renovations, and keeping up with modern technological advances are things that this university needs, but often get overlooked when put into a prioritized budget. I suppose operating costs such as basic heating can be seemingly ranked as more important to the overall wellbeing of the university. And I suppose that a capital campaign that strives to gain funding for miscellaneous simple renovations that offer no real naming opportunities is unattractive and not likely to receive tons of support.

So we are asking you Trustees, for your help in realizing that as students here today for only four short years to remember those little things that are big factors in our student satisfaction. And sometimes it is hard to truly know what students want as the time continues to pass and students come and go. We have a four-year lifecycle. You are our common link and hope for future generations that their OWU is just a bit better than ours.

As a fourth year student, when I ask myself what has changed for the better in my time here, and even though I love the place, sometimes I do not really know what is different from August 2003. More than the administration that went to other undergraduate institutions, you understand what it was like to be in our position in these same buildings. Even without a brand, you have a strong sense of what Ohio Wesleyan is. So I have 98 days left. As students, it is our time now to be Ohio Wesleyan.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Retreat offers solitude and space Chaplain's Office and Career Services to host annual gathering

By Julia Smith
A&E Editor

Juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to relax and get to 'know thyself' through a weekend retreat sponsored by the Chaplain's Office and Career Services on Friday, Feb. 23.

The annual Know Thyself Retreat focuses on helping students find direction in their lives and careers.

Kelly Adamson, associate chaplain for mission and vocation plans, organizes, plans and facilitates the retreats hosted by the Chaplain's Office and received help from Carrie Lippert, the previous director of Career Services.

The retreat will take place at Camp Wesley in Bellefontaine, Ohio. The students and facilitators will stay in a lodge at the camp for the weekend. The retreat is free, but there is a \$20 deposit

that will be returned at the end of the weekend.

Adamson said they like to keep the number of participants small to maintain a close, quiet feel.

Adamson said the goal is to help students find who they are inside and what they're passionate about and ultimately bring both together in work and life.

"This retreat is certainly an opportunity to de-stress," she said. "But more than that, it is an opportunity to give yourself the gift of self-care, self-knowledge, and to give the world the gift of a life lived with passion and authenticity."

Adamson said the concept began several years ago when a student asked Chaplain's Office and Career Services to co-plan a retreat that would help students reflect on how their career could be a meaningful expression of who they were.

"Since then, the Chaplain's Office applied for a Lilly grant, received it, and the rest is history," she said. "This is our fourth year of offering these retreats and every year interest grows."

Adamson said there are also a number of activities the students can participate in during the retreat.

"We give students time and space to reflect, we pose questions and offer no answers other than the ones students find within themselves," she said. "Students relax by the fire, take a walk in the woods, ponder their life's direction while watching the sunset over the lake, laugh together over late night games, play ping pong—in short, retreat."

She encourages students to take advantage of the retreats that are offered.

"My biggest challenge is trying to convey what really hap-

pens' on these retreats," Adamson said. "They are really about 'being' more than 'doing,' and in a society focused on doing, it can be difficult to explain. All I can say, is try it - it's a wonderful opportunity!"

Adamson said everyone involved in the retreat walks away with something.

"The result is students feel more centered and confident about themselves and their direction in life," she said.

"At the very least, they find they are not alone in questions, and have willing guides along the way.

The student's biggest payoff is time spent just for themselves—they gain clarity and self-assurance. My biggest payoff, personally, is having the privilege of walking with students as they wrestle with life's biggest questions. I am gifted with the opportunity to be part of their journey."

'Catch' offers little romantic laughs

By Hassan Nasir
Film Columnist

Over the past few years, romantic comedies have become the least popular genre of movies. Action movies, adaptation of novels and comedies aimed at teens and college kids have greatly outnumbered the once popular genre. Now and then a romantic comedy is released, but most seem like they have been taken off a conveyor belt with no hint of good acting or comedy.

One of the rare romantic comedies released this year is Susannah Grant's "Catch and Release". It is a far from perfect. Overall, it doesn't try hard enough to be overtly appealing. There are places where more character development could have been nice. The storyline and the direction were both too lackluster to attract the audience or to keep them interested.

Gray Wheeler (Jennifer Garner) is a bride-to-be whose fiancé dies just days before their wedding and the people who were supposed to be attending end up attending the fiancé's funeral.

Gray must accept the death of her fiancé and the revelation of secrets he kept from her. Fritz (Timothy Olyphant) is the dead fiancé's childhood pal, a Los Angelino who comes off as both lazy and a wheeler-dealer. Nobody seems to like or trust him much, least of all Gray. She disapproves even more when she catches him grabbing a post-funeral quickie with a cute young caterer. Fritz starts off as a prick and then all of a sudden he is a nice guy. Nothing really happens to cause this change of character - it just happens.

It turns out Fritz knows something about Gray's fiancé which no one else does. He sticks around so he can prevent his friend's secrets from leaking out. He moves into the house shared by Dennis (Sam Jaeger) and Sam (Kevin Smith), two more friends of Gray's dead fiancé. Gray, now unable to afford to live by herself also moves into the same house temporarily. Fritz then proceeds to cause problems even as he attempts to prevent them. There is a bit of humor in a few sequences but the movie as a whole lacks any strong sense of cohesion.

Guided by the laws of romantic comedy, which, in their purest form, are as powerful as those that keep the stars in the sky, Gray and Fritz fall in love. But their story takes shape in such a natural and unforced fashion that even when it's slightly far-fetched, we have

no trouble believing it.

Overall it is a decent movie considering the dearth of good romantic comedies over the years. This one might be a good time, but if you have something better to do then I'd say "skip it."

Running time: approx 2 hrs.



Photo from <http://movies.yahoo.com>
Gray Wheeler, played by Jennifer Garner, and Fritz, played by Timothy Olyphant, sit and talk in the new movie, "Catch and Release."

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Arts Briefs

Ross Art Museum opens exhibits today

Today, David Hayes will begin his sculpture exhibition along with Janis Wunderlich, who will showcase her ceramics in the Ross Art Museum. The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and Saturdays. The show will run until April 8.

Movie tonight helps with body images

Tonight, The Women's Resource Center and Counseling Services will host a viewing of "Still Killing Us Softly", a movie by Jean Kilbourne. The film encourages women to challenge the media and their narrow ideas of beauty. The movie will be shown in the Bailey Room of the library at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a group discussion.

Play continues Black History Celebration

Tomorrow, playwright Arianna Price will bring her play, "Twenty-1: The Age of Ultimate Change" to OWU as part of the Black History Month celebration. The play focuses on young black college aged men and women and their transition into adulthood. The performance will take place in Gray Chapel at University Hall at 7:30 p.m.

HoT continues professor lecture tomorrow

Tomorrow, the House of Thought brings the next installment of their campus series with Philosophy Professor Erin Flynn in the Bayley Room (library 2nd floor) at 1 p.m.

Students to dance the night away

Orchesis will be performed Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. in Chapplear Drama Center.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Photo by Emily Bigelow

Junior Kit McCann stands motionless as she expresses herself through an artistic performance piece on Monday. McCann along with senior Nicole Perez-Daple are currently showing their art exhibit in Edgar Hall.



Clearing my name

I'd just like to clear the air on a couple issues regarding myself. First off, I swear I am not a whore, Eric. And Callie, if that cat had gone to the restroom on your favorite coat, you would have done the same thing. Those are two of the more pressing issues, but there are a few more I must raise in order to clear my name.

At some point in your OWU career, you have probably walked by me. If you are not sure, look at my column picture; I have green eyes, brown hair, a small rat's nest on my chin and a menacing blood shadow that follows me everywhere I go. This blood shadow is not a main concern. Nor is my column picture background, which appears to be blood splatters. (It is quite obvious the graphic designers at the Transcript misinterpreted their job title.)

Anyway, my main concern involves hilarious things—really, really funny ideas, scenarios, images and dialogue. It would be impossible to convey all of these comic inventions in such a small column space. These things occur only in my head and at spontaneous intervals throughout the day. When I am walking, I constantly think of these hilarious, hilarious things, so naturally, I laugh and smile. This, however, is a very bad thing. Let me explain.

If a random OWU student is strolling down the sidewalk and he notices me coming towards him smiling and laughing frantically and also holding a Rambo knife, Barry is going to make like Tom and Cruise.

I realize I just gave myself a Rambo knife in that last graph but it didn't really affect the scene at all. Barry still would have made like Tom and Cruise because no one wants to get near a companionless stranger who is smiling and laughing his ass off.

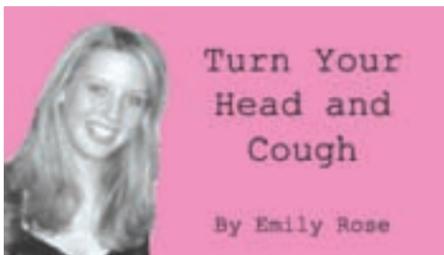
There is another thing that might make me seem slightly creepy when you pass by. Not only am I always looking down with a delirious grin and a giggle that would make a four year old girl jealous, but I also don't make any sound when I walk. For the exception of the giggles, I am completely silent. This might not sound like an amazing feat, but have you ever tried walking silently? I don't even have to try. I just do it. Even when I try, I can't because I'm so freaking daft.

Often times, friends will be standing around and all of the sudden I will be right behind them and they won't even notice me until I slowly rest my chin on their shoulder and they scream. This event can often lead to the smiling and laughing people often see from me as I walk alone down the sidewalk.

Overall, I am daft and deft. It's a scary combination.

So when you see me walking down the sidewalk coming at you laughing and smiling and holding a big old Rambo knife, please don't fret fellow student, friend. You'll be lucky enough to see me coming anyway. You sure won't hear me, that's for sure. Anyway, have a good day. I'll be seeing you. Happy Valentine's Day.

Keep him up with baby talk and porn



ugly and that's why he can't get it up for you. Ugly girls get boyfriends too, but their boyfriends are just disgusted by them. Congratulations, Elephant Girl!

You've managed to repulse the one person who is supposed to care about the way you look.

Be grateful that you even have someone that will look into your eye (I assume you have only one) and stroke your scaly, acne-ridden, pus-filled face. Things may never be this good for you again, so listen closely.

Make your new mission in life to be the type of girl that your boyfriend wants to engage with in intercourse. My advice? (And you do want my advice, obviously, you are writing to me. Hel-lo!)

Start by dressing very provocatively. I suggest knee-high patent leather boots, go-go shorts and nipple pasties. Stand on a

street corner and ask passing cars if they "want to party." There is no aphrodisiac like competition. Once your guy sees how seductive you are to other people his desire will know no limits. Cops love this one, too! They'll be the first to ask you to come with them.

A lot of men are also turned on by pornography. You can simulate porn by setting yourself up in sexy Jenna Jameson-style situations in front of him.

If the two of you share a class, drop some papers in front of the instructor, get on your knees to pick them up, and figure things out from there. Extra points if your professor is a woman. Guys love watching lesbians.

The same behavior can be duplicated for pizza delivery boys, plumbers, ponies, and your local friendly Transcript sex columnist. Just kidding. You're ugly, remember?

Trying new sexual activities can enhance any relationship.

For instance, role-play works for many couples. Many men fantasize about nurses, schoolgirls, Civil War heroes, lobsters, whatever.

However, since you and your boyfriend are facing this unique problem as a couple, I suggest a new one. He can play a college guy and you play a girl with a bag over her head. Sexy sexy!

If all else fails, try some tough love. Make up a new name for him, like "limp dick" or "kitten penis." Genitals also love it when you baby talk to them. Infantilize the unruly, flaccid penis and it will surely get embarrassed and stand attention with defiance and strength.

Tell his friends, fraternity brothers, teammates, parents and high school crush about his problem and your plan to fix it. He'll be rock hard and raring to go in no time, you little minx, you.

(Desperate in Delaware is a fictitious person.)

Dear Emily,
This is embarrassing, but the last few times my boyfriend and I have fooled around, he hasn't been able to get an erection. Is there any way I can help him?
-Desperate in Delaware
Dear Desperate,
Thanks for writing. There are several factors associated with the causes of impotence. Your boyfriend may be experiencing stress, fatigue, performance anxiety, alcohol inebriation, or a rarer, chronic problem called erectile dysfunction.
My guess is that you're just

Results from the 49th Grammy Awards

OVERALL Album of the year :
"Taking the Long Way," Dixie Chicks

Record of the year :
"Not Ready To Make Nice," Dixie Chicks

Song of the year :
"Not Ready To Make Nice," Martie Maguire, Natalie Maines, Emily Robison and Dan Wilson (Dixie Chicks)

New artist :
Carrie Underwood

POP Female vocal performance :
"Ain't No Other Man," Christina Aguilera

Performance by a duo or group with vocal :
"My Humps," Black Eyed Peas

Dance recording :
"SexyBack," Justin Timberlake and Timbaland

RAP Solo performance :
"What You Know," T.I.

COUNTRY Female vocal performance :
"Jesus, Take the Wheel," Carrie Underwood

Rock album :
Stadium Arcadium, Red Hot Chili Peppers

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Justin Timberlake and Robyn Troup, the winner of the "My Grammy Moment" sing Timberlake's song "My Love" during the 49th Grammy Awards show.



Opinion



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Closure a bad word for the concept



L.A. proved too much for the man

So he's leavin' the life he's come to know

He said he's goin' back to find what's left of his world

The world he left behind not so long ago.

—“Midnight Train to Georgia,” Gladys Knight & the Pips

Were we all not so consumed with the constant beginnings and endings in our lives, it would seem that things would be a lot simpler. If no one ever died, for example, or if relationships and friendships were forever, or if no one ever lost a job, relocated, changed their mind, or had a change of heart. Forget about simpler—the life I’ve just described sounds awfully boring. Should we be glad, then, that the nature of life is one that does not stop bringing experiences to and from us, in a motion defined by its irregularity?

For those among us who are college students, others among us college faculty or staff members, and others still members of the community surrounding this school, heed this message:

No, it is not just you. There is inherent in this place both a transiency and a nomadism that increases not just the frequency of change—but also the intensity. An association with an institution such as this brings with it more beginnings and endings than existing elsewhere would likely bring.

That having been said, I can’t very well make the case against

beginnings, for it is with beginnings that come the excitement and wonder of new opportunities—like the arrival of the class of 2011 will bring this fall, for instance. But what about all those endings: the lives of loved ones, the serious relationships, the cherished friendships, the classes, the jobs, the places, and what it all meant to you? With the occasional exception, where does it all go? In other words, is there really such a thing as *closure*?

We’ve heard about closure all our lives. Growing up, some of us were taught that closure is not only real, but attainable and worth reaching for.

Some of us have hoped to achieve closure for the purpose of giving ourselves some sort of internal satisfaction with how we dealt with the past so we might have a clean slate with which to deal with the future. Others of us have attempted closure in hopes of healing the wounds of loss and heartbreak.

But in all of us is a desire to come to terms with what is ending, to make amends, to tie up loose ends. Also in each of us, I would argue, however, is a dueling desire *not* to let go, *not* to forget, *not* to move on—because letting go, forgetting, and moving on implies a certain strength and resiliency, qualities we all know are neither always easy to come by nor qualities in endless supply.

So we live because we have to, but I would argue there is no such thing as closure. Once something, someplace, or someone has become a part of your life—has opened a place in your heart and in your mind—how could something as irreplaceable as the place you called home your entire childhood, or your first great love, ever close?

Editorial

OWU stops due to snow

Here we are, the first day back after a radical decision to close Ohio Wesleyan University for one and a half days because of the snow.

The decision came as a shock for many reasons, not the least of which was that OWU has historically shown no mercy, adopting the attitude that we are a residential campus and most of the students walk, so weather don’t mean they can’t get to class.

The majority of teachers also live in Delaware, so braving back country roads is no problem for them either. It takes Level 3 Snow Emergency to shut OWU down.

This brings us to the next reason it was so shocking that classes were cancelled, at least on Wednesday; we had been downgraded to a Level 2 by 7:30 a.m. yesterday morning.

Of course, it is not nearly as shocking when one steps outside and sees how the community has dealt with the snow.

Ohio Wesleyan has pulled its act together when it comes to cleaning up after Mother Nature. So far this winter, the sidewalks have been spotless. For those who walk through Delaware, it is a collective sigh of relief to hit some OWU owned sidewalks where one seldom fears for one’s life.

The city’s other businesses, however, are not doing so well. When they clean their sidewalks, they generally only clean a strip, and you’re lucky if you find two businesses side by side who shovel aligning

strips.

Not to mention how the city plows the roads. Sandusky is a two lane road thanks to a giant dune of snow piled in the middle of the major roadway. Well, two and three quarter lanes...maybe.

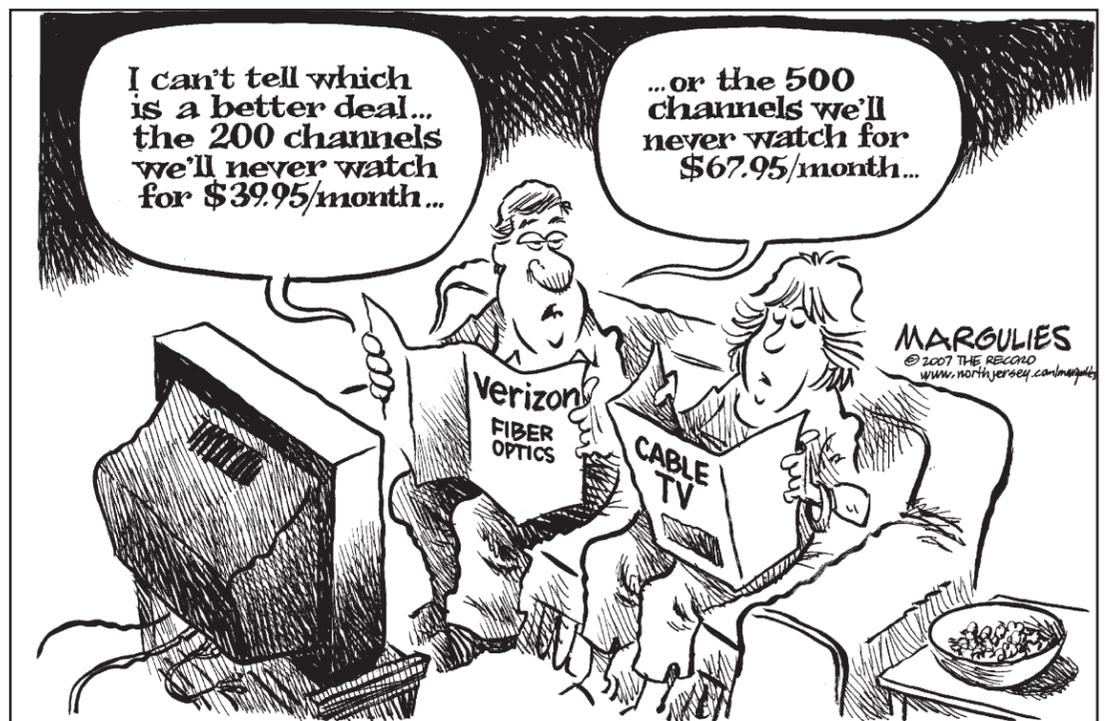
To the University and Dining Services staff that did not receive a snow day, we commend you.

Keeping dining facilities, especially Welsh Cafeteria and the Thompson Corner Store open helped the students find sustenance on the residential side of campus on days when going out to play was the only reason one would leave their dorm.

In fact, keeping Welsh open all day on Wednesday was a godsend to a lot of students. Even if it wasn’t as perilous as the students made it out to be as they rushed to Thompson on Tuesday, stocking up on everything as though the snow would be so piled up against the door of Smith that they might not make it across the street to the C-Store before the first day of spring.

While we made our way to the Transcript office in Slocum, Buildings and Grounds employees were working away with snow blowers, shovels, and salt to insure clean and safe paths to all the buildings by this morning.

If only the city of Delaware could keep up with the university, maybe then our professors and students who live off-campus might be able to make it to class safely.



Letters to the Editor

LEAD is not an official club

Dear Editor,

I would like to correct a statement that was attributed to me in the article “Students and adults help each other learn languages” in the February 8, 2007, edition of the *Transcript*. I did not say, as the article indicated, that I hope LEAD will eventually become an official OWU club. I would never minimize the seriousness of

our purpose by using the word “club.”

What I did say was that I hoped the LEAD program might someday be formalized. Students are devoting many hours per semester to this program. They report improvement in their listening and speaking skills in Spanish and increased confidence in these skills. Additionally, participants

benefit from the friendships formed and the cross-cultural understanding that takes place within this program. Both the Ohio Wesleyan participants and their Hispanic partners have benefited greatly from their dedication to LEAD over the past 2.5 years.

Sincerely,
 Donna Donnelly
 Spanish Professor

Don't focus on the negatives

Dear Editor,

I want to express my disappointment about Maygen Hall’s blatantly subjective reporting of CPB’s ‘Paint Your Panties’ event that was printed in last week’s *Transcript*. Her obviously negative view of our event should not have resulted in a biased and inaccurate representation of opinions held by both those on WCSA and the general student body.

Anyone truly aspiring to uphold journalistic ethics would have included other positions besides that of Paul Krog, such as those of the many other members of WCSA that fully supported

CPB’s effort and even applauded our creativity. That fact that Paul Krog was the only member to object to our event should indicate how erroneous Ms. Hall’s reporting was. In addition, her reporting of only negative attitudes along with the fact that WCSA provided CPB full funding for this event, is an apparent and unacceptable inconsistency.

Furthermore, that lack of mentioning or even interviewing the 60 plus participants who fully embraced ‘painting their panties’ is another blunder that both Ms. Hall and the *Transcript* should have recognized before printing

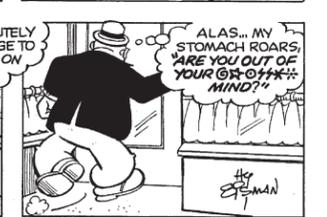
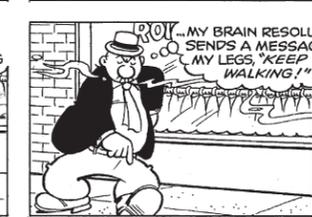
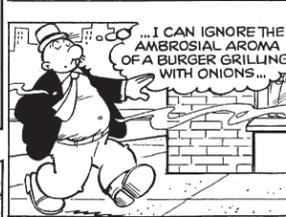
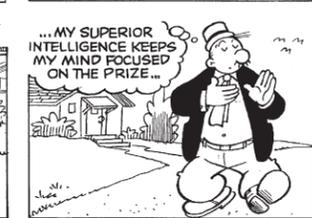
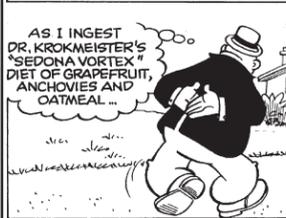
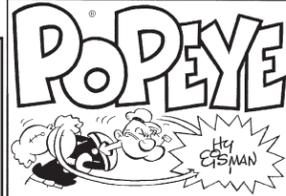
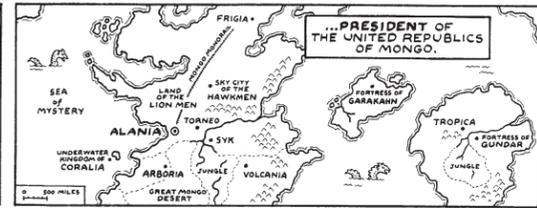
this article.

While I respect the opinions of those students who did not find our event amusing or worthy of participation, a real journalist (even a student) would have presented both sides equally. I hope that future issues of the *Transcript* and future articles written by Ms. Hall will be honest, accurate, and unbiased, instead of haphazardly printing imprecise and prejudiced stories.

Sincerely,
 Amber R. Teare
 CPB Vice President and Treasurer

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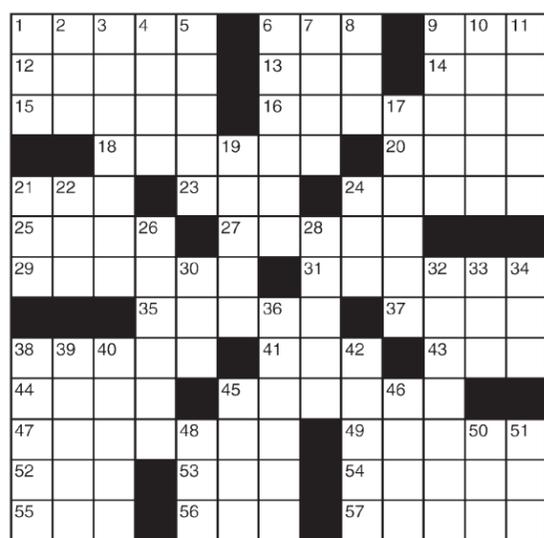
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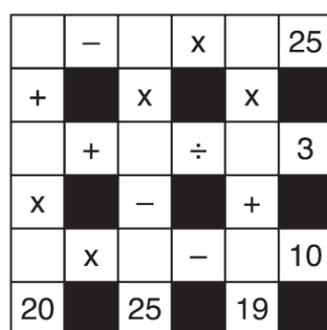


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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.



DIFFICULTY: ★

- ★ Moderate
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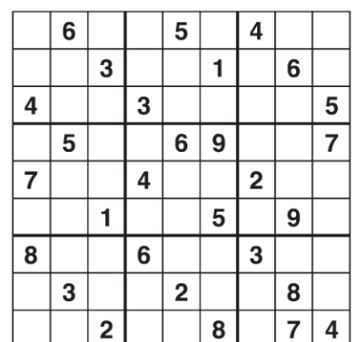
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1. MOVIES: What are the O.W.L.s in the Harry Potter movie and book series?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin prefix "brevi" mean?
3. BUSINESS: What does the acronym AMEX stand for?
4. GAMES: How high is the top of the net in men's volleyball?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the University of Tennessee's mascot, a Blue Tick hound?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Cyprus?
7. FASHION: What is the name of the sash traditionally worn with a kimono?
8. MEDICINE: Hemophilia is an inherited disorder of what?
9. NATURAL WORLD: What is a pompano?
10. LITERATURE: Who wrote the satirical essay "A Modest Proposal"?

ANSWERS

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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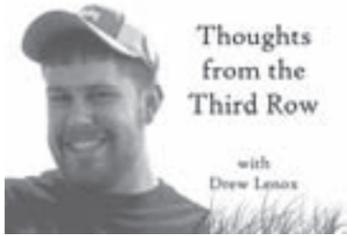
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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Bishops Sports



Thoughts
from the
Third Row
with
Drew Lenox

Game for everyone

Not everyone can hit a 90-mph fastball, make three-pointers, ice skate or throw and catch a pig-skin, but there is one sport that is universally open to everyone to try and that's golf.

Now I don't want to take anything away from the professionals that are outstanding and get to be on TV every week, but just about anybody can play golf.

This past weekend was evident of this as the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am was played by many golfers, but also many celebrities. Where else but on the golf course would somebody see Bill Murray, George Lopez, Tom Brady and Kenny G with a bunch of pro's like Phil Mickelson?

The event was nice because with Bill Murray's funny hats and George Lopez's outrageous sweaters, it showed sports fans that you don't have to be serious to play golf and be good. Murray shot better than a lot of professionals.

Golf is a sport, like many others, where there are many parts of the game that you can be good at. This allows big guys that smoke and drink like John Daly to be okay because they can drive the ball. Others can be good because they have finesse in the short game and concentration while they are putting.

To be good at golf you don't have to be born in America. Vijay Singh from Fiji and South African Ernie Els do pretty well for themselves, along with many others. It is a sport where all races and nationalities can succeed.

Gender doesn't matter because there is the LPGA tour where Annika Sorenstam and Karrie Webb do well and there are women who play with the men and compete.

The major thing separating golf from some other sports is age has no meaning whatsoever. Tiger Woods will probably still be winning tournaments when he is 60. I don't think I can say that for Roger Federer, Alex Rodriguez or Shaq. Maybe Vinnie Testaverde.

Last summer I went out to golf and was paired with two gentlemen who were more than 70 years old. I think they beat me. The group behind us had three or four kids in it who couldn't have been older than eight. They might've beat me and the guys I was with.

We are seeing more and more youngsters in these big tour events every year and it's because you don't have to be old to be good.

When you are out on the golf course, the sun can be shining, the wind blowing and all your cares and worries can just go away. There is no clock in golf telling you to hurry up, so you can just take your time and let the day pass.

A golfer can hit the ball long, hit it short, or if you're like me and the people I usually golf with, you can hit it in the lake. But that's okay because I have my whole life to play this wonderful recreational sport and to learn how to make that ball stop on the ground right before the lake.

So, I suggest if you ever need a break from the things going on in your life grab some of your friends and some clubs and hit the course. You should probably wait until it's warmer because it might be hard to putt in a foot of snow.

Men's Basketball

Bishops secure third spot in NCAC tourney Tuesday

By Will Bridgeo
Staff Reporter

The men's basketball team will look to gain some momentum heading into Saturday's final regular season game at Wooster. The Bishops secured third place in the NCAC standings with an 82-70 win over Earlham Saturday and will stay there regardless of the outcome with Wooster.

"We really have nothing to lose

going into the Wooster game," said junior Brian Cafarella. "A win there would give us tremendous confidence going into the [NCAC] tournament."

Cafarella also pointed out the importance riding on the Wooster game this weekend. He said the game would be an opportunity for the team to prove they can beat the top teams in the league.

"We've proven that we can beat Wittenberg, Saturday is our

chance to prove to everyone we can beat Wooster."

In order to do so, the Bishops will have to limit Wooster's fast break points. In the last meeting between the two teams Ohio Wesleyan held the Fighting Scots, who average over 90 points per game, to 61.

The Bishops do not yet know what team they will host in the first round of the tournament. There is currently a five-way tie for fourth place in the NCAC between Allegheny, Kenyon, Wabash, Earlham and Hiram. OWU could face any one of these teams depending on the outcomes of the remainder of their seasons. The Bishops have split regular season meetings with Allegheny, Wabash and Earlham. OWU beat Hiram and Kenyon in their meetings.

Players and coaches agreed execution would be crucial to the team's success in the playoffs.

"There's a big emphasis on crisp execution in the tournament," said junior Ryan Rozak. "Since we play almost everyone twice, they know our plays and tendencies, so we need to execute perfectly to outplay them."

"We have to stay sharp mentally and be ready to execute," said junior guard Casey Teeters. "One of our biggest problems this season has been our team's ability to carry over what we do in practice to the games, if we can find a way to solve that, we'll be playing some of our best basketball come playoff time."

The team will look to maintain concentration tonight as they host Oberlin for senior night.

"It's important that we stay focused tonight against Oberlin," Teeters said. "We really want to send those guys out on a good note. They've been terrific leaders for the younger guys on the team and really deserve to end their careers on a positive."



Photo by Lynn Albers

Junior Jesse Jean goes up for a lay up Saturday against Earlham. They finished with a win, 82-70 improving their record to 9-5 in the NCAC.

Women's Basketball

Two wins and others' losses would give women home game

By Ryan Jones
Staff Reporter

With a 74-50 trouncing of Earlham on Jan. 30 the Bishops won its sixth consecutive NCAC contest and moved into a tie for second place in the league.

Since then, the Bishops have dropped three league games and fallen into a fifth place tie with Wooster.

Even with the recent slide, the Bishops (13-10, 8-6) still have an opportunity to host a NCAC quarterfinal game on Tuesday.

The top four teams in the NCAC will host opening round games, and only NCAC regular season

champ Denison has secured one. Wittenberg, Allegheny, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster all have a shot at the three remaining positions for home games.

Regardless of how they finish, the Bishops will be guaranteed one of the eight spots in the NCAC tournament.

The game against Wooster, originally scheduled for yesterday, will be played tonight.

Junior Steffi Graf said the team wants to win its last two games of the regular season.

"We want to win these last two games to give us momentum heading into the [NCAC] tournament," she said.

"However, that said, we want to focus on one game at a time, starting with playing as hard as we can on senior night against Wooster. We're going to work on bringing our game for 40 minutes."

Graf said the team has been working hard in practice to improve upon its recent breakdowns.

"We have been working on execution and taking care of the ball, along with more consistent and aggressive defense, whether we are pressing or playing half court," she said. "We've had time to look at film and fine tune some of our stuff."

Women's Basketball Standings as of Feb. 12

Team	NCAC Overall		Remaining Games
	W-L	W-L	
1. Denison	13-1	19-4	(at Oberlin, OWU)
2. Wittenberg	10-4	13-9	(KENYON, at Wooster)
3. Allegheny	10-5	16-7	(at Hiram)
4. Kenyon	9-5	12-11	(at Wittenberg, at Hiram)
5. Ohio Wesleyan	8-6	13-10	(WOOSTER, at Denison)
5. Wooster	8-6,	13-10	(at OWU, WITTENBERG)
7. Earlham	3-12	4-20	
8. Oberlin	2-12	6-17	

Sports Briefs

Women's Track

The women's track team set a school record with a 2nd place finish in the All-Ohio Division III championship meet, hosted by Otterbein College on Saturday. Freshman Claire Everhart and Sarah Shinn both contributed. Everhart won the mile run in a meet-record time of 5:14.22, while Shinn won the 800-meter run. The Bishop distance medley relay team of sophomore Catie Coleman, freshman Kara Reiter, Shinn and Everhart finished second in 12:15.57, obliterating the school record of 12:30.86 set last year. The team travels this weekend to the Hoosier Hills Invitational on Friday and the Greater Columbus meet hosted by Kenyon on Saturday.

Men's Track

The men's track team finished 6th out of 19 teams on Saturday at the All-Ohio Division III championship. Sophomore Clay Davis and junior Michael Tornifolio posted the best individual finishes to help lead the Bishops. Sophomores Ryan Ellis, Andrew Bloom, Nathan Osborn, and Preston Osborn placed 3rd in the 800-meter relay. The men's team joins the women this weekend at the Hoosier Hills Invitational and the Greater Columbus meet on Friday and Saturday.

Men's Swimming

Thursday through Saturday the men's swimming team competed in the NCAC championship. They finished seventh out of the 9 schools in the meet. The seventh place NCAC finish was the Bishops best since 2001. Freshman David Gatz set a school record and posted the best individual finishes. The team will compete in its last meet on Saturday for the Kenyon Invitational.

Women's Swimming

The women's swimming team joined the men Thursday through Saturday competing in the NCAC championship. They finished sixth out of 8 teams. Junior Katherine Donnan won All-NCAC honors. Donnan finished second in the 1-meter and also placed seventh in the 3-meter. Ohio Wesleyan diving coach Brian Book was named NCAC Women's Diving Coach of the Year after the Bishops' success from the one and three meter boards. The team competes Saturday at Kenyon.