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## Recent donation supports memorial scholarship

The University announced Monday that it has received an estate gift of more than \$300,000 to support the Thomas Britton Schultz '90 Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was created in December 1988, following Schultz's death in the Pan Am Flight 103 explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland.

At the time, Schultz was a junior at Ohio Wesleyan, pursuing a double major in history and politics and government. The 20-year-old Connecticut resident was returning home from a semester in London as part of a special Syracuse University program when a bomb detonated inside the Pan Am Boeing 747-121 aircraft. A total of 270 people were killed in the air and on the ground, including 189 Americans.

Created just days after the terrorist attack, the Thomas Britton Schultz '90 Memorial Scholarship has benefited an Ohio Wesleyan student every year since 1989. The latest contribution to the scholarship fund, totaling \$307,700, was made by the estate of William A. Frazee of Ridgefield, Conn., a family friend who died in October 2005. The gift brings the value of the endowed scholarship to more than \$463,000.

Schultz's mother, Jane Schultz of Center Valley, Pa., said the family met Frazee in 1986 when they moved across the street from him and his wife, Edna Mae. The Frazees had no children and quickly befriended their new neighbors.

"We bonded," Jane Schultz said of the two families. "We spent every holiday together, and Tom was like a grandson to them." Edna Mae Frazee preceded her husband in death in 1998.

Schultz's father, Jack Schultz of Belgrade Lakes, Maine, also recalled the family's special relationship with the Frazees. "Bill came over every day to supervise our activities, including lawn cutting, swimming, and holiday parties," Jack Schultz said. "He and Edna Mae were part of the family. Thomas used to do things for them, like cleaning gutters and shoveling snow."

Jane Schultz said she is pleased her son's memorial scholarship continues to make a difference in the lives of Ohio Wesleyan students, even 19 years after his death. "He had such a marvelous education at Ohio Wesleyan," she said. "It brought out the true Tom Schultz. He matured into such a fine young man, and I know Ohio Wesleyan University was a big part of that."

"I still remember visiting Ohio Wesleyan when Tom was deciding where he wanted to attend college," she continued. "I remember thinking to myself, 'I hope Ohio Wesleyan picks him

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## ProgressOWU staves off hunger



Photo by Miranda Simmons

Cardboard boxes were provided for the low-income group to dine on at ProgressOWU's hunger banquet as demonstrated by this student who wrapped herself in one.

By **Miranda Simmons**  
Editor-in-chief

One billion people live in poverty. Eight hundred fifty-four million more suffer from chronic hunger. A child dies from hunger or preventable disease every 2.9 seconds; that makes 30,000 children dead every day.

These statistics are the reason ProgressOWU hosted its second Hunger Banquet in three years, said senior club co-president, Keira Philipp-Schnurer.

Schnurer said there wasn't a banquet in the 2005-2006 academic year for several reasons: she was abroad in Spain, there were problems scheduling a keynote speaker and there wasn't much interest in the group or on campus as a whole. That wasn't the case this year, however, as over 200 students participated in the event.

"It was refreshing to see all of the hard work (put into the project) culminate in such campus enthusiasm," Schnurer said.

Senior co-president Mike Alcock said, "I think it was received well for an event that would tend to push people away because they're not going to get a good meal and there will be people talking at them. I think they (students) embraced it really well."

Schnurer said the event was really the brainchild of OWU alum Anne Shadle ('06) as she single-handedly organized the first banquet. Schnurer said Shadle's sister organized a similar event at the College of Wooster, and that's how ProgressOWU learned

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## OWU boasts highest percentage among Ohio universities

Sign language club members learn more than rudimentary gestures

By **Sarah Shkoukani**  
Transcript Correspondent

Ohio Wesleyan was recently recognized as having the highest percentage of international students among undergraduate, bachelor-degree colleges in Ohio. OWU was also ranked in the 14<sup>th</sup> highest in percentage among similar colleges nationwide, according to the administration office.

Junior Poojan Parikh is an international student from India and said he is glad to hear there is such a strong number of international students at OWU.

"The international community here in OWU is such a positive force," Parikh said. "Internationalism ranges from students from all over the world to students studying abroad. It's just so strong that everyone experiences being international."

According to statistics from the administration office, 65 international students attended OWU during the 2006-07 academic year, accounting for 9.1 percent of the students. Forty-five countries were represented last year, including the United States, with the largest numbers of international students coming from India, Pakistan and Nepal.

Sophomore Saige Bargon said having a strong and large international community helps diversify the campus.

"It's amazing to see how diversified OWU is," Bargon said. "One day there will be an event going on for the Indian community, then the other for salsa dance classes. The best part is that anyone can join."

Sophomore Taleb Shkoukani said OWU found him all the way in Indonesia.

"Grace Poling, who is the director of international recruitment, came to my high school in Indonesia and

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By **McCarton Ackerman**  
Transcript Reporter

When people want to talk to junior Brittany Gulish on Tuesday nights, she tells them to talk to the hand.

This semester, Gulish created "Talk To The Hand," a club where members learn American Sign Language (ASL). Gulish said the inspiration to start the club stemmed from a lifelong interest in the subject.

"I've always been interested in ASL," Gulish said. "Since OWU doesn't offer any classes in it, I thought it would be a great idea to form a club."

Gulish said meetings are spent both learning and practicing sign language. This is done through an ASL textbook or incorporating it into games such as "Bingo" and "Guess Who?"

Gulish said the club also participates in off-campus events around the area.

"We recently went to the Deaf

Fair in Columbus," Gulish said. "We are also planning on visiting the Ohio School for the Deaf next semester."

Although some members have previous experience in ASL, many people in the group are beginners.

Junior Rachel Bolyard said although her high school didn't offer ASL courses, it was something she always wanted to learn.

"I've always been curious about sign language," Bolyard said. "When you see someone signing, they are very emotional and theatrical with their facial expressions and movements."

Bolyard said she is learning the language rapidly despite being new to it.

"Sign language is surprisingly easy to pick up," Bolyard said. "You act out language through your hand movements and facial expressions. I've learned to become less inhibited with my facial expressions and show more emotion through my face."

Junior Jesika Keener, vice-president of Talk To The Hand,

said the club is having difficulties recruiting new members.

"I'm disappointed in our membership," Keener said. "It bums me out that so few people show up to the meetings and events we organize."

Keener said more aggressive measures in advertising would be implemented next semester in order to build a strong membership base.

"We plan on doing more visual projects around campus," Keener said. "We also want to do some silent suppers and take people into Columbus to different types of deaf-related events."

Keener said being in the group has been a positive experience overall.

"I have a great time teaching everyone in the group," Keener said. "It's the one time I find myself not stressing out about anything."

Talk To The Hand meetings are held every Tuesday at 9:15 p.m. in the Crider Lounge. More information can be obtained by e-mailing Gulish at [brgulish@owu.edu](mailto:brgulish@owu.edu)

## Colleges Against Cancer smokes out carcinogens

By **Mary Beth Scherer**  
Transcript Reporter

Members of Colleges Against Cancer the OWU Chapter, a new organization at Ohio Wesleyan, gathered on the night of Nov. 14 to chalk the walk in preparation for their first big event, the Great American Smokeout, which took place the following day.

Members of the group set up tombstones engraved with statistics, moved ashtrays further away from buildings and passed out brochures in an effort to raise awareness about the effects of smoking and encourage those who smoke to quit.

Some of the statistics on the tombstones were "there will be an estimated 160,390 deaths from lung cancer in 2007" and "cigarette smoking accounts for at least 30% of all cancer deaths."

Freshman Joanna Hartley, co-vice president of Colleges Against Cancer, said, "There are a lot of smokers out there who don't think about other people."

The event would help smokers realize the risks of smoking and

provide them with information about how to quit, Hartley said.

Sophomore Raksha Adhikari, co-president of Colleges Against Cancer, said college students think it's cool to smoke.

"Maybe the Great American Smokeout will trigger and educate [students] about the hazardous effects," Adhikari said.

Colleges Against Cancer chapters support the American Cancer Society's mission.

According to Dawn Mericle, associate director of volunteer and staff development, the mission of the American Cancer Society is to eliminate cancer.

Mericle said Colleges Against Cancer wanted to focus on four strategic directions. The four main areas are advocacy, cancer control, Relay For Life and survivorship. Mericle said the main goal is to get every college involved in Colleges Against Cancer.

There are approximately 350 colleges involved in Colleges Against Cancer nationwide and 23 in Ohio, Mericle said.

Adhikari said cancer has always

fascinated her and has been a disease that has affected her family. Adhikari said when she heard about this new organization, she wanted to get involved and make a difference.

Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Susanna Bellocq, faculty advisor, said she decided to become the advisor because of both her own experience with cancer and the enthusiasm of the student who asked her.

"Everyone knows someone who has had cancer," Bellocq said. "Most have had a family member or close friend whose family has been afflicted. In other words, cancer influences lives in ways college students have to, or will have to, consider. It's worth my time to promote that consideration."

Although the Great American Smokeout was the organization's first big event, Adhikari said the group members are planning more events and activities for the Spring.

Mericle said anyone who has questions, or wants to know more about Colleges Against Cancer can contact her at [dawn.mericle@ cancer.org](mailto:dawn.mericle@ cancer.org).

# Campus News

## Students travel to mountain top, witness effects of mining

By Laura Noyes  
Transcript Correspondent

Twelve OWU students traveled to West Virginia last weekend to meet with "Keeper of the Mountain," Larry Gibson, who showed them the effects of mountaintop removal coal mining, also known as MTR.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, MTR is defined as a mining practice that removes the tops of mountains, exposing sections of coal. Then, the earth from the mountaintop is discarded by dumping it into neighboring valleys.

MTR has slowly been eating away at the mountains surrounding Gibson's land for more than 20 years. In fact, Kayford Mountain, where his family has lived since the late 1700s, used to be the lowest peak in relation to the adjacent mountains. Now, Kayford Mountain casts its shadow

on everything around it.

Gibson has dedicated his entire life to protecting his mountain.

"I can't imagine not fighting back," he told students.

Gibson said his 50 acres of land is currently worth about \$450 million, and in 2010 will be worth about \$650 million.

Gibson spoke about the Indians' philosophy on the future. He said they always looked seven generations ahead of them. He posed the question, "Do you know anyone who looks even one year ahead of them?"

Even though Gibson has put his land into a trust so coal companies can never mine it, effects of the nearby mining site are prevalent on his land.

From explosives, huge mine cracks split the earth in two along many of his trails. Gibson has to haul water up the mountain because one explosion destroyed his well.

Not only a nuisance, MTR results in staggering environmental problems. Because all the vegetation and topsoil is removed from the mountains, nothing can grow. Gibson said it has been estimated that it takes 1,000 years to accumulate one inch of topsoil. That being said, flooding is a major concern. No vegetation or soil to absorb moisture leads to a great deal of run off and has caused dams to break.

The dumping of the mountaintops into valleys is another concern. A 2001 EPA impact statement said more than 1,000 miles of streams in Appalachia were permitted to be buried.

"I don't watch the dump trucks that leave the mountain. I watch the trucks that come back with tarps over them," Gibson said. Trash, chemical waste and many other harmful substances have been hauled in and illegally dumped into the valley fills.

Many chemicals are used in the washing and processing of coal before it is loaded on trains.

The organization "I Love Mountains" says the leftover water is called sludge and contains coal dust, clay, arsenic, mercury, lead, copper and chromium. It is stored in coal impoundments, which are notoriously leaky, contaminating drinking water supplies in many communities, and are also known to fail completely.

In Martin County, K.Y., in 2000, a sludge dam was breached and sent 300 gallons of toxic material into nearby tributaries, causing what the EPA called the single biggest environmental disaster east of the Mississippi.

"The coal-bearing counties of Appalachia are some of the poorest in that nation, despite the fact that some of the greatest wealth is being extracted from them," according to "I Love Mountains." Organization

members explain that MTR requires very few workers. Gibson said that the operation near his land employs only 16 workers.

Mining engineer Paul Sainato said he does not believe coal mining is harming the economy of the Appalachian states. He describes MTR as the most efficient way to provide energy.

He calls an un-mined reserve a lost opportunity for the support of the local economy.

"If mountaintop mining is stopped when it should not be, the price will be paid by the local community and the owners of the land who wish to realize full value for their property," said Sainato.

Junior Brad Mann has organized this trip two years in a row.

He said he was able to see a great difference the expansion of destruction near Kayford Mountain from last year.

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and he picks Ohio Wesleyan."

While at Ohio Wesleyan, Tom Schultz was house manager of his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, and a two-year letter holder in track and cross country. Ohio Wesleyan posthumously awarded him a bachelor's degree in 1990.

The Thomas Britton Schultz '90 Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to an Ohio Wesleyan politics and government major who shows both academic promise and financial need. With the Frazee contribution, Schultz scholarships will be awarded to two or more students annually, beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year.

"Ohio Wesleyan University is honored to have been a part of Tom Schultz's life," said David O. Robbins, Ph.D., interim president and provost. "We also are thankful to his parents, Jane and Jack, and to his friends, such as William Frazee, for creating and supporting the memorial scholarship. This allows Tom's legacy, his love for Ohio Wesleyan, and his experiences here to be passed on to future generations."

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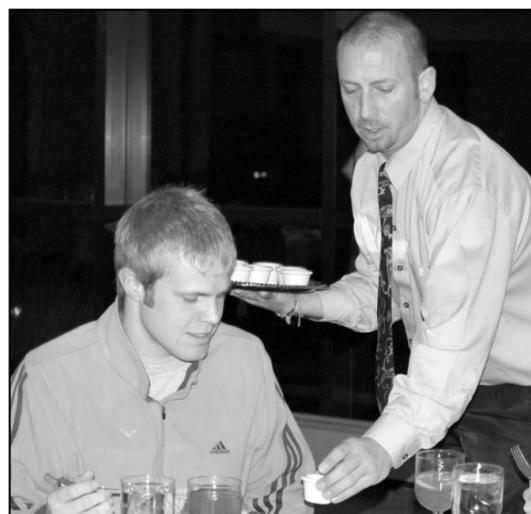
presented OWU as a great college and very diversified," Shkroukani said. "I feel very much at home."

According to the news release, Margaret Drugovich, vice president for Strategic Communications and University Enrollment, said, "As a liberal arts institution, Ohio Wesleyan strives to provide all students with a wealth of educational and cultural experiences. Having such a diverse population allows students to explore and understand issues in a global context."

## Emergency system test scheduled

Tuesday, morning, Dec. 4, Ohio Wesleyan will conduct a test of the university's new Connect-ED emergency contact system. E-mails will be sent to all campus addresses and telephone calls will be made to all employee extensions. Additional phone, e-mail, and text messages will be sent according to enrollment information completed and filed with either the Registrar's Office or Human Resources Department. Some text message recipients may have to approve receiving messages from "OWU Alert" before they receive the test message. For more information about Connect-ED, please visit <http://safety.owu.edu/connectED.html>.

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Photos by Miranda Simmons

Right: WCSA president Tricia DiFranco gives a cup of water to a student in the low-income group. Top left: Middle-income participants received unlimited rice and beans. Above: Sophomore Richard Ott gets steak sauce from a server as he was part of the high-income group.



about Oxfam, the non-profit organization that created the content for the event.

Hunger Banquet divides attendees into three socioeconomic groups – high-income, middle-income and low-income – and feeds them a meal based on how people in that income tier would normally eat.

Joan McLean, dean of first-year students, was the keynote speaker of the night. "Hunger is about power," she read from the Oxfam script. "Its roots lie in inequalities in access to education and resources. The results are illiteracy, poverty, war and the inability of families to grow or buy food."

McLean then went on to outline Oxfam's purpose – to raise support of human rights and to end poverty – and illustrated how easy it is to fall from one socioeconomic level to another and the difficulty in clambering to a higher one. She did this by reading scenarios that physically moved students from one group to another where they would get either a better or worse meal.

As she read, McLean hit the audience with statistics illustrating the disparity between the socioeconomic groups. For instance, 15 percent of the world's population resides at the top of the food chain in the high-income group. This group has a per capita income of \$10,726 or more.

According to Oxfam, about 35 percent of the world's population finds itself in the middle-income group earning between \$876 and \$10,725 per year. This leaves 50 percent of the world's population in the low income group. People in this group earn under \$875 per year or about \$2.40 a day.

After the scenarios, students were given a meal according to their income group. The high-income sector was served by Chartwells employees and ate salad, prime rib, potatoes and cake.

The middle-income group ate buffet-style rice and beans and could take as many portions as they wanted. The low-income population got just one serving of rice and beans and one cup of water.

Interim President and Provost David Robbins, Sociology Professor Mary Howard and junior WCSA President Tricia DiFranco served students in the low-income group and were directed not give them too much food.

DiFranco said, "I was very happy with the turnout they had, and I thought that they did a really great job. I really took the information to heart. Even just from a personal standpoint, I really took it to heart."

Alcock said all the proceeds from the event are donated The Open Shelter in Columbus.

According to the Schnurer, ProgressOWU has been volunteering at the shelter for three years and usually makes a weekly trip.

"With more student drivers, we would sponsor more trips on a weekly basis," she said.

Schnurer said WCSA funded 85 percent of the event, and the rest was raised through dorm storming, which netted \$510 from Hayes Hall alone. She said the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity donated \$82 at the door and had 22 brothers participate in the event; likewise, 1,392 food points and six boxes of non-perishable food points were donated at the door.

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# Campus News

## PS patrols through turkey break

By Megan Quinn  
Transcript Correspondent

While students departed for Thanksgiving break, the Public Safety department continued to work to ensure campus security, said Robert Wood, director of Public Safety.

"Our office was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to take calls and reports," Wood said.

Public Safety also worked in conjunction with the Delaware Police Department throughout the break, Wood said.

"Along with DPD, we checked houses and other buildings to ensure doors were locked and no damages had occurred," Wood said. "The campus was mainly quiet over break, with only minor reports and one damaged door in one of the SLUs."

Junior Jessica Kleinman, who lives off-campus, said she felt safe leaving her apartment knowing Public Safety and DPD were working together throughout the break.

"I left most of my belongings at my apartment while I flew home to New Jersey," Kleinman said. "Knowing the campus and town were continually checked and watched made me much less fearful of anything being stolen or damaged."

Wood said creating awareness on campus before a break is also an important part of the job of Public Safety.

"Before break, an e-mail was sent

**'Our office was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to take calls over break,' said director of Public Safety Robert Wood.**

out to students telling them to take precautions before leaving campus," Wood said. "Most of these were basic safety measures, such as ensuring doors and windows were locked and valuable items were put away and not in the view of any windows."

Junior Allie Cozzone said the e-mails were a quick and effective way to alert the campus and provide helpful safety tips.

"The e-mail helped me put together the steps I needed to take before leaving campus," Cozzone said. "The suggestions were helpful and definitely made me feel Public Safety and the school were involved and active in protecting the students and the campus during Thanksgiving break."

Senior Stephanie Schroeder, an RA in Smith East Hall, said the RA staff also takes safety measures seriously before breaks.

"Before departing for a long break, students living in the residence halls, (and) the staff have responsibilities in order to remain safe," Schroeder said. "It is important that doors and windows are locked, appliances are unplugged, lights are off and walkways and rooms are generally cleared and cleaned. The staff also checks all rooms before and after break."

Schroeder said Public Safety also watches over the residence halls during breaks.

Sophomore Megan Goodrich, who lives in Stuyvesant Hall, said she made sure to follow all guidelines and suggestions before leaving her room.

"The RA staff was very supportive in helping my roommates and I prepare for Thanksgiving break," Goodrich said. "It is clear the staff and the school in general truly care about student safety and make it a priority. This helps me feel safe even when I am not on campus."

## Fundraiser helps mission do good in El Salvador

By Matt Staveskie  
Transcript Correspondent

The El Salvador Mission team headed by eight Ohio Wesleyan students and two faculty advisors raised money for a mission trip to El Salvador during a luncheon held Nov. 14. The El Salvador team opened the event to the public.

This year will be the second time the El Salvador Mission team will travel to El Salvador to lend a helping hand to the country. According to team leader senior Ben Malecki last year the mission team worked with a large group of children and helped them with their English and their homework. Additionally, the mission team repainted an orphanage for the children and constructed a concrete wall inside the structure. The mission team also helped with the church services being performed.

The "lunch in" was quite a success, according to Malecki. The El Salvador Mission team made just under \$1,000 during the fund raiser. Members of the mission team collected food points from students, and the points made it possible for the El Salvador Mission team to fund the event "Thanks to everyone who attended ... and the people who have supported our cause and spring break mission week in general," said Malecki.

The El Salvador trip is funded by WCSA, with the help of the Lily Foundation. Additionally, money is raised by the team members through events like this one. "The cost of the trip total is going to be close to \$10,000, and the cost per person is around \$1,000," said Malecki.



Submitted photo

A boy from last year's trip smiles for senior Ben Malecki.

The El Salvador Mission team plans to fly to El Salvador. The mission team will first arrive in San Salvador which has the biggest air port in Central America. The mission team will find out in January about the different construction projects and aid team members will participate in once they all arrive in El Salvador.

Malecki said the support at Ohio Wesleyan has been overwhelming.

"The spring break mission week is one of the best things Ohio Wesleyan has to offer because it offers students a terrific experience to serve and volunteer," he said. "Students that go on these trips grow on so many levels. It is a great experience and opportunity to learn about other cultures."

If any other Ohio Wesleyan students or staff would like to donate to the El Salvador Mission team, they should contact Malecki at 440-465-5245.

## Opportunities abound for runners during holidays

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to take part in the 4 Miles 4 Diabetes community fun run/walk Dec. 2 on the Ohio Wesleyan University campus.

Sponsored by Grady Memorial Hospital, the event will raise funds to improve the lives of diabetic patients and families served by the Central Ohio Diabetes Association.

The event is being spearheaded by Delaware County resident Tom Kingery, 32, who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2004. As a marathon runner and triathlete, Kingery wanted to help dispel the myths that only inactive, overweight people are affected by diabetes.

"I saw that the perception of diabetics was very poor among the general public and among some diabetics themselves," said Kingery, who on Nov. 3 realized a lifelong dream of competing in an Ironman competition. He completed Florida's Ford Ironman Triathlon—consisting of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride, and a 26.2-mile foot race—in 12 hours, 26 minutes, and 22 seconds.

Registration for the family-friendly 4 Miles 4 Diabetes event is now under way and will continue through race day. Cost is \$25 per person, but children 12 and under may participate with family members for free.

4 Miles 4 Diabetes will begin and end at OWU's Selby Field. On Dec. 2, registration and packet pickup will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. at Selby Field, with the race stepping off at 8:30 a.m. Visit [4miles4diabetes.com](http://4miles4diabetes.com) for complete registration information.

Local cheerleaders and marching bands have been invited to the event to help pump up participants, and awards will be presented to the top three female, top three male, and top three youth (under 18) finishers.

Music will be provided before and after the race by Mix 97.1 FM, with morning show personality Kate Burdett serving as event announcer. After the race, participants are invited to enjoy prize drawings and diabetes-friendly food and beverages provided by Buehler's Fresh Foods of Delaware.

Participants and spectators also are encouraged to bring a new toy with them to the race to contribute to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys For Tots program.



Local residents are invited to Run-A-Muck on Dec. 1 to help raise funds for Ohio Wesleyan University's track and field program.

Runners who participate in the second annual 5K race, dubbed Run-A-Muck 2, will encounter straw bales, a creek, hills, trails and plenty of mud as they maneuver the course at Methodist Theological School located on Columbus Pike.

Entries will be accepted on race day beginning at 8 a.m., with the race stepping off at 10 a.m. The cost is \$20 for individuals and \$28 for relay teams with checks payable to OWU Track and Field.

As long as supplies last, participants will receive a goody bag as well as a long-sleeved T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of seven age groups for both men and women. The age groups are: under 13, 14-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-39, 40-49 and over 50.

"This event is good for beginners, because we do have the relay option," Laura Finkes, an Ohio Wesleyan assistant track and field and cross country coach, said. "And there should also be no pressure for experienced runners. Because this isn't a flat road race, there is really no way to compare times from this race to other races. This is a chance for everyone to have a good time. It's also a really fun race to watch."

Finkes invites the whole community to come out and experience Run-A-Muck. "Last year's event had a fantastic turnout," she said. "It really connects Ohio Wesleyan with the local running community."

## FJI promotes brotherhood in diversity

By Rafaya Sufi  
Transcript Correspondent

Founded in 1848, fraternity Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) is one of the oldest establishments on campus, promoting its motto of friendship, knowledge, service, morality and excellence, according to senior Jimmy Mako.

Mako, former president of Fiji, said his fraternity plays a big role in the historic aspect of the university.

"Fiji opened its doors in 1867, and it's great to be a part of it," Mako said. "Our fraternity is known for its diversity. We have brothers from so many countries. It's pretty cool."

Junior Taimour Nasir said one of the main reasons he joined Fiji was because of its diversity and its history of excellence.

"Fiji has a good social atmosphere, and I felt so comfortable and welcomed when I first decided to pledge," Nasir said. "I've made some really close friends, met some great people. Even our social event, 'Around the World,' promotes diversity. It's also a good change from living in a dorm."

According to Nasir, Fiji stresses community service.

"We do this service called the Willis Initiative which helps students at Willis Middle School with their homework and playing recreational sports after school," Nasir said. "Fiji also has weekend clean-ups and actively takes part in the Humane Society."

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# Arts & Entertainment

## STRAND TO HELP EXPAND ARTS DISTRICT

It's more than just a "Strand." Downtown Delaware's historic movie theatre is a strong cable that has anchored and entertained the community with first-run movies for more than 90 years.

Now the Strand Theatre, 28 E. Winter St., will anchor plans to expand an emerging cultural arts district within the city, an area intended to showcase visual, performing, and fine arts programs.

"Our goal is to create a regional entertainment destination," said Joe Diamond, a downtown developer helping to spearhead the project. "The Strand Theatre area has enormous potential to host fine arts classes, plays, and music and dance performances, as well as show the latest movies."

"Combined with the draw of The Arts Castle, Central Ohio Symphony, and Ohio Wesleyan's Ross Art Museum, Performing Arts Series, and top-notch student and faculty performances, we have the building blocks to create something unique and wonderful," added David Robbins, Ph.D., interim president and provost of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Key to the success of this venture will be community participation and support, Diamond said. As a first step, Ohio Wesleyan, which has owned the Strand since 2002, is transferring ownership of the theatre to a nonprofit organization. The governing board of the new organization will include representatives from the Delaware community and Ohio Wesleyan.

The newly created Strand Theatre and Cultural Arts Association is in the final stages of securing federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. When this is complete, the Strand will be able to begin offering patronages and other sponsorship opportunities to help refurbish the historic theatre and support the cultural arts district.

Ohio Wesleyan – with the help of the City of Delaware and U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Tiberi, R-Columbus – already has secured a \$198,000 Housing and Urban Development grant on behalf of the Strand to support the project. A portion of the grant is being used to fund a space utilization plan by Cleveland-based architects Westlake Reed Leskosky, which worked on the Palace Theatre project in Marion, Ohio. The plan will examine the East Winter Street building that houses the Strand Theater as well as adjacent storefront spaces.

"Right now our plans are very preliminary," said Bill Rogers, a director of the board that will govern the nonprofit organization. "But there's already an excited buzz within the community. We think this project will add to the strong appeal of downtown Delaware and help to enhance its draw as a regional and state attraction."

No timetable exists yet for the project, though the architect's study is expected to take up to six months.

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Mako said Fiji differentiates itself by choosing not to allow alcohol.

"We're a dry house," Mako said. "We're pretty adamant on keeping it that way. We can't risk losing brotherhood to alcohol."

Senior Divesh Raney said his fraternity believes in providing its brothers with alcohol education with the aim of influencing a brother's behavior, providing a safer and more productive living environment.

"Financial assistance and merit-based scholarships are also provided to Fiji brothers," Raney said. "According to the Fiji website, the organization as a whole has provided 775 scholarships worth more than \$300,000."

Raney said he is proud to be a Fiji because of its history and hopes many students across campus, irrespective of race or religion, will think about affiliating themselves with the fraternity.

## FCA makes its connections through religion

By **Catie Coleman**  
Transcript Reporter

One organization on campus strives to unite all athletes who share something beyond participation in sports: their faith in Christianity.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) brings together competitors from "all walks of sport," with nearly 30 athletes attending to represent all varsity sports at their weekly meetings, according to co-leader, junior Clay Davis.

Davis, along with co-leader, sophomore Claire Everhart, and Matt Kempton ('06), started the group last year with the help of their FCA advisor, Kris Boey.

Everhart, at the time only a freshman, said she had high expectations for the group, which she said used to have a very strong presence on campus.

"We wanted [a strong presence] again," Everhart said. "By having

FCA on campus, we hope to spread God's light by how we live our lives in all things, specifically, but not limited to, sports. It is our goal to live how our savior Jesus would want us to live and to glorify him and not ourselves in all that we do."

Davis credits FCA with attracting him to OWU.

"I really believe one of the biggest reasons I am at Ohio Wesleyan is because of FCA," Davis said. "I knew ... I could come to OWU, where I could meet a lot of different people and be able to make a big impact and ... truly show the love of Christ to others."

Junior Jon Smith, member of FCA, said it provides athletes with something more in their athletic participation.

"[Being an athlete] provides a stepping stone with other people, and by sharing this ... we are able to share other things on a religious [and] faith level and expand on thoughts which

leads to more enlightenment [and] helps us become closer to God," Smith said.

This year, FCA has become involved in volunteer work at Andrew's House, a building in Delaware owned by St. Peter's Episcopal Church that hosts several volunteer programs. Once a month, FCA members prepare, serve and clean up a free meal for Delaware residents in need.

"It is a great way to serve others and to show the love of Christ to them," Davis said.

FCA meets at 9 p.m. every Thursday in the Sigma Phi Epsilon house. During the meeting, members are given the opportunity to read and comprehend selected scriptures through open discussion, games or guest speakers, Davis said.

"[The scriptures] will apply not only to us as Christians, but also as athletes and how we approach our sports," Davis said.

According to Everhart, FCA has already hosted four speakers including Fody Frentsos, OWU assistant baseball coach; Sean Brakey, a Marietta basketball coach; Eric Johnston, a director of a Christian Sports Camp; and David Livingston, an OWU football alum and trustee.

Everhart said everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in the FCA meetings -- even if they have never participated in a sport.

Davis said he hopes that FCA becomes more than "just another club" at OWU.

"We want it to be something so much more than [a club]," Davis said. "FCA is a place to build relationships not only among one another, but also with God. As Christians, we believe in sharing the Good News with others not just through words, but the way we live our lives. We want to truly impact OWU and Delaware through our walk with Christ."

## Symphony's Holiday Pops a 25-year holiday tradition



The Columbus Symphony will celebrate in spectacular style with its 2007 Holiday Pops concerts on Friday, Nov 30, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec 1, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec 2, at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the Ohio Theatre.

The symphony will perform alongside children dancers from BalletMet, the Columbus Symphony Chorus and the Columbus Children's Choir. Ronald J. Jenkins will conduct. These performances are part of the Huntington Columbus Symphony Pops series presented by Huntington Bank.

For the past 25 years, Holiday Pops has added cheer to the lives of more than 10,000 people annually. This year's concerts will feature classics including selections from Handel's "Messiah," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "O Holy Night," "I Have a Little Dreidel," "Deck the Halls," "Sleigh Ride" and more, as well as a rendition of "The Night Before Christmas," narrated by CATCO's Linda Dorff, a good old-fashioned sing-along, and a visit from Santa.

For the second year, all matinee show audience members on Saturday and Sunday may bring along a camera for free photos with Santa in the Ohio Theatre lobby.

Tickets for this performance range from \$18 to \$60 and can be purchased by phone at 614-228-8600. Tickets may also be purchased online at [www.ColumbusSymphony.com](http://www.ColumbusSymphony.com) or at the Customer Service Center located in the

Capitol Square Walkway, between the Capitol Square Hyatt and City Center.

Jenkins has been director of the Columbus Symphony Chorus and Chamber Chorus since 1982. In this position, Jenkins is responsible for preparing the members of the chorus for multiple appearances with the orchestra each season, as well as other choral/orchestral works and concert performances of operas.

He has served as assistant choral director at Washington University in St. Louis and as visiting choral director at Denison and Ohio Wesleyan universities.

Jenkins first conceived the idea of Holiday Pops in 1983. He created the program and has led the festivities for 25 wonderful years.

The Columbus Symphony Chorus, celebrating its 47th season, is made up of more than 130 singers and is one of the largest volunteer components of the Columbus Symphony. The chorus' recent repertoire has included Orff's "Carmina Burana," Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, and Haydn's "The Creation."

The Columbus Children's Choir, directed by Sandra Mathias, has performed with Marvin Hamlisch and Celine Dion, and made its Carnegie Hall debut on April 18, 2001, with the Columbus Symphony. The choir has appeared at many community events including the lighting of the city's Christmas tree, the musical "Columbus," and the opening of the Southern Theatre.

## Intramural soccer has its struggles

By **Kyle Sjarif**  
Transcript Correspondent

Mismatched goalposts, poor field conditions, puddles the size of manholes and the absence of soccer balls are some of the obstacles plaguing students who wish to play intramural soccer at Ohio Wesleyan.

In a game where the level of competition and passion to win occupies a player's focus, the OWU intramural soccer program presents a plethora of problems unrelated to the actual game of soccer. Whether the argument arises from a team conceding from a goalpost measuring 11 feet high compared to the regular soccer goalpost size of eight feet, or goals conceded due to irregular bounces of the ball, there are many problems involved in playing a game of intramural soccer at OWU.

Players face the troubles of having to dribble the soccer ball around holes and bumps in the ground, which after a good rain become filled with water so much so that the ball floats when it falls into the hole.

"Since the OWU soccer program is so prestigious, I definitely expected the intramural program to be much better than what we have right now," said freshman intramural player Diego Ezeta.

The unevenness of the playing surface poses dangers to the players as they run at high speeds and jump to fight for the ball.

"I could remember many times where I would roll my ankle because of landing on an uneven mound of dirt," said junior Tov Nordbo.

"Our varsity soccer team has three full-sized fields yet we're not allowed to play on even their practice fields when they aren't there," Ezeta said. "One of the fields isn't even used for practice."

It has proven a difficult task for soccer fanatics who don't play on the varsity level to find adequate playing opportunities on campus.

Sophomore Jonathan Forsgren said, "We only have two places to really play soccer, between the poorly conditioned field behind Kroger's or the fraternity hill, which is in no way adequate enough to play soccer on."

With proper organization and management, players said they would be able to hone and practice their skills in order to prepare themselves for varsity tryouts in following years.

Sophomore Brandon Luttinger, former men's varsity soccer team member, said he is disappointed with the situation. "I think intramural soccer is important because it provides opportunities for students to enjoy a game of soccer," Luttinger said. "However, I am surprised how poorly organized it is and also the fact that the intramural 'season' drags all the way until December when the weather becomes so difficult to play in."

Even under the poor conditions, the players still expressed their desire to play because it is one of the rare opportunities provided to play organized soccer.

"I wished it were organized better, but I don't want it to go away," Forsgren said.

## Former Cincinnati mayor speaks on health inequality

By **Mark Dubovec**  
Transcript Correspondent

The microphone wasn't working in Corns 312 on Monday, Nov. 12, but all those in attendance heard every word from former Cincinnati mayor Dwight Tillery as he spoke about poverty and healthcare in America. "I have a pretty loud voice," said Tillery, the first African American to be popularly elected mayor of Cincinnati who now heads the Center for Closing the Health Gap in Greater Cincinnati.

He said his experience as mayor alerted him to the number of people living in poverty who don't have access to quality care; he felt it was ridiculous that Cincinnati could take in so much money from all the

businesses in the area and yet be the third poorest city in America.

Tillery spoke at great length to the 30 students that comprised the audience about this contradiction he observed.

"I didn't understand this," he said. "How could it be that people in America could be homeless? Go hungry? This is the land of opportunity."

No one attending that night left early from Tillery's speech, nor did anyone's attention wander. Tillery kept everyone's focus as he explained that as the American economy shifted from industrial to service over the past 30 years, a permanent underclass of poor people developed while more wealth became concentrated in the hands of fewer people.

"We face many great challenges in this country," Tillery said. "The people will have to be the ones to pick it up." Tillery doesn't trust the ability of the government to solve the issue, so long as the system revolves around money and who has the most, he said. After explaining just how much of a role money plays in politics, he added, "I will never run again."

Tillery's speech came about through coordination between ProgressOWU and Beth Griffith, president of STAND, who also worked with Tillery recently. "I had an internship at the center this summer," Griffith said. "He offered to come and speak if I ever wanted him to."

Griffith added, "It was nice for a change between an academic

speech and an engaging one. He was engaging and inspiring; it made me hopeful."

Mike Alcock, co-president of Progress OWU, said that Tillery appeared at Ohio Wesleyan at no charge. "He was kind enough to come down and speak for free," Alcock said. "I think he's spot-on."

ProgressOWU's other co-president, Keira Schnurer, considered Tillery's speech to be powerful. "It's been valuable to hear," she said.

Mary Howard, professor of sociology at OWU, was also in attendance that night. She will be teaching "Health and Illnesses" in the spring.

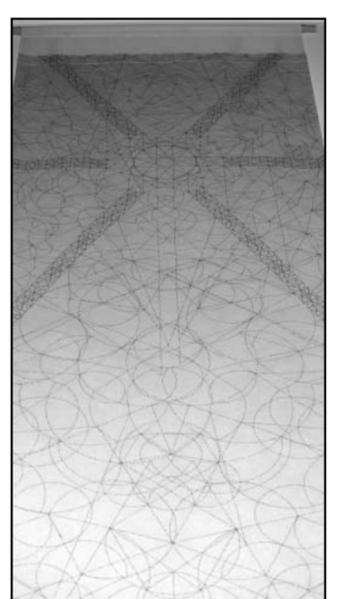
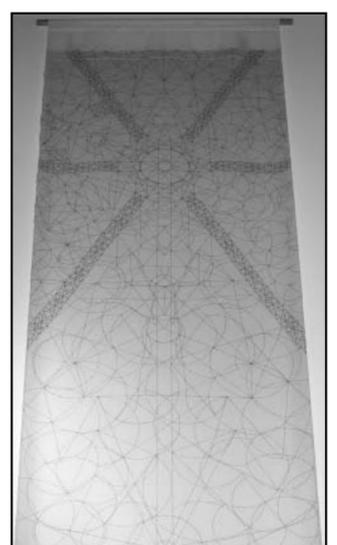
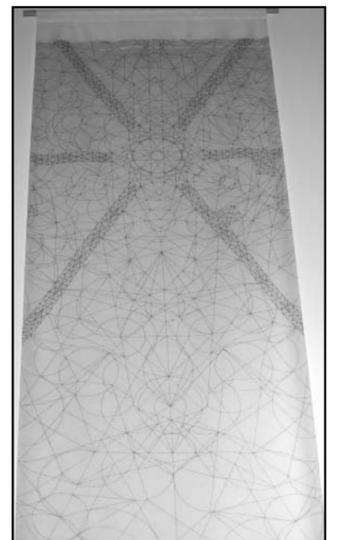
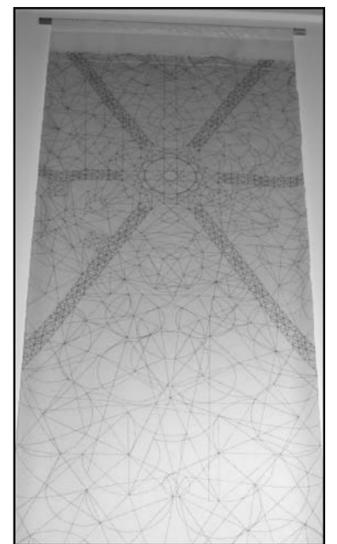
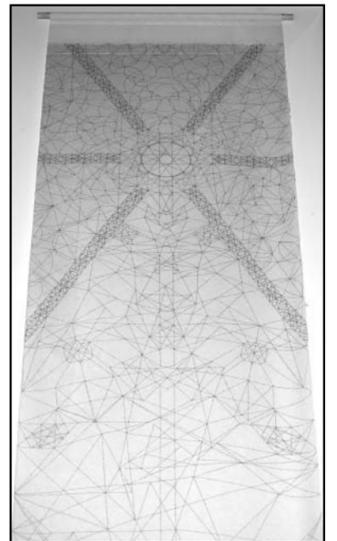
She said, "If this were next semester, I would have made my class come."

# CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

## 2007 FACULTY ART SHOW



Photos by Miranda Simmons



The faculty art show opens today with a reception in the Ross Art Museum from 4 to 6 p.m. The show features the works of the art department's four veteran artists Cindy Cetlin, Justin Kronewetter, Jim Krehbiel and Jon Quick, as well as that of three part-timers Zane Pappas, Leigh Rabby and Krit Warren. The show also introduces the OWU community to the art of the department's newest members, Kristina Bogdanov and Frank Hobbs.

'I really like their (Bogdanov and Hobbs) work and that we have them here,' Cetlin said. 'It's great to have new people and new work....One of the things we looked for were not only good teachers, but fine artists.' Bogdanov hails from Eastern Europe, received her undergraduate degree in Belgrade, Russia, and got her master's from the University of Kentucky.

She said, 'My family and I - we're more than thrilled to be here. For me, Delaware is exotic....It has all the advantages of a small place and the size is really an advantage to both students and faculty.'

Bogdanov said her inspiration comes from her experiences as a mother and her fascination with woman's role in the genetic cycle.

In her artist's statement, she said, 'The scientific term "Eve's" DNA refers to 223 genes that humans inherit only through the mother's line. It is these particular genes that distinguish us from other species. In my creative journey, I research the questions of our beginning and our existing, emphasizing the important and absolutely unique role of women that in my view are the most sophisticated software of all.'

Tammy Wallace, first assistant director of the museum, said the exhibition was a challenge to assemble.

'This show is not based around a theme or central idea, and because we invited all the studio faculty members - they're really diverse - and putting it all together can be difficult...I think it works; I think we did it.'



# Opinion

## NYC brings columnist into adulthood

Being home over Thanksgiving break, I realized that I can't imagine living any place else once I graduate but New York City. The endless amount of activities, thriving nightlife and interesting people that I've met since moving there have pushed me to this conclusion.



By McCarton Ackerman

However, what drove this point home most was taking a train back to Connecticut last week to visit family.

The last-call, 1:50 a.m. Metro-North trains to Connecticut, particularly on a weekend night, resemble something out of the Twilight Zone. I was amazed that people not only behave this way, but that it's considered socially acceptable.

Upon entering the train, I saw a swarm of drunk college kids. The girls were acting as though they could barely stand (we all know they only had two beers) as they fell into some dude's arms.

The guys were loud and belligerent, taunting one another by using names that were no longer considered amusing for use during recess by the fourth grade.

Looking out to the end of my

car, I saw popped collars raised in defiance like fists at the Million Man March. A sea of North Face jackets and Armani Exchange hoodies were staring directly back at me.

The train conductor was forced to play the role of babysitter, making sure everybody was on the right train and that nobody disembarks at 125th Street in Harlem, mistaking it for the lily white towns they would inevitably be dropped off at.

To top this all off, a variety of ignorant comments were being uttered all around me. I didn't realize people actually said "Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve" with serious intent. I would cut them, but I didn't want a warrant out for my arrest with graduation on the horizon.

For the better part of my life, this is what I grew up around. I had always thought that I was the only one in the area who thought this was insane. The

45 miles between Connecticut and NYC, in many respects, may well be a completely different country.

And this is why I love New York. We realize people like this deserve to be made fun of. We realize that Dave Matthews and Guster do not qualify as good music.

And had they made some of their comments to the wrong person in Manhattan, they would have been cut.

In a way, I've come full circle during my time at Ohio Wesleyan. I used to rarely go to Manhattan, finding New Yorkers to be too cut-throat, too aggressive, too overwhelmingly honest.

Four years later, not only have I become one of these people, but I'm also finding the Manhattan stereotype highly exaggerated. We're not cut-throat; we simply know what we want. We're not aggressive, but highly motivated. And I'd rather deal with frank honesty than tip-toeing around an issue.

I'll be heading back permanently in three weeks, ready to start a new phase of my life. And while I've enjoyed some facet of all the places I've lived, for the first time, I will be at a place that I can truly call home.

## OWU's diversity fosters spirit of gratitude

In the spirit of the recent holiday season, I've been thinking lately of how thankful I am that I ended up at Ohio Wesleyan.

Like so many of us, it seems, I ended up here on sort of a whim, without too much deep consideration, deliberation or planning.

At the end of the day, I got my scholarship, visited campus and decided it was good enough for me. So it's really no thanks to me and my careful college search process. Somehow I got lucky enough to end up at this school that I firmly believe has so much to offer us.

This school's not perfect, no school is, and it's not necessarily the best fit for everyone. But for me, the laundry list of flaws that we could spend our time creating is easily outweighed by many powerful, while sometimes small, things that make this community what it is.

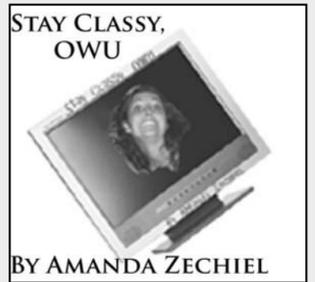
I am thankful for the fact that there is no "one face" of OWU. I sincerely believe that we are a school made up of so many unique, interesting people that cannot be generalized.

During my time in Philadelphia, I have met many people from other schools of our size in the Midwest, and they often complain of the collective identity of their campuses that weighs them down, urges them to conform and limits the breadth of their school culture.

I love the diversity of this campus.

I am thankful for the SLU community at OWU. I think it is undeniable that the contributions of these houses create meaningful subcultures that influence and, in so many ways, support the greater campus life here at OWU. Whether it is an amazing themed party on a Friday night or a house project that urges us to consider an important issue, the SLUs make Ohio Wesleyan a more meaningful place to learn and live.

I am thankful for the way it feels to walk down the Jaywalk on any given afternoon and see so many



BY AMANDA ZECHIEL

familiar, friendly faces. Ours is a tight-knit community, and while this has its downsides, I really feel that this ultimately helps us hold each other accountable for the learning and growing we do at OWU. And besides that, it's just great to feel like this campus is my home and these people are truly my family.

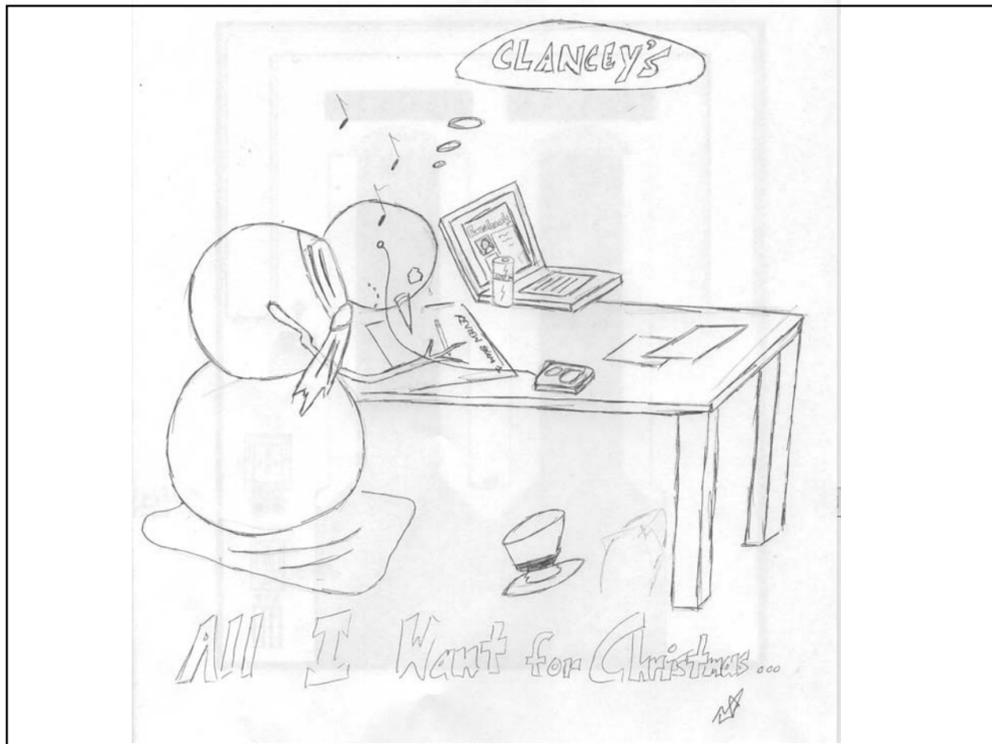
I am thankful for the way the Greek community merges with the rest of the OWU campus life. I really find that Greek life at OWU makes a positive, valuable impact on the campus, yet I don't feel that it dominates over or ostracizes those who aren't a part of it.

I think there is a great combination of Greek and non-Greek influence on our campus, and that's something that a lot of schools can't say.

I think OWU manages a delicate balance that is so easy to take for granted—maybe what you love most about it is ridiculously fun men's soccer games, or maybe it's the impressive Terpsicorps dance show, or maybe the annual Chi Phi Foam Party, or the opportunity to help kids through Columbus Initiative....

The list could go on and on. I believe that we are a community made of so many different people, activities, and ideas that stand strong independently but come together and coexist to make OWU what it is.

There is nothing I could write in a 500-word column that would sum up how proud I am to call Ohio Wesleyan my school; above all, I am thankful for that.



## Scandinavia's unique qualities differentiate it from the larger Europe

Geography is undoubtedly assumed to define a locus within pre-established boundaries and regions. Europe is widely accepted to be the old, tiny continent where 48 countries are concentrated within the limits of the Mediterranean Sea in the south, the Black Sea and the Ural Mountains in the east, the Atlantic Ocean on the west and the Arctic Ocean in the North.

Beyond such geography lesson lays true insight, endemic even to the pre-established notion of being European.

Do certain regions confront different degrees of the denomination of Europe, or are all states part of a puzzle that perfectly defines Europe?

The answer favors the former assumption. Scandinavia will build the major argument for such statement. And to further narrow the explanation, Denmark will be considered the representative of a region encompassing the broader notion of European states.

If such argument does not correspond to the general view, it is a matter of subjectivity. However, personal experience and history stand in favor of increasing discrepancies in the motto of the strong economic



body the EU: "unity in diversity." Does such a goal force the already divergent degrees of European felt within the continent further than what is accepted and wanted by the continent's citizens? Scandinavia can cast some light on such insight.

From its geographical placement and isolationism, Scandinavia stands as a unique region detached from its cohesive continent counterpart. It is not an exaggeration to look at the northern region as a continent within a continent. Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway are closely connected culturally, socially and economically with few doors opened to the rest of Europe.

The region is distinctive. It records one of the highest standards of living within Europe, the best-trained individuals, the highest cost and level of living and one of the most uniform

societies.

And in contrast to U.S. public policies, Scandinavia enjoys one of the best social welfare systems (and one of the highest tax rates in order to support such friendly public benefits). The literal environment also contrasts with the rest of Europe. The Venice of the North, as Stockholm is considered, the Norwegian fiords, catch the ordinary continental eye used to Baroque cathedrals unprepared and surprised.

Yet, differences exist even within the neighboring countries in this separate unit that is partially connected to the rest of Europe, but slowly and indirectly detached from the generalized European idea and belonging.

This view is best applicable to the foreign policies differently pursued within the region.

Norway does not belong to the UE for domestic reasons that would undermine its stance in the region and the world: rich oil resources. Yet, the country chose to belong to what was once considered the guarantor of the European security: NATO.

In contrast, Sweden, Denmark and Finland embarked on the European ideal of unity the EU clearly stands

for. At the same time, concerns and unwillingness to be perfectly aligned with the continent illustrates their refusal to join the Euro zone (the exception is Finland, which favored the Euro currency, a stance most likely explained by its bordering Russia).

From such a depiction, Scandinavia resembles an ideal Europe within Europe. It wants to be European, but at the same time carefully preserves its own identity with no inclination to alter such status quo.

Reality, however, shows a huge social discrepancy in the Scandinavian "regional paradise." Copenhagen, Denmark's capital, is one of the richest capitals in Europe, unreachable by the anyone operating on an average Eastern European budget. The prices and life enclosed in the capital are beyond imagination.

The Asian and African waves of immigrants hold the low-skilled jobs in the capital. One can clearly imagine the cultural and economic shock such outsiders go through.

And the contrast is not only evident in the nationalities and obvious lifestyle difference. The streets reflect an increasing gap between the rich dressed in hundreds of coronas worth

apparel and the beggar just at the corner of the street (an image often encountered in the capital).

Such a scenario is played out on a background of dirty streets framed by majestic, old style buildings. Copenhagen, similar to other big cities such as New York or London, confirms the outsiders' disillusionment with the ideal of the land of opportunities and the reality that reveals a different landscape.

As an individual, one's location dictates the standard of living and the degree of European sense of belonging.

This is not to say narrower regions such as Scandinavia are less European than the rest. However, there are certain differences (culturally and economically most specifically) that separate the continent from its northern parts.

Yes, it is Europe where all the continental countries belong, and they bear the name. Nevertheless, there are persistent differences that undoubtedly enforce existing regional borders.

When in Europe, an observant individual should think regionally, with special emphasis on the particular rather than the general.

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# Bishops Sports

## Ladies in Red try out, anticipate new season

By Matt Rissell  
Transcript Correspondent

On November 6 the Cheer Squad and Dance Team, which are collectively called the "Ladies in Red," held three days of tryouts in Branch Rickey.

Sophomore Heather Harkness, a member of the cheer squad, said the tryouts were for the basketball season. Both teams learned routines, cheers, chants, jumps, splits, turns and leaps. Judges observed the three-day clinic to help with the selection process.

Harkness said the two divisions of dance and cheer are organized under Coach Kate Moses. Practices are two hours long and held four times a week at Branch Rickey. The team usually performs once a week at an athletic event.

Harkness said the teams focus on conditioning for the first hour, building stamina, endurance and strength. The second hour is dedicated to practicing routines which include dance, cheers and stunts. The team



The OWU Cheer Squad and Dance Team perform during football season.

performs at halftime during football games; the team also cheers for track and during basketball games.

Sophomore Kelly Gardner, a

member of the team, said there are 10 girls on the squad for the men's basketball team.

"We travel with the team to the

close games and for tournaments. The squad has a few new girls that will help improve the cheerleading reputation," Gardner said.

"The team is trying to become a recognized university sport, and it looks like it will become a varsity sport."

"Having a coach is great. She knows what she is doing which is obviously helpful. She isn't afraid to push us into trying new lifts and stunts," Gardner said.

Alum Libby Boles ('06) said she is glad to see the sport develop so much since she graduated.

"I think it's a great idea to have this move towards a varsity sport," Boles said. "It's a great way to stay in shape and provide school spirit and support OWU teams."

Harkness said this year's tryouts were great. The team picked up five more cheerleaders and one more dancer. The teams combined total is 18 members.

"There are new uniforms for the cheerleaders and new warm-ups for everyone," Harkness said. "We are working on some large fundraising ideas and are looking forward to a great season"

## Bishops fall 76-69 in HIA tourney championship game

From OWU online

Senior post Dustin Rudegear (Yellow Springs) scored 7 points during a 12-0 run that gave Ohio Wesleyan an early 14-2 lead, but ninth-ranked Rochester erased that deficit and a 7-point second-half deficit and went on to defeat the Bishops in the championship game of the University of Rochester HIA Tournament on Sunday in Rochester, N.Y.

Cortland State defeated Baldwin-Wallace, 87-84, in Sunday's consolation game.

With the game tied at 2-2, the Bishops took the lead on a jumper by senior post Jesse Jean (Alexandria,

Va./Hyde (Conn.) School) before Rudegear hit a 3-pointer and a basket and junior wing Kyle Holliday (Van Wert) followed with a 3-point play. Rudegear capped the run with a jumper that gave Ohio Wesleyan a 14-2 lead less than 5 minutes into the game.

The Bishops still led, 21-10, on a pair of free throws by senior post Ryan Rozak (Fairview Park/Fairview) when Rochester reeled off 9 straight points, including a 3-pointer by Mike Labanowski and buckets by Uche Ndubizu and Dan Milbrand to come within 21-19, and the Yellowjackets would go on to tie the game at 26-26

after consecutive 3-pointers by Robert Dominiak.

Ohio Wesleyan answered with an 8-0 run that included baskets by Jean, Rozak and Holliday, and after a Labanowski 3-pointer, Holliday connected on a free throw and a 3-pointer for a 38-29 Bishop lead with 1:27 left in the half, and Ohio Wesleyan held a 38-30 lead at halftime. The Bishops made 13 of 18 field goal attempts (72.2 percent) during the period.

Jean hit a basket early in the second half for a 40-33 Bishop lead, but Rochester tied the game with a 10-3 run featuring a pair of baskets by Ndubizu and a 3-pointer by Do-

miniak. The Bishops responded with a 3-pointer by senior wing Brian Cafarella (Westerville/North) and a basket by Jean for a 48-43 lead with 15:04 to play, and Rochester came back with a 12-0 run that included a pair of 3-pointers by Dominiak, and the Yellowjackets finished the run with a Milbrand lay-in that made it 55-48 with 11:19 remaining.

Rozak knocked down a 3-pointer to end the Rochester run and bring the Bishops within 55-51, but the Yellowjackets countered with a 10-2 spree, with Dominiak hitting a pair of 3-pointers and another basket, for a 65-53 lead with 5:19 to play, and the

Bishops would not come closer than the final 7-point margin.

Jean led the Bishops with 17 points and 9 rebounds. Holliday finished with 16 points and Rudegear scored 14 points.

Dominiak led Rochester with 26 points, going 8-for-11 from 3-point range, and Ndubizu added 17 points. The Yellowjackets shot 73.9 percent from the field during the second half, making 17 of 23 shots, and were 8-for-12 (66.7 percent) from 3-point range during the final 20 minutes.

Jean and Rudegear represented the Bishops on the all-tournament team.

## Senior Julia Fouts contributes to lacrosse team as captain, clown

By Brian Test  
Transcript Correspondent

Senior Julia Fouts, former Rookie of the Week for Division III for WomensLacrosse.com, makes major contributions as a captain for the women's team and is one of the "team clowns," said senior Lura Allen.

Fouts played four years at Hathaway Brown High School being 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference her senior year.

Fouts has earned honors of being two-time All-Conference ('06 and '07), 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region ('07), NCAC Player of the Week ('07) and NCAC All-Conference Tournament Team ('05 and '06).

She said she tries to encourage hard work on and off the field, by leading by example.

"I believe that you can only enforce what you do yourself," Fouts said. "I have always kept up with off-season training and exercised regularly. I also try to increase team unity and equality because, regardless of skill or age, we all need to work together to get better."

Fouts said this year's team has really stepped up the off-season training with a newly implemented workout schedule.

"Our assistant coach, Dara Lundregan, has given us different exercises to maintain endurance, weight lifting and increase speed six days a week," Fouts said. "The whole team has desired a harder schedule, and we really have accomplished that this year."

I think if this workout is maintained, we will have no trouble against the other teams in our conference."

She said she is excited for this upcoming season.

"We have a small team, which will hurt us, but we are all working harder to compensate, and I think

the changes with the team this year will only benefit in the long run," Fouts said.

Allen said Fouts is a threatening player both offensively and defensively.

"She is able to come up with big plays when we need her to, but she is also great at doing the less flashy things like picking up 50-50 balls and controlling the draw," Allen said.

She said Fouts brings a sense of dedication and competitiveness to the team. "She never seems to 'run out of gas,' which motivates the rest of the team to dig deep when we have to," Allen said.

She said Fouts has been an integral part of the team since her freshman year.

"She has had games where she has single handedly brought us back from a seven-goal deficit, and multiple games in which she has scored our winning goals," Allen said. "She was recently named captain during fall ball, and has so far shown great commitment in the role."

Senior Kelsey Lake said Fouts has a great ability to pull her weight and much more on the field.

"Julia is able to perform effortlessly in crunch time, and on numerous occasions the team has rallied around her skill and enthusiasm on the field," Lake said.

She said Fouts is an incredibly hard worker but also knows when to have fun.

"We can always count on Julia to boost morale for the team both on the field and off," Lake said. "She's a very level-headed player, so in team huddles whether we're winning or losing at the time, we can look to her for words of encouragement and advice."

Lake said Fouts not only is a leader on the lacrosse field, but she leads by example off the field.

## Lady Bishops start season 3-0, rattle nationally-ranked Capital

From OWU online

Freshman guard Pam Quigney (Mentor) hit her first 5 shots, with 4 of them coming from 3-point range, as Ohio Wesleyan raced to a 21-11 lead, and the Bishops held 20th-ranked Capital scoreless for over 3 minutes down the stretch to take a win in the championship game of the Bishop Classic "Hoops for Hope" tournament on Friday at Branch Rickey Arena.

The win was Ohio Wesleyan's first over Capital since the 1981-82 season, snapping a string of 13 straight losses to the Crusaders.

In Saturday's consolation game, Carnegie-Mellon built a 19-point second-half lead and held off a Frostburg State rally to take a win.

Quigney buried a pair of 3-pointers to give Ohio Wesleyan a 6-0 lead less than 2 minutes into the game, and followed with a 3-pointer and a jumper from the paint for an 11-5 Bishop lead. Junior post Laurel Lawson (Navarre/Fairless) added a jumper and a 3-pointer, senior wing Steffi Graf (Poland/Seminary) contributed a fast-break lay-in, and when Quigney hit a 3-pointer with 11:25 left in the first half, the Bishops had a 21-11 lead.

Capital rallied on the inside play of Caitlin Elsass, who tallied a lay-in and a free throw before converting a 3-point play to bring the Crusaders within 23-20, and Kristen Richardson added a 3-pointer and a free throw in the waning seconds of the half to make it a 34-33 game, but the Bishops struck back when Quigney beat the first-half buzzer with a drive and lay-in to give Ohio Wesleyan a 36-33 lead at the break.

The Crusaders again pulled to within a single point at 41-40 on Caitlin Graessle's lay-in with 16:48 left in regulation time, but Ohio Wesleyan answered with the next 8 points as freshman wing Tyler Cordell (Columbus/St. Francis DeSales) and

Graf buried 3-pointers and Quigney added a pull-up jumper on the break for a 49-40 Ohio Wesleyan lead with 14:19 to go.

Lawson hit back-to-back lay-ins to stretch the Bishop lead to 61-50 with 7:01 remaining before Capital rallied. Tara Harper hit a pair of free throws before Graessle sank a lay-in and a 3-pointer to bring the Crusaders within 61-57 with 5:19 to play.

The Crusaders were still within 63-59 with 3:28 to go, but the Bishop defense held the visitors off the scoreboard until there were 17 seconds left in the game.

Meanwhile, Quigney hit a lay-in and a free throw and junior post Katie Hamilton (Hilliard/Darby) added a free throw to extend the margin to 67-59 with :50 to play. Hamilton was fouled with :34 left and missed both free throws, but senior wing Lindsey Macklin (Columbus/Bexley) battled for the rebound and was fouled. Macklin was injured on the play and unable to take the charity tosses, and junior wing Stacy Aaron (Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove) came on and hit both free throws to give Ohio Wesleyan a 69-59 lead with :32 remaining.

Quigney finished with a season-high 23 points, with 16 of those coming in the first half. Lawson finished with 13 points on 6-of-7 shooting from the field. Macklin led the Bishops with 8 rebounds and Macklin, senior guard Kathleen Cooper (Columbus/Upper Arlington) and Lawson shared the Bishop lead with 3 assists apiece.

Richardson finished with a team-high 18 points for Capital, while Elsass added 15 points and a game-high 11 rebounds and Tiffany Withers scored 10 points. Heather McAlpin led the Crusaders with 3 assists.

In Saturday's consolation game, Carnegie-Mellon went on an early 12-2 run that included a pair of buckets by Ashley Rothwell to take a 19-8

lead, but Frostburg State rallied behind Brittany James, who stole the ball twice in a row and fed Sidra Bing for transition jumpers, then contributed a free throw and a bucket on her own, to close within 19-17 with 3:02 left in the first half.

The Tartans then scored the next 8 points, highlighted by a basket and a pair of free throws from Corey Innes, to put the lead back into double figures.

Carnegie-Mellon led, 29-20, at halftime, and threatened to put the game out of reach by opening the second half with an 11-2 run that included a 3-pointer by Stacie Aleski.

Carnegie-Mellon led, 51-32, on Innes's 3-pointer with 7:20 left to play when the Bobcats clawed back by scoring the next 16 points. Jaime Morningstar contributed a lay-in and a pair of free throws, Elizabeth Carrington scored on a fast break, James hit a pair of free throws, Amanda LaPorta scored on another fast break, and Bing sank a jumper. Carrington followed Bing's score with a steal and lay-in to bring Frostburg with 51-48 with 1:11 to play.

Rachelle Roll hit a lay-in to stretch the Tartan lead to 53-48 with :47 left, and Carnegie-Mellon hit enough free throws down the stretch to keep the Bobcats at bay.

Innes, Jeanette Schilling and Leah Feola each scored 10 points for Carnegie-Mellon. Rothwell led the Tartans with 9 rebounds and Meghan Macguire had a team-high 4 assists.

Carrington led the Bobcats with 12 points and Bing finished with 10 points for Frostburg State. James had a game-high 11 rebounds.

Ohio Wesleyan's Quigney was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

She was joined on the all-tournament team by Lawson of Ohio Wesleyan, Richardson of Capital, Aleski of Carnegie-Mellon, and Bing of Frostburg State.

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# Bishops Sports

## Bishops set sights on College World Series

By Clay Davis  
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It is only the month of November, but it certainly feels like March or April. No, it is not because Ohioans are starting to experience the cold weather that puts many in that bah-humbug mood. It feels like the spring already because baseball is in the minds and hearts of many, even though the season does not officially start for another four months. Many of those individuals are the athletes that participate in America's pastime.

Last year, Ohio Wesleyan saw its baseball team have one of, if not the most successful season in its history. This school saw the red and black go 27-16, which was good enough for first in the NCAC and good enough to get the team to the regionals.

However, the team fell just short of making it to the Collegiate World Series. The team did taste success, which included beating the number one ranked team in the nation, Wooster, in the NCAC Tournament.

Now, the team seems even hungrier to not only meet last year's success, but to also improve upon it.

"Our team's goal is definitely to get to the College World Series and to win it," Bishops' pitcher Matt Struble said. "I mean we were one game away [last year]."

Struble, a sophomore from Defiance, Ohio, was a key to OWU's success last year as a freshman pitcher. He was 2-4, and while he had more losses than wins, he was certainly a valuable member of the team. His contributions include pitching close to 40 innings, saving three games and holding his opponents to a .276 batting average. But Struble is still hoping to improve and has certainly

set some reasonable goals for 2008.

"Individually, I want to hit 90 miles per hour, and I want to win eight games," Struble said. "I think it is not an easy goal, but it is a safe goal."

But, as Struble mentioned, strong play involves more than the individual. The attitude of the team is the key for the Bishops to go farther in 2008.

"I want our team to play like we can win every game," Struble said.

The Battling Bishops may be getting to that point. For sophomore third baseman Jared Turner, the upset over Wooster may have been the confidence booster that the team needed.

"I think everyone knew we had talent, but there was one team [Wooster] that we had pinpointed," Turner noted. "Once we beat them, it was a surprise, and it was really fun."

Turner hit .240 in 14 games, which includes one triple and two runs batted in, but, more importantly, he had a .345 on-base percentage. While he got more playing time than he expected, he still wants more from this upcoming season.

"I'd like to win that position [third base], make the most of every opportunity given, and, once given it, perform," Turner said.

Not only do the players work hard for themselves and the team, they work hard for their first-year coach, Tyler Mott. While the regular season has not started, players seem to respect and understand what Mott, a former Bishop himself, brings to the table.

"I like the way he is coming in and establishing what he wants and how he wants it done," junior catcher Josh Dougherty said. "I feel like this team



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**Senior first baseman A.J. Dote batted .378 last season, had two home runs and had 45 RBI. Dote is one of two seniors returning, along with outfielder Brent Wilkins. Wilkins hit .291, with six home runs and 33 RBI.**

has been lacking a strong direction."

While the team was very successful last year, there seems to be more use of the "d" word this fall: discipline.

"He [Mott] has instilled discipline in us," Turner said. "Along with that, [he has] knowledge and enthusiasm for the game."

Another reason to be optimistic about the 2008 baseball team: experience. While they lost a couple of key players, including second baseman Kyle Sherman and pitcher Sean Ring, the core of the team has remained intact. This includes two seniors, outfielder Brent Wilkins and first baseman AJ Dote. Both Wilkins and Dote had solid seasons last year, with Wilkins hitting .291 with six home runs and 33 runs batted in, and Dote hitting .378 with two home runs and 45 runs batted in.

Like Struble, Turner and Dougherty, Dote sees the 2008 Bishops as a real threat and a contender in the race for the Division III World Series title.

"I would say our goals are to win our side of the conference tournament, make regionals and get to the World Series," Dote said.

While Dote has been on some really good teams, he sees the 2008 Bishops as potentially a great team.

"One of our strengths is our experience, since we lost only two guys, and a lot of returning guys got playing time," Dote added. "Our hitting should be another strength, and we have some great freshmen pitchers and our returning pitchers are pretty good as well."

While the season has not started yet, there is already a lot of optimism and a lot of reasons for both players and OWU students to be excited about this year's team.

## Redskins safety Sean Taylor shot, killed in home



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Sean Taylor

By Willy Yoder  
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Sean Taylor was not a larger than life figure. He shied away from the press and was not an outspoken character, which is a rarity in the NFL. He went to work every day, shut up and did his job.

He did it well.

With the news breaking that Sean Taylor was shot dead in his Miami Florida home, it leaves my fellow Redskins fans and me asking a lot of questions. There are a ton of unknowns, a lot of sorrow and much gratitude for our own health and safety. The only things we can rely on for comfort now are the things we do know.

Sean Taylor was an amazing football player. He spent 24 years of his life doing just that. His size and fluidity made his play a thing of beauty on the field, and his love for the game was all the justification he needed for the hard work he put in to be the best. He was the best.

Sean had a troubled past. He grew up in a rough neighborhood. He went to what many refer to as, "Criminal U," the University of Miami. As many young star athletes do, he got caught up in the wrong crowd. Sean was arrested after his first season in the league for taking the law into his

own hands when property was stolen from him. In the end, justice was served.

All of those who were close to Sean knew that he matured incredibly in the past two years. As his coaches and players have all said, after the birth of his daughter he realized that his actions had consequences, and that his behavior was a reflection of not only himself, but also of his team and family. He chose his words carefully. To those he started to open up to, which he had in the last two years, he was a smart and contentious individual.

To the former Redskins players I worked with this summer at a Washington, D.C., sports talk radio station, Sean was special. There was an undeniable gleam on their face when they spoke of him on and off the air. They had worked with many young athletes throughout their careers, and I think they knew that Sean just "got it." D.C. was proud of how far he had matured in only a matter of a few years.

Sometimes Sean would appear cold to the press after a hard loss; however, it was most likely just due to his unmatched competitive spirit that he didn't have the will to say anything at all. When Sean did speak to the press, it was occasionally about the pride he had for his team

or his love for University of Miami football. Mostly when he was caught talking on camera, however, he was talking about how much he loved his little girl, Jackie.

But now we know that the incredibly talented, humble, potential-filled young man's life was taken from him in his home as he slept with his girlfriend and young child.

The event has left a hole in the Redskins backfield, locker room and the hearts of thousands of fans everywhere. What we are left with is just yet another heartless act of violence is felt in this country.

In the words of the late Robert F. Kennedy on the mindless menace of violence:

"But we can perhaps remember, if only for a time, that those who live with us are our brothers, that they share with us the same short moment of life; that they seek, as do we, nothing but the chance to live out their lives in purpose and in happiness, winning what satisfaction and fulfillment they can. Surely, this bond of common faith, this bond of common goal, can begin to teach us something. Surely, we can learn, at least, to look at those around us as fellow men, and surely we can begin to work a little harder to bind up the wounds among us and to become in our own hearts brothers and countrymen once again"

## Columnist follows Thanksgiving turkey with helping of crow

After dinner rolls, mashed potatoes, macaroni, stuffing, deviled eggs and lots of Thanksgiving turkey, this columnist has to eat a little crow.

This food requirement comes as a result of something that was written in my column in the Feb. 8 edition of the *Transcript*.

It read, "Someday when Peyton Manning has every quarterback record to go with his Super Bowl championship, many will consider him the greatest quarterback of all time. Brett Favre should accept this now and not come back next season."

The remark came after Favre had two poor seasons and amidst rumors of Favre possibly calling it quits. Well, Favre came back and it appears as if he made the right choice.

Brett Favre, at 38 years old, is



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having what could be his best season. He is on pace to have more yards, a higher passer rating and a higher percentage of completed passes than he has ever had in a season.

The gunslinger also has only thrown eight interceptions and has his team at 10-1.

He'll square off against Tony Romo, who wanted to be a quarterback after growing up in Wisconsin and watching Favre.

But don't worry, readers. I won't be eating my foul feast alone because

many have doubted the now legendary quarterback, and I will gladly share some crow with them.

First, Brett Favre's dad, and high school coach, gets some crow because with Brett at quarterback he ran the wishbone offense and only threw the ball five or six times a game.

Next, some of my bird will go to every college except Southern Mississippi because Southern Miss is the only school to offer Favre a scholarship.

But folks there will also be eating some crow because they wanted Favre to be a defensive back. On his request they made him the seventh string quarterback. He did get to play though and was then drafted by the Atlanta Falcons.

Atlanta coach Jerry Glanville has been eating crow for a long time after not approving of Favre and saying

it would take a plane crash for him to put Favre in the game. After completing 0 of four passes with two interceptions the Falcons organization traded Favre for a first round pick.

Ever heard of Tony Smith? Probably not. The Falcons won't ever forget him though. He is the pick that earned them some crow.

So, Green Bay was the smart team that signed Brett Favre. After he was traded, the Packers' doctors tried to fail Favre on his physical. Two hundred sixty-eight consecutive starts later, guess what they're feasting on.

The first game Favre got to play in as a Packer, he fumbled four times, and the Green Bay fans chanted for the team to put in third string quarterback Ty Detmer. After they took their feet out of their mouths, they had some delicious bird.

At this point in Favre's career,

everyone knows who he is and what he has accomplished, but what if just one of those instances was slightly different?

What if the Falcons didn't trade Favre? Or Green Bay would have failed him on his physical? Or Ty Detmer would have come into the delight of the cheese heads?

I'm not sure what football would be like. Maybe we wouldn't know the name Brett Favre. If so, we might not know the name Tony Romo.

One thing we do know is that if there were no Brett Favre, John Madden would have to find a new quarterback to be in love with and compare every other quarterback to.

The other thing we know is if the Packers and their 38-year-old quarterback can continue what they are doing, Aaron Rodgers better find a new team.