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Take lectures anywhere

University considering making podcasts of speeches

By Lori Haught
Managing Editor

Students may soon be able to access their favorite guest lecturer's presentation through iTunes.

The Ohio Wesleyan Communications Initiative has been planning to start using podcasts, media files that are distributed by subscription (paid or unpaid) over the Internet using syndication feeds, for playback on mobile devices and personal computers, since its inception, but with the help of iTunes University, the possibility is no longer in the distant future.

"[iTunes] has approached us, but we haven't decided to do it yet," said Margaret Drugovich, vice president of strategic communications and University enrollment.

She said there are several issues that have been raised in the discussions about podcasts which need to be explored first, including possible violation of intellectual property rights.

"First we need to decide if we're going to do podcasts, then we'll decide how to distribute them," Drugovich said.

iTunes University would provide OWU with the technology to distribute the podcasts to a significant number of people at no cost to the University. In return, iTunes would enjoy an increased audience for their own services and advertisements.

Drugovich said the University has considered the issue of co-branding, i.e. associating OWU so closely with Apple.

"I'm not that concerned about that," Drugovich said. "I think we're surrounded by a world of co-branding. The public has already spoken on the issue. They are probably the premier podcast facilitators."

would also save the University money in developing the technology to distribute the podcasts.

Chris Wolverton, professor of botany and microbiology, has already used something like enhanced podcasts, or podcasts which also incorporate graphics and video, to supplement his course work. He said that while iTunes would be helpful with the distribution aspect of podcasting, it would not help overcome the largest hurdle the University would face: Putting the original podcast together.

"I knew what technology I needed to use and I was comfortable with it but it still takes time," Wolverton said. "Most faculty members won't want to do it themselves, even if they knew how."

He did suggest however, that if all a professor had to do was clip on a mic which would send the lecture to the Audio Visual Center automatically, where someone who was trained, experienced, and hired to produce podcasts mastered it, it would work out.

While he originally started pod-
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Photo by Lynne Albers

Junior Spencer Mustine receives the ashes on his forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday festivities sponsored by the Chaplain's Office.

Learn more about podcasting!
What: Lecture: Podcasting! What's the Buzz?
Who: Dr. Tim Rhodus, OSU professor
When: Today at noon
Where: Beeghly Library, AV27.

WSCA denies additional funds to help hockey club

By Matt Murphy
Correspondent

WSCA denied additional funding for the hockey team in a majority decision Monday.

According to a budget request form, the team asked for an additional \$4,757.50 to pay off existing debt. This sum included \$2,920 for unpaid ice fees, \$300 for referee fees, \$987.50 for future game fees and \$550 for two practices.

Junior William Bridgeo, president of club hockey, said the organization asked for \$20,000 at the beginning of the year, but only received \$10,500 from WCSA.

"We have to schedule our season over the summer in order to have teams to play," Bridgeo said. "We were confident that the amount we originally requested was reasonable and would be allocated to us."

In addition to the lower than expected funding from WCSA, Bridgeo said the team also inherited a \$7,000 debt due to mismanagement of funds by a previous student.

"\$7,000 of the \$10,500 originally given to us by WCSA went straight to pay off that debt," Bridgeo said. "We collect \$300 from each team member in dues which comes out to about \$5,000. Altogether we had about \$9,000 when it costs \$20,000 to run the team."

"We were really lucky to have some generous donations from parents and others to pay for most of that," he said.

Senior Jason Ramsey, WCSA treasurer, said one of the problems with this request is WCSA's rule against funding the same event twice.

"In spring funding last year, the club hockey team specifically

asked for funding for practices and games for the fall and spring semesters of this academic year," Ramsey said. "Thus, WCSA has already funded the games and practices the club hockey team wanted us to fund on Monday."

Ramsey said there was a problem with the timing of the request.

"The hockey request wanted WCSA to fund two practices that took place in January," he said. "Under our budgetary guidelines we do not allocate money for events that have already happened."

Junior Nazneen Lilauwala, Stuyvesant GeoRep, said she felt strongly about granting the additional funding.

"As a member of the OWU community I feel that we should try and encourage as much par-

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Alumnus, other experts to talk on state of economic affairs

By Maygen Hall
Staff Reporter

The economics department, in conjunction with the Woltemade Center, is hosting its fourth annual Economics Outlook Conference this Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Chappellear Drama Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The featured speakers include Phillip Voelker, chief investment officer of Advanced Asset Management Advisors, Inc., Mark

Sniderman, senior vice president and director of research for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and Andrew Busch, Global Foreign Exchange Strategist and director of BMO Capital Markets.

Economics Professor Robert J. Gitter said the event has drawn audiences of 200 students and faculty in the past. He said Busch is an alumnus of OWU and that Sniderman has spoken at the Economic Outlook Conference twice before.

"[The speakers] will be speak-

ing about [our] future economic outlook and explaining why it will be as such," Gitter said.

Particio Plazolles, the Program Officer of the Woltemade Center, said he hopes students realize how great of an opportunity they have. He also said that they are expecting between 300 and 500 people this year.

"[We] have the very fortunate privilege to have an opportunity to bring top notch people to cam-

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By Phil Salisbury
Editor-in-Chief

Every school must be accredited, and Ohio Wesleyan's time to be reaccredited is coming soon.

The accreditation cycle is 10 years long, culminating in a team of peer reviewers visiting an institution. Physics professor Barbara Andereck, who is also the associate dean for assessment and accreditation, said the last peer visit was in March 1999, so the University is gearing up for another visit during the '08-'09 academic year.

The board in charge of the accreditation is a subset of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which oversees high

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-Barbara Andereck

schools, universities, and colleges ranging from Arizona to Virginia to Minnesota.

"There will be four people who visit the campus," Andereck said. "They'll visit for three days. They'll meet with people and ask about campus. They may just stop people randomly."

The Steering Committee is the faculty group responsible for organizing information for the report that will be submitted to the peer review group.

In addition to faculty members, one alumnus and a current student, sophomore Tricia DiFranco, are on the committee.

"I am really excited to be on the committee because accreditation only happens once every ten years or so," DiFranco said. "[The years] we are here is such a small

part of the whole process. What we are doing will affect future students years after we're gone."

Andereck also said it takes a long time for a school to get in serious trouble with accreditation.

"It wouldn't be like a team comes in and next month there's no more school," Andereck said. "We won't be in that situation anyways. There can be areas where the teams say we need to progress before the [next] 10 years are up."

According to the NCACS website, the accreditation is based on five criteria: Mission and Thought; Preparing for the Future; Student Learning and Effective Teaching; and Engagement and Service.

"It is the overall picture of the institution," Andereck said. "Teaching, learning, and research opportunities are the fundamental ideals, but it's not just what takes place in the classroom. Are we doing what we claim in our mission statement?"

"We want to be honest in what we claim. Whether it's financial resources, library resources, we have to demonstrate we are providing these resources."

DiFranco said she enjoys being the student perspective.

"The first meeting was a little intimidating because there I was, a second year student surrounded by trustees and senior faculty members and many other extremely important people to this school," DiFranco said. "I am interested to see how the whole process works and how I can help with it."

Andereck said that the reviewers will leave comments about their visit.

"What they are supposed to do is give us a summary of what they view are our strengths, and areas of concern," she said. "These con-

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cerns will have to be addressed. They may also provide suggestions, which we don't have to address."

Andereck said approximately 70 percent of schools need to provide follow-up information to the council.

"Sometimes that simply means sending a report in two years," Andereck said. "If it's something serious, they may bring ask to bring another team. It wouldn't jeopardize accreditation, but would be something we needed to

address."

DiFranco said right now this commitment doesn't interfere with her classes.

"It's not too much work, especially because the whole committee meets about once a year," she said. "The other way of participating I have is through blackboard. Right now, we are going through the concerns the committee came up with last time they were accredited and discussing ways they have been met or can be met."

Outlook

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pus to talk about their professional perspectives on the economic challenges the nation faces now and in the future," he said.

According to Plazolles, the conference has previously attracted people from the Delaware community as well as professional bankers and economists.

"Most importantly, the event [will include] a representation of the current economic realities and challenges the nation faces from an economic point of view," he said.

Podcast

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casting 10-minute mini lectures because he had to be off campus for jury duty two straight weeks, Wolverton said he envisions using podcasts to record some of his more complicated lectures.

Drugovich said that for now, the University will be focused on high profile events and speakers that don't lend themselves to web-casting, which OWU already employs. Individual classroom use is a long way down the road.

iTunes offer is not open-ended and Drugovich said the University hopes to make a decision soon.

Hockey

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ticipation in school activities as possible," Lilauwala said. "After reviewing the budget request, it was clear if we did not fund them they would be very heavily in debt, and would not be able to continue their club."

Bridgeo said he was disappointed in the decision.

"We understand WCSA's position on the matter, and realize they don't want to go against their rules and policies, but at the same time thought they may consider this a special circumstance," Bridgeo said. "We thought they would show a little more compassion towards our situation."

Although Lilauwala supported the additional funding, she said she understood the budget committee's stance.

"This is a sensitive issue, and I felt the budget committee held

strong to the rules, which is exactly what we expect of them," Lilauwala said.

Rory McHale, WCSA sophomore class representative, said to put a technicality in the budget guidelines over a popular club team was a mistake.

"The club hockey team is a well known group around campus that elicits support from fans, and their games give OWU students another option for a social activity," McHale said. "Not funding the hockey team doesn't mean they won't be able to have a specific event, it means the club will go under financially, and be unable to continue as a group."

"The WCSA's current budget suggests a sizable surplus at the end of the year," he said. "The money to have funded the team exists."

Weather for the week

Forecast Conditions	High/Low °F	Precip. Chance
Thu Feb 22 Scattered Flurries / Wind	37°/21°	20%
Fri Feb 23 Partly Cloudy	34°/18°	10%
Sat Feb 24 Mostly Cloudy	39°/31°	10%
Sun Feb 25 Showers	46°/32°	40%
Mon Feb 26 Rain / Snow Showers	37°/28°	30%
Tue Feb 27 Few Snow Showers	34°/21°	30%

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News Briefs

Mission team to hold cultural event

The Appalachia Service Project Spring Break Mission Team is hosting a night of Appalachian culture and folklore, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. tonight in the Bayley Room. This is a great opportunity to support the Spring Break Mission Teams simply by enjoying some conversation and media.

WCSA holding contest to name student center

WCSA is holding a contest for the naming of the new student center. Entries are due tomorrow

Trustee run-off to end today

The Graduating Class Trustee run-off election between seniors Marie Rymut and Bobby Haddad ends tonight. Seniors can vote by accessing the ballot on the J/CX system.

Plunge rescheduled

Special Olympics Ohio has rescheduled the Polar Bear Plunge to Saturday, March 3 at the same times and location.

They are also having a pre-registration night at Amanos Restaurant located behind the Worthington Square Mall on Friday, March 2 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Honorary degree nominations due Wednesday

The nominations for giving an honorary degree are due Wednesday.

SUBA hosting raffle

The Student Union on Black Awareness is holding a 50/50 raffle. SUBA will sell tickets until the end of the month. Representatives will be selling tickets in Ham-Will at lunch. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.



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Past, present Buckeyes to discuss about their faith

By Cliff Williams
Correspondent

Past and present Ohio State University (OSU) football players will be coming to OWU on Monday, in conjunction with Campus Crusade for Christ, to discuss their faith and how it has affected their lives. The event is free and open to the public.

Those coming include 2002 National Champion quarterback Craig Krenzler, former linebacker Anthony Schlegel, and current defensemen Joel Penton and Vernon Gholston. They will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. in Branch Ricky Arena, specifically highlighting the ways their Christian faith has impacted them on and off the field.

According to several group members, Campus Crusade has wanted to hold an outreach program for the students of Ohio

Wesleyan and the city of Delaware for awhile. The members felt that, after seeing the players speak at OSU in an event called "The Main Event", they would work for the OWU outreach program.

Sophomore Kyle Holliday, a student athlete and active member of Campus Crusade, attended the event at St. John Arena on OSU's campus.

"I went to the main event at Ohio State and it was good to see athletes that people can look up to proudly, stating that they are Christian," Holliday said.

Junior Justin Payne, another member of Campus Crusade, said this will be a good thing for Christians at both OWU and the city of Delaware.

"People listen to athletes because they are put on a platform," he said. "People will listen to these athletes more because of

who they are and what they have done on the field."

Payne said he thinks the past and present Ohio State football players will portray a clear message of the gospel.

Holliday said this is a great thing for people to see someone they can relate to as a student athlete coming out and saying they are a Christian.

The event at St. Johns Arena occurs annually and sometimes draws as many as 12,000 people.

Both Holliday and Payne said they predict a good turn out. Payne said he expects several hundred people will show up to hear the athletes' message.

"We felt that this would be a great way to give people who didn't have a chance to see the Buckeyes at St. Johns Arena to come and see them here," Payne said.

Black Resource Center in middle of fix up

By Maygen Hall
Staff Reporter

Are you curious about the progress of the Willa B. Player Black Resource Center?

As of Tuesday the Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA), in conjunction with the Dean of Students and Office of Minority Student Affairs, have been working toward getting new equipment for the Cave.

"There was a meeting scheduled for last week in regards to the Cave renovations, but due to the severe weather it has to be rescheduled," said sophomore Stan Osei-Bonsu, vice president of SUBA.

Freshman Farooq Basuri, a member of SUBA, explained the reason for the renovations. He said the Cave has not been given any new equipment or had updated services in more than a decade.

"The Cave has been missing many critical amenities needed for it to be a productive student resource center and we plan to fix all of those problems," he said.

According to a letter sent to Ohio Wesleyan President Mark Huddleston by Dean of Students John Delaney, dean of students, the cave is in need of equipment such as workable computers, heating and air conditioning systems, and new windows.

"The cave is a very important asset to the campus community and is used on a daily basis," said Darryl Peal, director of Minority Student Affairs. "In order for it to be useful, things must be updated."

Senior Thomas Gunn said he was glad action is finally being taken towards improving the center.

"I have been using the Cave since my freshman year and it means a lot to me," he said. "I hope that I get to see the new cave improvements before I graduate because they are extremely needed."

According to Peal, the completion date of the project will be agreed upon after the Cave has undergone a full assessment and important planning meetings have taken place.

Radio hosts survive bumps in the road

By Robert Misner
Correspondent

In the cramped broadcasting room of WSLN, any student can speak his or her mind on virtually any topic to strangers who are miles away.

Junior McCarton Ackerman is one of the DJs broadcasting his creativity on the airwaves this semester. He hosts *Brutally Honest*, a show that combines music with talk radio.

Ackerman's first day on the job did not go according to plan. He said he was ready to do his show, but he could not get his burnt compact disks to work. When he called the station manager to figure out the problem, she informed him that their conversation was live on the air.

The embarrassment did not stop Ackerman, and on February 11 *Brutally Honest* aired in its entirety. Jim Underwood, an Ohio Wesleyan journalism professor, was a guest on the program.

"[Underwood] is entertaining and I knew he wasn't going to pull any punches," said Ackerman.

Ackerman said although he wants to push his guest's boundaries, he does not want to make them mad. Before the show airs, he asks his guests what subjects they would and would not like to talk about on the air.

"I try to be edgy and get something out [of my guest]," said Ackerman. "But at the same time I am going to be respectful to the people I have on the air."

Although it is Ackerman's first time hosting a radio show, it is not the first time he has performed in front of a live audience. He said he has performed stand up comedy before, which improved his delivery and helped him understand the dynamics of an audience.

Ackerman said he hopes that he grabs people's attention through quirky and bizarre events on his program. He said one of the problems with the standard college radio show is that the hosts do not advertise their programs effectively.

"I want to be edgy without pushing people away," he said.

Ackerman said he hopes next week's show, which features a game show entitled "Townie Jeopardy," will get people's attention. He said the 45-minute segment will feature contestants from Delaware who will answer "redneck"-themed questions.

Of all the lessons Ackerman learned from his brief stint as a WSLN disc jockey, one stands above the rest.

"The most important thing I have learned is to turn the mic off," he said.

Senior John Hollis, who hosts *The Flower Hour* with senior Jameson Pyle, also had difficulties when their program first aired.

"[During the] first show we went in [the studio] and were tense and not funny," Hollis said. "Then we realized [...] the only people listening are our parents or our friends, so we decided to be hysterical, play what we want, and have a good time."

Hollis said *The Flower Hour* is not as structured as *Brutally Honest*.

"We plan the show the moment we step in the booth," he said.

According to Hollis, *The Flower Hour* first aired in the fall of 2005. He said the show went on a yearlong hiatus that began in the spring of 2006 when Pyle went on a study abroad program to Australia.

Hollis said when Pyle and he received a campus-wide e-mail calling for disc jockeys for the spring 2007 semester they decided they must do it because of the fun they had in 2005.

Hollis said over time Pyle and he developed their own air personas into alter egos. He said the characters they play are self-important and arrogant men who think they know everything about music.

"Once we put on a false pretension, it made it easier [to talk on-air]," Hollis said.

Hollis and Pyle's alter egos extend to the web. *The Flower Hour's* Facebook group discussion board includes topics like "Sorry groupies, we are taken!", "why are we so good?", and "How can I listen to the best show ever?"

Hollis said in addition to comedy, Pyle and he play a variety of music ranging from acid polka to psychedelic.

He said his influences are classic rock, jam rock, fusion rock and anything else he can groove to.

The Flower Hour airs on WSLN every Tuesday from 8:10 p.m. until 10 p.m. *Brutally Honest* airs every Sunday from 10 p.m. until 12 a.m. Both are also broadcast on the WSLN website, wsln.owu.edu.

Learning how to eat properly



Photos by Phil Salisbury

Top: Senior Amrit Chiluwal, left sophomore Rajeev Amatya learn the finer points of eating properly at the etiquette dinner hosted by Chartwells last night in the Benes Room.

Bottom: Patricio Plazolles, program director of the Woltemade center, left, and junior Nisha Parikh also enjoy the dinner.



Renovated center to open up Monday

By Ryan Armstrong
Correspondent

The Hallenbeck Biehl Honors Center is now open to honors students so they can meet and plan events for the Ohio Wesleyan Community.

The Honors Center is tribute to professors Jan T. Hallenbeck and James W. Biehl who started the honors program in 1984. It's located in the renovated Stewart Annex building (70 South Sandusky Street). The center includes a seminar classroom for honors courses and a study area.

"The honors center is a place for students to get together with one another, another place honors and non-honors students can come see what the honors program is all about, study, or plan honors events," said Jed Burt, professor of zoology.

Burt and professor of education Amy McClure are the two co-directors of the honors program. Burt and McClure give thanks to alumni Paul and Cleo Schimmel for their generosity which made this project possible.

"We are trying to improve the image of the University because it will benefit the future graduating class whose families, friends, and employers will know of an esteemed Ohio Wesleyan community," said Burt.

"The center is for student cam-

pus groups rather than primarily for the faculty," said Burt. One particular group is the Honors Board, which plans events to raise awareness about the program.

It will be nice to finally have a central location where the Honors Board and students can meet," said Junior Caitlyn Nestleroth, a member of the Honors Board.

Nestleroth helps the Honors Board make arrangements for and promote events and looks at its costs.

"I am deeply involved in the planning and improvement the Honors Board seeks for the program," Senior Sarah Kovit said. "It's a relief that we finally have a place to plan without intruding on the space of others."

"This honors center is another way the university can keep a positive social and cultural community unified," Nestleroth said.

The center will welcome anyone affiliated with the University in a positive manner, not excluding anyone on campus.

The Honors program website is now being revamped by Burt and will soon announce the opening of the center. Dates for spring semester events should be on the site by early March.

"Ultimately, the honors program hopes to add another place for students to meet in the honors dorm once it's renovated," said Burt.



Photo by Emily Bigelow



Photo by Lynne Albers

The new honors center is set to open its doors Monday. Left: The center is located in the OWU Annex on Sandusky Street, across to from Corns. Top: The lobby as you enter the center.

Investing club in the stocks

Team wait to see how their portfolio fares in competition

By Mike Browning
Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan's student investment club is trying to build on its mediocre earnings of last year. The club invests thousands of the University's real dollars into the stock market to earn money for the school, and compete against local colleges.

Is it worth it to sell all shares in Microsoft and keep Apple? Or will it pay off to ride out Microsoft's recent decline in price in hopes of it returning to Wall Street prominence? These are just some of the issues discussed in the recent meeting of the investment club.

According to the club's website, it was started in 1998 by a \$50,000 grant from Denison University alumnus Jim Oelschlagler. Students compete in an annual intercollegiate competition between schools that also received donations, including Denison, Case Western Reserve, Wooster, and Mount Union.

According to club faculty advisor, Barbara McLeod, associate professor of economics management, the money was donated for the purpose of students investing and managing real money.

"The money earned at the end

of the competition is invested back into the club's portfolio, while 5 percent of the market value is donated to the University."

The club consists of about 20 students, with new members joining each time it meets. All are welcome to attend, regardless of their major or trading experience.

"I want to learn to invest my own money," said junior Corey Fuller. "It will require skills that I learn in this club."

During meetings, it is stressed that to make intelligent decisions in buying and selling shares, all aspects of each company and its future must be considered. Issues discussed range from working conditions of employees and upcoming releases of new products to administrative procedures.

Members also work together to report information they have gathered while studying individual stocks in OWU's portfolio. New, promising companies uncovered during research are also analyzed and discussed as prospects.

McLeod guides students during these open discussions, while introducing new terms and ideas such as being as objective as possible while reporting your stock to the club. She stresses that issues within the company should be

investigated, such as unreported stock options, which can hurt a stock's value.

Although McLeod admits that if you understand economics you have a better chance of knowing which stocks will succeed, members with little or no experience in trading or economics are just as motivated to learn to make money.

"I've read that people who start investing at 20 years old have on average significantly more retirement money than those who begin later, or not at all," freshman Jason Walsh said.

According to McLeod, the club has several alumni who are now working in the investment field and others who have earned, or are working on their Chartered Financial Analyst designation. According to the CFA institute Web site, the CFA charter is the designation of professional excellence within the global investment community.

The club finds out how well their portfolios stacked up to the competition at the end of February. Members of the club will also attend a conference in Dayton at the end of March in which the top investment gurus in the country will speak.

"Big George" turns 10



Photo by Emily Bigelow

A student looks at a scan from the electron microscope, nicknamed "Big George," in the Science Center. Big George has been used by students and professors for 10 years.

Pre-Veterinary club will provide forum

By Mike Browning
Correspondent

Junior Tov Nordbo is taking steps to create a club for pre-professional zoology majors looking to enter the veterinary field. He said the pre-vet club will provide them with information and opportunities needed to further their studies and find work in the veterinary field.

"The club will be a center of intelligence more than anything," he said.

According to the OWU course catalog, students must major in pre-professional zoology and other select classes to supplement a pre-veterinary, pre-medical, or pre-dental major.

According to Nordbo, because there is no official pre-vet major at OWU, many students interested in the veterinary field have little knowledge about what courses are necessary to qualify for a career or what schools offer qualified, competitive graduate-level programs.

Zoology professor Raymond Carreno, the club's faculty advisor, said there is no uniform admission system for pre-vet schools.

This means the standards and prerequisites can be unclear.

"The club will be an organized network for pre-vet students," he said.

Those who were once unasso-

ciated with similar clubs, through which students interact with animals by volunteering for organizations such as the humane society, like Pet Pals, will be united and more focused.

According to Carreno, there are more opportunities at schools with official pre-vet programs such as Ohio State, but the OWU club will be able to bring in people from these schools to speak about graduate school requirements, career opportunities and "what the life of a pre-vet student should be about."

Associate professor of zoology Danielle Hamill believes the pre-vet club will aid students much like OWU's pre-med club does.

"Pre-med students are able to let each other know which classes best prepared them for the MCATS," she said. "It makes it easier for students to know they are on track."

Although the club has not had its first meeting, and Carreno has not met with anyone other than Nordbo, he has high hopes for its success.

"I thought [the idea] sounded good," he said, "The students involved have great ambitions."

Carreno earned his PhD in veterinary school but is not a veterinarian. He said he is confident the club can yield great opportunities but its survival will rely on the collective motivation of its participants.

Students to bring back PRIDE

By Myra Blackburn
Staff Reporter

People Regarding Individual Diversity Everywhere (PRIDE) is planning a come-back after being inactive last semester.

PRIDE is known for its mission to inform Ohio Wesleyan students about gay rights as well as equal rights for everyone.

"The purpose of the group is to raise awareness about gay rights," senior Megan Lay said. "We are trying to promote equal rights for all people, including women's rights. The group tends to be centered on gay rights, but it's broader than that."

Lay said the group was not active last semester because Josh Curry who was supposed to be the President for PRIDE became a Resident Assistant (RA), and it was difficult to find a replacement.

Lay said although they haven't had meetings yet, the group is trying to establish a PRIDE week in conjunction with The National Day of Silence.

The National Day of Silence is a day where volunteers do not speak to recognize those victimized by hate crimes.

"The biggest issue is gay mar-

riage because of the recent legislation," Lay said. "[Other issues] are AIDS and hate crimes. We want to inform others that these issues aren't necessarily gay issues, but national issues. We need to work to prevent these [issues], and raise awareness about those who are affected by AIDS."

Sophomore Samantha Ryland said during the National day of Silence, PRIDE usually makes cards and t-shirts. PRIDE also plans to acknowledge National Coming Out Day, which takes place every June.

Lay said in the past, PRIDE has worked with Delaware Hayes High School. Lay and Ryland said they have also put on programs such as gallery hops, movies, drag shows and dances such as the Glitter ball, and panels of faculty members who are homosexual or transgender.

"People think it's a gay club," Lay said. "It's really a gay-straight alliance where different people from all over can come together for equal rights."

Ryland said everyone is encouraged to join the PRIDE group.

"No one is asked about their sexual orientation and we don't make assumptions about anyone," Ryland said.

Ryland said PRIDE wants to demonstrate to the OWU community that everyone is different.

"Everyone is different and we want to make sure that individual rights are recognized," Lay said. "Each individual has contributions to society and when they aren't recognized then it tends to be ignored."

Lay said three years ago, PRIDE collaborated with the Women's House to march for women's reproductive rights in Washington D.C.

"We try to do a lot of events and get ourselves out there for the community as a whole," Lay said. "Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA) does a lot; we hope to also work with them and raise awareness for minority rights."

Lay said PRIDE usually holds biannual bake sales and condom programs to promote safe sex and STD prevention in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center (Ham-Will) during PRIDE week.

"We are planning on doing flyers and events out on the Jay Walk at noon," Lay said. "Anyone interested in promoting equal rights is more than welcome."

Lay said PRIDE meetings will be held in Smith Residential Hall at 9 p.m. every Tuesday.

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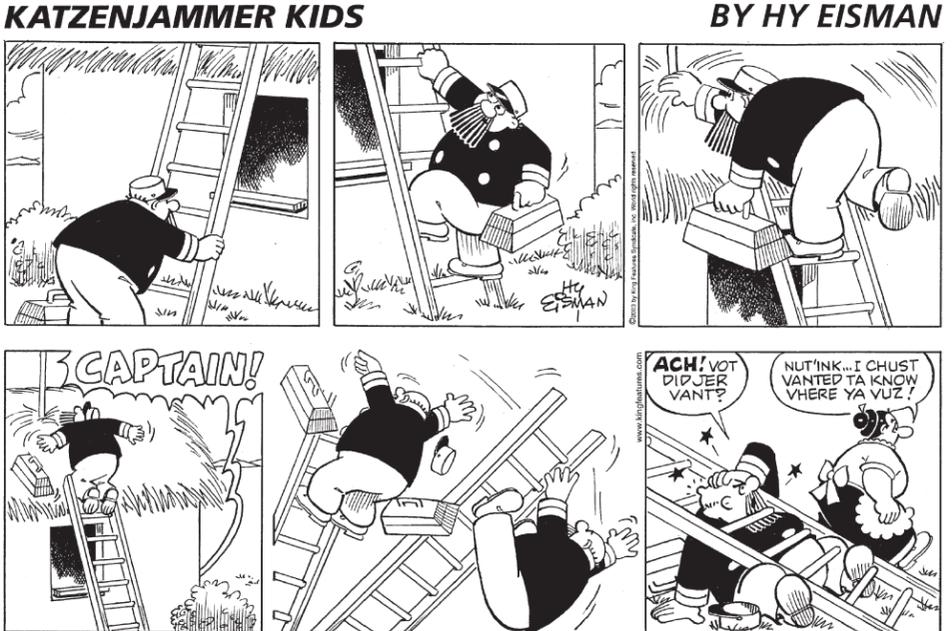
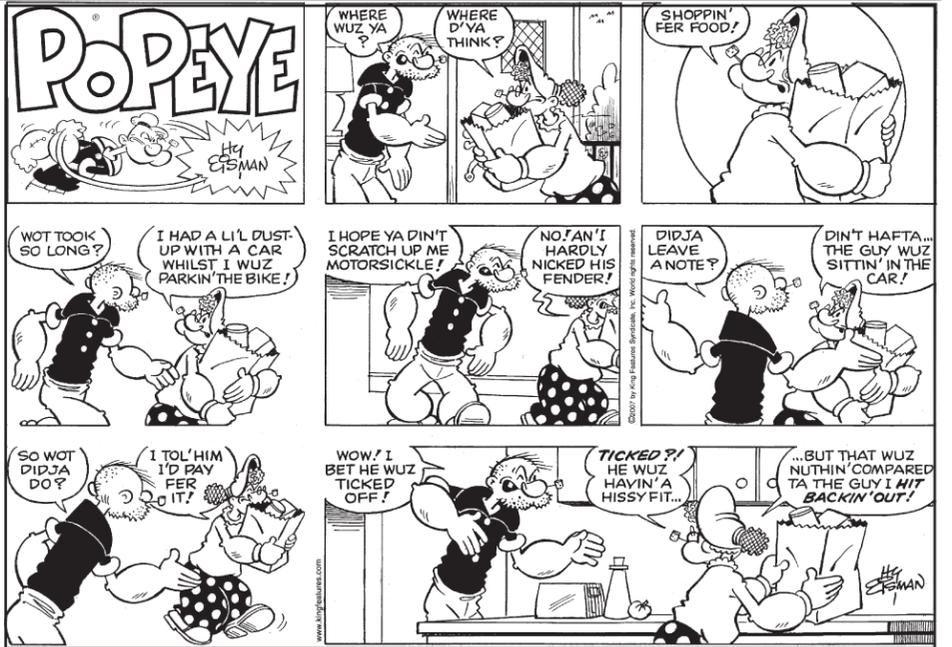
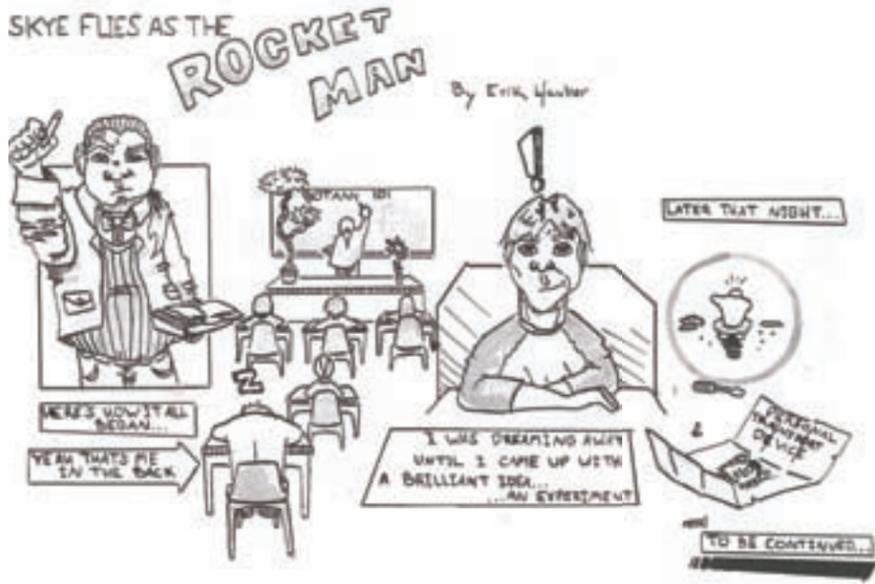
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Rafiki Wa Afrika to celebrate cultures

By **McCarton Ackerman**
Staff Reporter

This Saturday Ohio Wesleyan will be treated to guest speakers, a fashion show, and live dancing. Rafiki Wa Afrika is hosting the Caribe-Afrika Festival in the Benes Room at 7:30 PM.

"We really wanted to showcase the beauty of our culture," said Nick Oteng, vice-president of Rafiki Wa Afrika. "We also wanted to show the similarities between African, African-American, and Caribbean cultures and show that we are all one root."

Although the Caribe-Afrika Festival is an annual tradition for the group, Oteng said the festival will be moving in a different di-

rection from previous years.

"In the past, it's been more focused on entertaining people," he said. "This year, it's more about educating."

Oteng said some of the topics will include refugees in Somalia and the education of students in Ghana. The festival will include a speaker from Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) speaking on Somalian refugees living in central Ohio. A member of Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND) will also speak on the Darfur crisis in Sudan.

While a main goal of the festival is to educate the community on African, African-American, and Caribbean cultural issues, Oteng said those attending could

expect to be entertained as well.

"There will be a dance performance by Ohio Wesleyan students as well as a fashion show," said Oteng. Participants in the fashion show will be wearing contemporary African clothing.

The proceeds from the luncheon will go directly to the Ghanaian Students Education Fund. Although the luncheon is free, Oteng said he hopes the community will utilize some of the ways they can contribute.

"We will be auctioning off CD's of the show and CD's of the minifest," said Oteng. "People can also make direct donations. The Rafiki Wa Afrika minifest took place last semester and featured musical and dance performances by stu-

dent and local acts, speakers on the Darfur Crisis, and a dinner of traditional African dishes.

Junior David Gay said he was looking forward to attending the festival.

"I want to be enlightened on culture and cultural issues, but also get a better sense of what their organization does," he said, adding that he was looking forward to seeing the dance performances.

Rafiki Wa Afrika is the African and Caribbean organization on campus. According to Oteng, it's purpose is to promote the cultures and current issues of Africa and the Diaspora, as well as provide an outlet for students to showcase their cultural talents.

Arts Briefs

Artists to speak on her family themed exhibit

Today, Columbus ceramicist Mars Wunderlich will speak about her exhibit currently on display in the Ross Art Museum, "Family Time", a collection showing Wunderlich's outlook on being a wife, mother and artist, at 4 p.m. in room 121 in Edgar Hall. There will be a reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Ross Art Museum. Wunderlich's work, along with that of sculptor David Hayes, will be on display until Sunday, April 8.

Poet Laureate to come OWU

Tomorrow, 2004-2006 Poet Laureate Ted Kooser will host a book signing and poetry reading in Gray Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Orchesis to dance to a community beat

Tomorrow and continuing through Saturday, students accompanied by children from the Columbus Dance Theatre will present the annual dance concert, Orchesis. The eight choreographed dances are centered on community service initiatives on campus, including STAND and Habitat for Humanity. Both performances will be held in Chappellear Drama Center. Tomorrow's performance will begin at 8 p.m. and at 8 p.m. on Saturday. General Admission is \$7 with discounts for students and senior citizens.

OWtsiders to audition new voices

Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Peale Chapel on the third floor of Ham-Wil, the OWtsiders, a co-ed a cappella group will begin their auditions for new tenor and bass singers. The auditions will continue Monday, February 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, February 28 from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mission team to discuss travels on Tuesday

Tuesday, February 27 the Ghana mission team will discuss their experiences from their trip to Africa. The presentation will include visuals, music, and dancing. The event will be held in the Benes Rooms.

'Rider' gives comic decent makeover

By **Hassan Nasir**
Film Columnist

Comic book games and movies can be very difficult to make, simply because it's hard to capture the same magic and vigor that makes the stories work so well on the printed page.

What's even more difficult is to portray anti-heroes and their complexities in a movie. Mark Steven Johnson has tried to do just that in his movie, *Ghost Rider*.

Originally based on a comic book, the movie tries to deal with a misunderstood hero. In *Ghost Rider*, Johnny Blaze (Nicholas Cage) sells his soul to the devil (Peter Fonda) in order to cure his

father who is suffering from cancer. The devil honors the deal, but the father dies in a motorcycle accident a couple of days later.

However, Johnny still owes the devil, and to pay off his debt the devil gives him a job to do. Johnny's task is to track down and kill demons. His girlfriend's life is now also in danger and when she is hurt, Blaze is transformed, gaining raging superpowers.

In terms of Marvel comic book roots, *Ghost Rider* does a good job staying true to the classic Johnny Blaze character.

Just about everything in the book is brought into the movie, and the effects are good too. Motorcycles riding up the sides of buildings and transformations



Photo from <http://movies.yahoo.com>

The Ghost Rider, played by Nicolas Cage, flames on his motorcycle.

back and forth from the *Ghost Rider* look really impressive.

The problem is that the skull lacks any facial features so it's hard to read any emotions from it. There are some slight problems with the story. Little things

here and there that aren't a big deal but are distracting.

The *Ghost Rider* shows up to fight demons and they just attack him. Usually they introduce themselves before they try and kill the good guy. That is not the case in this movie. Another problem is

that Johnny has no emotions at all. When an important character is killed, he doesn't seem to care much.

Aside from the cardboard villains, *Ghost Rider* is a good popcorn movie and worth seeing.

Oscar parties

The Strand, Chappellear to host viewings

By **Julia Smith**
A&E Editor

This weekend some students on campus will be writing acceptance speeches and picking out formal gowns.

The 79th Annual Academy Awards is Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles and although most students won't be able to attend, many will be watching. Both *The Strand* and *Theta Alpha Phi Theater Honorary Society* will be

hosting viewings of the show.

Kara McVay, general manager at *The Strand*, is excited for Sunday and all the activities the theater will be offering. The awards will be shown beginning at 8 p.m. and admission is free. The show will be projected in the balcony screening room that seats around 200 people. *The Strand* has also organized a deal with Marco's Pizza offering discounts for pizzas ordered and delivered to *The Strand's* viewing party. The concession stand will also be open.

McVay said this is the second year *The Strand* has held this event and she has her own portions of the show she looks forward to.

"I personally like to make fun of what people are wearing," she said. "It [the party] should be fun because I love Ellen Degeneres and it's a real relaxed atmosphere."

McVay said this year she is hoping for a small movie to take a big win.

"I'm rooting for an upset. I'm watching for 'Little Miss Sunshine' to win."

'Little Miss Sunshine' is nominated for best picture along with 'Babel', 'The Departed', 'Letters

from Iwo Jima' and 'The Queen'.

Senior Emily Foster, theater major, said she plans on attending the viewing in the Chappellear Drama Center hosted by *Theta Alpha Phi*. The event is catered and encourages part goers to dress formally.

Foster said she is very excited to watch the awards and dress up. She also said although the awards may be political, she feels it's a good way to honor actors.

"I think it's a great evening of entertainment," Foster said. "I love to see what everyone's wearing and the hosts are usually great. I can't wait to watch Ellen - she's hilarious!"

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Alumni produce indie film to be shown at The Strand

By Robert Misener
Correspondent

On April 5, two former students will screen their award winning independent movie, *Alleyball*, at The Strand.

According to its website, *Alleyball* is a comedy about a group of Chicago men who are at a period in life where they realize they must face reality, and become responsible adults.

"Midwestern people have a different coming of age, and sometimes not as driven as young adults in [other regions]," said Dan Consiglio ('92), co-writer, producer, and director of *Alleyball*.

Consiglio, a resident of Chicago, said he has directed low budget commercials, but *Alleyball* is the longest film he has directed.

"When you do your own film, you're [working on] everything," Consiglio said.

Consiglio said they created a fundraising package, where peo-

ple bought shares of the film, to fund *Alleyball*.

"I hope [*Alleyball* becomes] the next *Blair Witch Project*, and goes to Sundance," Consiglio said.

The *Blair Witch Project* is an independent movie that made millions of dollars in theaters despite its small production budget.

Despite his high hopes, Consiglio said he is realistic, and believes that getting *Alleyball* on home video would more likely occur.

Consiglio said he graduated from OWU in 1992, majoring in advertising and public relations, a major he said he designed himself.

During his stint at OWU, he said he participated in soccer, was a member SAE fraternity, and wrote for the Transcript.

Consiglio is creative director at Cramer-Krasselt, an advertising agency.

Consiglio co-wrote *Alleyball* with friend Johnny Ray Meeks

('94), who also stars in the film. Meeks lives in Los Angeles.

Bonnie Gardner, chairperson and professor of theatre and dance, said she taught Meeks in playwriting and American drama, advised his senior project and directed him in the play "Alison's House."

"Johnny was laid back, very intelligent, and had a great sense of humor," Gardner said.

According to Gardner, Meeks co-founded the Babbling Bishops, OWU's improv comedy troupe.

Meeks acts alongside television veterans Larry Joe Campbell and Michael Key. Campbell and Key have appeared on the television shows *According to Jim* and *Mad T.V.* respectively.

Alleyball won best feature and audience choice award, at SoCal Film Festival, in California, 2006.

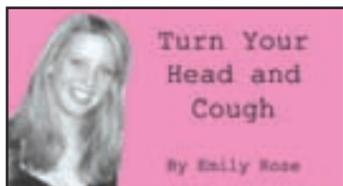
Trailers and additional information about the movie are available at its official website alleyballthemovie.com.



Courtesy of the Franklin Park Conservatory

Beginning Saturday, March 17 the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus will host its 13th annual Blooms and Butterfly exhibition at the Butterfly Discovery Center ending Monday, Sept. 3. The interactive tour is both educational and fun and features over 100 butterfly species shipped from all over the world including Kenya, Costa Rica, and Japan. For more information visit the conservatory website at www.fpconservatory.org.

The student's complete guide to scoring



Every weekend here at Ohio Wesleyan, the goal of many members of the student body is to have as much fun as possible. For some, this entails consuming mass quantities of alcohol, and swapping bodily fluids with relative strangers.

The college party scene, contrary to what National Lampoon movies may tell you, can be easier to navigate than originally thought. In fact, amid the controlled substances and debauchery that pervades nearly every col-

lege campus, landing a bedmate is relatively simple.

As a result, I have created a series of tips to make sure the job is almost done for you.

For the ladies:

Proper attire: Dress for the weather. The climate this time of year is frigid at best, so thin, black spandex leggings should suffice. Don't forget your Ugg boots and NorthFace fleece!

Pre-Game: I don't think I need to remind anyone that you're the definition of sexy – and nothing can display this sexiness quite like the Internet.

It almost goes without saying that all of your Facebook friends will love pictures of you acting like a cheap, drunk mess. Maybe

you'll get invited to formal!

Party Tricks: Everyone loves magic, and nothing is more magical to a man than the image of two women engaged in harmonious, sweet lip locking. Be a magician.

Remember, it doesn't make you homosexual or even bisexual; it just makes you hot and adventurous. Extra points if you invite your roommate in for a triple kiss! Later on, inexplicably begin sobbing uncontrollably.

Post-Game: After your sexy romp with the classy gentlemen of your choice (See? Told you the triple kiss would work) walk home in the morning. Make sure your mascara is smeared, and you've lost your purse. Cry again.

Suggested: dignity

For the guys:

Proper Attire: The only thing you really need for this one is a blue button-down shirt with the cuffs rolled up, and a backwards white baseball cap. Ta-da! Instant sex appeal.

Pre-Game: Mix 1 part fake ID, 1 part UDF and 2 parts Keystone Ice. Add fraternity brothers and stir.

Party Tricks: As Lord of the Dance, your tantalizing moves and fancy feet are irresistible to any young vixen.

The lady you choose will be so swept away by the strobe lights and thumping Fergie track that she'll hardly notice the raging hard-on you're pressing against her in time to the bass. Except she will notice it, but instead of acting disgusted

she'll go take vodka shots with you in your room. Score!

Post-Game: As the dawn creeps into the room, rub your crusty, sleep-filled eyes, roll over and notice the young lady next to you, who happens to be nameless. Address her as "baby," promise to call and make her leave through the window (this is especially funny if you live in a second story or higher).

Later on, text your girlfriend from home, tell her you love her and call her "schmoopy" or "cuddles" or something equally as pukey and revolting.

Remember, you are untouchable. You are a God among men. She will never know the difference.

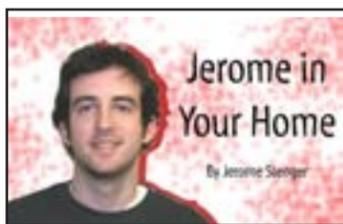
Suggested: condoms



Courtesy of University Communications

Sculpture David Hayes, who currently has his exhibit "Drawings, Maquettes, and Small Sculptures" on display in the Ross Art Museum will be showing through Sunday, April 8. Hayes uses attention grabbing colors and geometric shapes to express images he sees daily. Tuesday, March 6 Hayes will speak about his art at 4 p.m. in Edgar Hall room 121 followed by a reception in the Ross Art Museum.

Thug group overtaking OWU



Let me warn you of a group that stalks the grounds of Ohio Wesleyan. They often talk on cell phones, and wear awkward footwear. Their laughs are shrill like hyenas. However, they mostly choose not to feast on meat. They will spray you with mace just to take your Naked Juice. They are also responsible for the recent increase in theft and drug use in Ohio. Of course, I am talking about women.

In an article entitled "More Ohio women landing in prison," from the Thursday, Feb. 15 issue of the *Columbus Dispatch*, Alan Johnson reported on some of the most frightening statistics ever known to man. According to a study performed by the Public Safety Performance Project, although men still outnumber women in Ohio prisons 14 to 1, "women, particularly white women from rural counties, are catching up fast."

During the next decade, female prison populations are expected to rise 47 percent compared with

36 percent for men, according to the article. Last year, Warren County drug in 60 women, compared to 13 women five years ago. That's a 362 percent increase—the biggest increase of anything I've ever heard anywhere ever. Pretty messed up.

Although Delaware County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, I consider the City of Delaware to be rural, in that fields and livestock surround it. The city is also 87.1 percent white. Therefore, if rural landscapes and whiteness are the magical ingredients of women crime, according to the *Dispatch*, we can assume that the City of Delaware is on the verge of collapse. And what is in the heart of the City of Delaware? Ohio Wesleyan University—the hub of feminine violence.

Half of the student body is in danger, and I haven't heard the University take any stance against this surge. I know men. Just stay calm. This will all be over shortly.

I have some quick suggestions to make OWU a safer place for men. With the report of these alarming statistics, the first and most obvious step would be to cancel Women's Week, a weeklong series of themed events meant to bring these criminals together so they can harvest their criminal

strength and ideas. I even heard the theme this year was "Mastering the Sword."

Many women have recently taken to healthy, positive activities such as yoga and self-defense classes. I would cancel all of these activities as well. On the outside, these activities seem harmless. On the inside, however, women are learning the basic essentials of crime—how to drop a man on the pavement, take his wallet, then contort the body to fit through a narrow space in the fence.

I would still allow all women's sports teams to compete, however, instead of being the Battling Bishops, they would be known as the OWU Criminal Girls. For cross-country, in order to be on the team, they would actually have to complete a run across the entire country. For swimming, there would be a no-shaving rule. And for the women's basketball team, I would take away the three-point line, just to make the game not fun.

With the eradication of the Women's Resource Center, the number one supplier of criminal goods for women, my only other suggestion would be to turn the Women's House small living unit into a prison for thug women.

If we men don't unite to squelch this broad revolution, our fate will only come too soon.

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What's News— In Business and Finance

Viacom Gives Clips To YouTube Rival

Just two weeks after ordering its content to be pulled from YouTube, Viacom announced a broad licensing deal with Joost, a new Internet service that specializes in commercial video content.

The deal, which follows the collapse of similar talks between Viacom and YouTube parent Google, involves licensing hundreds of hours of programming from Viacom cable networks such as MTV, Comedy Central and Spike as well as movies made by the company's Paramount studios. The companies declined to disclose financial details. In similar deals in the past, Viacom has received two-thirds of the advertising revenue and other compensation.

Viacom Chief Executive Philippe Dauman said Joost's promise that it would protect Viacom's copyrights was a major factor in his decision to pursue the deal. The same issue was a stumbling block in the company's talks with Google.

The agreement could raise pressure on Google to secure a licensing transaction with another major media company. Google has been in negotiations with a number of media companies about licensing their content for the site. Many of these companies have tolerated YouTube's use of their content, both because they believe the presence of their programming on the site carries promotional value and because they remain hopeful of securing a licensing deal with Google.

Online Gamers Have New Profile

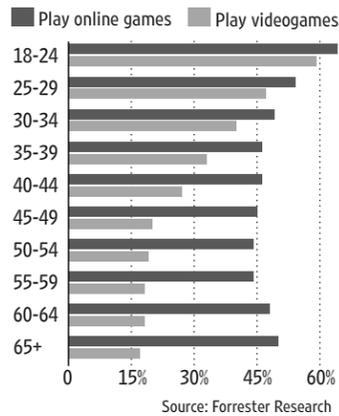
Conscious that an increasing number of adults are going online to play games and do puzzles, a growing number of traditional media outlets are adding games to their Web sites, hoping to boost traffic and ad dollars.

In the latest example, Hearst, publisher of Cosmopolitan, Esquire, Good Housekeeping and Harper's Bazaar, has struck a two-year deal with an online game developer, Arkadium, to add an array of customized games to its magazine Web sites. Cosmopolitan's site, for instance, is adding a game called Boy Toy, while Esquire's Web site is expected to add casino-style games, without a gambling component.

Other media companies, such as CBS, have taken similar steps. Behind the shift is a realization that the stereotype of online gamers—

Games for All Ages

Percentage of North American online consumers, by age, who:



teenage boys whittling away their nights in front of the glow of a computer screen—is out of date. Nearly half the people playing online games are between 30 and 59 years old, according to Boston-based Forrester Research, and they play everything from mahjong to Sudoku, word games and solitaire.

Yale University For \$0 a Day

Top colleges are offering a growing number of courses free online.

Following the lead of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other highly competitive schools, more institutions are posting online everything from lecture notes to sample tests, and even making audio and video files of actual lectures publicly available.

The moves come as colleges and universities say they want to democratize education, making the best resources available to more people. They also hope that it leads to more interest from potential applicants and inspires alumni in far-flung locales to make donations.

MIT's OpenCourseWare program posts the syllabus and class notes for more than 1,500 courses online for anyone. By this November, it aims to publish materials from virtually all 1,800 of its courses. Notre Dame offers eight courses, from Introduction to Philosophy to African American History, including links to required readings, lecture notes and homework assignments. The school aims to offer 30 courses online over the next two years.

Yale University, meanwhile, *Please Turn to Next Page*

Why Grim Delays Happen

FAA, Airlines Collide Over Flight Rules; Case of JetBlues

By SCOTT MCCARTNEY

This winter's spate of nightmare incidents where travelers have been stuck on grounded airplanes for as long as 10 hours exposes a lack of action and communication by airlines and airports as well as problematical FAA rules that discourage flights from returning to gates.

Though rare, travel nightmares with long onboard waits do seem to be occurring with more regularity. Financially strapped airlines are stretched thin: Gates, planes and employees are often scheduled to maximum capacity, with little room to handle disruptions, especially when severe winter weather hits.

In addition, with planes packed, airlines are more hesitant to cancel flights since passengers may have to wait days for an open seat. Airports are busier these days, too. That means a lot more planes vying to land after a storm. Plus one overriding cause: Bad decisions at airlines.

An ice storm that hit the Northeast on Feb. 14 exposed JetBlue Airways' inability to manage in the face of bad weather, contributing to a thousand canceled flights that stranded thousands of travelers through the Presidents Day weekend. At John F. Kennedy In-



Passengers on a recent JetBlue flight were stuck aboard for 8 1/2 hours.

ternational Airport in New York, the airline let several flights sit for 10 hours, with toilets overflowing and cabins so hot that doors had to be opened to let fresh air in. Though some trapped passengers had been sitting since early morning, JetBlue didn't call the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates Kennedy, for help until 3 p.m.

The Port Authority has buses and staff available for emergencies around the clock, and buses began rolling quickly, said Port Authority spokesman Pasquale DiFulco. By 6 p.m., the evacuation of 400 people from planes to JetBlue's terminal was wrapped up. The airline said it blew it by waiting too long to call for help because faulty weather forecasts suggested planes would get to take off. "Our biggest mis-

take was waiting too long to realize we were not going to operate, and then we waited too long to call the Port Authority for help," spokesman Bryan Baldwin said.

David Neeleman, JetBlue's founder and chief executive, said the operational meltdown has forced the discounter to swallow changes that will make it a bit more like its "legacy" rivals. Mr. Neeleman said JetBlue will—within limits—drop its longtime aversion to canceling flights ahead of bad weather, a policy that most larger carriers routinely employ to allow them to recover faster after a storm. JetBlue also unveiled a "customer bill of rights" that will compensate passengers for slips-ups and ensure that they don't find themselves trapped for hours on

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XM, Sirius Set Plans to Merge

The proposed \$11.4 billion merger of struggling satellite-radio operators XM Satellite Radio Holdings and Sirius Satellite Radio sets up a crucial test for the nation's regulators: how to weigh the limits of consolidation against rapid changes in media technology.

The deal potentially unites a roster of talent that includes Sirius's shock jock Howard Stern and daytime-TV personality Oprah Winfrey, one of XM's biggest stars. But because XM and Sirius are the only two companies licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to offer satellite radio in the U.S., the deal is likely to face significant regulatory obstacles.

Broadcasters said they will fight the proposed merger, and

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin has said the two companies will face a "high" hurdle, since the FCC has a 1997 rule on its books specifically forbidding such a deal, which would need to be tossed.

The two companies are expected to argue that the rules established a decade ago, which require two satellite rivals to ensure competition, simply don't apply in today's entertainment landscape.

Since 1997, a host of new listening options have emerged, making the issue of choice in satellite radio less important for consumers. Executives cite a new digital technology called HD radio, iPod digital music players, Internet radio and music over mobile phones as competitors that didn't exist when the satellite licenses were first awarded.

Just a few years ago, the two

satellite rivals were the hot new technology on the media scene, offering consumers greater choice in both music and talk programming in exchange for a monthly subscription fee. But while both companies have continued to add subscribers steadily, their growth has slowed, in part because of the other new devices and services competing for the same potential listeners.

Both XM and Sirius have continued to lose money. In 2005, the companies had combined losses of \$1.5 billion, after losing a combined \$1.4 billion the year before.

Consumers and their advocates are likely to worry that a combined company would mean higher prices for satellite-radio service. Both companies now charge \$12.95 a month.

By Sarah McBride, Dennis K. Berman and Amy Schatz

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In Business and Finance

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will produce digital videos of undergraduate lecture classes and make them available free. It is taping seven classes—from Introduction to the Old Testament to Fundamentals of Physics—to be posted online this fall. "There still is nothing more important than direct interaction between students and teachers," says Diana E.E. Kleiner, an art-history professor and director of the Yale project. "Putting a selection of our courses online doesn't change that."

Data Show Women Advancing at Top

Women took on slightly more than half of U.S. jobs created in the first part of the decade and made gains in securing the most lucrative openings, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics report for the years 2000-2005.

Women outpaced men in obtaining work that pays in the top quarter of all jobs, primarily positions in health care, finance and management, according to the report. At the end of 2005, 1.1 million more of those jobs were held by women, while 200,000 fewer men held such jobs. But the wage gap persists: In 2005, median weekly pay was \$486 for women and \$663 for men.

Callaway Attempts To Revive Top-Flite

Top-Flite is trying to cure a bad case of the shanks.

At its peak, Top-Flite was a mass-market ball used by hackers

and pros alike. As recently as 2000, Top-Flite accounted for about 25% of golf-ball sales in pro shops and golf specialty stores, and in its heyday represented about 30%. But now it accounts for around 7%.

Callaway Golf has redesigned the ball and tripled its marketing budget this year. Callaway is also targeting the low end of the market. While most golf-ball campaigns rely on pro players' endorsements, Callaway's campaign will position Top-Flite for casual players.

Odds & Ends

The Supreme Court threw out a \$79.5 million punitive-damages verdict against cigarette maker Philip Morris, a 5-4 decision that could curb punitive-damage awards against companies.... **Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer** cautioned that some analysts' revenue forecasts for the Windows Vista operating system for fiscal 2008 might be too high. Vista growth will come more from the consumer and emerging markets where revenue is lower, Mr. Ballmer said.

By Jay Hershey

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Why Nightmare Delays Happen

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airplanes waiting to take off or trying to return to a gate.

Other flights have had similar fiascos this winter. On Dec. 29, storms in Dallas forced American Airlines to divert planes to other airports, and passengers on several flights were left stranded. One planeload, Flight 1348, sat for nine hours in Austin, Texas, until the captain taxied the airplane to an empty gate, even though he hadn't received permission.

The Austin airport said American never asked to use other gates or get buses to unload passengers. "It's an airline issue. They know we have it available," said airport spokesman Jim Halbrook. American said its Austin manager did ask for help with extra gates, but

at the time none was available. The airline said the main reason why planes sat was because workers hadn't given up hope of getting them to Dallas. American has since instituted a policy capping the time passengers can sit on diverted planes at four hours.

The FAA's air-traffic-control system can penalize flights that go back to a gate, even temporarily. Air-traffic controllers generally take flights first-come, first-serve, unless the airline can badger officials into giving a flight higher priority, or trade places in line with another of its own flights.

Why not grant some kind of "suspended" flight status to a long-delayed trip that needs an hour to go to a gate for food and relief? The FAA said that isn't needed because

airlines share an "advocate" inside the FAA command center. Any airline can ask the advocate to lobby for giving a flight higher priority.

Duty-time limits also can discourage pilots from taking planes back to gates. Federal rules give pilots a total work day of 16 hours, with only eight hours actually at the controls. A pilot can't start a new flight with a scheduled time that would push over eight hours in the cockpit, but the pilot can continue any delayed flight up to the 16-hour limit.

If a flight goes back to the gate, it technically ends. So if the pilot is close to the eight-hour limit, he or she can't start a new flight to get the plane to its destination.

Susan Carey and Dagmar Aalund contributed to this article.



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Of course I know you! Your name is...



Including our own class, over the course of our career here at OWU, we seniors have come to know seven—yes, that's right, seven—different classes. As old as the senior class (the class of 2004) when we were freshmen, and as young as this year's freshman (the class of 2010), there are literally thousands of people with whom we may have walked past on the JayWalk, had classes with, ate with, partied with—people with whom we shared the college experience.

You'll have to excuse us, then, particularly you underclassmen, if we can't seem to remember your name the next time you run up to us and get all BFF on our asses. Surely you understand. At least you will. In short time, you will be standing in our shoes—you'll be the ones trying to figure out if that girl who sits behind you in your 9:00 is named Rachel or Ashley, and why you're surrounded by students who look like they were ripped straight from eighth grade.

Unless you really *are* our BFF, keep in mind that our BFF may have graduated one, two, or even three years ago. We've taken what seems like exponentially more classes than you have, perhaps changed advisors more times than you've likely asked one of us to go on a beer run for you, and have been eating courtesy of Chartwell's for so long that half of their staff is on our Christmas card lists—which is why we beg your pardon when you say hi to us under any one of a number of circumstances and we give you that

“can-I-get-away-with-just-a-hello-or-is-this-stranger-going-to-converse-with-me” look we have damn-near perfected.

Please don't take it personally. While your four classes and maybe an organization or two are on your mind from day-to-day, we, meanwhile, are looking ahead to *the rest of our lives*. We are taking and retaking graduate school, law school, and medical school exams; sending out resumes by the truckload; networking with downright anyone we can scrounge up who can give us something resembling a steady job; securing a place to live; oh yeah, and because of all this, we haven't slept since August.

And a couple of words about the brief intervals between studying, working, post-graduation-planning, and trying to remember your name: Unless that dry party you're going to this Saturday has a boss ready to shake my hand and give me the keys to the corner office, I'm not interested. Instead, give me a hose, a funnel, as many cans of beer as you can shake a stick at, a digital camera, and zero dignity. Because we're going for broke. And then we're going to the bars. But please, if you've not learned ANYTHING from this column, at least learn this: if we don't remember you by the light of day and the clarity of sobriety, don't you ever for a second get to thinking we will remember you under the cloak of darkness and the fog of boozing.

Oh yeah, and courtesy of Beyonce, don't you ever for a second get to thinking you're irreplaceable, either: the class of 2011 has applied, been admitted, and is already using those 10% off coupons at Bed, Bath and Beyond to get newer and cuter stuff for their dorm rooms.

The upside to all of this? Repeat after me: Of course I know you! And your name is...?

Editorial OWU should venture online

It's one small step in the Communications Initiative, but it's one giant leap for Ohio Wesleyan. At a school where techno-phobia sits alongside techno-savvy the venture into podcasting is like man's first walk on the moon.

This venture can only be made easier through a partnership with iTunes University.

In the article on the front page, Chris Wolverton, professor of botany and microbiology, makes an excellent point about podcasts being more than just a cassette recording. There is a lot of time and technology involved with putting together a podcast, especially the enhanced kind with graphics and video.

Wolverton stated in the interview that he is comfortable with the technology because he grew up with computers, so did students entering college today.

We purpose creating two or

three work study positions, in whatever department they fit best in, where students work to put together the podcasts so all professors have to do is snap on a microphone and go.

The students, who grew up in the digital age will be able to quickly snap together the podcast and link it to the host site.

If we partner with iTunes, it will be even easier to put together podcasts because we will not have to create our own RSS Feed but merely provide a base site for the link and iTunes will act as the middle-man per say and distribute our presentations worldwide.

Perhaps people accessing OWU content will see Apple ads, but people using iTunes will also see OWU podcasts on occasion should they search for someone or something we've touched on.

The benefits of podcasting could also be a great boon to stu-

dents as well as alumni and perspectives. It would give a good flavor of who we bring to campus and what OWU is about.

Let's take for instance the *Sagan National Colloquium*. The descendents of Carl and Martha Sagan probably seldom, if ever, get to be present for a lecture, but with podcasting they can check their computer and get a taste of what their relatives gave to Ohio Wesleyan.

Say a student signed up for the colloquium credit attended the first lecture of the series but procrastinated in doing their summary. No longer would they have to try and create a page filled with fluff, they merely access the podcast and refresh their memory.

In essence, the University should not only take this step into the future with podcasting, but they should make the leap with iTunes as well.

Letters to the Editor

Club's extenuating circumstances should be considered for funding

Dear Editor,

The mission statement of the Transcript states, among others things, that it wishes to serve as a check on WCSA, as well as to maintain an open forum for the discussion of campus issues. As a member of WCSA, I hope to assist in that function. I have grown worried that too many OWU students are unaware of the workings of their student government and specifically how their money is being doled out by their representatives.

The WCSA recently decided not to fund a Club Hockey Team budget request. The hockey team had previously requested and received money for their season from WCSA but had fallen into debt due to club mismanagement by a student who no longer attends OWU. The WCSA Budget Committee recommended 0 dollars to the hockey team primarily because of a provision in the Budgetary Guidelines for WCSA that prohibits “double funding”. The guidelines elaborate on this by saying, “WCSA Budget Committee will only fund an organization for a specific event once.” The entirety of the hockey season, as best can be taken from the provision, is seen as a specific event by the Budget Committee.

The budget committee recommendation was the principal reason most WCSA members voted to give 0 dollars. I was in favor of funding the hockey team for several reasons. The team is currently in debt for fees to their ice rink, referee fees, as well as game

and practice fees at the rink. The Club Hockey team is a well-known group around campus that elicits support from many fans. Hockey games give OWU students another option for a social activity on a sometimes drab campus. Not funding the hockey team doesn't mean they won't be able to have a specific event, it means the club will go under financially and be unable to continue as a group.

The WCSA's current budget suggests a sizable surplus at the end of the year--thus the money to have funded the club exists. Putting the interests of a stipulation within the budgetary guidelines over that of a popular OWU club shows the fantasy world of bureaucracy and technicalities that too many WCSA members live in and feel constricted by. Earlier this academic year the WCSA voted not to fund a student trip to protest the School of the Americas in Georgia. The School of the Americas (now the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation) is a combat training school for Latin American soldiers, located within the United States. The rationale for not funding a trip in which over 40 OWU students participated was a budget guideline provision that read “in order to maintain an impartial position, WCSA will not support organizations for off-campus funding of political causes or propaganda.” Without getting into the ambiguities implied by the phrase ‘political’, once again, guidelines were prioritized over the interests of students.

Some members of WCSA felt

that “double-funding” the hockey team or supporting the ‘political’ School of the Americas trip would establish a dangerous precedent, with every club coming to WCSA for double-funding, more money, and overtly partisan political causes. The actions of the WCSA will always be determined by WCSA members. Precedents are made and broken by the members of WCSA. No one is under obligation to obey a precedent or guideline, particularly if they feel it is in the best interest of OWU students not to. Assuming that many more clubs would seek extra funding is disrespectful to the large majority of OWU organizations that faithfully and respectfully follow guidelines every year without problem for all of their events.

Guidelines were created to facilitate goals in an organized fashion, not to become obstacles to the funding of student events and groups. Too many WCSA members are limited in their actions by a blind adherence to guidelines, a group mentality, and a lack of confidence. WCSA does not need any more resume-builders, it needs bold individual leaders. Each WCSA representative was elected as an individual, not to echo the views of other members of the body. I hope this will serve as a wake-up call to current members of the WCSA and as a call to action for any students interested running for positions next year.

Sincerely,
 Rory McHale
 WCSA Sophomore Class Representative

Rose's insults miss humorous mark

Dear Editor,

Rarely have I been so offended as when I read Emily Rose's column entitled “Turn Your Head and Cough”. I understand that Rose's column was supposed to function as a sex column. In past years, such columns have shown a bent toward humor, shock, education. Rose seems to have a different aim in mind, however. Insult. Malicious and distinctly un-comedic insult. Rose played on the poor self-image many people suffer from in order to, at least I believe this to be her intent, create

humor. The result comes across more as a vicious, pathetic rant against those she deems “ugly.” Absurdist advice, again lacking any shred of comedic relief, follows this rant.

Only imagine if she had truly given this advice to a real person. It would make the obnoxious, cruel answer even less humorous, if such a thing is possible. And though “Desperate” is fictional, there undoubtedly are couples who have suffered such an issue, which makes Rose's juvenile response even more contemptible. Perhaps if Rose had read or lis-

tened to any legitimate sex columnists prior to her own attempt, she would have realized that such a column can be humorous and informative without being vulgar or insulting.

Humor, like beauty, exists in the mind of the beholder. But few could argue that such offensive drivel as Rose printed could be considered humor. Rose owes an apology to anyone who wasted three minutes of his or her life on her column.

Sincerely,
 Kerrianna McQuown '06



Bishops Sports



Thoughts
from the
Third Row
with
Drew Lenoir

NBA 'show' provides little entertainment

I hate the NBA. I really only watch it on my nightly dose of Sportscenter. But as your favorite *Transcript* sports columnist, I felt it my duty to watch some of the festivities of their premiere event: All Star Weekend.

It all started Friday night with the Celebrity Game with actors, athletes, musicians and Carrot Top. Of course, Reggie Bush got hurt and all the Saints fans stopped watching for the rest of the weekend.

Then came the Rookie Challenge where a team full of rookies stood around and watched a New York Knick continually dunk on them and not miss a shot. The game was ridiculous but at least the New York fans finally got something to cheer about.

Jason Kapon of the Miami Heat won the 3 point contest trying to show everyone there are more people on the Heat than just Dwayne Wade and Shaq. Then, five minutes later he was signing autographs as the guy who plays with Dwayne Wade and Shaq.

Dwayne Wade won the Skills Challenge when, ironically enough, Kobe Bryant struggled to make a simple pass.

The Detroit Shooting Stars team won their event when Scottie Pippen, shooting for the Chicago team, was disqualified when he realized he didn't have Michael Jordan to carry him to victory. Please don't come back to the NBA, Pippen. Go hit the golf course and you can be Jordan's caddie there just like you were on the basketball court.

In what is one of the most exciting events, Gerald Green of the Boston Celtics won the Slam Dunk Contest by jumping over a table. Finally, we know why the Celtics lost 17 games in a row. There weren't any tables on the court to jump over. Boston fans: Put a table on the court. If for nothing else, at least the Celtics will have a place to lie down to take their beatings.

Finally on Sunday came the All Star Game. Wait. First I want to know how Shaq can play only 13 of the 52 games his team has played and be an All Star. There should be a playing requirement.

Back to the game. The final score was 153 to 132 in favor of the West and James Naismith rolled over in his grave. It is saddening how sad and ridiculous the game he created has become on the professional level.

It is all about the one on one game and no longer has a team focus. There is no defense because defense may win championships but offense obviously wins All Star games and MVP trophies.

Next year, instead of inviting all the stars, the NBA should invite all the role players on the teams. At the "All Role Player" game you may not get to see wicked crossovers, alley oops or 360 dunks but you would see crisp passing, some defense and a team focus.

The NBA has lost all of this and has become a little ridiculous for my tastes. Oh well. At least March Madness starts in a few weeks and all faith will be renewed as we get to watch basketball as it was intended to be.

Men's Lacrosse

Bishops hope to prove they're better than predicted by polls

By Jenna Narwicz
Correspondent

The men's lacrosse team plans for their upcoming season and a win in their home opener this Saturday against Fontbonne.

The team has been practicing for the past five weeks in preparation for the season.

"Thanks to the new turf, we were able to practice on a full field outside seven to eight times this preseason, something we have never been able to do before," Coach Sean Ryan said. "Now that we have been forced to move inside, due to the weather, we are really working on our conditioning and stick skills."

New additions to the team this year include 17 new freshmen and four transfer students.

"I am very pleased with all of the new freshmen this year," Ryan said. "They all give balance and depth at every single position."

Senior captain B.C. Green said the freshmen have really matured since their short season this fall.

"Many of them will see the field a lot this year, and I am excited to see how well they make the jump from high school to college ball," Green said.

The biggest change that has occurred within the team since last year is coaching, Green said. There is a new defensive coordi-

nator who brings a vast knowledge of the game and also has great experience.

Ryan said his coaching style and team dynamic has also changed since last year.

"I am trying to be more positive, and not dwell so much on the negative," Ryan said. "I also believe that our team is tighter and stronger than our team last year, the leadership on the team is also better than ever. Our team is really coming together as one."

The team's goals are to win the NCAC title again, to move on to the playoffs and to win a national championship, Green said. The team has not won a playoff game in a long time, he said.

Green said they intend to do much more than that with the talent they have this year. The team is ranked 17 in the NCAA preseason poll.

"Of course we would like to be higher," Ryan said. "But what counts is where you end up, not where you start."

"I can't wait for the first game," Green said. "I just can't wait to get out there on game day and begin the last season of my career."

This is the best team he has ever been on here at OWU, junior Chris Eccles said. They look forward to surprising many teams this year in the beginning because they feel they are being over-

looked.

"I think by the end of the year people will no longer underestimate us," Eccles said.

Unlike past years, this team's weakness is coming into the season as non league defending champions, Ryan said. They need to not dwell on the past, but look to the future, and take each game one at a time, he said.

"I feel that the strengths of the team come from our experiences and that comes from our upper classmen," Green said.

There are three senior defensemen, Adam Guy, Pete Hargrove and Brad Miller, who have seen serious playing time through their four years here, Green said. Offensively, they have a number of talented players who can go to the goal at any time.

Green said they also have a strong goalie in the cage, junior Ryan Perone. Perone's only losses as a starter were to Denison in two overtime games last year.

"In my four years here I have played [Denison] six times, and every game has been a absolute nail biter, ending in one goal in the last second," Green said. "It has come to be the most exciting game that I have ever experienced. In my career I am 3-3 against Denison, and I am looking forward to ending on a high note at home this year."

Transfer welcomed with open arms

Miller returns to Delaware after one season at Mount Union

By Daniel Eldredge
Correspondent

Sophomore Kyle Miller transferred from Mount Union College to continue his basketball career with the Bishops. Miller said winning has been a welcomed change.

Miller played for a losing team at Mount Union last season as a freshman and Delaware Hayes as a senior in high school.

"Ohio Wesleyan has a program that is on the rise, and it's great to be a part of that," Miller said.

While Miller has a year of college experience, he said it has been a challenge to adjust to the nuances of a new system and learn to play within it.

Coach Mike Dewitt said Miller is in a tough position as a transfer because it is similar to being a freshman again but also said Miller has made a good transition.

"He is a smart player, and has done a good job of fitting in with the team," Dewitt said.

Miller played 22 minutes Saturday, ten minutes over his season average, Feb. 3 against Allegheny. Senior Ben Chojnacki went down with a knee injury which freed up some playing time.

Miller spent most of the game filling in for Chojnacki in the post, even though his natural position is on the wing. He finished with 5 points, 3 rebounds and 4 assists.

"He's a little undersized, but he holds his own down there," said junior Ryan Rozak. "He makes up for what he lacks in size with good moves and hustle."

Miller said he is used to playing many different positions and has appreciated all the encouragement he receives from his teammates.

"I just tell him to be confident, and play his game, regardless of where he is on the floor," said senior Ted Uritus.

Miller contacted Dewitt last spring to inform him on his transfer to OWU. Dewitt said he was very pleased to get him on the team because he actively recruited Miller out of high school.

"He was one of our top recruits, and we knew that he'd be a good fit," Dewitt said.

Miller said he wanted to transfer to OWU because of the strength of the program, and because he would not have to sit out a season

if he came to the NCAC.

Dewitt said he has high expectations for Miller.

"He adds a lot of depth, and he raises the level of hustle, especially during practice," Uritus said.

"I have felt comfortable ever since entering the program and it is really great to be winning again," Miller said.

He will now help lead the Bishops into the second round of the NCAC tournament.



Sophomore Kyle Miller hits a three on Tuesday night against Kenyon. Miller, a Delaware native, transferred to OWU after spending his freshman year at Mount Union.

Photo by Lynn Albers

Sports Briefs

Ohio State Football Players to Visit

Monday Ohio State University football stars will speak in Branch Rickey Arena. OWU Campus Crusade for Christ along with OSU Athletes in Action present "Bucks @ Branch" which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Speakers include 2002 National Championship QB Craig Krenzler, LB Anthony Schlegel, DT Joel Penton, and DE Vernon Gholston. The players will share their personal faith and how it impacts their lives on and off the field. The speakers will end with a question and answer session at the end. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Women's Track

The women's track team traveled to the at Hoosier Hills Invitational on Friday and competed in the meet that was not scored. However, Saturday they placed 3rd in the Greater Columbus Invitational. Freshman Casey Ridgeway, Ashlie Britton, Kara Reiter and sophomore Catie Coleman won events to help lead the Bishops. Ridgeway won the 55-meter dash in a time of :07.42, shaving 1/100 of a second off the school record she set earlier this season. Britton won the 200-meter dash, Reiter won the 500-meter run, and Coleman won the 1000-meter run. The team has an away meet this weekend at Denison before it begins the NCAC tournament.

Men's Track

The men's track team placed 2nd in the Greater Columbus Invitational Saturday. Otterbein won the meet with 167 points to 95 for Ohio Wesleyan. Sophomore Ryan Ellis ran on a pair of first-place relay teams and placed 3rd in the 55-meter dash. Ellis teamed with sophomore Nathan Osborn, Andrew Bloom, and Preston Osborn to win the 800-meter relay. The men join the women at the Denison Last Chance Meet before the NCAC meet the first weekend of March.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team travels to Otterbein today to compete in their second match of the season. Wednesday the team will take on Wooster in another away match.



Bishops Sports



Men's Basketball

Win takes Bishops into NCAC tourney 2nd round

By Will Bridgeo
Staff Reporter

Tuesday night's men's NCAC quarterfinal basketball game proved that the Bishops would have to earn their way into the tournament semifinals.

The Bishops barely avoided a first-round upset by sixth-seeded Kenyon with some clutch defense down the stretch at Branch Rickey to escape with a 60-54 decision.

OWU will advance to play Wittenberg Friday in a semifinal match up at Wooster. "It came down to defense tonight," Coach Mike DeWitt said. "We played tough D when we needed to and were able to close the gates."

The two teams traded 3-pointers from the outset. After getting behind early on, sophomore Kyle Holliday hit a three from the top of the circle at 13:08 to tie the game at 7-7. Holliday answered a Kenyon layup with another field goal to put the Bishops up 10-9.

Kenyon sophomore Bryan Yelvington answered this with a 3-pointer on the next drive to put the Lords up 12-10. Sophomore Kyle Miller got the lead back on the ensuing possession with a 4-point play. Miller took a hard foul falling back as he drained a long field goal and sunk the free throw.

After some strong defense by both teams, Miller came back down the court and hit another 3, putting OWU up 17-12. Holliday hit another long 3-pointer at the 10-minute mark for a 20-12 Bishop lead. Miller hit his third field goal of the game at the half to give OWU a 31-20 lead going into the locker room.

Kenyon came out strong in the second half, putting the Bish-

ops on their heels with a 17-4 run led by sophomore forward Bryan Yelvington. After a couple of layups Yelvington hit a 3-pointer to pull the Lords within 5. Senior Ted Uritus and junior Dustin Rudegear made layups to put OWU back up to 39-31 but Kenyon brought the lead back down to 39-7 thanks to junior Chris Yorlano's back-to-back threes.

Ohio Wesleyan's lead was then cushioned by a string of three Brian Cafarella 3-pointers.

Kenyon made it close one more time in the final two minutes when Yelvington fouled while making a layup and made his free throw.

OWU sealed the game in the final seconds when Rudegear hit two free throws.

Holliday and Miller led the team with 13 points a piece. Junior Jesse Jean had a team-high 6 rebounds.

Although DeWitt was not entirely disappointed with his team's performance, he said they would need to pick it up in order to be successful this weekend.

"We will need to bring more than we did tonight to have a chance to win on Saturday," he said.

The Bishops have split decisions with Wittenberg this season, with each team winning at home.

On Thursday, Feb. 15 the game was delayed for the Bishops senior night with the bus driver of Oberlin making a wrong turn. The delay didn't hurt OWU's momentum and they finished over Oberlin 96-59.

Saturday the team traveled to Wooster, who holds the top seed in the NCAC. Both teams traded points throughout the game but ended in a Bishops loss, 95-89.



Photo by Lynn Albers

Senior Matt Shirer passes the ball off in the first round of the NCAC tournament Tuesday against Kenyon. The Bishops won 60-54 and advance to play Wittenberg Thursday.

Tournament loss ends season

By Ryan Jones
Staff Reporter

A stout defensive effort propelled Kenyon to a 54-44 victory over the Bishops in a NCAC quarterfinal tournament contest yesterday.

The Bishops, who were seeded fifth traveled to play fourth seeded Kenyon, began the game mired in a shooting slump, and misfired on their first 16 shots from the field.

Freshmen Erica Gibson scored the Bishop's first basket when she converted a putback to make the score 8-3 with 9:04 left in the first half.

Coach Nan Carney-DeBord

said her team had good looks at the basket.

"Kenyon's defense was admirable tonight," she said. "Even though many shots were there, they were tough shots because they did a great job contesting them. I thought we could have done a better job getting more second shot opportunities."

The Bishops cut the lead to 10-9 after sophomore Katie Hamilton hit a jumper in the lane with 4:17 remaining, however, Kenyon used a 14-5 run to take a 24-13 advantage into halftime.

The Bishops managed to stay within striking distance in the second half, but were never able to whittle the Kenyon lead below

6. Carney-DeBord said she was proud of her team's effort throughout.

"I think at times we let the discouragement we experienced on offense affect our defensive tenacity," she said. "But we played really hard, I know that for sure." The Bish-

ops also had to overcome the loss of senior Rachel Messaros, who was lost to injury in the regular season finale against Denison.

Carney-DeBord said Messaros battled pain all season while playing with plantar fasciitis and tendonitis in her foot.

"She [Messaros] experienced the peak of her pain during the Denison game," Carney-DeBord said. "She asked to come out and was hardly able to move her foot. I think she may have torn a tendon, but I'm not sure."

Carney-DeBord said it's hard to replace a player like Messaros, who ranks first on the team and third in the NCAC in scoring at 14.5 points per game.

"It was significant to not have Rachel out there because we weren't sure if Laurel [Lawson] was going to be available either, [she also suffered an injury against Denison], and if she was, how many minutes she could play," Carney-DeBord said. "I knew we would have eight healthy bodies to use, and even though Kenyon only played eight, we are accustomed to having more depth than we had available."

Senior Emily Lloyd led the Bishop attack with 14 points Freshmen Erica Gibson added 10 points and 6 rebounds. Junior Kelli Lester collected a team-high 9 rebounds.

Carney-DeBord said she is excited and optimistic about the future.

"We have great individuals returning next year as seniors," she said. "Both Rachel [Messaros] and Emily [Lloyd] served as great role models for the others to follow."

Women's Basketball

Bishops sink free throws and clench win against Wooster

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Senior Rachel Messaros and sophomore Laurel Lawson scored 4 points apiece during a 10-0 second-half run that put Ohio Wesleyan ahead to stay and the Bishops hit 6 of 8 free throws during the final minute to hold off a Wooster rally and take a NCAC win on Thursday, Feb. 15 at Branch Rickey.

Lawson buried a 3-pointer to put the Bishops ahead with 9:32 left in the game, and sophomore Katie Hamilton and Messaros each followed with a pair of free throws. Messaros scored on a putback with 6:46 remaining to increase the Bishop lead to 49-42, and Lawson hit the first of two free throws to make it a 50-42 game with 4:46 remaining. When Lawson missed the second shot, it was the Bishop's first misfire from the charity stripe after the Bishops hit their first 17 free throws of the game.

Wooster closed to within 50-47, but the Bishops answered with a pair of free throws by senior Emily Lloyd. Wooster would come within three points on two other occasions, but both times the Bishops had an answer, first with a Hamilton lay-in and then with a 3-point play by junior Kelli Lester that stretched the margin to 57-51 with 1:48 remaining.

OWU then put the game away

at the line, with junior Steffi Graf sinking a pair of free throws, Lester and Lloyd each adding another, and after Wooster closed within 61-56 on a 3-pointer by Beth Besancon Sidle with :28 to play, Graf slammed the door on the Scots by sinking 2 more free throws.

The Bishops had taken an early 5-2 lead on a Lloyd 3-pointer, but Wooster reeled off 10 straight points to grab a 12-5 edge, then increased the lead to 17-9 on Loehrke's free throw with 7:21 left in the first half.

The Bishops answered with a 10-0 run of its own, with Messaros leading the way with a bucket and a pair of free throws, but Wooster countered with 7 straight points and held a 26-25 lead at the intermission.

The free throw line kept the Bishops in the game during the first half. The bishops shot 25 percent from the field during the first 20 minutes but made all eight of its free throws, while Wooster only made three of 10 free throws during that span.

The lead went back and forth during the early moments of the second half, with the Bishops taking a 35-31 lead on Graf's 3-pointer with 15:24 to go.

Graf led the Bishops with 14 points, while Lloyd finished with 11 points and Hamilton added 10 points. Lester grabbed a team-high 7 rebounds. The Bishops improved their record to 14-10.



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Sophomore Stacey Aaron drives the ball down court Thursday, Feb. 15 against Wooster.