



THE TRANSCRIPT

The Oldest Continuously Published Student Newspaper in the Nation

MCs blow roof off Stuy Smoker
Page 4



Interns meet George W.
Page 6



Dual sporter Graf a true 'balla'
Page 7



Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007

Volume 146, No. 8

News in brief

Model UN represents at Cleveland conference

Cleveland, OH – The last weekend in October the Ohio Wesleyan Model United Nations Team took home six awards and commendations at the annual Lake Erie International Model United Nations Lake Erie XIV Conference in Cleveland.

Junior Natalia Tariq representing Pakistan on the Organization of the Islamic Conference -- along with seniors Robert Shelala II, representing Robert F. Kennedy, and Shannon Hopkins representing Nikita Khrushchev both on the Dual Crisis Committee-Cuban Missile Crisis -- all took home Awards of Excellence. Also, junior Andrew B. Doll took home an Award of Superiority for representing Russia on the UN Security Council.

Along with the medals, sophomore Shan Song brought home a chair's gavel after representing South Africa on the World Health Organization. The chair's gavel is presented to a delegate who made an impact on the chair during the conference.

On top of the individual medals, the team placed fourth out of 17 schools, including ones such as University of Pennsylvania, Case Western Reserve University and The Ohio State University.

Artist depicts martyr's life

Performance artist and former Baptist minister Al Staggs will present his one-person play "Oscar Romero: A Martyr's Homily" at 8 p.m. Nov. 13 in Ohio Wesleyan University's Chappellear Drama Center, 45 Rowland Ave. The event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

Sponsored by Ohio Wesleyan's Chaplain's Office, the performance tells the story of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, who was assassinated in 1980 while celebrating Mass. Though his killer has never been found, Romero is widely believed to have been slain as a result of his involvement in human rights and justice issues in El Salvador.

Romero's death resulted in an international outcry for human rights reform in El Salvador, and he is considered by some as the unofficial patron saint of the Americas. Outside of Catholicism, Romero is honored by other religious denominations, including the Church of England. Romero is one of 10 modern-day martyrs depicted in statues above the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey in London. Other martyrs honored there include Martin Luther King Jr.

Staggs, who travels the country providing inspirational programming, previously visited Ohio Wesleyan in 2003. At that time, he performed "A

See **STAGGS** on Page 5

INDEX

Campus News.....	2, 3
A&E.....	4
News.....	5
Opinion.....	6
Sports.....	7, 8

Funny man on campus



Photo by Rob Misener

Comedian Dmitri Martin performed stand up Thursday in Gray Chapel. He was brought to Ohio Wesleyan University by the Campus Programming Board. For the full story, see page 3.

PS officer tells of OWU haunts

By **Catie Coleman**
Transcript Reporter

Stuyvesant Hall was a "spirited" place to be this Halloween. At least that's what public safety officer, John Ciochetty, had to say.



Ciochetty

Stuy Smoker provided an eerie atmosphere as the sole source of light faded in and out near the stage where Ciochetty, a self-proclaimed ghost hunter, told the tales of Ohio Wesleyan's haunted campus.

Ciochetty began the lecture with a matter-of-fact statement.

"There is proof that there is life beyond death," Ciochetty said.

His opening words were unsettling to many in his audience, according to junior Lexie Black, who listened to the lecture with friends.

"I like being scared, going to haunted houses and watching scary movies, but I live in Stuy, and some of the stories he (Ciochetty) told were just creepy," Black said.

Black also admitted she no longer feels comfortable going into the basement to do laundry.

Ciochetty is a member of the Central Ohio Paranormal Society. Ciochetty said the group investigates claims of paranormal activity through a series of scientific tests using digital cameras, infrared videos and audio recorders.

Ciochetty played EVP (Electronic Voice Phenomena) samples recorded at various locations for the audience. One of the samples, the voice of a little girl, was recorded in Edward's Gym, Ciochetty said.

Edward's Gym isn't the only building Ciochetty claims to be haunted.

"We've had psychics tell us a young lady committed suicide by jumping off the third floor of Elliot -- back when it was a resort," Ciochetty said.

The young lady in Elliot Hall, Ciochetty said, may be responsible for the frequent unlocking and opening of balcony doors after they've already been secured and checked.

Stuyvesant Hall may be home to several spirits. Ciochetty said a girl occupied a single in the basement of Stuy some time since its completion in 1931.

"She was a very bright student. Her entire life was devoted to her studies. Then she got into the occult," Ciochetty said.

According to Ciochetty, a series of blood curdling screams came from the room one night, and inside, the woman was rocking on her bed repeating the phrase, "They're out to get me."

David Warren, a former president of OWU, stayed in the room one night to try to dispel rumors, according to Ciochetty, but, to this day, he does not speak of his experience.

After a second administrator stayed in the room for the same purpose, Ciochetty said it was permanently

sealed.

Welch Hall, even though it is much newer than Stuy, has ghosts of its own, Ciochetty said.

Ciochetty spoke of a freshman named Mark who committed suicide on the first floor of Welch Hall.

According to a May 2000 issue of the Columbus Dispatch, the student was 19-year-old Mark Mascari of Dublin. He was found hanged in his room on April 3, 2000.

Ciochetty said that, since his death, the drawers in the room open and close by themselves, footsteps can be heard and the water turns on and off.

Ciochetty claims he entered the Welch room as he was doing rounds one night and saw the closet doors sliding back and forth. As he walked further into the room, he said he was suddenly lifted off the ground and pushed against a wall when he heard a voice whisper, "Shock you."

Ciochetty said he looked to the floor and saw a split electrical cord he had almost stepped on.

"I believe it was Mark helping me," Ciochetty said.

According to Ciochetty, just about every building on campus is home of to at least one spirit.

Ciochetty said Chappellear is the home of a former OWU thespian named Scotty, Bashford get visits from a young lady who reveals herself silently for a few seconds before dissipating and a ghost who is apparently trying to learn the piano

See **GHOSTS** on Page 5

ILP aims to raise Indian education standards

By **Rafaya Sufi**
Transcript Correspondent

The India Literacy Project (ILP) is a philanthropic organization on campus that aims to further the cause of disenfranchised children in India by raising money and creating awareness on campus, according to senior Divesh Raney.

Raney, a former member of the ILP, said he hopes to kick-start the organization again some time next year because it's good cause.

"We are mainly an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) that helps other NGOs," Raney said. "We identify NGOs that are working toward literacy goals. Kids that have been out of school for a while or kids that have never been enrolled need help in catching up. They need help to bridge their education gap."

Raney said he has visited the sites in India where money raised at OWU

went.

"In one of the villages, we found that one teacher was teaching grades one through five," Raney said. "We want to make villagers take control of their education. We want them to be able to stand up and ask the government to provide them with more teachers, with better educational standards. We want to increase awareness about the problem in a country where 70% of the population still lives in rural areas."

Founded in 1990 by a group of Indian expatriates living in the United States, the India Literacy Project has grown steadily since. The OWU chapter, founded in 2003, is one of the first in the Midwest, according to Raney.

"Most of its volunteers are in the U.S.," Raney said. "We have several chapters across the nation. We all fundraise here and send funds back

See **LITERACY** on Page 5

Alum advocates peace

By **Ryan Armstrong**
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan University alum Joost Hiltermann ('77) has distinguished himself as the deputy program director of the Middle East and Northern Africa



Hiltermann

for the International Crisis Group. This organization advocates peace by providing analysis and policy advice to governments worldwide on preventing or resolving hostile conflict.

According to its website, the Crisis Group was formed in 1995 by World Bank Vice-President Mark Malloch Brown, former U.S. diplomat Morton Abramowitz and international disaster relief specialist Fred Cuny. The Crisis Group is an independent, non-governmental and non-profit organization that reaches out to over 60 conflict-afflicted countries across

four continents.

Hiltermann said he has lived with his family and has had his position in Jordan for the last five years.

"I help oversee the work of a number of analysts in the region," Hiltermann said. "We speak through field investigations with a full range of political actors in conflict zones. Our purpose is to understand the roots of violent conflict and find ways to manage or resolve it."

"Then we conduct high-level advocacy with policy makers in a number of countries with a view affecting policy changes that will serve to prevent, reduce, or resolve armed conflict," he said.

Hiltermann said he recently attended a conference in Iran about chemical warfare because of his past experience with investigating weapons systems and arms trade involving human rights abusers.

"I recently published a book on the use of chemical weapons during

See **ALUM** on Page 2

Big fish swim in prez pool

By **Michael DiBiasio**
Transcript Reporter

According to David Robbins, provost and interim president, Ohio Wesleyan has over seventy applications submitted for its presidential search. Presidential Search Committee Chair Michael G. Long ('66) described that as "an unusually high number of applications, which we attribute to Ohio Wesleyan's reputation and standing in the academic community."

Long said he believes that many of the applicants are well qualified, and that the next step is to interview "certain" candidates. These interviews, according to campus officials, will be held over Thanksgiving break and aim to narrow the list of candidates down to a sizable number of candidates to interview on campus at the end of the current academic semester.

The search committee is still focused on a president that can improve on the university's strengths.

"We want someone who has a vision for the college, someone who has an understanding of the mission of a small liberal arts college, and who can capture the trust and cooperation of the players of this kind of institution," Robbins said.

According to Long, the search process is on track and the committee is very pleased with the current progress.

Concurrently, McGwire Associates, a consulting firm hired by the board of trustees, gave a verbal report at a recent trustee retreat reviewing the university's admission experience and that of peer institutions over the past six years.

According to university officials, the firm found:

- No evidence that the perception of OWU has slipped.
- The number of students going to competitor schools is not increasing, though a greater number of admits are going to a wider variety of schools across the country.
- Only one of 12 of top competitors had a greater increase in selectivity, defined by acceptance rate, and the

See **SEARCH** on Page 5

Campus News

WCSA can't fund politically-based trip

Leaders may agree with cause, but policy prevails

Andrew Newhouse
Transcript Correspondent

The WCSA voted no on Monday, Nov. 5, on a student proposal to grant \$1,822.50 for transportation costs for a group of students to participate in a School of America Watch event in Georgia.

The School of America Watch is an organization set up to influence the closing of the Department of Defense's military program School of America.

The organization members say the school teaches thousands of Latin American soldiers deadly skills and tactics, which they have been consistently using to wage a war against their own people.

On its website, the School of America Watch's mission statement states that the organization "is a nonviolent grassroots movement that works to stand in solidarity with the people of Latin America, to close the SOA/WHINSEC and to change oppressive U.S. foreign policy that the SOA represents."

Senior Amanda Masters, among others, submitted a proposal to the WCSA board to financially back a trip down to Fort Benning, Ga., on Nov. 16 to 18 to take part in a number of events planned by the School of America Watch organization - one of them being a vigil outside the gates of the fort to protest nonviolently direct action to close the School of the Americas.

Masters said that the students' main goal was not to urge the closing of the School of the America, but for personal education, educating others in return, networking and taking a stand in solidarity.

Senior Ben Owen, treasurer of WCSA, said that although he agrees with the cause, it was against WCSA's by-laws to financially endorse any off-campus political rallies. He and the budget committee suggested that WCSA would provide no funding for the trip due to the fact that it was a political rally designed to influence foreign policy.

Junior Megan Redding, secretary of WCSA, agreed with Owen, noting it was against policy to fund off-campus political events.

"Even though you're going down to do other things on the trip, there is still a political event trying to change policy," Redding said.

Queen bee creates haven for book lovers



Photo by Rob Misener

Owner of Beehive Books, Mel Corroto, said she saw a need in the Delaware community for an environment nurturing a love for literature and coffee alike. "My partner (Linda Diamond) and I wanted to see something like this come to town," she said. "So we did it." The shop officially opens Friday, and she said there will be a more publicized event close to the start of December. The store will serve Stauf's Coffee, which is local to the Columbus area. "They roast the coffee, and we get it the next day, so it should be nice and fresh," Corroto said. In keeping with the bee theme, Corroto said the shop is going to sell honey made by local bee keepers. Currently, she is offering honey made by Delaware resident Gene McCurdy, but said other local bee keepers have approached her about sales opportunities.

First Year Festival to celebrate new university students

Mary Beth Scherer
Transcript Reporter

If you like food, desserts, chocolate fondue, games and prizes, you should consider going to the First Year Festival.

The third annual First Year Festival will take place Monday, Nov. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Benes Rooms of the Hamilton-Williams Campus Center.

The First Year Festival is a celebration for first-year students. Interim President David Robbins,

Associate Dean for First-year Students Joan McLean, faculty, student life staff, orientation and StART leaders will all be in attendance.

McLean said the purpose of the First Year Festival is to celebrate students who are now officially part of the university.

"It is a chance to celebrate before students head home for Thanksgiving break," McLean said. "[The event] is a great way for students to mingle informally with their classmates and get to talk to their faculty who they've had in class or get to meet new faculty

they might have in the future."

Debbie Lamp, director of student involvement, said the event is an opportunity for students to get together as a class and remember why OWU is a great place to be.

"In addition to enjoying food and desserts, students can participate in the famous alumni game," said McLean. "Among the alums that will be celebrated this year are a former first lady, a member of Congress, an internationally renowned motivational speaker and the current Ohio governor's press

secretary."

McLean said the game not only provides a festive atmosphere for faculty and students to interact, but it allows everyone to learn a little bit more about the people who have attended OWU.

Lamp said the game should "make any student feel a lot of pride in OWU."

Winners of the game will receive \$25 gift certificates to the OWU bookstore, and the first 75 first-year students to attend the First Year Festival will receive free t-shirts.

There will also be musical entertainment at the event. Senior Qiana McNary is a confirmed performer, while the Owtsiders and Pitch Black have been invited to perform, said McLean.

Residential Life Coordinator Brandon Moss encourages students to attend the event.

"I highly recommend all first-year students to attend the First Year Festival," said Moss. "It is a great way to celebrate a successful first semester and take pride in a university that is now theirs too."

ALUM,

Continued from Page 1

the Iran-Iraq War called *A Poisonous Affair: America, Iraq, and the Gassing of Halabja*," Hiltermann said.

Hiltermann's book was published in July 2007, and he has been active in book tours around Europe and North America. "My book discusses things that went wrong in post-war Iraq. I talk about how the problems in Iraq are compounded because of the Iraqis' deep distrust of U.S. motives and how this partly stems from U.S. policies from the 1980s."

Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander Wesley Clark has commented on the work of the staff of Crisis Group.

"This organization puts people on the ground who really are experts," Clark said. "They speak the languages of the region, embed in their designated area and extract from the local situation."

Crisis Group's policy advice is packaged, formatted and presented in a way that makes it adaptable by policy makers," he said.

President and CEO of the International Crisis Group Gareth Evans said he thinks the organization is distinctive because of the efficacy they exhibit.

"There is direct face-to-face contact with high level decision makers and those who influence them," Evans said. "We are capable of talking to people that matter, in a language that they understand and with professionalism they respect."

Hiltermann said he would not trade his job for another because he gets to work as a researcher and writer for a cause.

"It gives me great satisfaction as an advocate for peaceful solutions to conflicts with all their emotions, complexities and unpredictable turns," Hiltermann said. "It's gratifying to know that our analysis is in great demand at the highest levels of government. Even if real change in my region comes only rarely in small doses, we know in our analysis we are shaping the way policy makers see conflicts," he said. We hope in this way we are pushing them in the direction of peacefully resolving their differences."

STAGGS,

Continued from Page 1

against the Nazis.

Staggs earned his master's degree in theology from Harvard Divinity School and his doctorate of ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He served as a congregational Baptist minister for 24 years before becoming a full-time performance artist. More information about Staggs and his performances is available online at www.alstags.com.

Econ professor Bob Gitter makes trip to the border

By Steven Ruygrok
Transcript Correspondent

Annually, Ohio State's Agricultural Extension Service (OSAES) takes a group of economists down to Mexico to become more familiar with the areas that send migrants from there to Ohio.

Economics professor Bob Gitter was one of the few to be chosen to make the trip.

"My most memorable aspect of the trip was talking to a man who lived in Atlanta for three years but returned to Mexico because his children were growing up without him," Gitter said. "His children were entering middle school and he was going to cross over to the United States illegally to earn money for his kids clothes, books and fees."

The group was taken through rural communities in each the three states of Hidalgo, Talaxcala and Puebla. The communities group members visited were poor and disease-infested towns. The visit exposed how the patriarchs of each family went from their homes in Mexico to cities in the U.S. illegally, just so their families could have money from back home for food, clothes and shelter.

Gitter said the group comprised several agricultural county extension agents, a couple of people who owned businesses in Ohio and employed Mexican migrants, an OSU graduate and himself. Gitter also said he would consider other trips in the future that provide him with additional knowledge and experiences.

Class of 2011



JOIN US AT

THE FIRST YEAR FESTIVAL!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
7:00-9 PM

BENES ROOMS
HAMILTON-WILLIAMS CAMPUS CENTER

FOOD ♦ DESSERTS ♦ CHOCOLATE FONDUE
T-SHIRTS TO FIRST 75 FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
FAMOUS ALUMNI GAME ♦ WIN PRIZES
♦ MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT ♦

RSVP: blmoss@owu.edu

OWU

**We want
to be your
bank.**

Delaware Main
40 N. Sandusky St.
740-363-1245

National City

NationalCity.com
Member FDIC
© National City Corporation

PART TIME
WORK

- \$15.25 Base-Appt.
- No experience needed
- Customer sales & service
- Part time flexible schedul
- All ages 18+
- Conditions exist
- All majors welcome
- Interview in Columbus, work in Delaware

Call 614-451-2748

Or apply online at:

www.workforstudents.com

Campus News

Internships provide challenging opportunity to learn

By Megan Quinn
Transcript Reporter

Senior Dan Dyer opens up his laptop in the library, spreading various notebooks and charts across the table until it is completely covered.

While it appears the economics management major is simply working on a project for one of his requirement classes, Dyer is actually creating a marketing plan for Coherix, the Ann Arbor-based company he is interning for this semester.

"Having an internship for the year has been a challenge thus far," explained Dyer, as he flips through pages of worksheets to continue his research.

"So far, my internship has proved to be a bigger time commitment than any of my other classes and it is often difficult to manage my time."

In addition to focusing on his classes throughout the week, Dyer also does research and writes reports for Coherix, a company he discovered on his own while researching internship opportunities last year.

He stays connected with the company through constant e-mails and phone calls and will also make a few trips back to his hometown of Ann Arbor for meetings and office visits. Putting in the work also has an academic reward: Dyer receives one course credit for the semester internship.

Dyer is one of many students who

choose to participate in on-campus or off-campus internships during the school year, many of which can count for credit towards graduation.

"An internship during the school year is different from one during the summer, as time management is obviously brought to the forefront," Dyer said. "However, I know this experience is preparing me for life after college."

Economics Management Professor John Boos, who is also the director of the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business, and Entrepreneurship, said students must meet certain qualifications in order to participate in an internship during the school year.

"Students wishing to participate in the internship experience during the school year and obtain a full credit for doing so are generally upper level students with a minimum GPA of 2.75," Boos said.

"They must then find a faculty advisor who is willing to work with them. Typically, the student is required to write a 25-page research paper regarding the work they will do throughout the time period of their internship."

Often, the hardest part of the internship experience is finding the opportunity, Boos said.

"Each department has its own contacts and methods of finding possible internships," Boos said. "In the economics department, these

reside in the Woltemade Center. We can help locate available internships for students and are always looking to do so. Students can still obtain credit for an internship they find on their own, but should know the center is always available to help if it is needed. All students who are interested are encouraged to visit the center at any time."

While each academic department has its own contacts and possible internship opportunities that may count for credit, the career services office also has options for those seeking internships without credit, said Tom Vecchione, director of Career Services.

"Our office works with many students every year to help them find possible internships and job opportunities," Vecchione said. "However, the options we offer are not for course credit. To receive credit for an internship, a student usually finds the internship through a specific academic department and must have the support of a faculty advisor."

Boos, who is Dyer's internship faculty advisor, said faculty members who are advisors for student internships have certain responsibilities.

"As faculty advisors, we work with students and help to guide them, but it also depends on the individual relationship," Boos said. "We mainly approve the topic, generally advise and guide the student throughout

their experience, and review the final product. Sometimes we must check in with the employer to make sure all is running smoothly."

Boos said internship experience is a great advantage to any student.

"Whether they are counted for credit towards the school or no credit towards the school, or whether they are paid internships or unpaid internships, they are always beneficial to the student," Boos said. "It is extremely helpful in terms of work experience and can enrich the student in many ways."

In addition to benefiting the student in terms of work experience, an internship approved by the school can also benefit in terms of credit.

Recorder Gary Caudill of the registrar's office said the process of obtaining credit for an internship during the school year, whether it is done on- or off-campus, is relatively simple.

"The student and the faculty advisor form a contract on how the internship will be graded, as in whether it will be counted for a grade or considered a pass/fail course," Caudill said. "The student must then enroll in the internship through the school, just like a regular course. All internships count for one course credit. The process really is fairly simple."

While the process of obtaining credit for the internship is simple, the workload is not, said Dyer, who takes

his internship credit for a grade and is required to write a 25-page paper as his final product. Despite the work involved, Dyer said he is enjoying his experience.

"Not only is this experience preparing me for the real world, but I like that I am learning about what I want to learn," Dyer said. "I put in my own time and effort because I want to, and my work reflects me because of that. I think the whole experience means more to me on a personal level because I choose when I do the work and how I balance my time."

While any student can find an internship, Boos said it takes a level of maturity and responsibility to succeed.

"The student is in charge of finding what they want in terms of subject as well as responsibility," Boos said. "They must recognize the obvious time commitment that is involved. They must also realize they have other time commitments during the school year such as classes or any other extracurricular activities. It is a lot of work and responsibility, but it has been done, and it can be done."

Dyer, finishing up a company growth chart and adding it to his files, agrees it can be done.

"The experience is worth the amount of work you put in," Dyer said.

"I definitely think this is an experience every student should have before graduating."

Pre-Vet Club guides fur, feather friendships

New group seeks to assist future animal docs

By Jack Stenger
Transcript Correspondent

Students now have a campus organization available that provides support and information for those interested in veterinary medicine. Junior Tov Nordbø began organizing the Pre-Vet Club last semester, but the group recently had its first official meeting.

According to Nordbø, the club educates students on how to fulfill the requirements and expectations various veterinary schools have.

"We are a fountain of knowledge for those considering and interested in veterinary medicine," Nordbø said.

Not all of the students involved in the organization plan on a career in veterinary medicine.

"Our main focus is students planning on going to vet-school, but we welcome students who share our interest in animals and their welfare," board member Sara Nienaber said.

The group plans to meet its goals by organizing trips and programs that allow students to network and get hands-on experience.

According to Nordbø, the club has already visited The Wilds and plans to visit other zoos to observe their veterinary clinics and techniques. The group is also arranging visits from professionals in the veterinary field.

"It's a new club so we haven't had much time to evaluate its impact and value, but I'm hopeful a useful tradition will develop," Ramon Carreno, OWU's Pre-Veterinary Medicine program advisor, said. "It is quite a valuable group to have."

Nordbø says that Pre-Vet Club is very similar to Pre-Med Club, and that he is using their group as an example. Despite the similarities, Pre-Vet Club will face challenges not met by other organizations.

"Our scope is wider because our school doesn't have a well developed pre-vet track," Nienaber said.

Along with the academic benefits, members of Pre-Vet Club also enjoy social atmosphere.

"It provides a fellowship of people who like animals and are focused on academics," Nienaber said.

CPB pursues mission of entertaining masses

McCarton Ackerman
Transcript Reporter

One group on campus derives its greatest pleasure from entertaining the Ohio Wesleyan University community.

The Campus Programming Board (CPB) is responsible for booking acts such as comedians and musicians to perform on campus.

Senior Andrew North, president of CPB, said the group is currently working on bringing several different acts to campus.

"We are currently working on acts for next semester," North said. "The three main acts are Norman Ng (a magician), Saleish (a hypnotist) and a ventriloquist."

In addition to these performers, CPB will also work to book a band for Springfest next semester.

North said that CPB goes through a detailed process to decide who will perform at OWU.

"CPB has many committees for areas such as Coffeehaus and Comedy, and each committee has a chair," North said. "The chair is responsible for bringing ideas before the members, and then members ask around to assess how the campus feels. Once enough information is obtained, we vote on whether or not to go with the idea."

North said that decisions regarding acts were not limited to CPB members.



Photo by Rob Misener

Martin

"Students are welcome to stop by one of our meetings or tell a CPB member their idea," North said.

North said that he was pleased with membership turnout this semester given that many CPB members graduated last spring.

"We had an equal amount of seniors leaving and newcomers joining," North said. "Involvement wise, our members have been great at getting done whatever needs to be accomplished."

Senior Bonya Kikimova said she

was excited to attend the Demetri Martin performance.

"I heard he's a big name, and I've enjoyed the other comedian CPB has booked, so I'm excited to go," Kikimova said.

Junior Michael Cohen said he was pleased with the quality of acts that CPB has provided.

"I think they've done a good job bringing in acts that are both popular and current," Cohen said.

Cohen said that despite the good quality of the acts, he was displeased

with the venue for Springfest.

"The field house is the worst place to hold a concert," Cohen said. "There's no reason why they can't hold it outside."

Sophomore Griffin Waterman, vice president of CPB, refused to comment for this article.

CPB meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Crider Lounge.

More information can be obtained about CPB by e-mailing North at acnorth@owu.edu.



COMPUTER REPAIR
Laptops & Desk Top Computers
Hardware ~ Software ~ Viruses

We offer Special Discount Rates for OWU Students & Faculty

Ask for computer technician Dave Larrick to setup an evaluation of your computer today!

DDL Business Products
15 1/2 North Sandusky St.
Delaware, Ohio 43015
Office 740-363-1498 Cell 614-204-5950

Located 2 blocks North of the Corns Building
In the heart of Downtown Delaware



HOLIDAY HAIR COLOR!!
FREE HAIR CUT WITH COLOR SERVICE
(promotion good thru December 22nd)
Call us
We want you to look your best!!
(740) 363-7200

Hair · Mind · Body
18 West William St

Across from the Brown Jug and next door to Simple Indulgences



Open 7 days a week

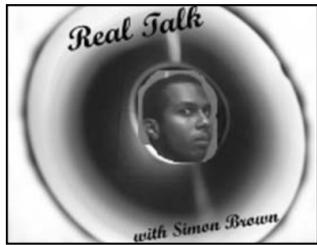
Hours:
5:30 a.m.
to 11 p.m.

2 N. Sandusky St.
436-6603
Just one block north of campus!

FREE WI-FI!

Arts & Entertainment

American Gangster lives up to the hype



I have finally seen the movie *American Gangster* and heard the album of the same name.

Let me first start with the movie, since it was the inspiration for Jay-Z's album. This movie, first of all, is an A+ performance from Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe. Both actors did a great job evoking emotions of the audience as they depict the lives of a ruthless drug dealer and brave, moral detective.

The movie is pretty much split in two. First is the story of Frank Lucas (played by Washington) who was a driver and sidekick to another gangster, Bumpy Johnson. The movie shows the rise and fall of Frank Lucas as he moves small time hustler to a drug lord bigger than even the Italian families of the '70s.

The second story is about police officer, Richie Roberts, played by Crowe. It chronicles his life as an honest detective: his struggles with his precinct, crooked cops and also his fight for custody of his son.

Both actors do an awesome job from start to end. The movie is also well directed as Ridley Scott uses fast moving shots and many different camera angles. Long story short, this movie parallels great mob crime movies like *Goodfellas*, *Scarface*, *Heat* and *Serpico* (without DeNiro or Pacino).

Now onto the Jay-Z album of the same title. Splendid. Using the word, "classic," is something that brings on a lot of scrutiny, but I'm going to do it.

American Gangster is a classic, straight up. Out of 15 tracks, 14 are hot bangers.

I despise "Hello Brooklyn." Lil' Wayne's presence was absolutely unnecessary. The hot tracks are "Blue Magic," "No Hook," "Say Hello" and "Success." I believe that Jay-Z does a great job sticking to the movie's theme. He does this by using a few quotes from the movie on "Intro" and "Success."

He also depicts his own life as an American gangster with references to his days in the drug game. He states this a lot in "Say Hello":

"Say hello to the bad guy/They say I'm the bad guy/I come from the bottom/But now I'm mad fly." Jay-Z also uses many references to the movie and the gangster life with metaphors in tracks like "Roc Boys" and in "I Know" rapping, "She wants heroin tracks."

Overall, the album is awesome, Jay-Z is hip-hop's Michael Jordan. "Kingdom Come" was his comeback in the "45" jersey. He has finally dusted off the "23" jersey, thrown it on and is going for that ring.

Cop that CD now!

Peace and Respect Jam celebrates hip-hop

By **Catie Coleman**
Transcript Reporter

Hip-hop heads gathered in Stuy Smoker on the night of Nov. 2 at the Peace and Respect Jam, a hip-hop celebration sponsored by Black Men of the Future and House of Black Culture.

The event was organized by sophomore Alex MacNeil whose hip-hop pseudonym is B-Boy Glass. The jam consisted of what MacNeil said are the four elements of hip-hop: MCing, DJing, graffiti and dance.

"Hip-hop isn't just music," said MacNeil. "It's a culture. We live in a hip-hop culture. We need it on campus because respectful hip-hop has important messages We'd be ignorant not to represent it."

Graffiti art, a creation of two Ohio Wesleyan University graffiti writers, was displayed in the courtyard of Stuy on an 8-by-2 foot wall. The two different styles were noticeably distinct with a rainbow colored "Respect" above a pink, black and blue "Peace."

MacNeil said he started organizing the event four months ago and was able to get a DJ and B-boys, short for break boys (break dancers), to come from Columbus to perform.

The masters of ceremony for the night were all OWU students. The role of an MC is to move the crowd, according to MacNeil.

The first MC to take the stage was Senior Jerrell Johnson, whose hip-hop stage name is MC Black J. Senior Simon Brown, MC Simo-B, hosted the event and moved the crowd during his own performance.

Brown, who recently participated in OWU's talent show, Red and Black Review, is not new to performing.

"I have been doing hip-hop performances for over two years," Brown said. "My love for the music has inspired me to do it."

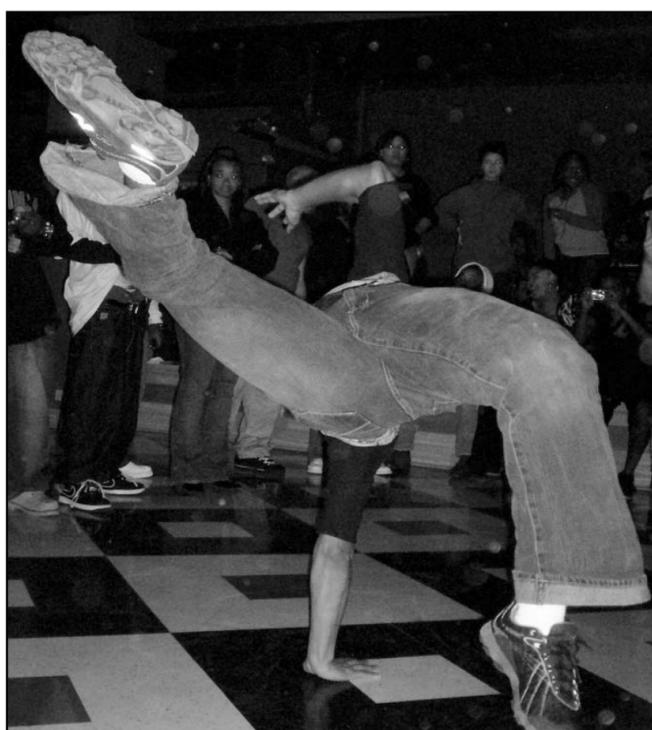
Junior Everett Jacob, MC EJ, performed as well. Jacob was followed by a high-energy show from freshman Jerrell Cephas, MC J-Real.

Though MacNeil did find hip-hop heads on campus when he first arrived at OWU, he said he is the only B-boy.



Photos by Catie Coleman

Clockwise from top: Senior Jerrell Johnson, aka Black J., sounds off. Columbus break-dancer B-Boy Lando performs for the crowd. Graffiti created by two OWU artists.



When MacNeil is at home in Massachusetts, he practices breaking with his crew, Floor Pirates. At school, he said he practices by himself and occasionally in Columbus with other B-boys who are not in a crew.

Two of those Columbus B-boys performed at the Peace and Respect Jam. Landon Hall, B-boy Lando, and Isaiah Taylor, B-boy I-Zilla, battled

MacNeil at the jam.

DJ Damn Dean of Columbus performed a scratching exhibition. Scratching is popular in hip-hop music. It refers to the technique of moving a vinyl record back and forth on a turntable to create a distinct sound.

Black Men of the Future still plans to host an annual hip-hop week in April, said senior Kenneth Williams,

president of Black Men of the Future.

The most important factor about hip-hop, according to MacNeil, is the message it's supposed to send, a message of peace and respect for everyone.

"Hip-hop is color blind. To have a hip-hop movement on campus is extremely important," said MacNeil.

Russian mythical character functions as cautionary figure

**For young boys,
she's a villain;
to little girls,
she's a helpmate**

By **Samantha Beany**
Transcript Reporter

On Monday, Oct. 29, the Humanities and Classics Department hosted the first lecture of the Ruth G. Davis lecture series, with kick-off speaker Andreas Johns.

Davis was founder of the Ohio Wesleyan University Humanities and Classics Department and had a passion for teaching. Her specialty was Russian literature and myth, which made Johns an appropriate opening speaker for a lecture series dedicate to Davis.

Johns' lecture was called, "Pattern and Anomaly in Oral Tradition: The Case of Baba Yaga." He is a scholar of Slavic myth and speaks fluent



Baba Yaga

Russian. One of his most popular topics for research are the stories of Baba Yaga.

"Baba Yaga is a witch like character from Russian folklore," said Johns. "She appears in riddles, folk songs, love spells and charms." Baba Yaga is often described as a malformed creature with "disheveled hair, a long nose and one large or disfigured foot."

A motif in the Baba Yaga stories are her threats to eat people, and a defining feature of Baba Yaga is her hut that walks around on giant chicken legs.

"She acts as both a donor (a character that helps the protagonist) and a villain," said Johns. Her stories often tell "how to be a boy or how to be a girl."

Baba Yaga's "profile changes based on age and gender." To boys, Baba Yaga tends to be a villain. Most Baba Yaga stories involve her dealing with a boy, and in them, the boy has to face her alone.

An Americanized version of the Baba Yaga tales would be Hanzel

and Gretel, but in traditional Russian folklore, Gretel is not involved in the story. It is a story about a boy's adventure.

When girls are used in the stories, Baba Yaga is some sort of a mother figure. In "The Kind and the Unkind Girls," Baba Yaga plays a wicked stepmother and the story involves themes of abandonment. Girls in the stories are also given tasks they would have been responsible for in normal life like drawing a bath or hanging laundry.

The stories are "used as a cautionary tales for children about the dangers of the world." They were often "used to frighten children" or they "functioned as a way to help children deal with fears."

Johns said, "The rhyme and beauty is lost in translation. It is an oral genre."

Then he read part of a Baba Yaga story in Russian followed by the English translation.

The lecture was held in the Bayley Room of the library and last about 60 minutes.

Baritone, pianist present classical poems

By **Sarah Shkoukani**
Transcript Correspondent

François Le Roux and Mikhail Hallak performed at Jemison Auditorium on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3:15 p.m. as part of the Performing Arts Series.

Le Roux, a world-renowned French baritone, was accompanied by Hallak, also a world-renowned pianist. The two performed a series of classical/ancient French poems, ranging in date from the mid 1800s to the mid 1900s, in opera style.

Junior Perry Booth attended the performance and said the performers did a magnificent job.

"I was blown away by the passion and professionalism of the performers from start to finish," Booth said. "I have never been to a musical performance such as this one and was

very shocked at how well I enjoyed it."

Sophomore Kaitlyn Overbeeke also attended the performance for music class. "My overall impression of the concert was impressive," Overbeeke said. "I think both Hallak and Le Roux did a remarkable performance that was exquisite and impeccable."

Overbeeke said she had never been to an opera and was glad she was exposed to the performance, especially since it was in French.

"Having the translation of the French operas into English allowed me and the audience to understand and ... laugh at some of the pieces," Overbeeke said.

Other than the vocal performance, Overbeeke and Booth both were astonished by Hallak's piano playing. Booth said the pianist gave life to the

opera, that his work was part of the storytelling.

"It was interesting when Le Roux said one of the poems was (played for the first time ever) in the USA," Overbeeke said. "The poem was forgotten and unknown, so I was very excited to be one of the first to hear it."

Le Roux is a past winner of international competitions in both Barcelona and Rio de Janeiro. He is recognized around the world for his performances that range from baroque to contemporary music, from French art song to the major roles of the operatic stage.

Hallak as one of the fastest rising musicians of his generation. He is a co-founder and co-artistic director of the Washington D.C. concert series, "Theatre of Song," with Le Roux. Currently, Hallak is on the faculty at Yale University.

Mob film a hit for Strand

By **Emily Steger**
Transcript Reporter

Ohio Wesleyan University students said they enjoyed the portrayal of the mob and character roles of Russell Crowe and Denzel Washington in the movie *American Gangster* that premiered Friday at the Strand.

Strand Manager Kara McVay said big crowds turned out for the premiere, and the theater was nearly sold out. "For the Friday night showing, over half the audience were OWU students," McVay said. "Minority Student Affairs received 54 tickets for the OWU community, and 49 of those tickets were used on Friday night."

Senior Meredith Gerrick attended the premiere Friday free through Minority Student Affairs.

"It was great Minority Student Af-

fairs was promoting this off-campus event and supporting the Strand," Gerrick said.

Junior Jessica Kleinman has been looking forward to the movie release after reading about it in the *New York Times*. "It is an interesting movie not only because it stars two Oscar winning actors, but also because it engages a diverse audience," Kleinman said. "It appeals to both men and women. The other interesting tidbit about it is it's a true story."

Sophomore Carolyn Tallman said she really looked forward to the movie because she wanted to see how well Crowe and Washington worked together. "The two lives of Russell Crowe and Denzel Washington were interesting because throughout the whole movie they were completely separate from one another," Tallman said.

Eastern European countries get recognition as part of West, but no benefits

The simple rhetorical question, "Has the U.S. done enough for your country?", opens a new door on perspectives and scenarios, but the answers are blurred. Targeting the question to Eastern Europe, the rising democratic region whose Western claims and liberties propelled it higher than any historical prediction, results in equivocation.

Part of the generation whose roots are democratic, sharing no common elements with communism deprivation, cannot fully appreciate the EU or NATO. People witnessing the political twist of their countries continue to be mesmerized by the alignment with Western spheres. Does the East deserve to be pursuing a Western stance? Did the East get to Europe's door of its own accord or propelled by the U.S.?

The generalized answer would be "We owe it to America." Such opinion is in part explained by the continuous pro-American attitude Eastern European countries such as Albania, Romania or Poland (most frequently considered part of Central Europe, yet under the historical West-East division) have welcomed and that has worked to their advantage.

By eliminating the shame and repression of totalitarian decades that ravaged the whole European spirit and existed on the other side of the Iron Curtain, Eastern Europe was groping for an identity and international recognition. Of course centuries of history, culture and affiliation could not be traded in the communist years, yet the imprint on the victim countries proved to be so strong that the notion of identity turned volatile. With the West on one side and a fading Russia on the other side, such middle countries remained guideless.

Yet, one thing was unquestionable: Western recognition and label. Despite confusion and lack of direction, there was a collective necessity for casting off the past and attaching and holding as tight as possible to the democratic process. Hasty economic reforms and libertarian attitudes were quickly inserted in the emerging democracy with no turning back to a slow pace of change. Conservatism became equal to a socialist past; the U.S. collaboration came as a priority and mark for entering the developed world.

Individuals were now freer than



ever and in this frenzy rhythm of rebirth and liberty, breaking all the barriers seemed somehow forced. The East bluntly copied Western life, a borrowing process seen as normalcy in Eastern European families. The necessity to be part with the rest, getting rid of the inherited "inferior" status built into the society, defined the new generation of democracies in Eastern Europe.

Yet, no one questioned the falseness such Western attitude was. Just by stepping onto the streets of Sarajevo, Cracow, Bucharest or Sofia, one can breathe cosmopolitan air amidst the surrounding Eastern European background. The West is now projected within Eastern Europe's borders; however, the reality relentlessly deviates from such a perspective.

Nevertheless, the need to belong to the western club became realizable

after the 1990s. Each state pursued and implemented all the necessary steps, despite the flaw or logic behind the move, to reach the exclusive elite. Pro-American politics through collaboration in the 1999 Kosovo crises and changes in the economy were among the measures that pushed countries into coalitions such as NATO or the EU. With its military membership in 1997, Poland finally received western. Entering the EU in 2004 materialized the dreams of nations such as the Baltic States, now with a better economic paved.

Most Eastern European countries now admitted in the Western sphere can be proud of their acquisition. Unfortunately, the title remains pure theory and ends where it starts. The EU member stance might open new doors for the internet generation that can cross borders and become working nomads within dream lands such as UK or Germany; yet, even such distinction is a lost train for most people who witnessed the harshness of communism.

Language barriers, poor technology skills and the overwhelming feeling of globalization work against societies that are still pondering on

the definition of democracy.

Isn't there a change? The answer is positive. The region is certainly on an evolutionary path; however, the path is a twisting road that might take to travel. Yes, maybe better armies and technology came to the Czech Republic or Romania through NATO membership. Huge sums allocated to infrastructure and preserving cultural sites became positive sides of EU membership for Slovakia or Poland.

However, for the new wave of EU members, tremendous sums are waiting at the door for an efficient Romanian or Bulgarian government to use correctly, given the slow pace of democracy occurring within those countries prematurely experiencing huge outside pressure for immediate solutions and high expectations.

What most European countries are experiencing after gaining such Western status became a disillusionment when compared to the benefits the same titles brought to France or Spain. But Romania will never be Germany, at least not in the next couple of decades. Does it help to be a Western country? In the short term, the answer is no. The long-term remains to be experienced.

GHOSTS, Continued from Page 1

haunts Sanborn. There's an inhospitable spirit in Austin Manor who claims ownership to a room, and a young woman who froze to death in Stuy courtyard while waiting for her boyfriend to visit now sleeps on the concrete benches near the fountain. "This building is alive," he said.

SEARCH, Continued from Page 1

acceptance rate of at least one of our competitors has actually gone up.

- Tuition discounts have been going up in the university's competitor set, both near and far, while the university's discounting has been going down.

- OWU continues to meet

enrollment goals.

In terms of peer institutions:

- Two have fallen in their rankings over the past five years; Ohio Wesleyan and another competitor have remained essentially stable although at a different level within the rankings.

LITERACY, Continued from

to India."

The organization is composed of mostly Indian students, but there are also students from the broader OWU community involved, including one Pakistani.

"It's just a good cause," said Raza Naqvi, the Pakistani member of ILP. "I think when it comes to causes like fighting poverty or promoting literacy, national borders are of least importance."

ILP hopes to start again in the spring of 2008 "not just to raise money but to create awareness on campus," according to Raney.

Last year, ILP screened the academy award-winning documentary *Born into Brothels* which depicts the plight underprivileged children in the Indian city of Calcutta.

According to Raney, the organization has already raised close \$2,500 at OWU alone by doing

miscellaneous things such as selling jewelry and holding dinners in the past.

"As an Indian and as a citizen of the world, I feel it is my duty to restart the group on campus," Raney said. "Let's just hope that after I graduate, people will keep this group alive."

Junior Mohnish Advani, who is currently in Philadelphia but still an active member, said he was clear about the organization's goals.

"We at IPL have a vision," he said. "We believe that every child should have the right to quality education, a right that some of us have taken for granted. Walking down the street in India, I have seen children begging for food and I have always wondered, 'Should they not be in school?' So you can call us dreamers or you can call us utopists, but we believe something should be done."

Want to make a difference in your campus community?

Join the staff of The Transcript!

By participating in student media, you have the opportunity to exercise your creativity, to reflect on important issues, to entertain your readers. For information on how to get started, contact Editor-in-chief Miranda Simmons at mssimmon@owu.edu.

Kappa Alpha Theta presents...

Mr. OWU: *America's Next Top Model*

When: Wed., November 14

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Where: Gray Chapel

Price: \$3 in Ham-Wil, \$4 at the Door

Who It Benefits: Delaware chapter of Court Appointed Special Advocates and the Theta Foundation



Are you fierce enough?

Opinion

Guess who?



Transcript makes it through growing pains

A letter from the editor

Greetings, OWU community.

As always, I hope this letter is finding you well. I'm sure you have noticed the editorial cartoon by our Mr. Erik Hauber depicting the recent struggles we've had with the physical size of *The Transcript*. I'm proud to announce, we finally got it right.

If you'll remember, we first resized the paper after mid-semester break and were bigger than the *Columbus Dispatch* and the *New York Times*.

Although the recent trend for professional publications is to go smaller, we decided to make the jump to broadsheet (full-size newspaper) to gain more legitimacy and expand the visual possibilities for the paper. We didn't, however, realize the size we used was that of old-school newspapers. The *Wall Street Journal* was that size last year, but newspapers are wide no longer.

Ecstatic and exhausted as I was after making the jump, even I felt like the paper was trying to eat me alive as I awkwardly tried to leaf through. Obviously, a change had to be made.

And so we made the alterations. We re-fitted the pages in our layout software and everything was kosher until the paper was delivered last week -- still the same size as the one before except the margins were about one-and-a-half inches on each side. (They're supposed to be half an inch.) The printers apologized, and we're still on speaking terms. (Clearly, as you're currently reading this.)

So the moral of the story? Third time's a charm, and we have officially made history taking this, the longest continuously published student newspaper in the country, to broadsheet for the first time EVER. I'm not usually one to brag, but it's a big deal. I credit this success to our new adviser, journalism professor Melinda Rhodes who thinks bigger than most, and my staff who cope with my unfortunate perfectionism and anal retentive nature. Thanks guys, you only have to deal with me a few more weeks.

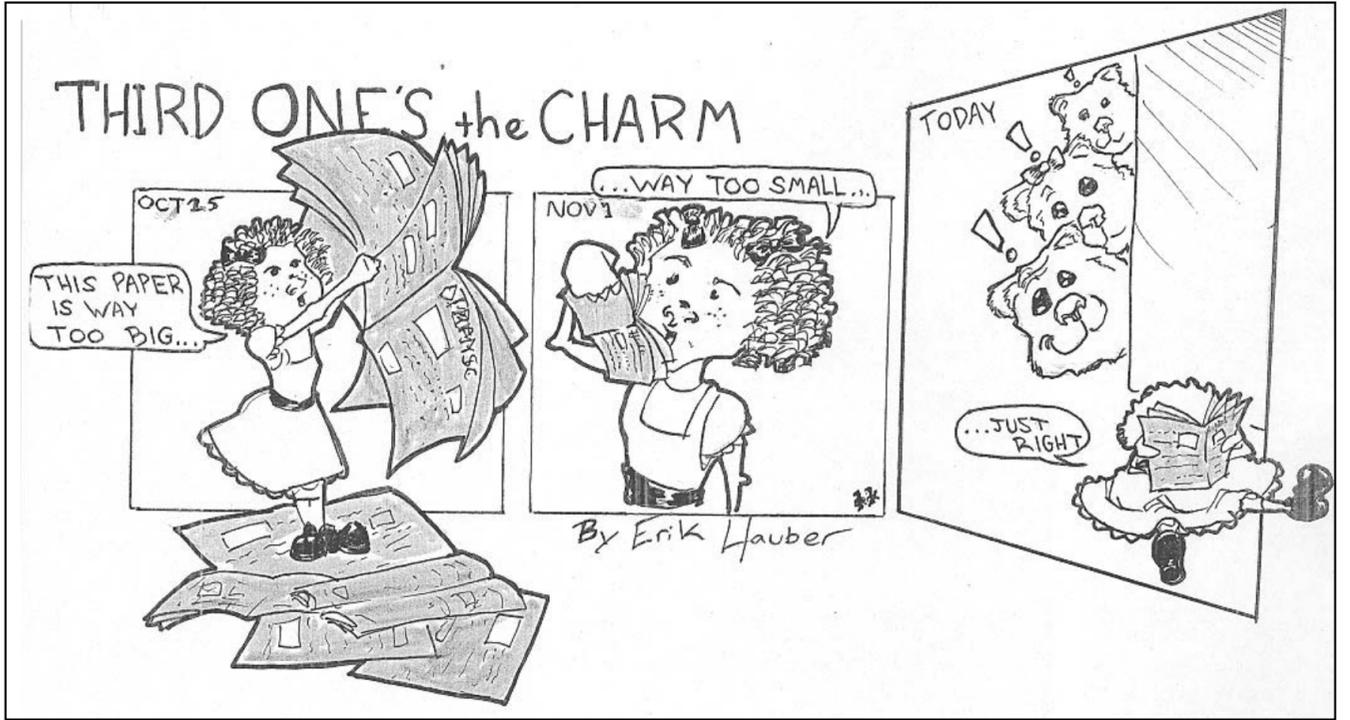
But as it is, *The Transcript* successfully went through the growing process. At the beginning of the semester, it was a fifth grader waiting to hit a growth spurt. Its voice cracked and it had really bad acne.

Then it grew. A lot. The pants it wore the week before turned into high waters and its sneakers looked 15 times too big for its body. Now, however, it has evened out. Although still a little awkward, it has successfully turned into the college paper it was always meant to be.

No doubt there will be changes, but those will come with successive editors and I have confidence they will be only for the better.

Until next issue ...

Miranda Simmons
Editor-in-chief



Don't let relationships weigh you down

Call me cynical and jaded, but happy couples piss me off.

Maybe this is because I've been single for an ungodly amount of time. Perhaps it's because I'm approximately three weeks away from being qualified to join a convent. (And besides, if I didn't have anything to rant about, *Brutally Honest* would not exist.)

Despite the logic behind it, whenever I see someone gaze longingly into his or her significant other's eyes and gently place a kiss on his or her lips, I want to find the nearest amateur boxing contest and start kicking some serious ass.

The issue lies beyond the PDA. I can always keep walking or ruin their moment by offering helpful advice on smooching techniques or asking if I can participate.

The main problem I find is that far too many college relationships become way too time and effort consuming.

We all have a friend who spends hours a day on the phone with a girlfriend or boyfriend (the majority of which is spent arguing). The friend who will drop weekend plans with all close friends on a moment's



notice because a significant other has decided that spending time with anyone else isn't allowed. The friend who will constantly complain about how a lover doesn't understand or review some trivial conflict that no one could possibly be expected to care about.

Sadly enough, I was one of these people, to the point that I thought it would be a brilliant idea to move in with someone I dated. Our apartment in Columbus was smack in the hood, with police helicopters circling overhead nightly and a Domino's Pizza that refused to deliver to us for safety reasons, despite our being five blocks away.

The end result was crashing in half of a Hayes suite with two of my close friends, Annie and Carly, having not showered in days because I had been staying in my car. Carly allegedly had to wake up in the

middle of the night and spray my feet with Febreze. I still vehemently deny that I've ever allowed myself to get that rank.

Despite the seemingly poor circumstances, this ended up being a positive thing. I now had endless time to work on myself, develop new interests and take part in amazing experiences both on and off campus. The bulk of my personal growth in college occurred post break-up.

College is the one time where, for four years, you can focus exclusively on yourself. It's a self-discovery process that will likely never be offered to us again, making it all the more amazing that we continue to repeat the same blunders over people that (in most cases) we may not ever see again after graduation.

I'm not suggesting that readers break up with their significant others. Rather, I'm suggesting finding a healthy balance. How do you want to remember your college years? Were they rich in experience and adventure, or spent outside on a cell phone trying to hash out yet another argument?

After all, you've got your own life to worry about.

Students calling for gender equality

A letter to the editor

We are writing this letter in response to Amanda Zechiel's attempt to stay classy. In the first few issues of *The Transcript*, I did not find her column particularly remarkable. Lately, however, her articles have become little more than an opportunity for her to rant about things she doesn't like (e.g., men).

Her article two weeks ago took the following form: it began with an insult to all men followed by a list of dislikable male stereotypes. Then she sugarcoated it with a "moral" and a too-little too-late retreat from her previous statement (read: *maybe* men are scum ... and maybe women are too?). Also note that her appeal to the idea that men might not be scum has since been repealed in bullet-point 12 of last week's article).

I'm not irritated solely because her statements offend men, but because her statements offend the concept of gender equality. I imagine that Amanda, like many other women, would be offended if I wrote a similar but opposite article bashing women by highlighting *their* associated stereotypes. I'd be called a male chauvinist and would deserve it.

I want to call attention to the fact that gender-bashing and gender stereotyping is a two-way street on which no one should travel. Doing so sets a precedent to stereotype, and it inspires a cycle of retaliatory prejudice. Most frustrating of all, perhaps, is that the lesson of Amanda's article could have been realized without any reference to gender stereotypes at all -- a simple "romance sucks because people can be stupid" would have sufficed. If we must employ prejudice in our private lives, let us at least keep it away from the public sphere and out of *The Transcript*. Amanda, find something else to write about.

Sincerely,
Erik Unverdruss '08
Jesse Mesenburg '10

President as creeperish as a normal guy

As many of you know, one of the perks of living on the East Coast is the proximity of so many major cities.

So this Saturday, I decided to hop on a sketchy Chinatown bus that runs between Philly and D.C. for the college-budget price of \$28 round-trip and make a visit to Miss Amanda Thompson herself who is interning at the Capitol this semester through Wesleyan in Washington.

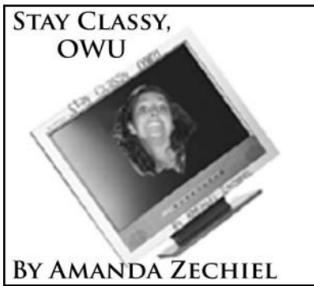
Three hours, two traffic jams, and a snoring old man later, the bus dropped me off in our nation's capitol for what was sure to be an evening of quality OWU-style fun.

What I didn't expect was that the next day I would get to meet the president of the USA.

As it turns out, Amanda's roommate is an intern at the White House, and through some twisted political connections that are beyond me, she got us in to watch the president arrive at the White House Sunday afternoon.

Under the impression we were going to get to snap a few photos and wave pathetically as he walked from the Marine One helicopter to the White House, we waited for Bush to arrive.

This particular afternoon, however, the president was in an especially friendly mood and decided to walk along and greet everyone



in the group, stopping for pictures, handshakes, and chatting.

The best part of the story is that the picture we got with him is aggressively awkward; it basically looks like a picture of me and my roommate with President Bush creeperishly sneaking into the background.

But, whatever, I don't blame him for wanting to be in a picture with us, even if he had to be a creeper to do so. As Chris Drover says, he clearly wanted a picture with the "cool college kids."

In any case, it was an awesome and once-in-a-lifetime experience. But here's the kicker: There I stood, gawking and taking pictures like a freaky member of the press, waving and smiling and posing for pictures ... and I am not really even a Bush fan. How weird am I to be so excited to meet this man who I am so quick

to scrutinize every time his name comes up? I'm pretty sure that makes me even more of a creeper than he appears to be in our picture.

But then, for most people, the afternoon really wasn't about his politics or decisions -- everyone just wanted to meet one of the most powerful men in the world.

It's kind of crazy; it's clear that this attraction to and near idolization of power is really what maintains that authority in the first place.

George W. Bush wasn't very tall; he looked a little bit tired and had a whole lotta gray, and a few years down the line he may very well be remembered as an extremely controversial president.

But to meet him, to shake his hand, made us all feel just a little more important for that afternoon (not to mention that it makes for a great Facebook album).

I chalked it up as a pretty successful day and was certain I was a "Pretty Big Deal" as I sprinted back to Chinatown, almost missing the dirty, Greyhound bus that bumped back to Philly in all kinds of style.

P.S.: I've been getting in a lot of trouble for my most recent columns. Not ALL men are scum. Important examples include but are not limited to: Andrew Houlihan, Barclay Richey, and Anthony Rosato.

Staff	
Editor-in-Chief.....	Miranda Simmons
Arts and Entertainment Editor.....	Nathan Truman
Sports Editor.....	Danny Eldredge
Photographer.....	Rob Misener
Advertising Staff.....	Ashton Abby, Jenna Narwicz, Rachel Staff
Page Designer.....	Emily Rose
Copy Editors.....	Nathan Truman, Emily Steger, Kayla Mravec, Kelsey Guyselman
Reporters.....	Mike DiBiasio, Catie Coleman, Mary Beth Scherer, Greg Stull
Columnists.....	Drew Lenox, McCarton Ackerman, Amanda Zechiel, Alexandra Panait, Simon Brown
Faculty Adviser.....	Melinda Rhodes

Mission Statement

To provide our audience with accurate news about safety, health, sports, entertainment, politics and campus living relevant to the members of the OWU community.

To serve as a check on WCSA, the administration and the Board of Trustees.

To maintain an open forum for the discussion of campus issues.

To educate students working on the staff in the procedures of a working newspaper and provide them with journalistic experience.

Founded in 1867 as *The Western Collegian*, *The Transcript* (USPS 978-520) is published weekly September through May, except during university vacations, holidays and examination periods. The views expressed in letters, columns and cartoons are the opinions of the writers and artists and do not necessarily represent the views of the Department of Journalism or Ohio Wesleyan University.

The Transcript

106 Phillips Hall
Ohio Wesleyan University
Delaware, OH 43015
(740) 368-2911
owunews@owu.edu





Bishops Sports

Bishops advance to NCAA tourney

By Greg Stull
Transcript Reporter

Beating Allegheny 1-0 in the NCAC championship game at Roy Rike field on Saturday, Ohio Wesleyan qualified to make its 30th appearance in the NCAA Division III tournament, a NCAA record, against Transylvania (Ky.) on Friday.

Transylvania, like Ohio Wesleyan, received an automatic bid into the tournament after winning its conference championship, with a 2-1 victory over Manchester.

The Bishops, seeded second in the Great Lakes region, will host first- and second-round tournament games at Roy Rike field on Friday and Saturday. In the first round, on Friday, Calvin (Mich.) will play John Carroll at 5 pm and Ohio Wesleyan will play Transylvania at 7:30 pm. The winners will play in the second-round game at 6 pm on Saturday.

In the NCAC conference tournament, Ohio Wesleyan beat Wittenberg in the semi-finals in a shootout following scoreless regulation play and two overtimes on Oct 31 at Roy Rike field. The Bishops then topped Allegheny in the final off a goal scored by freshman defender Eric Laipple on 35-yard free-kick.

Coach Jay Martin, Laipple and senior keeper Jamison Dague all said the team's defensive performances played a large role in their tournament success.

"We are defending very well right now," Martin said. "I don't know what the number is, but we have a lot of shutouts."

"We were strong in the back," Laipple said, "but our defensive pressure all over the field is what really made us successful. The communication between our defenders was very solid and Jamison helped direct us from the goal."

"I'm not sure, but I think [Allegheny] only had something like 6 shots and only one of them was on goal," Dague said. "A lot of credit goes to the guys defending out



Photo by Greg Stull

Freshman defender Eric Laipple scores the only goal of the game on a 35-yard free kick against Allegheny.

there who remained patient and kept the game in front of them despite Allegheny's pressure."

After losing to Allegheny 3-0 earlier in the season, the Bishops set the tone in the conference final by coming out with high pressure right from the start, Laipple said.

But in addition to pressure, the Bishops also came out with composure, controlling possession early with strings of smart passes, leading to three dangerous corners in the first 10 minutes.

In the 6th minute, Laipple's corner, sent to the far side, was headed back across the goal, finding freshman forward Tyler Wall's feet. Wall got a low shot but it was blocked by Allegheny's keeper Ryan Larkin. Then, in the 9th minute, freshman midfielder Ryan Harmanis connected with a corner by Laipple, sending a dangerous header down low that Larkin, impressively, managed to dip down and save.

After a long stretch of largely undisturbed control by Ohio Wesleyan, the Gators began to pressure the Bishops defense, with David Egan hitting the team's sole first half shot in the 22nd minute. But Dague scooped up the 25-yard hit, making his only save of the game on the Gator's only shot on goal.

The Bishops then took the lead in the 25th minute. Laipple, with only a one-man wall set before him, drove a low shot off a 35-yard free-kick just inside the left corner of the frame, putting the Bishops up 1-0.

"I was surprised when the goalie only set a one-man wall," Laipple said, "That left a lot of the goal for him to cover and gave me a better chance of scoring."

The Gators had a chance to respond less than a minute later with a nearly-identical opportunity, a free-kick 35 yards from the net. But the Bishops' wall, set with more than one man, blocked the Gators' free-kick 10 yards from the shot.

After a slow end to the first half, the second half started with opportunities on both sides. In the 47th minute, sophomore midfielder Will Murawski, open on the left side, hit a low shot on frame, but it was saved by Larkin. The following minute a shot by Eric Sloan from the left corner of the box pinged off the near post.

Allegheny had several more shots, making 5 total in the second half, but none were on goal.

The Bishops had fewer scoring opportunities, and only 3 shots, in the second half. One came in the 75th

minute, when freshman midfielder Chad Baker cut into the box from the left side and shot low to the far post. But Larkin, diving, knocked the ball to side for a clearance by the Gators' defense. Later, in the 87th minute, freshman forward Tyler Wall slid a pass through the last line of Allegheny's defense into space for Baker. But Baker was a step too late, with Larkin sliding out and smothering the pass.

The Bishops outshot Allegheny 11-6. Dague and Larkin made 1 and 6 saves respectively.

Martin said Wittenberg was a tougher opponent than Allegheny.

"They marked our forwards and played a 3-5-2, which was the first time we saw it all year," Martin said. "They were fighting for their lives."

Martin said Wittenberg came out with extra intensity in the conference semi-finals after his team beat them just four days earlier. "But we matched the effort and deserved the win."

Senior midfielder Nick Skoczen agreed. "We came out with equal intensity. We knew we had to match their work rate and intensity; otherwise, the results would have been different."

Still at a scoreless tie after

regulation play and two overtimes, Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg moved onto a shootout to decide who would go on to the conference final. Wall, shooting first for the Bishops, converted while Matt Borland, shooting first for the Tigers, sent his shot over the crossbar, putting the Bishops up 1-0 after the first round.

In the second, third and fourth rounds, respectively, Murawski, sophomore midfielder Jordan Halloran, and Laipple converted for the Bishops and Shane Price, Matt Fleissner, and Joe Zeller converted for the Tigers, giving the Bishops the lead at 4-3.

Skoczen then converted in the fifth-round, ending the shootout 5-3 and sealing Ohio Wesleyan's win over Wittenberg.

Both Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg took 13 shots, with 7 and 6 on goal, respectively. Dague and Wittenberg keeper Ben McAnnisenman both made 6 saves.

Skoczen said his team plans on doing what they have all year in the NCAA tournament.

"We're going to focus on ourselves and try to improve as a team. In the NCAA it's easy to worry about winning the national title, but the key is to only focus on the next game," he said.

Martin excels when it matters most: when the win is within his reach

By Brian Test
Transcript Reporter

Golf Coach Jon Whithaus describes junior Kyle Martin as an excellent player who is serious about winning and tends to do his best in the biggest events.

Martin is from Dublin and attended Wellington in Upper Arlington. At this small private school, he played all four years and was Player of the Year in the district his senior year, 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-State and 1st Team Academic All-Ohio.

He said the competition in high school doesn't come to close in comparison to college.

"In high school, you don't have to be that talented to be a good player. The tournaments are only one day, so if you play well that day, you can easily win," Martin said. "In college you have to play well consistently because the competition is much better, but our team is so talented that making the top 5 is at times tougher than winning a tournament."

Martin said he works hard at his short game, especially putting. He said he is unconventional, but finds a way to get things done. "Putting is something that I pride myself on, and if the tournament is on the line, I can make anything," Martin said.

As freshmen he earned 2nd Team All-American Honors. As a sophomore he earned the NCAC Player of the Year award and All-Great Lakes Region honors.

Martin said OWU has one of the hardest working teams in the off-season and the golf team has an

intense workout program.

"Our workout program is difficult and very different from the programs that other athletes may use. We focus a lot on the core and rotational strength. It's too bad that stabilizers and back muscles don't have the same 'wow' effect ... as the six packs and huge biceps that some other athletes have; otherwise, we'd be set," Martin said.

He said in addition to the standard workout program, the golf team practices all winter using the facility at Oakhaven Country Club.

"Oakhaven has heated tees and an indoor putting room that allows us to practice no matter how terrible the weather gets," Martin said.

He said he tries to help the team in anyway possible, especially since they elected to go without captains, making the whole team accountable.

"We all feel that we all have the potential to lead, and it really emphasizes equality within the team," Martin said. "I know we are going to win the national championship in the next couple years. We have the best group of freshman and sophomores in the country, and things will just keep getting better for OWU golf."

He said playing professionally is a dream that he works toward everyday and being a part of this program allows it to be possible.

"The tools are there, but it is up to the player. We have a bunch of guys who could easily play professionally if they wanted. If we keep improving at the rate we are, it will just be up to us to decide if we want it bad enough," Martin said.

Whithaus said Martin is always trying to be sure that all areas of the team are taken care of.

"He is an important part of our team's overall nutrition and fitness programs. Kyle and other leaders ensure that we are a well-rounded team and that we have very few weaknesses," Whithaus said.

He said that Martin is among a few of the leaders on the team and his behavior enhances the play of his teammates.

"Kyle has many impressive daily habits," Whithaus said. "He has great mental toughness, fitness, nutrition, attention to fundamentals and leadership. Other players on the team definitely feed off of Kyle's great attributes, and they force them to constantly improve."

Junior golfer Adam Claytor said Martin is a great competitor who brings every ounce of will to every tournament.

"The amount of respect that the players and coaches from other teams give Kyle is something special to witness," Claytor said. "He exemplifies leadership and this is why he is one of our leaders on the team. He leads by example and does a great job."

Claytor said Martin lives by a quote, "Excellence is a habit not an act." He said everything Martin does is done with the highest level of effort.

"Being around Kyle has a sort of osmosis affect. When you are around great people, there is no choice but to be great yourself. He makes everyone around him better," Claytor said.

NCAC Player of the Week

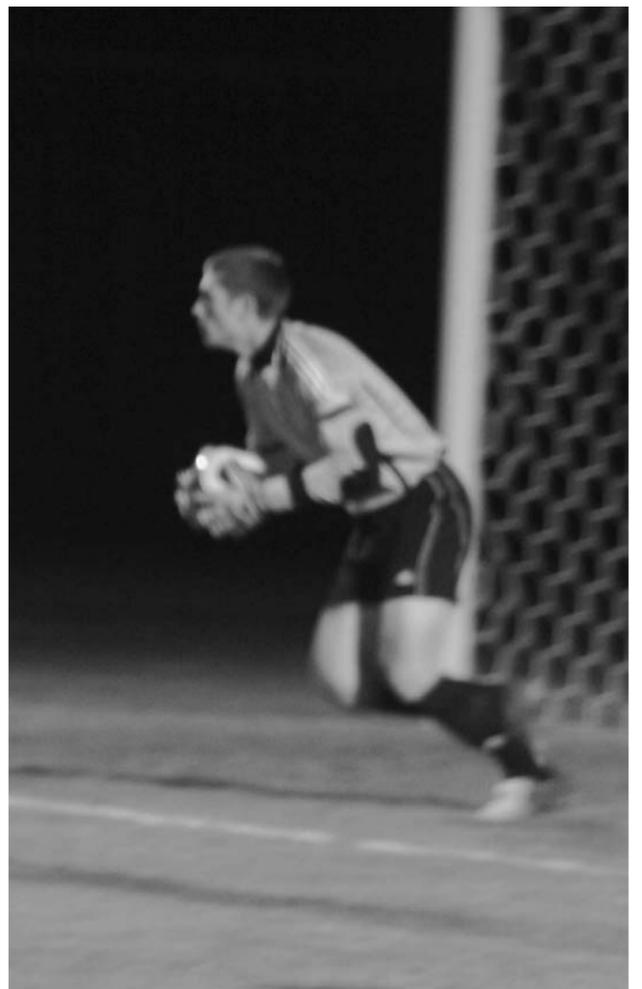


Photo by Danny Eldredge

Senior goalkeeper Jamison Dague had six saves in a scoreless tie against Wittenburg last Wednesday in the conference semifinal. He made a save on Allegheny's only shot of the game on Saturday.



Bishops Sports

Bishops dominate Hiram, prevail with 37-7 win

By Danny Eldredge
Sports Editor

The Bishops dominated Hiram in every aspect of the game last Saturday, blowing the Terriers out 37-7 in Hiram.

Ohio Wesleyan threw for 292 yards, rushed for 208 yards, and shut Hiram out until the waning seconds of the game.

“Ever since the Kenyon game, with the exception of the Wooster game, we have advanced,” Head Coach Mike Hollway said. “This is one more reflection of our continued growth and improvement.”

Head Coach Mike Hollway said this game was a result of a strong upward trend from the team.

“Ever since the Kenyon game, with the exception of the Wooster game, we felt we have advanced,” Hollway said.

“This is one more reflection of our continued growth and improvement.”

Senior defensive end Patrick Trenor said he also believes they get better each week.

“I don’t feel we played as well as we are capable of this past week, but we did have a solid game,” Trenor said. “We all knew we blew them out last year, but we made sure we didn’t go in over-confident and get upset.”

Hollway chose to alternate between freshman quarterback Mike

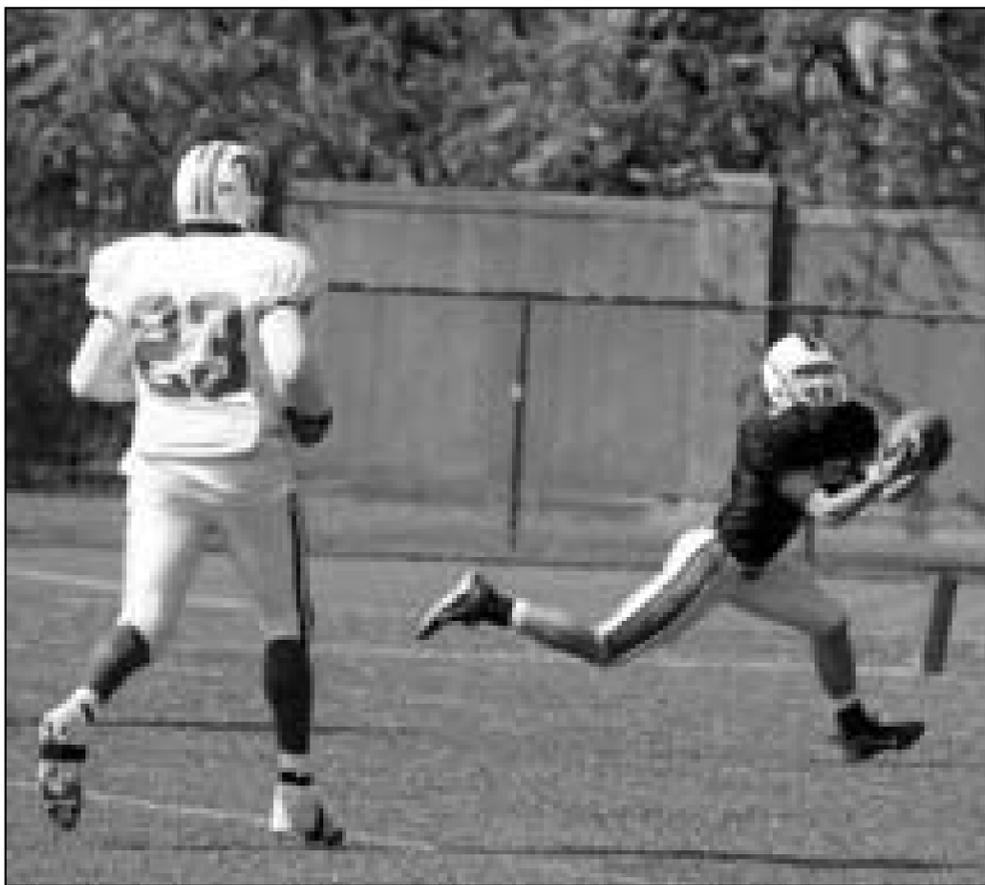


Photo courtesy of OWU

Senior split end Zach Dennis reaches for one of his 10 grabs against Hiram on Saturday. Dennis had 219 yards receiving, the most since Joe Clinton had 248 yards in 2001. Dennis’ total is the fourth most in Ohio Wesleyan history. Dennis was named NCAC player of the week along with senior keeper Jamison Dague.

Fisher and junior quarterback Andy Boff on each series.

“They both played well,” Hollway said. “When you split quarterbacks, throw for nearly 300 yards, and complete 19 of 26 passes, that is a good day.”

Fisher started off the game with a 51-yard completion to senior split end Zach Dennis. Two plays later, Fisher connected with junior tight end Terrance Raeford for a 13-yard

touchdown to go up 7-0.

The Bishops’ next score came when junior defensive tackle Julian Strother intercepted a shovel pass and returned it 27 yards to the end zone.

“The interception really pumped our team up,” Fisher said. “It was great to see Julian score.”

“Julian’s interception was a key play for us. We needed a spark for our defense and that was it,” Trenor said. “We’ve talked about how our

defense needs to score and we haven’t all year, so it was nice to finally do that.”

Midway through the second quarter, Ohio Wesleyan extended its lead to 17-0 after a successful 27-yard boot from junior kicker Chris Kras.

Boff led the team down the field on the next drive, and junior running back Kyle Adams added some nice runs.

Dennis finished off the drive with

a 5 yard scamper into the end zone with 21 seconds to go. The Bishops led 24-0 at the half.

Junior running back Jerrell Cephas finished off a long drive in the third quarter when he scored from 1 yard out. Junior running back Zack Rojek put the Bishops up 37-0 with a 15 yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter.

Boff finished with 130 yards on 13 of 19 passing, and Fisher completed 6 of 7 passes for 162 yards and a touchdown. Rojek led the team in rushing with 56 yards and a touchdown. Dennis led the team in receiving, catching 10 passes for 219 yards.

Dennis’ performance marks the first time the Bishops have had a 200-yard receiver since 2001. It is also the fourth highest receiving total in Ohio Wesleyan history.

“Dennis has evolved into one of, if not the premier split end in the conference,” Hollway said. “It was a nice day for him and for the entire team.”

Junior linebacker Tommy Saunders led the defense with 10 tackles and a forced fumble. Sophomore defensive back Rylan Mitter-Burke had five tackles and an interception, and junior defensive end Briton Tolliver recorded a sack, along with two other tackles.

Ohio Wesleyan travels to 9-0 Case Reserve this Saturday. Trenor said the Bishops must approach this game as a playoff game.

“We have several things to play for. It’s the seniors’ last game ever, playing for a 5-5 season, and to end the season on a good note for positive momentum into the off season and to send the seniors off with a ‘W,’” Trenor said.

“As long as we are prepared and play the way we are capable of, we will win this game. I know all the seniors will be playing with a lot of emotion knowing it is our last time to play this wonderful game.”

Two-sport star Graf not to be confused with famous tennis player

By Alex Humbert
Transcript Correspondent

Many Ohio Wesleyan University students may have looked at the roster of the women’s basketball and volleyball teams and been surprised to see that tennis legend Steffi Graf is a member of both teams.

They would be correct about the name, but not correct about the identity of the athlete.

Senior Steffi Graf, a two-sport standout, said she has grown to expect comments about her famous namesake but insists she does not share a knack for tennis.

“Basically whenever I meet someone for the first time, they tend to make some kind of tennis comment,” Graf said. “They’ll ask ‘Oh, hey, do you play tennis?’ or ‘Did your parents name you after that tennis player?’ Sometimes I get some more witty comments asking about Andre (Agassi). My tennis game on the other hand, not so hot. I



Graf in action.

enjoy playing but I’m not exactly ... competitive.”

Next, Colt Brennan and Matt Ryan fall because they have thrown double digit interceptions. Chase Daniel joins that group because he has nine and is one bad throw away.

Andre Woodson stands alone in the group of guys who have decent stats but bad performances in key losses, see Mississippi State. This ruins it for him.

With all that out of the way there are eight candidates for the Heisman trophy. They are: 8-Jonathon Stewart,

teammate for three years now, and I really treasure her friendship,” Lester said. “When you first meet her she is kind of quiet, but she is extremely funny!”

Graf, who has been named a Dale Bruce Scholar Athlete in the past and won the Top Five Award last year for her impact upon her family, her team, the University and the Delaware community, said the commitment to two sports the last four years has not been a strain on her life in college.

“Academic-wise, I don’t feel it’s that difficult, especially after playing three sports in high school. It didn’t seem like too huge a jump in time commitment,” Graf said. “In fact, and I’m sure a lot of people would say this, it has really helped me learn time management. Social-wise, it hasn’t been bad either. I’ve become so close with my teammates and have met a lot of people through them.”

Junior Katie Hamilton, another skilled athlete playing both basketball and volleyball, said Graf has many

strengths in both sports.

“Steffi’s athleticism isn’t just about skill. It’s about how well she plays with a team,” Hamilton said. “I would say her strength in both sports is her ability to lead by example. She’s not always the loudest or the most assertive, but her skill and the way she plays is more than enough to make her a good leader.”

Graf, who was named first team all-conference in volleyball and honorable mention all-conference in basketball last season, is having another successful season in volleyball. With basketball season approaching she said that it’s hard to say which sport is her strongest.

“They are both such different sports, so it’s hard to say which one is my strongest,” Graf said. “I love both, but basketball is my favorite, so I would lean toward saying that basketball is my stronger one. I feel like I know more about the game and have been playing it for longer.”

Both Lester and Hamilton agreed

it is difficult to say which sport is Graf’s best because she is so good at both, but Lester said Graf has certain attributes that makes her successful regardless.

“Steffi has the work ethic that drives her to become the best player she can be,” Lester said. “She is very competitive and is a great teammate. She has a desire to win.”

Hamilton said Graf is a smart athlete and an awesome teammate who is great to play with.

“Anyone who knows Steffi G. knows that she is a smart and funny girl on and off the court,” Hamilton said. “Of course, in a sport setting she gets serious when she has to and is a smart athlete, but she’s never afraid to get a good laugh in when appropriate. There’s nothing I can tell anyone that they wouldn’t already know from talking to Steffi at least once. She’s a great girl and one of my best friends here. I can’t wait to get into basketball season and see what she brings to the team in her senior year.”

Heisman race wide open after favorites falter early in season

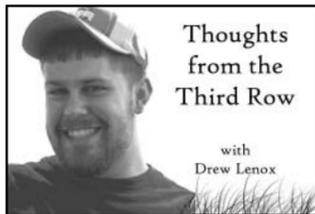
In this year’s race for the Heisman trophy, there has yet to be a player to stand up and take the lead. Many have gotten a foot ahead but then have tripped up and fallen back.

So, with no clear-cut favorite, I’m sure you all want to know who will emerge to hold the coveted trophy. This week I did an in-depth study of the stats of front-runners to determine who the contenders are and who’s just playing for the lovely parting gifts.

I looked at yards, touchdowns, team records, BCS standing and number of games sat out. To all of these, I assigned point values. I then took into account specific game performances and stats to compile my list of contenders.

First, there are those who were hyped at the start of the season, Colt McCoy, John David Booty, Ian Johnson and Steve Slaton, but who no longer have a chance.

Then, there are those players with great stats who play for teams who are not that good. Matt Forte and Kevin Smith fall into this category. Also included are Graham Harrell,



whose team is 5th in the Big 12, and Brian Brohm and Ray Rice, whose teams are 5th in the Big East.

Then, because I don’t think the voters want to give the Heisman to a freshman, I eliminated Michael Crabtree and Sam Bradford.

Next, Colt Brennan and Matt Ryan fall because they have thrown double digit interceptions. Chase Daniel joins that group because he has nine and is one bad throw away.

Andre Woodson stands alone in the group of guys who have decent stats but bad performances in key losses, see Mississippi State. This ruins it for him.

With all that out of the way there are eight candidates for the Heisman trophy. They are: 8-Jonathon Stewart,



7-Chris Wells, 6-Todd Rensing, 5-Todd Boeckman, 4-Michael Hart, 3-Dennis Dixon, 2-Darren McFadden and 1-Tim Tebow.

Stewart has six 100-yard games, 10 touchdowns and three 2-touchdown games. He could lose the race by not being known and losing votes to teammate Dixon.

Chris “Beanie” Wells isn’t on most Heisman lists, but he is on mine. He has seven 100-yard games and is one of the best players on the number 1 team in the country. He could lose the race if he is hindered by his ankle or if Boeckman continues to shine.

Todd Rensing is quietly sneaking into the picture. He has the Jayhawks still undefeated and has more yards and touchdowns than both Tebow and Dixon. He hasn’t played a real tough schedule though and could lose the race if he loses to Missouri or Oklahoma in the Big 12 Title game.

Todd Boeckman is not flashy, but has led the Buckeyes to a great season. He has eight interceptions but also has two touchdowns in every game this season. His numbers are close to Troy Smith’s at this point last year. He could lose the race if he plays poorly against Michigan.

Michael Hart would probably be the favorite if he hadn’t sat out two games. He has eight 100-yard games and his low is 102. He could lose the race if he struggles against Ohio State or if the voters really don’t like that he sat out.

Dennis Dixon has led the Ducks to third in the BCS with 20 touchdowns and only three interceptions. He could lose the race if not enough people know about him or he falters against some easy upcoming opponents.

Darren McFadden has come on lately and now has 1,316 yards and 13 touchdowns. But he did have only 43 yards in a loss to Auburn and could lose the race if he can’t get it going against LSU in a few weeks.

Tim Tebow is right now the Heisman favorite. If Florida loses another game, though, his chances will be very slim. He has been pretty good throwing and passing for at least one score in every game this season. He also does not have a two-interception game. He has to play Florida State at the end of the season though, and if he struggles like Matt Ryan did, he could lose the race.

So, there you have it. Tebow is current favorite and McFadden might come in second, again. Two Buckeyes are rising, while a Wolverine is still running hard. But I think when it is all said and done, the trophy will be flown away on the back of a Duck.

Oregon has three sub-par opponents left, and the Pac 10 doesn’t have a championship game. As long as Dennis Dixon doesn’t fly south for the winter, he has the best chances.