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## Evan Corns' donation adds to OWU legacy

By Miranda Simmons  
Editor-in-chief

Over 20 years ago, former director of development Ron Stephany ('66) made a phone call that would change the appearance of Ohio Wesleyan forever; he called Evan Corns ('59) and asked him to lunch.

Stephany said he knew about Corns and his interest in and loyalty to Ohio Wesleyan, so it was with hope that he drove to Cleveland for the meeting.

"I asked him (Corns) if he would consider doing three things," Stephany said. "First I asked him to serve as a member of Associates, and he agreed." (Associates is a voluntary board that assists Alumni Relations with fundraising campaigns.) Stephany said he also asked Corns to chair the gift committee for his (Corns') class reunion that year and to consider giving a \$5,000 gift for his reunion. He consented to both.

"As we left the restaurant, he put his arm around my shoulder and said, 'Well, Ron, you've had a pretty good day, haven't you?'" said Stephany. "And I had."

On Oct. 4, Corns gave OWU another good day as he donated \$3.25 million dollars in a contribution themed "Today, Tomorrow, and Forever."

As the title suggests, Corns' donation comes in three parts. The "Today" portion refers to his yearly contribution to the Annual Fund, which vice-president of University Relations Mark Shipps said Corns has been doing since Stephany approached him.

"Tomorrow" refers to a capital campaign Shipps said

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## Phi Delt rocks out with DropShift



Photo by Rob Misener

DropShift, a Connecticut band, rocks out Friday at the Phi Delta Theta house as part of a recent tour. The musicians make up a hard rock band with a new album out titled *A Motive for Arson*.

## VIVA raised from dead

Ben Connelly  
Transcript Correspondent

After being inactive for most of the 2006-2007 academic year, VIVA, the only Hispanic awareness group on campus, has returned with a renewed sense of excitement and determination.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, VIVA reintroduced itself at Ohio Wesleyan with its first formal meeting of the year.

Though one of America's largest minority groups, the Hispanic community is one of the least represented at Ohio Wesleyan, a school that boasts a significant level of diversity.

VIVA focuses on sharing Hispanic culture and promoting awareness throughout campus. It provides members with a way to get in touch with their heritage, to learn about Hispanic culture, and to be an active member of the Ohio Wesleyan community.

Members come from all over the world and a variety of cultural backgrounds. They attended to

learn dance, food or music. Others were there to show support for the club or to be around native Spanish speakers like themselves. Other than the churros or the hopes of learning salsa dancing, there was one thing that everyone present was interested in: making VIVA live again.

"Last year nothing was really going on after the president went abroad to Spain," sophomore Jaimito Fuentes said. "We attempted to continue things through MFL, but it didn't exactly work out, so it died."

But with new leadership, comprised of a four person board, VIVA, which is Spanish for live, has been brought back to life.

With fresh recruits and a structure that reaches out to members for active participation, VIVA has begun to use its group dynamic to promote its cause effectively. It was clear at the Oct. 3 meeting that the decisions made would begin at the bottom

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## Progress OWU seeks to create social forum

Mary Beth Scherer  
Transcript Reporter

Hunger, homelessness and displacement are three problems Progress OWU is addressing this semester.

Senior Keira Philipp-Schnurer, co-president of Progress OWU, said Progress OWU is primarily an open forum for students to bring ideas about social activism.

Philipp-Schnurer said the group is able to provide the resources, time, money and connections needed for individuals to realize their ideas. While the group is focusing on hunger, homelessness and displacement right now, senior Mike Alcock, co-president of Progress OWU, said the direction of the group can change.

Junior Aycan Garip said she got involved with Progress OWU when she noticed she had extra time on her hands.

"I looked at what activities were available on campus," Garip said. "I enjoy volunteer work, and I knew Keira and knew she

was fun to work with but also got things done, so I knew it would be a well-organized fun time."

English professor Karen Poremski, faculty advisor of Progress OWU, said she had no problem saying yes when the group asked her to be their advisor.

"I believe in what they are doing, but even more in the kinds of questions such groups ask," Poremski said.

Poremski said as the group's advisor, her philosophy is to let the students go where they want, but to be there as a resource.

She said she is pleased with what the students have done with the group, and finds the group inspiring.

Over the past several years the group has addressed the ideas of hunger, homelessness and displacement locally. They have held the Hunger Banquet for the OWU community and arranged weekly trips to the soup kitchen in Columbus, Philipp-Schnurer said. The group also worked closely

with STAND, Alcock said.

This year Progress OWU is taking weekly trips to the soup kitchen in Columbus.

"If you go to an open shelter and interact with the people there, there is no substitute for that experience," Alcock said.

Philipp-Schnurer said they are organizing a lecture series to continue raising awareness of important issues for the campus to consider. Progress OWU organized the showing of the documentary "Cloud People" by Chairperson and Professor of Sociology-Anthropology Mary Howard on Oct. 8.

On Nov. 12 the CEO of The Center for Closing the Health Gap Dwight Tillery will speak. The lecture will pertain to issues of poverty and health care and will be held in Corns 312 at 7 p.m.

On Nov. 27, Progress OWU will hold the Hunger Banquet.

Garip said this is the event she is the most excited about. She

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## Cafe 1842 emerges from humble beginnings

*What's Cooking?*



By Gene Castelli  
Columnist

Sometimes, in the midst of chaos, comes creation. On a fine sunny day back in the summer of 2006, the chef and I were engaged in an atypical off-campus meeting, saluting nature's beauty as we toured the soft rolling meadows in our eco-friendly electric vehicle.

While our dimpled white foe did mock our every effort to behave and fly true (the "chaos" mentioned above), we did turn our conversation to the conference/storage/piano/crappy room located adjacent to the Welch Dining Room. From this humble talk, an idea was born to turn an eyesore into a smart restaurant concept. Lo and behold, I present you Café 1842!

The first round of talks had a Rat Pack theme (the former president and I shared a passion for Frank, Dean and Sammy), but wisely we sought the counsel of WCSA, and they came back with a salute to historic OWU, right down to the design on the floor and the colors on the walls. With the skilled help of Chris Setzer's B&G team, a little cash and a bunch of frames from Wal-Mart, the dream became a reality in October 2006.

The name, of course, references when this great institution was founded, and the walls are adorned with photos of the past 15 presidents, along with a wall of historic buildings and sports photos and memorabilia. For the menu, our executive chef, Steve Ishmael, pulled from his extensive background and created a series of fresh pasta dishes, along with standard sandwich, salad and dessert fare. Café 1842 is staffed by your fellow students (so be nice), giving you a restaurant experience right here in the heart of the residential community. We add an additional two points per person to cover the gratuity for the servers. We currently operate with a no reservation walk-up policy, but, as always, suggestions on how to better serve you are always welcome.

I do know the chef is planning on expanding the menu to include some nice protein entrees once the cooler weather rolls around, so keep an eye out for exciting new dishes.

Café 1842 is open from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. As Sammy would say, "It's a ring-a-ding-ding cool time!"

## Strand shows variety in movie selection

Emily Steger  
Transcript Reporter

The Strand Theatre has been open in downtown Delaware for just over 90 years, and it continues to bring in students and the community with a variety of movie showings.

The Strand this week is featuring five movies in its three theaters including, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *Good Luck Chuck*, *Eastern Promises*, *Death at a Funeral* and *Sydney White*.

Strand Manager Kara McVay said *Final Season* is being released Oct. 12.

"We have the potential to change movies every Friday," McVay said. "Variety helps the

theatre have showings with good attendance."

McVay said new releases run between two and three weeks and older movies usually run only for a single week. "This week we are showing *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*," McVay said. "This movie was first released in 1975."

Junior Melissa Dane said she thinks it is a great idea that the Strand Theatre plays older movies.

"Theaters surrounding Delaware, like Rave at Polaris, rarely feature movies from the past," Dane said. "I think the idea of showing older films helps ... variety and also provides awareness of the small community feel of this theater."

Since Ohio Wesleyan has been back in session this fall, McVay said *Super Bad* went really well.

Sophomore Megan Goodrich went to see *Super Bad* during preseason with her athletic team.

"The movie was so funny," Goodrich said. "I love coming to the Strand because it is close to campus, and I like the small theater feel. The Strand has such a great relationship with student athletes and I hope this continues."

"We had a great turnout from OWU students for *Super Bad* and hope to get this same result from *The Comebacks*, which will open Oct. 19," McVay said.

*The Comebacks* is a spoof of inspirational sports movies. It tells the story of an out-of-luck coach,

Lambeau Fields (played by David Koechner), who takes a rag-tag bunch of college misfits and drives them towards the football championships.

In the process, this life-long loser discovers he is a winner after all by redeeming himself, saving his relationship with his family and friends and finding that there is indeed, no "I" in "team"!

Along with *The Comebacks* McVay said on Oct. 19 the Strand will also premiere the horror film *30 Days of Night*.

"I like how the theater is releasing a comedy and a horror on the same day," Goodrich said. "It gives people a good selection, especially for those who hate scary movies."



Submitted photos

These sketches of Memorial Gate depict the future results of a class of 1959 50th reunion donation. The benches and walkway will be finished in the summer of 2008.

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said the university is quietly undertaking until it can get a full-time president hired. He said the \$30 million Branch Rickey campaign (to which Corns made a \$50,000 donation for the new softball field) is only a minor part of the bigger, but still hushed, picture.

Also as part of the "Tomorrow" aspect, Corns and the rest of the '59 graduating class are planning to rebuild the stairs leading from the academic side of campus to Sandusky Street. (See architect's sketches on page 2.) The construction will include expansion of the stairway as well as construction of a handicap accessible ramp leading from the street to the walkway in front of Slocum Hall. Shipps said the pillars, which were donated by the class of '09, will be taken apart, the bricks cleaned one-by-one and the pillars re-assembled and crowned with the original caps.

The "Future" aspect of Corns' donation is a \$1 million estate gift provided in his will. Shipps said Corns and University Relations are still trying to pinpoint a target for this money.

Other projects provided for by Corns' gift include the university's Libuse L. Reed Endowed Professorship and the Richard Fusch Fund for Excellence in Geographic Studies, which will support student and faculty research, guest lectures and other educational opportunities.

Evan is not the only Corns to partake in contributions to the academic community. In anticipation of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in November, his family created a scholarship in his name. The Evan R. Corns '59 Endowed Scholarship will benefit students who show significant need.

"Evan Corns and his family are very special to Ohio Wesleyan University," said Provost and Interim President David Robbins.

"Evan's energy and excitement enrich our campus every day. His commitment to our mission, his passion for his alma mater and his generosity truly will benefit Ohio Wesleyan 'today, tomorrow and forever.'"

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approach to putting ideas into action. The change in structure should allow members to make VIVA a more personal experience through increased involvement.

"Now we're together, and we're going to make this happen!" Paolomantina Grullon said as she stomped her feet in excitement.

At the meeting, they began to make plans for

October, which is Latino History Month.

By the end of the month, VIVA plans to host several events, from dance parties to salsa lessons. The money earned will send to aid earthquake victims in Peru.

With a group focused on solidarity and authenticity, VIVA hopes to make a positive impact on the Ohio Wesleyan campus.

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# Campus News

## OWU junior works for Obama campaign

**By Maygen Hall**  
Transcript Correspondent

Junior Stan Osei-Bonsu recently participated in a part of history.

He worked as an intern in presidential candidate Barack Obama's campaign headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa.

The experience, according to Bonsu, was nothing less than amazing.

Bonsu said from June 25 to Aug. 11, he served as an outreach intern, a position with responsibilities such as planning and scheduling outreach events, researching health care opportunities and maintaining minutes during committee meetings.

Bonsu said the opportunity surfaced after he went on the "Obama for America" website in the spring of 2007.

"I just went online and applied because I thought it would be great experience to have since I am an International Studies Major," he said. Bonsu said the competitive application process was quick.

According to the Obama internship website, applicants must



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U.S. Senator Barack Obama, center, at a November 2006 rally for Senator Jim Webb.

be effective and cooperative team players willing to participate both in challenging projects and day-to-day voter contact and be eager to work in a constantly changing, fast-paced and demanding work environment.

Upon initially entering the workplace, Bonsu said his ambition was tested, but he was no stranger to hard work.

In his personal diary describing the experience, Bonsu explained the awe he felt on that initial day.

"I am still at work on my first day and it is almost 7 p.m.," Bonsu explained. "I am inspired by the sheer drive and motivation that surrounds the office for Senator Obama."

Bonsu said he supports

Obama's campaign and respects the politician as an individual.

"Graduating from Harvard Law School as the first African American Editor (of the *Harvard Law Review*), Obama could have easily landed himself a high paying job," Bonsu said. "Instead, he dedicated his efforts to helping his community first, (and) dedicated his efforts to grassroots community activism."

Bonsu also expressed his opinions on Obama's past political and social endeavors.

"If you look at this man's history of decision-making and sacrifice, you can easily determine what kind of president he will be if elected," said Bonsu.

Some of the challenges explained in Bonsu's diary included the headquarters response to former President Bill Clinton and presidential candidate Senator Hillary Clinton's visit to Des Moines in July and helping the headquarters get ready for the Democratic Presidential Debate in Iowa on Aug. 19.

"The work was hard, but I also had a lot of fun and gained a lot of memories," Bonsu said. "I met some amazing people!"

## Public Safety and students build positive relationship

**By Emily Rose**  
Transcript Correspondent

Breaking news: Ohio Wesleyan students actually appreciate the work of Public Safety (PS) officers.

"Lately I've gone to parties and noticed that there's not as much of a panic over the presence of PS," sophomore Jaime Fluehr said. "They don't seem to be as intrusive. If they're there, they're there. It's not like people are running to the door like they were at the beginning of last year. There seems to be a lot more cooperation."

PS officer Cathy Hursey said she has noticed a change in students' demeanors as well. "I definitely have good interactions with students," she said. "Students seem to be more cooperative than they have been in past years. And several factors contribute to that. We have a lot of officers

who have been here for many years. A lot of it's training. And it's also Bob Wood. He's done a great job uniting the department and doing hands-on training with students."

Wood was hired in July 2006 from The Ohio State University and said he has found a good environment in Ohio Wesleyan.

"This is a great place to work. Students have good attitudes and are very receptive. The vast majority of my contacts with students here have been positive."

Wood said most of his citations this semester have been for alcohol violations. So far, 42 write-ups have been issued, with the majority of those taken in fraternities.

"That could be because we patrol fraternities the heaviest though," he said.

He said two students have been taken to the emergency room since freshman orientation. "If you're sick, call

Public Safety is a 24-hour service. Students who call face no judicial action by the university. We can't guarantee the police won't take judicial action, but Public Safety will not." Wood said for every punitive action Public Safety takes, officials want there to be a positive one, including self-defense workshops and work with students on changing the parking situation on campus.

Junior Andrew Houlihan agrees PS has been less intrusive. "There have been four or five times this year when I've been with one or two people or walking by myself late on a Saturday night, and a PS officer has pulled up to me and asked if I'm doing okay," he said. "They probably know I just came from a party but don't ask questions. They just want to see if I'm all right. It seems like they're genuinely concerned with the safety of students, and I've experienced that myself."

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# Service, community heart of Greek life



**Rafaya Sufi**  
Transcript Correspondent

Philanthropy and an altruistic concern for human welfare is probably the most gratifying reason to be a member of the Greek community, according to senior Taimur Firasat.

Firasat, a member of Sigma Chi and a native of Pakistan, said he always wanted to be involved with social service and got his big break when he pledged.

"In Pakistan, it's tough to do social service because you don't know where to start," Firasat said. "But when I finally came to OWU, I could give back to the community after joining Sigma Chi."

Firasat said he enjoys Sigma Chi's philanthropy and is looking forward to their main fundraising event.

"Our main event is Derby Days," Firasat said. "We have a week full of activities where we involve other sororities and raise money through things like pie-a-sig which is a pie-smashing contest."

Firasat said all proceeds go to the Children's Miracle Network.

"It's a cancer foundation for children," Firasat said. "There's a sort of uplifting feeling when you help those in need. I feel all of campus, not just those who are affiliated, should be encouraged to partake in social services."

Sophomore Leanna Bucceri, member of Delta Gamma, said their

philanthropy is Service for Sight.

"Our main event is Anchor Splash, which is to be held in April," Bucceri said. "Other fraternities and sororities join in and all proceeds go to our philanthropy."

Bucceri said Delta Gamma organizes events at the Ohio School for the Blind as part of its volunteer work and to show the sorority's support for the cause.

"Our other events like flag football help us to raise awareness for Service for Sight, too," Bucceri said. "Recently there was a track meet at the school where sisters volunteered."

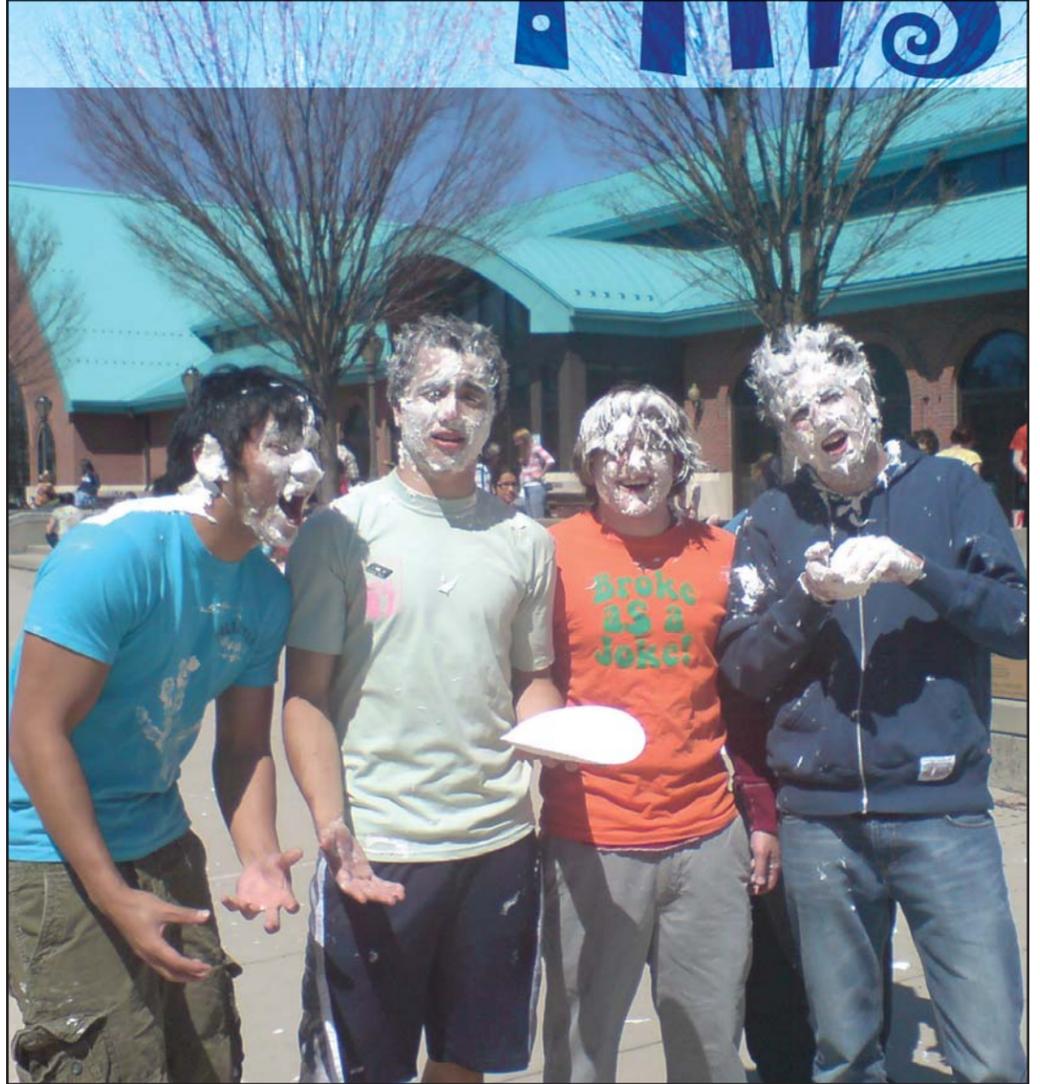
Similarly, senior Matt McGuire of Phi Gamma Delta, said brothers from his fraternity are heavily involved with helping Willis Middle School through tutoring programs.

"Although our official philanthropy is American Red Cross, we go to the school a lot to teach kids," McGuire said.

"Teachers appreciate our help with tutoring, and the children love us."

McGuire said it is most fulfilling to be a positive role model for children in middle school by helping them with homework or by just talking to them.

"Delaware has a lot of poverty, and children get affected most by that," McGuire said. "I feel like it is our duty to help them by just being big brothers to them. It is as simple as that."



Submitted Photo

The gents of Sigma Chi took pie to the face as a fundraiser during their annual Derby Days event.

# Chinese Culture Club formalizing structure, shares heritage

**By Matt Rissell**  
Transcript Reporter

The Chinese Culture Club hosted the Full-moon Festival at Blue Limestone Park on Sept. 29. Food from all the different members' cultural backgrounds was prepared and presented. The festival included barbecue, games and snacks.

Public relations officer, Echan Yang, said everyone is welcome to join the club.

"The club can act as a 'family' for Asian students," Yang said. "We continue to learn about Chinese culture because it's so huge and deep. Our club is quite diverse now that we have more members from many other countries and local students that we learn from as well."

Sophomore Katherine Mannix said she decided to check out the open invitation even though she is not a member.

"I had great food that I have never experienced before, and I really enjoyed meeting new people and playing baseball and frisbee," she said.

Senior Yu Hu, president of the Chinese Culture Club, said the club has been around for more than 10 years; there are 20 members of Chinese heritage and 25 from other countries including the United States.

"I plan on having a China week in March; it's my new proposal as president. Last year we did a Chinese movie week, and I would like to expand that into a China week. It would include calligraphy shows and selling traditional Chinese ornaments," Hu said.

Hu said besides formal events like the Full-moon Festival, the club members hang out several times a semester for dinners at Chinese restaurants and participate in Asian karaoke in Columbus.

The club meets every other week and is funded by WCSA. It also raises funds for projects and activities by delivering pizza.

Hu said the club has a strong past and has continued to expand.

"We were for a long time a very (loosely structured) club since all active members are just Chinese students. But this year, we have eight new Chinese freshmen, and I see the potential to expand the influence of the club. The moon festival I organized this year turned out to be really successful, and I am very happy with the result."

## Munch and Mingle event opens career networks

Current Ohio Wesleyan University students have the opportunity to meet alumni from a variety of occupations and professions in a relaxed and comfortable setting during Munch and Mingle 2007.

This event is a tradition of Homecoming Weekend, running on its seventh year. According to organizers, it is basically a career networking program.

Students are encouraged to mingle with alumni, ask questions and tap into their field(s) of expertise. Co-sponsors of the event include the Career Services Office, the Alumni Board of Directors and the Alumni Relations Office.

The event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 26, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Hamilton Williams Campus Center Benes Room. Refreshments and a light lunch will be

served.

The format will be casual and conversational, so students are encouraged to come as they would feel most comfortable.

Signs arranged around the room identify career areas of interest.

In addition, this year booklets will be provided and distributed to each student who participates. The booklets will include the business cards of the alumni and employers that participated in the mingle.

This will enhance the student's ability to follow up with alumni after the program, should they choose to.

Questions about the program can be directed to Ed Lenane in the Alumni Relations Office at (740) 368-3046.

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went both her freshman and sophomore years at OWU and thinks it's a great experience for students to have.

Philipp-Schnurer said she encourages students to get involved with Progress OWU.

She said the group has the ability to make member's ideas tangible.

"So whatever passion somebody else has, if they are locked by the campus, or they don't know how to make their idea happen, we have the resources to do that," Philipp-Schnurer said.

Garip said people should get involved with Progress OWU not only because

people should give back to the community and help those in need, but because of the way it makes a person feel inside.

"When I come back from a trip to the soup kitchen and I go to my room, I think to myself, you've done something good today," Garip said. "You've helped others who needed your help and devoted some time to help these people you barely know. That's because you care."

Garip said everyone should care a little bit more about those in need. She said students need to help spread the "care bug," and Progress OWU can help them do that.



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## Cleaning the art out the attic



Photos by Rob Misener

Student artists, from left, Andrew Stewart, Amanda Fisher and Christina Rissell pose during the closing reception of their art exhibit titled 'The Attic -- Moving Day!' The reception was held Friday, Oct. 5, in Edgar Hall.

## House provides nest for OWU tree huggers

By Forrest Old  
Transcript Correspondent

Environmentalists have found a home at Ohio Wesleyan in the form of the Tree House.

"We try to be as energy efficient as possible here," junior Rory McHale said. "We don't keep the hall lights on; we try to turn off the faucet when brushing our teeth. We have Veggie night every other Sunday. We also do all of the recycling for Stuy."

McHale, who is house moderator, said house projects are one of the biggest ways, however, to raise awareness about the environment.

Junior Valerie Lonneman is a psychology and Spanish major who has been a member of Tree House since the beginning of her sophomore year. She was the first to do a house project this year. She worked with the organization, "Think Outside the Bottle," to pressure major bottling companies, like Coke, Pepsi, and Nestle, into disclosing their water sources.

The project involved holding a taste test between bottled water and tap water, giving out information and asking people to pledge towards the cause. She said the results were good, with around 100 people pledging.

"A lot of people don't realize that the major bottled water companies are simply using the same water sources as municipal tap water," Lonneman said. "'Think Outside the Bottle' is trying to get the bottled water companies to reveal their water sources and put that on the bottle, so people can know that they could just be buying regular tap water."

Lonneman said that the bottled water can potentially be more dangerous, as the companies do not have to submit to the same

types of tests as municipal water suppliers. She also pointed out the companies waste oil during the process of making the plastic bottles and also pollute while the bottles are being shipped worldwide.

Junior Brad Mann, a member of the house since halfway through his freshman year, will execute his house project next.

His plan is to take students to West Virginia to learn about mountaintop removal, which, he explained, is an extremely destructive form of coal mining.

In the interest of convenience companies lop off the tops of mountains to extract coal directly, avoiding of the age-old method of underground mining.

The leftover dirt is then dumped in nearby valleys and riverbeds, polluting water sources and turning the Appalachian Mountains into plateaus.

The students will be visiting the land of activist Larry Gibson, who has spoken at Ohio Wesleyan in the past and also been featured on the news.

"The trip was originally planned for Oct. 19," Mann said. "But we've had some trouble acquiring the vans for the trip. Hopefully we'll be able to still do it."

While McHale agrees that the house members are passionate about the environment, he said he considers the house to be fairly low key compared to the other SLUs, particularly the Peace & Justice and the Creative Arts houses.

But when asked about the body paint party held two weeks ago at the Tree House, McHale could only grin.

"Yeah, things got pretty crazy," McHale said. "There was like two inches of paint on the kitchen floor. I didn't shower afterwards. I came downstairs the next morning and just said, 'Oh, man.'"

## Roommates find mess an expression of freedom

By Kelly Gardner  
Transcript Correspondent

Freshmen Alex Haggerty and Tony D'Abarno said their dorm room in Stuyvesant Hall represents their personalities.

"We both come from different places," D'Abarno said.

"When we moved in, we both decided to just let the other roommate do whatever they wanted. He comes from California, and I am from Pennsylvania. We haven't really sat down to clean our room ever this year."

Both men said they were pretty messy at home. The difference about being at home was that they were forced to stay clean by their parents. Now they are given unlimited freedom in their room, and they are taking advantage of it.

"Before I was always told when and how to clean my room," Haggerty said.

"Now that my mom isn't here to punish or threaten me, I love the new found freedom. For once I am allowed to let the room get as messy as I want and no one says anything. My roommate and I understand each other and just don't care if our room is clean or

messy."

Junior Lauren Frizzo is a residential assistant in Stuyvesant Hall. She lives down the hall from the boys and said she thinks their room represents the two men's personalities well.

"Both boys are easy going and very laid back," Frizzo said. "I think they are both extremely extroverted and are a lot of fun to be around. Their room is pretty messy, but it just goes to show that they don't get upset very easily."

Sophomore Elizabeth Collins was in their room and said that she finds the mess to be a sign of their laziness.

"I think that everyone should be entitled to live whatever way they want," Collins said. "However, their room is just way too messy for me to be in for an extended amount of time. ... They shouldn't have to be told when to clean their room, they should just know. I am somewhat of a neat freak so being around all the clutter makes me a little nervous. I feel as if I should start cleaning or something."

Both men said they couldn't be happier with the way their room is, even if it does seem to be a bit on the messy side.

## Another OWU student reports assault

For the second time in less than two weeks, a female student has reported being assaulted while walking alone on campus. Fortunately, both escaped without physical injury.

The latest incident occurred at approximately 7:50 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2. The student was walking between Thomson and Bashford Halls, near the Thomson C-Store, when a man greeted her, then grabbed her arm as she tried to

pass. The student struck the man in the face and ran to safety.

The suspect is described as a white male in his mid-20s with black hair. He was wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans. He is not believed to be an OWU student.

The Delaware City Police Department is aggressively investigating this incident as well as a Sept. 22 incident.

In instances such as this,

please students should call 911 immediately to give officers a better chance of apprehending any suspect(s).

This most recent victim of had the benefit of previously receiving personal safety training in an OWU physical education course, according to Public Safety officials. Groups interested in receiving more information about personal safety, should contact Public Safety.

## University to unveil former prez portrait

For 10 years, Thomas B. Courtice served as president of Ohio Wesleyan University, meticulously sketching and sculpting the institution's path forward.

On Oct. 26, the university will celebrate his skilled leadership with fine art of a different style. Ohio Wesleyan will unveil the official portrait of Courtice, who served as president from 1994 to 2004.

The unveiling ceremony will begin at 4:45 p.m. in the lobby of University Hall. Courtice will be in attendance at the event.

Also in attendance will be realist painter Sam Knecht, who spent more than a year creating the oil painting. Knecht, inspired by the works of American artists



Andrew Wyeth and Thomas Eakins, is chair of the art department at Hillsdale College in south central Michigan.

Courtice In addition to Courtice, Knecht also has created portraits of television personality Pat Sajak and his wife and of the late Russell Kirk, author of *The Conservative Mind*.

Examples of Knecht's portraits, landscapes and other works are available on his web site, www.knechtstudio.com.

The Courtice portrait is a gift to the university and its former president from Mary Milligan, who was awarded an honorary

Ohio Wesleyan degree in 2002. Milligan is the widow of Robert L. "Bill" Milligan, a 1922 Ohio Wesleyan graduate and longtime university trustee.

The couple also endowed the university's annual "Leaders in Business" Lecture Series in 1992.

This year's lecture series will kick-off Oct. 25 with David M. Cromwell, M.B.A., an adjunct professor of entrepreneurship at the Yale University School of Management and a 1966 Ohio Wesleyan graduate, who will discuss "Are You an Entrepreneur?"

His presentation, also free and open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

# Arts & Entertainment

## Actors in chairs make Bett's senior project

By Samantha Beany  
Transcript Reporter

One year ago, senior theatre major John Betts was reading a collection of plays.

Here *at trois* and immediately knew it was something special and something he wanted to direct.

*a trois*, by Barry Hall, "is written nontraditionally," Betts said. "It is written in a series of short scenes. The style calls on the audience to make their own story."

The show stars three actors confined to chairs for the duration of the performance.

"The characters struggle to connect emotionally because they can't connect physically," Betts said. "The scenes go fast. They are separate scenes but connected through a stream of consciousness. They stand

independently but work well together. It's really ingenious how Barry Hall connected them. Themes from one scene come back three scenes later."

One of the many themes explored in *a trois* is love.

"Love, economically speaking, is not a profitable venture," said Betts. "This idea comes from what is said just as much as what is not said."

Betts said the show's message is human connection.

"It is about self-discovery [as much] as it is about reaching out to other people," Betts said. "It's about being connected to people in ways we don't want to be."

As director, Betts said he didn't immediately recognize the prominence of these human and love aspects. He said he was continually discovering different layers. This showed him "how human the play was".

In the "Director's Notes" section of the program Betts wrote, "There is nothing really to 'get' other than, I hope, a feeling of some sort in your soul."

To further emphasize the actor-audience connection, Betts chose to display his show in the drama center basement.

"I could have had the studio theatre, but I chose the basement because of the human aspect and because it brings the audience closer," he said. "These are issues the audience deals with in a very real way."

The 35-minute performance starred freshmen Gus Steiner and Katelyn Schroeder and senior Dan Whalen. It was stage managed by sophomore Joanna VanSickle.

After OWU, Betts plans to return to Chicago, where he spent the summer in a directing internship, to pursue directing.



Photo by Samantha Beany  
Freshman Gus Steiner, known simply as 'A,' performs in John Betts' senior project.

## Oprah hates on Hip-Hop community; rappers never acknowledged

Oprah doesn't appeal to Hip Hop community, so she should leave us alone. In recent interviews Oprah has said she has no beef with Hip-Hop. Well, I have beef with her. This tension started when Oprah had Ludacris as a guest on her show and censored and edited his quotes.

Since then, Ice Cube has mentioned he thinks Oprah does not like Hip-Hop because she even prefers "rapists, child molesters and lying authors on her show." Now I am not arguing that Oprah should put more rappers on her show. Her show is watched mostly by white women and middle- to upper-class black women.

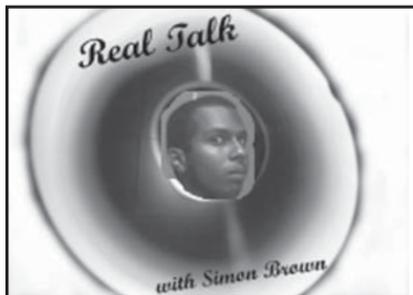
That crowd probably hates Hip-Hop the most. My issue is that Oprah will dip into the Hip-Hop and black culture, pick what she wants and then use it to run her show.

For example, she had a special on the movie *Barbershop 2*, yet she did not include Ice Cube in the line up, even though he was the main character.

I strongly feel Oprah ignores the Hip-Hop moguls because she is afraid of how her audience may respond.

Whether I am right or not is up for debate because I am stating an opinion, but saying that you have Kanye West on your iPod does not convince me that you are a true fan of Hip-Hop.

At a fundraising event at Bennett College, she called the music "hate speech" and said today's generation "doesn't know who they are." This bothers me, because I do not believe the top Billboard rap songs define what is hip-hop or what our generation stands



for.

I also believe people worship Oprah too much. I respect her journey from a poor black girl to one of the richest and most powerful celebrities today, but does that make her every word gospel?

Yes, she helps the suffering a lot, but in all honesty I don't put her on a pedestal for it. She goes to New Orleans and helps victims there, she goes to South Africa and helps children there, but she carries her camera crew.

She makes these endeavors a part of her show and her charity becomes a profit. That's a problem, and at that moment I take her off this holy pedestal she is put on, because like other talk show hosts, she cares about money and ratings.

So I have to say, whether or not Oprah really has a beef with Hip-Hop, it's obvious her show does not cater to that community. So she should leave us alone, stop talking about Hip-Hop and stop making efforts to avoid our rappers.

Her approaches towards the music are ignorant and poorly researched. So Oprah, please leave Hip-Hop alone and Hip-Hop won't bother you. Now that's real talk!

## Unlikely places inspire renown artist's jewelry

By Mark Dubovec  
Transcript Correspondent

Fifteen minutes into artist Jan Yager's PowerPoint presentation, the light bulb on the projector blew out. While custodians and technicians raced to fix the problem, Yager took the time to ask some questions of her audience.

"Who here is taking an art class right now?" she asked. Almost every hand in the room shot up instantly. "Now," Yager continued, "who wants to pursue art later in life?"

Uncertainty and hesitation spread through the audience of over 50; few people raised their hands.

This response disappointed Yager, who hoped to change their minds by the end of her lecture on Wednesday, Oct. 3, in a R.W. Corns Building lecture hall.

Finally, a replacement projector was set up, and Yager resumed her speech about her career, jewelry, influences and the importance of artists in today's world.

"Visual things are a universal language, a powerful language," Yager said. "Visual art is absolutely critical to understanding each other, oneself and the world."

Yager, an independent studio artist, is known for unique and series jewelry and metalwork.

Her art has appeared in *Vogue* magazine, and she has received numerous awards and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Pennsylvania State Arts Council, Rhode Island and Anonymous Was a Woman Foundation. In addition, her work is on display in the Smithsonian Institution and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Tammy Wallace, first assistant at the Ross Art Museum, said the importance of Yager's appearance at Ohio Wesleyan was her inclusion in and her work's relevance

to this year's Sagan National Colloquium topic, "Life in the Metropolitan World."

"Jan Yager is always finding her inspiration in her environment, which happens to be urban," Wallace said.

Yager has found inspiration in several unlikely sources around her inner-city studio.

While searching around the sidewalks of Philadelphia, she found several vials used to store crack. Yager noticed a peculiar characteristic to the vials: they shared relatively the same dimensions as the beads used to make necklaces. With that in mind, Yager collected the crack vials and used them to make jewelry and necklaces.

"Whatever you're looking for is right there," Yager said.

Wallace said, "It's about all the different places you can find inspiration." She said it was about the importance of artists finding their inspiration wherever they are and why it was important to have Yager speak to students about it.

"The more diverse artists that come, the more ideas the student artists will be exposed to and the more it will benefit them," Wallace said.

Yager held a workshop the metalwork shop of Haycock.

"I'm curious to see what she has to divulge in the workshop," said senior Megan Lay, a sociology major who is interested in adding a fine arts minor. "I heard great things about Yager from Cetlin," she said, referring to art professor Cindy Cetlin.

"I helped set up the posters," said sophomore Emma Edwards. "It sounds interesting."

"I find the metalwork very interesting, like the fusion of metal," sophomore LaTonya Wallace said. "It's kind of soothing in some ways to me."

# Arts & Entertainment

## Gallery opening 'Flirts with the line'



Photos by Rob Misener

Top left, student artists Emily Bigelow, right, and Audrey Charles enjoy the grand opening of their exhibit, 'Flirting with the Line,' at the Werner Gallery. The gallery offers students the opportunity to show their art to the public and work with their own gallery space for a few weeks at a time. 'For me personally this was a very exciting opportunity because I have not shown my work to anyone outside of my photography classes before,' Bigelow said. 'I am eager to hear opinions from friends and the general public.'



## Campus Girl Scouts in development

**By Ryan Armstrong**  
*Transcript Reporter*

Campus Girl Scouts, while still in a developmental phase, is a group of women motivated to do service projects with the community.

The organization has had two meetings this semester with 11 students at the meetings and another five who have taken an interest in the group.

President of Campus Girl Scouts, senior Siobhan Slone, said there are only a few Scout groups in the area, including Ohio Dominican, Ohio State and Otterbein.

"All the other factions in our area all have less than 10 people," said Slone. "This is something new and developmental. We have a lot of potential with this group. We are not going to do camping or badges, but we want to be a positive influence on girl's lives and the community."

Slone said the Seal of Ohio

Council is going to help Campus Girl Scouts with the starting materials for the troop.

"The council will provide funds for any projects we will work on," said Slone. "We have been in contact with the council and also with service unit which services the Delaware area. They are coordinating their calendars for the rest of the year. They will be letting us know what kinds of events are going on and how we can help them."

Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts in 1912. Now there are over 300 such local councils coordinating service projects for Girl Scout organizations and 3.7 million members in the U.S.

Slone said the university is not funding anything this semester.

"We are trying to get a proposal together for the spring requests for money from the University," said Slone.

"Most of our funding will continue to be from the Seal of Ohio Council. We are also going

to be selling Girl Scout cookies for fundraising."

The current national honorary president of the Girl Scouts is Laura Bush. The Girl Scout organization said with the support, vision and commitment of these role models, girls have the opportunity to become leaders in their communities.

Slone said she knows the Campus Girl Scouts will be doing activities with the Ohio State and Otterbein groups.

"Otterbein actually meets at Polaris at the Starbucks and Barnes and Noble," said Slone. "We are going to go down and plan a spa and rejuvenation date."

Slone said she wants to accomplish two achievements with the group.

"The idea behind this group is to get women together to volunteer to help the community and to become close with each other on a personal level," Slone said.

## Birdie flips for badminton club

**By McCarton Ackerman**  
*Transcript Reporter*

The badminton club wants students to know what all the racket is about.

The badminton club is an intramural team in its third year of operation. The club is designed for students to take a break from their studies by participating in athletics.

"We wanted to have a sport that we could enjoy at the end of the week," said sophomore Masatoshi Hirokawa, treasurer of the badminton club. "It's also important for students to have a time to exercise."

The badminton club is experiencing a surge in membership. Sophomore Will Heistand, secretary of the badminton club, said the number of people attending practices has doubled in the last year.

"We had 12 people in the club last year, and now we have around 25 students on our roster," Heistand said. "We know the size of many clubs decreases as the year progresses, so we're hoping to maintain the membership that we have so far."

Tyler Laws, president of the badminton club, said despite the increase in numbers, most students on campus were not aware that the club existed.

"We're trying to advertise more by talking about the club amongst our friends and posting flyers," Laws said. "I feel many people would enjoy the club but are not fully aware of its existence

or what we do."

Heistand said the club was also looking to expand into activities that went beyond general practice times.

"We had a friendly match against Denison last year and we're hoping to have two or three matches this year against Denison and a school to be determined," Heistand said.

Members of the badminton club represent more than 20 different countries. However, Heistand said most club members are international students of Asian descent and few American students have attended the meetings thus far.

"Badminton is a competitive sport in almost every country except our own," Heistand said. "In the same way that we shoot hoops outside, people from other countries might have a badminton net set up in their backyard."

Laws said promoting the club would create interest among both domestic and international students.

"We've already had an increase in the number and range of ethnicities attending the club," Laws said. "Once more people hear about the club, no matter their ethnic background, they will have a great time and likely attend again in the future."

Badminton club meetings are held in the Branch Rickey Athletic Center on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. and Fridays at 6 p.m. More information about the club can be obtained by e-mailing Laws at [tllaws@owu.edu](mailto:tllaws@owu.edu).

# Opinion



## Airport provides content for avid people watchers

So, because I pretend/attempt to live a life far more glamorous and extravagant than I can reasonably afford or justify, I flew out to California this past weekend to do a little bit of visiting.

Prior to this trip, I had never been to California, and I had sort of subconsciously prepared myself for what I envisioned as being like an entirely different country filled with people so very different from myself, so many miles and miles away.

Well, I was right about the miles and miles away part. By the time I finally landed in San Jose after a connecting flight in Houston, I had no idea what time it was, I felt like I had been asleep for days, and I would have easily believed that the plane had detoured to Europe based on how many hours I'd been cooped up in a plane.

And on top of all that confusion, grogginess and general disorientation, the biggest thing running through my mind was that I had most certainly not needed to step foot on California soil to find a bunch of people that I could describe as foreign, weird, creepy or any other variety of adjectives. I had learned my lesson: if you want to see an eclectic mix of people that will blow your mind, just get yourself to the airport.

Let's start with my favorite: the old man sitting next to me at the Philadelphia airport who literally



gelled the ends of his mustache up into flawless, rock-hard curly q's. I mean, to say I did a double take would be false. I did nothing short of stare creepily, wondering what kind of a person thinks that this is actually ... acceptable?

But then, "acceptable" is an inarguably fluid term, I realized, as I noticed some old, graying creeper a few seats away stare at me sketchily the whole time we sat at the gate. Making a good situation even better, he was on my 2nd flight from Houston to San Jose, and the staring continued. It's fine, creepiness is pretty acceptable in my book, but it certainly caught my attention.

In other news, you Clevelanders will like this. The woman I sat beside from Philly to Houston told me she'd just interviewed for a job at Case Western but was hesitant because of how aggressive the winters are supposed to be up there. She was literally unsure if she could

handle it. I laughed, telling her that us Ohioans are kind of used to it, but that she should probably get her game face on for some snow. I guess for some people, Ohio is the foreign territory.

Anyway, the list goes on, including the two middle-aged women behind me in security who thought the airport revolved around them and proceeded to throw a tantrum when they -- ohmygod -- had to have a photo I.D. and no liquids to board the flight. And, one of my favorites, the two little old Chinese women who thought the plane had left without them and tried to sprint past through the gate long before the plane had even arrived, God bless them.

Point being? I could have flown to California, China, Ecuador, Afghanistan or Columbus, Ohio, last weekend; it wouldn't have mattered. Uncomfortable, different, hilarious, "foreign" people are all around us, all the time.

And I guess whether it's the unfortunate man who likes to curl his mustache or the scary guy who likes to stare, it's always a challenge to both enjoy and embrace the billion things that make each and every one of us different, even as we share so much.

And in the meantime, if you're into creepiness, head to the airport. They've got you covered.

## Mid-semester break opportunity to catch up on work, not sleep

According to the Ohio Wesleyan academic calendar, we will be receiving our annual "mid-semester break" this week.

Now, I don't want to present myself as a genius, but it's not a break when you only get Monday off. That's a reprieve.

A break would actually provide us with an opportunity to rest and recharge our batteries after having major exams or papers in all of our classes. We would be able to catch up on sleep after all-night study sessions in which espresso, Red Bull and Aderol became our new best friends. A break would allow us to show up on our first day back looking like something resembling human form.

In reality, our mid-semester reprieve simply allows us to catch up on work that we've neglected in preparation for studying for these exams. Many students actually spend this day off that Ohio Wesleyan has blessed us with in the library, repeating the same grind in a different format.

To be fair, when it comes to holidays, OWU is an equal opportunity neglecter. Presidents Day? Martin Luther King Day? All bullshit holidays, apparently. An excuse for the slackers to go fishing. In most cases, these holidays go completely unnoticed on campus, without even so much as a moment of reflection.

What surprises me most is that when the academic calendar came out last year, we were scheduled to have Friday



off. This egregious error by the administration was no doubt promptly changed as soon it was noticed.

Oddly enough, the benefit of this lack of a break is that it actually motivates me to attend classes. How does this work, you might ask? Save for a couple of excused absences, I haven't missed class once this semester and have plenty of absences to spare.

Consequently, I'm taking Friday and Tuesday off and going to Chicago to protest the brevity of our mid-semester break. If I'm not going to receive a proper break, I'll create one for myself. At the end of this trip, I will come back recharged with good memories, experiences and a whole slew of photos that will need to be detagged off Facebook (yet again).

While there are some of us who aren't in a position to take two class days off, I would encourage those who can to do so. Your work at OWU is never-ending and will be there waiting for you regardless of how much time off you take. You might as well put yourself in a better position to tackle it all with vigor by taking time for yourself.

What would you rather have, OWU? A reprieve? Or a break?

## Girls and Sports



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# Opinion

## Eastern Europeans discouraged by crippling Western reality

Western Europe: continuous, prosperous, better, wearing proudly the label of 'shiny star' in the European constellation, at least from an outsider's point of view. Eastern Europe: new, fast, less experienced, terrifying, bearing echoes of its past still dripping in contemporary politics, boasting the verve to change and rebuild its forgotten land ever since 1989, although most in theory rather than practice.



In between, there is a gap that has been narrowing every year at a fast pace, raising the East's hopes to propel into the Western sphere, while casting doubt and anxiety in the West which is becoming reluctant to deviate or be pulled back by its sluggish neighbor.

Erasing all fears and promises from both sides, a question comes into light: How soon will the bridge connect the two almost extreme corners of the continent?

With the end of the hatred era and a new horizon ahead, naïve Central and Eastern Europeans blindly grasp the idea of alignment between of the two incongruous European blocs.

The focus becomes the younger generation that grew up during a time of change, inflow, novelty and opportunity, yet unconsciously has ingrained some roots of believed "sunset communism."

The past became insular for the periphery of Europe that was waiting to breathe new Western air; those Eastern European states audaciously proclaimed and firmly believed in the automatic status of equality and Occident installed by the new political cloth. But anchored in reality, this perspective became synonymous with idealism and innocence of the politically inexperienced and less flexible society pertinent to countries recovering from communism.

There is no doubt about the sudden boom of ideas, products and opportunities that emerged immediately after the destruction of the communist presence in Europe. The political wings given to these new democracies pushed them to a fast growth,

confirming the goal of catching up with Western standards. It was soon to be a less viable dream, given the prevalent corruption; inherited socialist mentality; remembrance of the past as depicted by the big, grey communist block of flats; and the constant uncertainty of the future political path.

The post 1989-era much resembled the pre-1989 period in substance, if not in form, when considering the cosmetic changes such as hundreds of products lying on the store shelves, a mesmerizing view for the eye trained to see no more than one product for a basic needs. It was soon to be clear that change requires a gradual rhythm after a radical revolutionary movement; the dependent variables are mentality, practices and adaptation rather than the pure title of political democracy.

Patience soon faded for individuals who were trapped too long in the sluggish reforming process of their home countries. As a result, many Eastern Europeans embarked on the Western dream that finally matched their unfulfilled expectations. Lacking a real approach of the "outside world" because of disinformation or idyllic vision of the prosperous Occident, the Western myth shattered in front of the incredulous eyes of Eastern immigrants.

Western democracy seemed dichotomous to the truncated version just installed in Eastern countries. Liberties beyond imagination: smooth cooperation and efficiency among coworkers, yet rigid to the newcomers and technologies unreachable by backwards standards experienced in the

East were among the unexpected surprises discovered by the inflow of optimistic Eastern Europeans.

These differences were especially applicable to the low-skilled workers where the cultural shock strongly blended with the language barrier and lack of flexibility to adapt became a major constraint. Even the educated wave of immigrants, highly trained for Western requirements, encountered difficulty mixing into a cohesive cultural setting. Individualistic and materialistic incentives specific to most emerging democracies in Europe were real disadvantages for those Eastern Europeans just stepping into a Western environment of unity and nationalism. Despite the social and cultural barriers, the export of hard work, labor and talents to the West inflated even more.

Destinations such as Italy, Spain and the UK became the perfect materialistic havens for individuals coming from a locus where job opportunities arise mostly through personal connections.

The compensation of 500 to 600 euros per month for a low-paid job under European standards (construction, nursing, bar tending, agriculture) together with deprived conditions in order to accumulate savings for spending in the home country outweighed the better qualifications possessed (in most cases even two university diplomas unrecognized or useless in the West) and the "foreigner" feeling experienced by every immigrant.

The Eastern Europeans temporarily working abroad are facing a new dilemma: they are intermediaries between a profitable job in the West, undermining their real abilities and the necessary social integration and the familiar East, where slow changes and low prospective of real success are the only options.

Which holds the ticket for the better socially and materialistic life the "new European" citizens long for -- Western or Eastern Europe?

## Transcript mistake unique learning opportunity

### A letter from the editor

Dear OWU Community,

I hope this letter is finding you well. As many know, *The Transcript* ran a story about the House of Hope last week.

My apologies to the women who live there now. As it turns out, the SLU called House of Hope does not exist and some of the information provided in the story was incorrect.

As editor, it is my job to catch these (and much smaller) mistakes, which I obviously failed to do. However, the student who wrote this story is not on the regular *Transcript* staff, but a correspondent in a journalism course which focuses on learning proper news writing techniques and media ethics. Clearly, this is a learning process.

This mistake, however, is a perfect case study for why the media must constantly work to earn and preserve credibility. Although many believe the media as a whole participates in faulty practices, I assure you we don't.

With the exception of a few stray journalists and publications that have an obvious political slant, journalists strive to consistently provide accurate information to the public.

We will, without a doubt, fail at times, and we do admittedly have a bigger responsibility to being absolutely correct. However, every journalist will mess up at some point, and I simply ask if you have ever been wrong about anything.

To err is human .... There's no need to finish the quote. You get the point.

Lastly, I simply remind you that this is a student newspaper whose objective is to teach good journalism. Overall, I feel we are accomplishing this goal. *The Transcript* is like a practice for a sports team -- an opportunity to work out the kinks before we're set to play the real game.

There will be strike outs and balls will be bobbled. Such is life. I only hope this one mistake doesn't taint your opinion of this newspaper. It is you, after all, that *The Transcript* is meant to serve.

Until next issue ...

Sincerely,  
Miranda Simmons  
Editor-in-chief

## College readership program benefits OWU society

By Mike DiBiasio  
Guest Columnist



Thomas Jefferson once said, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

I once said, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have more access to our Student Center without the Collegiate Readership Program, or the Collegiate Readership Program without more access to our Student Center, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

This view, according to the election results of the latest WCSA geo-rep election, is not shared by the majority of student voters.

Fifty-six percent, 286 students, favored a Student Center with more hours of operation over the return of the Collegiate

Readership Program (CRP). Fortunately the results of ballot issues are non-binding and are only used by WCSA to gauge student body opinion.

While valuing the opinion of those 284 voters, WCSA has, as of Oct. 8 amended and passed resolution No.: 07 F-03 "an act to allocate WCSA funds for the Collegiate Readership Program."

WCSA has allocated \$8,000 out of its general allocation fund to finance the CRP for the 2007-2008 academic year. Decisions on the Student Center's hours are pending.

It pleases this journalism major and concerned citizen to know our student government recognizes the importance and benefits of having free daily newspapers available at several campus locations.

While we study, stress and play in academy, there is another world operating on a much grander scale that we must be attuned to and will eventually join.

The ability to read lead paragraphs and headlines on the way to classes -- or in a spare five minutes between them -- is enough to raise our awareness about the world outside the jurisdiction of Public Safety.

This exposure to current events and issues should make it easier for students to put their courses in better perspective as well.

Other benefits of the CRP are the life-long habits the program instills in college students. Students making a routine of reading the paper at breakfast, on

the way to class or in the evening will surely continue this routine after graduation.

Furthermore, students who read CRP newspapers routinely have something to recycle every day, and that may lead greener lives in the future because they were encouraged to recycle in college.

So, do I think that CRP is more important than the Student Center's hours? Yes.

Is that what matters? No. This isn't a matter of importance, it's a matter of competence. What matters is when the newspapers are available in the upcoming weeks, they are read, understood, considered often and enrich our university.

I do not hesitate a moment to commend WCSA on the enactment of this resolution and will not hesitate a moment to drop newspapers on the laps of my peers who need a break from being college students.



# Bishops Sports

## Women's lax takes a hit



The 2007-2008 OWU lacrosse team move into this season without Kimberly Rocheleau, pictured on the right side of the second row.

### Mark Princehorn

*Transcript Correspondent*

The Ohio Wesleyan Women's lacrosse team takes the field in 2008 facing some unexpected adversity. The Lady Bishops are going into this off season without a head coach.

Kimberly Rocheleau, who was going into her fifth year as head coach, resigned her position last week. Dara Lundregan, assistant coach from last season, is standing in as head coach until the program selects a new head coach.

In addition, the program only brought in one recruit for the new season. The squad also lost five seniors in the spring, including Paula Breen, who was the team's leading scorer.

The team finished up the 2007 season with an 11-4 overall record, going 5-1 in NCAC play. The Bishops return 25 players, including the number two, three and four leading scorers.

Senior Alexa Deaton, junior Hannah Mudge and senior Julia Fouts compiled 73 goals and 25 assists during the 2007 campaign.

The experience of the offense will be a huge part

in the team's success this season.

The defense will be the question for the team in 2008. Sophomore defender Lauren Rogers returns as the leader on defense. Rogers started all 15 games last year as a freshman and the only returning defensive starter.

"We have great team chemistry, and even though coach is gone, we are still optimistic and looking forward to a very successful season," Rogers said.

Senior Maggie Eichenlaub returns in goal to help anchor the Bishops' defensive unit. Eichenlaub compiled 161 saves last season.

"We are inexperienced, but we have a lot of talented girls that are ready to step in and contribute," Rogers said. "Everyone played in games last year, so we know what it takes and we are ready to play."

The girls have held fall-ball practices regularly during the week, and pre-season scrimmages were held Oct. 6. The games were played at Wittenberg University.

The Bishops will square off against Wittenberg and the club teams of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio University and the University of Kentucky in the spring.

## Third in the nation isn't good enough

### Golf team vies for national championship

#### Alex Humbert

*Transcript Correspondent*

This fall, there's an Ohio Wesleyan men's team vying for a national championship that doesn't involve running or passing; it's the golf team.

The team, which is composed of two seniors, four juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen, is currently ranked seventh in the nation according to the Golf World/Nike Golf College rankings and is coming off a third place finish last year.

Junior Jeffrey Nieman said that although golf is not typically a team sport, most of those on the team came here to be a part of the team atmosphere.

"I think we're constantly pushing ourselves to get better," Nieman said. "The team aspect of golf here is the best part."

In four tournaments this season, Nieman individually has finished first, second, eighth and ninth, while the Bishops as a team have finished second and third and twice have finished in first place.

Sophomore Jordan Benner

said he agrees with Nieman about the team aspect of college golf.

"The team aspect is why most of us came here in the first place," Benner said. "Everyone on our team came here to win a national championship, and that is why we work harder than every other team, everyday of the year."

Benner, who has a first, ninth and a 12th place finish so far this season, said the team confidence level is high, and going into the season they expected to win. "This year we are very talented," Benner said. "We only lost one senior from our top five last year that finished third in the nation."

The Bishops are coming off a third place finish at the Denison Invitational Oct. 6 and 7, and with only one tournament remaining Oct. 13 and 14 at the Gordin Collegiate Classic, the Bishops remain confident in their national championship chances.

"We are the best golf team in the country," Nieman said. "After a third place finish last year, we now know what it takes to win. We have more than just talent; we have passion. We realize what an incredible opportunity we have."

## Porter looks to lead field hockey and women's lax

#### Brian Test

*Transcript Correspondent*

Junior Tara Porter is a two-sport athlete who plays field hockey and lacrosse; her strength and competitiveness allowed her to play through a broken finger last year.

Porter went to Thayer Academy and Berkshire School for high school. She played her first three years at Thayer Academy in Braintree, Mass., while finishing her high school career at Berkshire and being named MVP and captain.

Porter has played midfield until this year when she splits time at midfield and forward.

Porter said she tries to be a vocal leader for the team.

"I try to motivate my teammates by staying positive and making sure the depth of our team always feels secure, on and off the field. I am a hard worker and get frustrated easily when people don't work hard enough."

"Communication is huge in every sport and I have learned over the years how important that it is for our team," Porter said.

Coach Marge Redmond said Porter is one of the hardest working players she has on the team. "Porter brings a lot to the team besides her speed and hard

work. She is very mature, even when she was a freshman."

"Her terrific high school experience has made her the pulse of the team," Redmond said. "She is a good fixer and when her shot is on it is fast and difficult to stop. She is one of our best players at corner and penalty shots."

Redmond said Porter's work ethic has been tremendous her whole career at OWU.

"She has moved positions a bit, but she is able to perform in all situations and at key times," Redmond said.

Porter said she wants to leave a big impact on the OWU field hockey community even after she graduates.

"I want to be remembered as a player that never gave up and was a positive role model," Porter said. "I hope people remember me as a player who worked my hardest every day and played with no regrets."

Junior Emily Molchan said Porter is a big contributor to the team because she is an aggressive and well-rounded player.

"Porter is a leader by example," Molchan said. "She works hard all the time even during practice."

"Her intensity, knowledge of the game, and encouraging attitude in any situation helps the team stick together," Molchan said.

## Field hockey returners jazzed for successful finish to season

### Katharine Mannix

*Transcript Correspondent*

Since the season started in late August, the field hockey team has experienced a complete turnaround from previous seasons.

The team began well when players came to pre-season in great shape, ready to dedicate the next three months to field hockey.

This year the team has 12 freshmen, six of whom are now starters. Because only four freshmen were recruited last year, the team suffered from low numbers.

"Marge really gave up a lot of her time this past year in order to recruit great new players," said senior Katie Jones, a four-year goalie. "The team also put a lot more effort into recruiting this year compared to previous years."

The returning players have really embraced the incoming freshman, team members said.

"The freshman class is great; they really bring a lot of fresh new talent to the field," said senior Jenna Narwicz.

Compared to the previous years, Jones said the team has really stepped up. The new assistant coach has had a key role in the discipline of the team.

"Our work ethic this year is better than it has

ever been in all my four years of playing," Jones said. "We have a lot more depth, so people fight for positions."

Another change for this year is having no captains for the team. Each person has had to find her role on the team, and natural leadership has emerged.

"The seniors all have something that they bring to the team, and different people have stepped up at the appropriate times, especially the junior class," Jones said.

Sept. 30 was the fight for the first-place spot in the NCAC as Ohio Wesleyan played Kenyon. Unfortunately, OWU lost to Kenyon and then lost again to Oberlin on Oct. 2.

"These past two games were huge wake up calls," Jones said. "It's that time of year, mid-season, mid-semester, and so there are many new adjustments for the new players."

Despite the past two losses, OWU field hockey beat Wooster earlier in the season for the first time in two years and also won against Wittenberg for the first time since 1999.

The team has made many improvements from coaching techniques to player improvement.

"We are more determined to do well and succeed," said senior Maggie Donavon.



# Bishops Sports

## Keeping her head in the game



Photo by Danny Eldredge

Senior midfielder Meg Smith uses her head to advance the ball against Hiram on Tuesday night. The Lady Bishops won 3-0 while outshooting the Lady Terriers 28-2. The women beat Allegheny 1-0 on Saturday.

## Bishops falter in Meadville, lose 3-0

**Greg Stull**  
Transcript Reporter

Though outshot 20-10, Allegheny outscored Ohio Wesleyan 3-0 and gave the Bishops their second-straight conference loss on Saturday in Meadville, Pa.

The Bishops are now 2-2 to in the NCAC.

The Bishops had three early shots on goal; one in the 3rd minute from freshman forward Tyler Wall and then two in the 9th minute from Wall and freshman forward Tyler Bryant. But all three shots were saved by Allegheny keeper Ryan Larkin.

Then, in the 21st minute, Peter Subasic capitalized on a poor clearance by the Bishops' defense and buried a shot from around 25 yards to put the Gators ahead.

After a red card in the 38th minute against junior forward Todd Ufferman, Ohio Wesleyan was left a man down for the remainder of the game.

The half ended with 11 shots from the Bishops and 5 shots from

the Gators, but no more finishes.

In the second half, the Gators increased their lead in the 68th minute, when Pat Doherty scored, unassisted, off a counter attack with a shot from around 20 yards out. The Gators then sealed the win, 3-0, with a finish from Eric Sloan in the 76th minute off a free-kick from about 35 yards out.

Bryant said that despite losing, his team outplayed the Gators.

"The first half was even, but we pretty much dominated the second half," Bryant said.

Coach Jay Martin corroborated.

"We played well and were all over them. Todd Ufferman got a red card five minutes after the first goal, but we were all over them in the second half," Martin said.

As in the first half, the Bishops outshot the Gators in the second, 9-5.

The Bishops had 12 total shots on goal, but all 12 were saved by Larkin. Senior keeper Jamison Dague managed to save 4 of the Gator's 7 shots on goal, but two

got by him and another got by senior keeper Xander Jones, who filled in for Dague in the last 17 minutes.

Skoczen said Allegheny's goals were not the result of defense breakdowns — they were just "three good shots."

Beginning in the second half against Oberlin, played last Saturday, and continuing through the games against Kenyon and Allegheny, the team has had trouble getting offensive results, Martin said.

"We have now had 46 shots without a goal. On average, a goal is scored every nine shots. So we are struggling in the final third," Martin said.

Martin said this loss hurts the team's chance of winning the conference title.

"We won't win the regular season title. But we feel we can win the tournament. No one has outplayed us yet."

Bryant said, "Losing is disappointing, but we are a good team, and when we play well nobody can beat us."

## Fighting Scots throw knockout punch in fourth

**By Danny Eldredge**  
Sports Editor

The Bishops let one slip away in Wooster on Saturday, falling 13-9 to the Fighting Scots.

With the game tied up 6-6, the Bishops started their final scoring drive with 11 minutes to go on their own 45-yard line. They ran the ball effectively, eating up over five minutes of game clock, and ended up with a 1st and goal on the 1-yard line. However, The Bishops were stoned on three straight rushing attempts.

Head Coach Mike Hollway said that was the most disheartening part of the game.

"We had that great fourth quarter drive and got all the way down to their 1-yard line, and had to settle for a field goal," Hollway said.

"I think we just need to stay focused instead of getting complacent near the goal line," freshman quarterback Mike Fisher said. "We need to get hungrier and punch it into the end zone."

Junior kicker Chris Kras nailed the last of his three field goals to put the Bishops up 9-6 with less than six minutes to play in the fourth quarter. Kras made sure Wooster had to start on their own 20 by driving the kickoff into the end zone.

"At this point, I was still feeling pretty good because they had less than six minutes and 80 yards in front of them" Hollway said. "I felt like the worst thing that could happen was them kicking a field goal."

Unfortunately for the Bishops, the Fighting Scots put together a great drive and ended up converting on a 4<sup>th</sup> and 8 to get to the Bishops' 34-yard line. From there, running back Dustin Sheppard had his longest run of the day, racing into the end zone with 2:58 to go.

The Bishops were able to take it down into Wooster territory on their next possession, but came up short on a 4<sup>th</sup> and 4, turning it over on the 24-yard line.

"I felt like going for it was our best opportunity, because the alternative was kicking a 44-yard field goal," Hollway said.

The Bishops did get the ball back with 11 seconds to go on their 1-yard line after a goal-line stop, but they did not have

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enough time to get down the field from there.

Wooster scored first in the game, going up 3-0 in the first quarter. The Bishops had some opportunities in Wooster territory in the first half, but did not have the consistency necessary to put points on the board.

"We just didn't take advantage of some of the opportunities that were right in front of us," said junior running back Kyle Adams.

The Bishops tied it up on the first possession of the second half, with the drive culminating in a 24-yard field goal by Kras.

The Bishops then took advantage of a fumble recovery at the Fighting Scots 12-yard line, with Kras coming on to convert a 20-yard field goal, putting the game at 6-3.

Wooster tied the game late in the third quarter when they made a 38-yard field goal.

The Bishops then held Wooster to a three and out, which set up their final scoring drive.

Sophomore running back Steven Brown led the Bishops with 74 yards rushing on 19 carries. Junior quarterback Andy Boff went 13 for 19 for 175 yards passing, and senior split end Zach Dennis led in receiving with 106 yards on seven receptions.

Junior linebacker Tommy Saunders led the defense in tackles with 11, and senior linebacker Chad Ellis added nine tackles, with two for loss.

Ohio Wesleyan hosts Denison this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Selby Field.

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## Heat doesn't hinder cross country at All-Ohio



By **Catie Coleman**  
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Ohio Wesleyan's cross country course, on the grounds of the Methodist Theological School and the Dornoch Golf Club, was the location for the biggest cross country event in the state on Friday, Oct. 5.

Four races were contested with a total of nearly 1,000 competitors.

The terrain was hilly, and a temperature that peaked just over 80 degrees created conditions many runners are no longer accustomed to by early October. There were a few competitors who never made it across the finish line, collapsing on the course as the effects of dehydration and heat exhaustion set in.

"It was an unreasonably hot day, and I don't think I was prepared well for the heat," junior David Stefanik, who led the OWU men's team, said.

Even with the uncomfortable conditions, the majority of competitors did finish, and of these, Malone bettered the

competition in the men's varsity race, taking the meet with only 32 points. University of Cincinnati was second with 90 points, and 179 points earned Ohio University third place.

The Ohio Wesleyan men placed 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 39 schools including Division I, II, III and NAIA schools, which earned them ninth place among Division III schools. Stefanik was followed by senior Pete Macleod, junior Garret Andre-Johnson, sophomore Christian Schlabach and junior Gary Brenneman.

"The men suffered a little bit of the effects of the heat," head coach Kris Boey said. "Our number three runner was not able to finish, but we competed decently, and we know the best is yet to come."

Stefanik agreed with Boey, stating that their main focus is on the upcoming NCAC championships.

The women's varsity race was much closer with a winning score of 75 for Miami University. Second place was Ohio University with 80 points, followed by Akron

University with 100 points.

Sophomore Sarah Shinn led the women's team to a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish overall out of 44 teams. The team's score earned them third place among Division III teams.

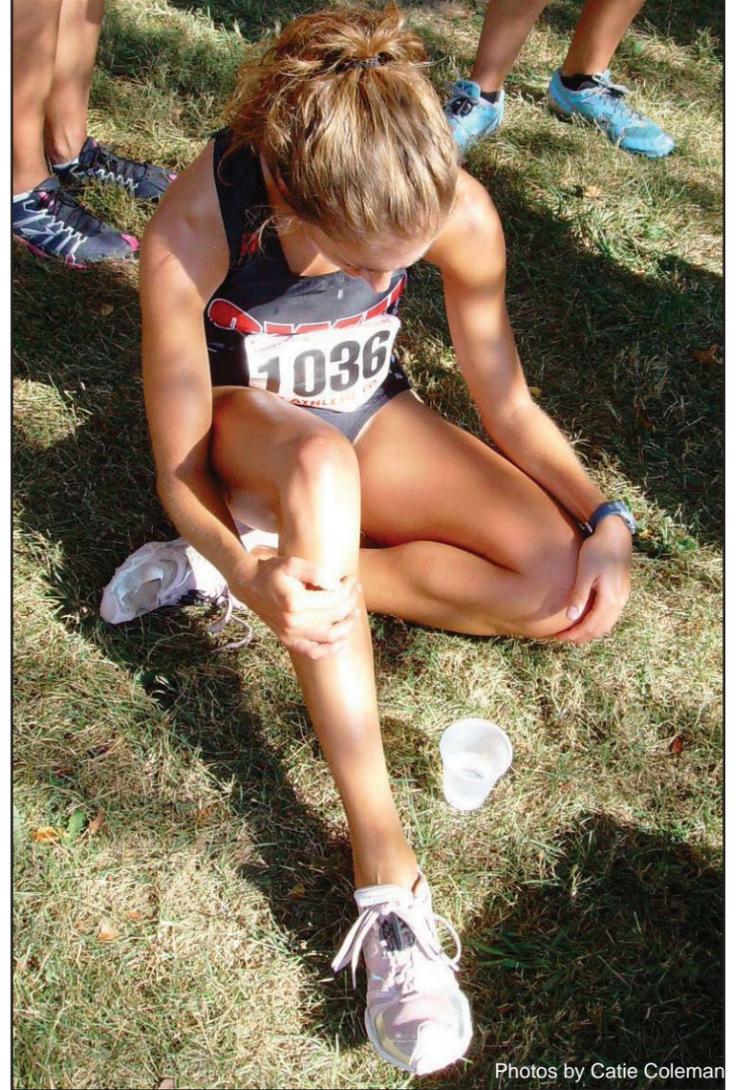
The OWU women finished in a close pack with sophomore Claire Everhart, juniors Leah Schmelzer and Laura Binkley and freshman Kat Zimmerly finishing close behind Shinn.

"Despite the heat and humidity, our team was able to perform very well," sophomore Santa Zalite said. "I felt confident because my teammates were very supportive."

The women moved up from fourth place in Division III last year.

"The women ran well," said Boey. "Obviously if you can compete as a top three team in a very good division III race and place 14<sup>th</sup> out of 44, it speaks well about your effort."

Both teams will be competing at the Gettysburg Invitational on Oct. 13 before they head to Kenyon on Oct. 27 to vie for the NCAC title.



Photos by Catie Coleman

Images of the women's team and the varsity men hopping the creek in the first lap of the course.



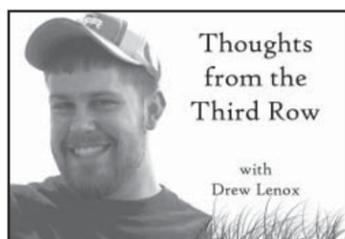
## Athletes should support hometown team in front of hometown crowd

Sports fans show support for their teams in different ways and for different reasons.

Some fans like the teams that their parents liked or just support the hometown favorite. Some just wear hats because they like the logo.

In opposition to one of my friends, I don't believe there is an obligation to favor the teams that play in the area where you live or grew up. This would curse some fans for life based on their birthplace.

Some people don't have teams in their surrounding area. Do these people use Mapquest to decide who to root for, and if they get a team, must these fans switch their allegiance?



I don't think so. It can be convenient to like the teams of your city because you can possibly see them in person and the team will most likely be featured on television in that market.

But as long as a fan has their loyalties and those loyalties don't change when the team doesn't win any games, I have no problem with any person choosing to cheer for any team.

A person can be from Columbus and root for Michigan or from New York and like the Red Sox. Their well-being might be at risk, but every day person has a right to choose who to like.

As with most standards in our world, though, I think we have to hold different standards for public figures like professional athletes.

Recently, LeBron James, player for the Cleveland Cavaliers and the face of Cleveland sports, wore a New York Yankees hat to a game between the Yankees and the Indians in Cleveland.

Most athletes do not play and live in the city where they were born, and I think it is reasonable to expect that they had teams they supported before they became

professional. I have no problem with that.

I think even professional athletes can support any team they want, but there is a time and a place for the expression of loyalty.

I know that the Yankees, like some other teams, are nationally supported and nationally disliked. James, who is from the Cleveland area, can like the Yankees if he wishes.

He can walk down the street and tell everyone that he always has and always will like the dreaded team from the Bronx. He can wear a Yankees hat and it won't bother me much.

The problem comes in when the athlete knowingly expresses

his support for the other team, and thus disloyalty to the home team, in the faces of their hometown fans.

James made a conscious decision to wear the New York hat to an Indians game when they were playing the Yankees. If he wants to wear a Yankees hat to a Cleveland vs. Boston game it could be okay, but to show up and flaunt his support in the faces of his fans shows a lack of class.

James will still be a hero to some fans in Cleveland, but I think some of us will lose some respect for "King James."

The best part is he left the game with the hat in his hands because his Yankees were getting beat by Cleveland's Indians.